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Moving Milwaukee County FORWARD Together



THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Friends:

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and are well on your way to fulfilling your New Year's Resolutions. I am grateful to have been able to spend my time with friends and family. I am sure that like me you are really looking forward to spring due to the brutally cold winter we are having.

I am looking forward to 2014 for a number of reasons. Hopefully, a number of developments will come to fruition, which will increase our tax base along with creating additional much needed jobs. But we need to be vigilant because some of my colleagues are in the midst of trying to adopt policies that will set our County backwards. Also, watch for my redistricting plan that I will unveil in the early part of this year. I feel that this common sense good government reform is long overdue.

I encourage you to contact me with any ideas or concerns you have regarding Milwaukee County. It is very important for me to get your input and advice. 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,

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## SUPERVISOR TAYLOR OPPOSES MINIMUM WAGE PROPOSAL

Once again some members of the Milwaukee County Board are reviving the misguided proposal to implement higher minimum wage for county employees and all entities that do business with Milwaukee County. Supervisor Taylor reiterated his strong opposition toward this proposal. The Milwaukee County Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee laid over the matter for until February of 2014.

The proposal is simply unrealistic and has potential to drive away businesses from Milwaukee County. It increases the minimum wage to 110 percent of the Federal Poverty line, which is currently at \$12.44. This is well above the levels of some major metropolitan cities with much higher cost of living, such as San Francisco (\$10.00), New York (\$10.00) and Los Angeles (\$10.50).

At the time when our communities need economic development more than ever, the County Board ought to be working on initiatives that attract rather than deter companies from doing business with Milwaukee County. This ordinance change is a questionable at best and at worst very destructive for our county's economy. Supervisor Taylor intends to work with like-minded colleagues to defeat this ill-advised measure when it comes for consideration in February.



## LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on December 19, 2013. The most pertinent resolutions acted upon are as follows:

- 13-5 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Schmitt, Staskunas, Taylor) on a resolution opposing freeway expansion options for Interstate 94 from North 25<sup>th</sup> Street to North 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of studying the option to extend this segment of the freeway as it can serve to relieve traffic congestion.
- 16-2 (No: Borkowski, Taylor) to agree to a payment of \$16,000 to Denise McCaskill and \$8,000 to Hawks Quindel, S.C., in settlement of Denise McCaskill v. Milwaukee County. Supervisor Taylor voted against approval of the funds as he feels that Milwaukee County taxpayers ought not be responsible for covering the costs of Former County Board Chairman Holloway's alleged personal misdeeds.
- 15-3 (No: Alexander, Jursik, Taylor) to execute a contract with the State Department of Health Services to provide the Family Care benefit to Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha and Walworth Counties for 2014 with up to four one-year funding renewals. Supervisor Taylor voted against this proposal as it simply creates another entitlement program.

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

## SUPERVISOR TAYLOR HONORS EAGLE SCOUT FROM FRANKLIN

Franklin's own Jeffrey Norman Roettgen recently joined an elite group of young men as he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Franklin Boy Scout Troop 539. This is the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts of America as less than five percent of Scouts attain this high level of excellence.

He was recognized at a special Franklin Boy Scout Troop 539 Eagle Court of Honor on January 5, 2014 at the City of Franklin Public Library and Supervisor Taylor presented Jeffrey with a citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in honor of this great achievement.

Jeffrey earned his rank by organizing, supervising and working with a team of volunteers to build five raised garden boxes for the St. Joseph Academy elementary school in Milwaukee which are used for education purposes – a project that took approximately 108 hours to complete.

Congratulations and good luck with your future endeavors Jeffrey!



Jeffrey Roettgen and Supervisor Taylor at the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony, which was held at the Franklin Public Library.

## MAYOR SCAFFIDI'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

Once again Mayor Scaffidi is encouraging all residents in southern Milwaukee County to set a personal goal of weight loss and better fitness by registering and participating in this year's Second Annual Mayor's Fitness & Weight Loss Challenge. This worthwhile effort by Mayor Scaffidi was very successful last year and the community hopes to do even better this year.

The challenge concludes on February 10, 2014 and it is not too late to join in. The sign up is free and is designed for individuals of all ages. Once registered and weighed in at one of the "weight stations", participants become eligible to win prizes based on their weight loss percentage during this period and attendance at several community events.

Participants will celebrate the conclusion of the Fitness Challenge on **Saturday, February 8th from 12pm until 2pm at the West Middle School cafeteria** with a pot luck dinner. Participants are encouraged to bring a HEALTHY dish to share and a paper copy of the recipe, to be included in the Mayor's Challenge cookbook being developed for release during the next year's Challenge. Attendees will also have the chance to win some great prizes.

For more information on this year's Mayor's Fitness Challenge, as well as how to timely get involved next year, [please click here](#).



## WEHR NATURE CENTER

### OWL PROVL FOR THE SCOUTS

January 31, 2014  
6:30pm-8:30pm

Scout and youth groups are invited to spend an evening out with the owls. They'll search for the Eastern Screech Owl and the Great Horned Owl. They'll learn about the habits and adaptations of these nocturnal neighbors. A slide presentation on Wisconsin owls will follow the hike. Dress in warm layers and bring a flashlight.

[Please click here for more details.](#)

### GROUNDHOG DAY CHILI COOK OFF

February 1, 2014 - 6:00pm-8:30pm

Join other chili enthusiasts for the Friends of Wehr Second Annual Groundhog Day Chili Cook-off. Be a chili contestant or simply come taste and enjoy a variety of chili and vote for your favorite. The top-rated chili cook will take home the coveted, traveling Groundhog Trophy!

[Please click here 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](http://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](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)



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

Excludes major holidays.  
Visit [www.milwaukeedomes.org](http://www.milwaukeedomes.org)  
for additional information.

## BOERNER CORNER

### **Histories and Mysteries of Chocolate**

Thurs., January 30, 2014  
6:30pm-8:00pm

Learn the history and mystery of chocolate with Richard Koenings of the Red Elephant Cafe! Tastings and a chocolate mint planting are included.

\$10 members/ \$15 non-members

For more information or to register call  
414-525-5656

### **Introduction to Herbal Soap Making**

Saturday February 8, 2014  
10:00am - 11:30am

Jill Gilbert of Moot's Soaps will demonstrate steps for making your own cold-pressed soap using vegetable oils and pure, therapeutic essential oils. You'll receive a cured bar of soap; additional soaps will be available for purchase. Designed for adults only

\$10 members/\$15 non-members.

For more information or to register call  
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## 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.

