



# Privileged to Serve

Moving Milwaukee County FORWARD Together



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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR



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Friends,

I hope you are enjoying summer and I am hopeful that the great weather continues well into October. The County Board Supervisors and staff have returned to the courthouse, and although I was able to handle my duties remotely, I am glad to be back in my office.

The County Executive is currently working on his budget and has held a couple of listening sessions. I will be meeting with his administration to address the same concerns I had last year. I will ask the Executive to hold the line on spending and improve the 9th District's crumbling infrastructure, which for a decade was neglected. I am confident that my plan to fix our roads in my four-year term will stay on course.

If you have ideas or opinions on how the budget should be crafted, or feel that something in your community is being neglected, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to address your concern.

I am also always looking for ways to improve this newsletter. Time is spent each month putting this together for your benefit and I want to make sure that the content is up to your standards.

Serving the residents of Franklin, Hales Corners and Oak Creek continues to be very rewarding, and I am very fortunate to have been given this opportunity. However, not a day goes by that I don't remind myself that without you we will not be able to *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.



Governor Scott Walker and Supervisor Taylor at the 2013 Wisconsin State Fair

All My Best,

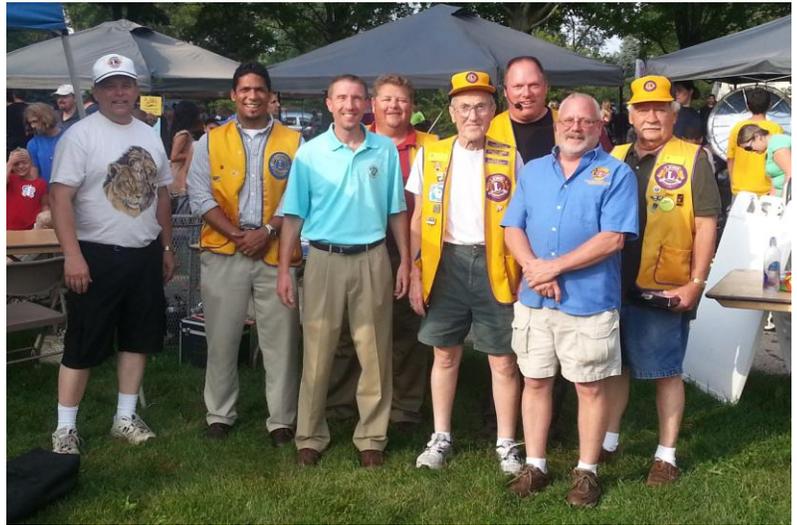
## 2013 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

All three 9<sup>th</sup> District communities participated in the 2013 National Night Out. The principal purpose of this nation-wide event is to heighten awareness of crime and related issues affecting every community across the nation, generate support for long-time anti-crime programs, and most importantly strengthen the neighborhood spirit.

Residents of Franklin, Hales Corners and Oak Creek held block parties, attended cook outs and, most importantly, got to know their neighbors a little better.

The respective police and fire departments displayed their vehicles, answered questions, and informed citizens on ongoing crime-prevention programs in their community and ways they can get involved.

A big thank you goes out to the organizers in all three communities for putting this worthwhile event together.



Supervisor Taylor with the Members of the Hales Corners Lions Club at the National Night Out Celebration in Hales Corners.

## LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met on July 25th for its regularly scheduled meeting. The most pertinent legislation the Board voted on includes:

- An **18-0 vote** on a resolution that ensures the integrity of the buildings and grounds of the War Memorial and the Milwaukee Art Museum. The Milwaukee County Board led the effort to forge this landmark pact, including bringing in former Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske to find a way for the two parties to come together. It took a concerted effort by several parties, including War Memorial and Milwaukee Art Museum leadership, over the course of multiple years, to reach the agreement. Under the compromise measure, the War Memorial Center/Milwaukee Art Museum will receive \$1,586,000 per year from the County from 2014 through 2023. This includes a payment of \$1,100,000 to the Art Museum and \$486,000 to the War Memorial.

This historic agreement benefits not only the two organizations, but all of Milwaukee County. It represents a victory for veterans because the agreement promises to keep the War Memorial as a tribute to the selfless actions of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. This agreement is a win-win-win for the War Memorial, the Art Museum and the taxpayers of Milwaukee County, especially veterans.

