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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends:

I am sure that you are getting just as tired of winter as I am. I can't remember a time when we have had the brutal blows of snow and bitter cold day after day. On top of the cold, the reality is that our budget will take a hit due to all of the work the highway department has done and continues to do to keep our roads safe. However, hope is on the way because spring is getting closer every day.

In March I will be introducing a resolution that changes how the County handles its decennial redistricting. My goal is to take the politics and the controversy out of the process by establishing a panel made up of individuals from well-respected organizations. This is the time to do this because the likelihood that any of the 18 supervisors will still be around in 2022 is slim to none.

I encourage your input on this topic along with any others that you have interest in. As I have said in the past and I will say it again, it is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain we can Move Milwaukee County Forward

All My Best,

SUPERVISOR TAYLOR HONORS FRANKLIN SABERS

Supervisor Taylor recently presented the Franklin High School Football Team – the Franklin Sabers – with a citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, honoring their exceptional 2013 season.

The team reached the finals of the (WIAA) Division 1 Football Championship but unfortunately lost against Arrowhead High School (45-27). Sabers finished their season with 12-2 record, which is certainly not a small feat and is worthy of recognition and praise.



Supervisor Taylor presenting the citation to Coach Brown, Sabers Athletic Director Sara Unertl and the Senior Captains of the Football Team.

This was the Sabers' first time competing in the WIAA Division 1 Football Championship Finals, having previously competed in Division 2 in 2006, winning the Championship Title against Brookfield Central Lancers and finishing with a 14-0 season record. The Franklin High School Football Team is currently rated 418th in the country and seventh in the State of Wisconsin. Keep making us proud Sabers!

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2013. The most pertinent resolutions considered are as follows:

- 12-6 vote on a resolution enacting a minimum living wage ordinance for service, concession, lease and financial assistance agreements publicly funded by Milwaukee County by amending Chapter 32.09(17) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances. Supervisor Taylor fought and voted against this ill-advised resolution as it has potential to stifle economic development and further burden already overtaxed Milwaukee County residents.
- 13-5 vote on a resolution opposing freeway expansion options for Interstate 94, from North 25th Street to North 70th Street. Supervisor Taylor voted against this resolution as the expansion of this section of the Interstate could aid Milwaukee County's economic development efforts.
- 14-4 vote on the a resolution amending Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, which dictates the rules of the County Board of Supervisors, so that Supervisors that wish to abstain from voting on a matter must briefly state why they are abstaining. Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of this measure as it enhances government transparency and accountability.

To view the votes on all actions taken by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

The South Suburban Chamber of Commerce held its “Annual Awards Dinner” on January 30th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, celebrating another successful year with its members and guests. As was the case in previous years, the Chamber awarded the prestigious “Business of the Year Award” as well as the “Pride in Premises Award” to businesses who have contributed the most to the economic development of the south suburban area.

The 2013 recipient of the “Business of the Year Award” is Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Franklin. Wheaton Franciscan opened its doors in 2008 led by the vision of doing their best to serve Franklin and surrounding communities.

Due to high demand for the quality service provided, within months of opening its doors Wheaton Franciscan added additional inpatient beds, an Intensive Care Unit, a separate orthopedic hospital, and in 2013 opened a 60,000 square-foot medical office building that houses a full spectrum of primary care physicians and specialists. The improvements and expansion will continue in 2014.



Sheila Gansemer and Coreen Dicus Johnson received the County Board Citation from Supervisor Taylor on behalf of Wheaton Franciscan – Franklin.



Supervisor Taylor presenting the County Board Citation to Staybridge Suites General Manager Mark Hansen

Staybridge Suites Milwaukee Airport South was the recipient of the 2013 “Pride in Premises Award.” They earned the award by greatly improving the landscaping in the area on 27th Street where they are located, as well as aptly beautifying their interior. The exterior of the building features natural foliage and plant life, while the stunning interior features a welcoming fire pit as its centerpiece.

To recognize this great honor bestowed upon this outstanding local businesses, and support Chamber’s work, Supervisor Taylor presented each recipient with a Citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Congratulations to all the winners and a special commendation goes to the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce for their role in advancing the general welfare and prosperity of Oak Creek, Franklin and surrounding communities!

WEHR NATURE CENTER

Wisconsin Master Naturalist Training Series

Mon, March 3, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

This statewide program is designed to provide a broad introduction to the natural history of Wisconsin and to train volunteers in Citizen Science skills. Topics will include Ecology, Plant Communities, Landscapes, Water, Aquatic Plants & Animals, Interpretation and Human Influences.

The course will include classroom instruction, activities at the two off-site field trip sessions, and a capstone project to practice skills and highlight ecosystem concepts. Participants earn Master Naturalist certification upon completion of their project and course work. Additional information will be available upon registration.

Contact patricia.fojut@ces.uwex.edu for more details.

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

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
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



**FREE on Mondays
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon**
Excludes major holidays.
Visit www.milwaikedomes.org
for additional information.

BOERNER CORNER

Family Fun Workshop – Composting with Worms

Saturday March 1, 2014
10:00am - 11:30am

Learn the steps for easy and fun composting with worms - a great family project! Bins for composting with worms can be made for use inside or outside, and worm by-products produce high quality compost for plants. We will learn how to make a home worm bin and how to brew compost tea, an environmentally friendly liquid fertilizer.

Families: \$20 FBBG members/\$25 non-members
Individuals: \$10 FBBG members/\$12 non-members. For more information or to register call 414-525-5656

Family Fun Workshop - Reduce, Re-use, Recycle: Making a "T-Yarn" Scarf

Saturday March 15, 2014
10:00am - 11:30am

Learn the steps for making "T-Yarn" (yarn from old t-shirts). This is a creative medium and the possibilities are endless! In class, we will be making a string scarf - no knitting or crochet needles needed.

Families: \$20 FBBG members/\$25 non-members
Individuals: \$10 FBBG members/\$12 non-members. For more information or to register call 414-525-5656

DOWNTOWN ICE SKATING

Enjoy a beautiful downtown park setting, a long skating season at an outdoor rink open from December through February—or March if the weather allows—and a warming house filled with creature comforts.

[Click here](#) for hours of operation, skate rental fees and other pertinent information about the ice rink.