- A **10-8 vote** (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Cullen, Romo West, Schmitt, Stamper, Staskunas, Taylor) requesting authorization to approve a parking rate increase at General Mitchell International Airport in 2014. Supervisor Taylor opposed this measure as the airport officials ought to find more creative ways to raise revenue than simply resort to fee increases.
- A **17-1 vote** (No: Mayo) requesting authorization of an option to purchase Block 2E in the Park East Corridor. Supervisor Taylor welcomed this resolution and voted in favor as the county-owned Park East area is in dire need of development to spur economic growth and expand county's tax base.

*To view all County Board legislation, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).*

## THE ROCK SPORTS COMPLEX GRAND OPENING

The August 2012 edition of Privileged to Serve reported on the Milwaukee County Board approving a land lease to the Rock Sports Complex LLC, which presented a plan to construct an exciting new development at what used to be known as Crystal Ridge. A year later, it is very pleasing to report on its grand opening!

On Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> Supervisor Taylor joined other elected officials and hundreds of residents at the opening ceremony, which featured concerts, home run derbies and an outdoor movie.

The complex also showcased a recently completed umbrella bar and a patio that overlooks the baseball fields. These projects are in addition to a renovated ski lodge, concession stands and added parking. Two more youth fields and four softball diamonds are forthcoming.



Supervisor Borkowski, Supervisor Taylor and Mrs. Taylor at one of the Rock Sports Complex's Baseball Fields.

Attracting the most attention, however, is the new mountain biking course, which traverses the 250-foot ski hill and offers an expansive view of Milwaukee County. There are four trails with varying difficulties and each path takes about 5 minutes to complete. A chairlift brings riders and their bikes back to the top.



Supervisor Borkowski, Supervisor Taylor, County Executive Abele, the Rock Sports Complex President and CEO Mark Zimmerman and other special guests cutting the ribbon at the grand opening.

With more than \$9 million invested into this project, The Rock Sports Complex is truly a success story of economic development in the 9<sup>th</sup> District.

As both the City of Franklin Common Council President and member of the Milwaukee County Board, Supervisor Taylor is very proud that this project came to fruition without any substantial delays.

He and other elected officials remain hopeful that this development will attract other businesses to the area and help further advance our region's collective economic development efforts.

For additional information on rates, activities, and other details regarding a visit, please go to [The Rock Sports Complex website](http://TheRockSportsComplex.com).

## AUTUMN AT BOERNER

**Sunday, September 8th  
10am to 3pm - Rain or Shine!!**

\$5 per visitor (\$4 members)  
\*Free for children under 2

### Fun for Families, Kids and Adults!

- Children's crafts and autumn themed activities for children of all ages, including caramel apples.
- Get a jump start on holiday shopping with local artists and crafters. Choose from a great selection of yard art, jewelry and more!
- Food concessions will be available from the Lion's Club

For more information, please contact Amy Opad at 414-525-5661 or [aopad@fbbg.org](mailto:aopad@fbbg.org)



## FISH FRY IN THE PARKS

Enjoy your Friday night fish fry in the beautiful surroundings of Whitnall Park all Summer long, through Labor Day!

Whether you like your cod baked or fried, delicious portions are served from 4-9PM and include French fries, rye bread, coleslaw and a cookie.

The cost of the traditional fish fry is \$9.25 per person, and the kids' portion (ages 12 and under) is only \$4.25. A fish sandwich is only \$5! There is a \$0.50 carry-out charge per item.

For a limited time, be sure to check out the Friday Golf and Fish Fry Special!!! 9 holes+golf cart+fish fry in the clubhouse = \$30



**Still looking for more to do?!**  
Please click [here](#) for the entire  
**Milwaukee County Parks  
Event Calendar**

## EVENTS AT THE WEHR NATURE CENTER

### BAT NIGHT

Fri, August 23, 8pm – 10pm

Meet real live bats! Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts on bats. Learn how you can participate in Citizen Science projects to help our diminishing bat neighbors.

### BEETLEMANIA

Sun, August 25, 1pm – 2pm  
Mon, August 26, 9:30am – 10:30am

Beetles fly, swim, and crawl everywhere. Discover how these armored insects are special as we meet real live beetles

[Click here for more information on both events.](#)

### Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents  
ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

**FREE the first Thursday  
of every month**

Free for all visitors. Visit [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)  
for additional information.



MILWAUKEE  
PUBLIC MUSEUM

**FREE on Mondays**

Visit [www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/](http://www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/)  
for additional information.



**FREE Days for 2013:**

1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 11/2 & 12/7

**Special Holidays:**

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day  
& New Year's Day

Visit [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)



**FREE on Mondays  
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

Excludes major holidays.  
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