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Friends,

Summer has officially arrived and I am hopeful that you and your family are finding ways to enjoy it. While some may like this oppressive heat, there are others who do not. Thankfully, there are many options available to Milwaukee County residents to cool off: whether it's inside a museum or a community center, at one of our many pools and shaded parks, or at the beautiful lakefront.



Supervisor and Mrs. Taylor at the 4th of July Parade in Franklin

As most of you know, a fire broke out in the courthouse on July 6th and as a result Supervisors and staff did not have access to their offices until July 18th. Luckily, technology allowed me to be able to operate from home. Meetings were moved to multiple locations and departments were temporarily relocated but business was still conducted.

Milwaukee County has a major deferred maintenance problem and the County Executive and the County Board are committed to making sure that an incident like this does not happen again. Now is not the time for finger pointing and blame but instead to work together to solve these issues as a team.

I truly appreciate all of the advice that comes my way on a daily basis and although I have said this in the past, I want to 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,

HONORING FRANKLIN LIBRARIAN BARBARA ROARK

The City of Franklin Public Library is a seminal institution to Franklin residents as it greatly contributes to the quality of life in the community. As it is true with every great institution, it would not be what it is without its dedicated staff. One of those persons is Barbara Roark, who proudly served as the Director of Franklin Public Library for over 15 years.

Through her selfless efforts to provide outstanding service, Barbara Roark greatly contributed to creating and advancing a long lasting vision for the Franklin Public Library – and bettering the Franklin community in the process. During her tenure, Barbara was instrumental in organizing a referendum to build the new library facility that resulted in construction of a beautiful and functional building.

The library subsequently received the prestigious “Pride in Premises” Award from the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Roark’s proficiency and professionalism are the trademarks of her career with the Franklin Public Library, and as a result she is a recipient of the Wisconsin Library Association’s Muriel Fuller Award. She is leaving the City of Franklin in order to dedicate more time to her family in Indiana and welcome a new grandchild into the world.

Good luck with your future endeavors Barbara and thank you for all your hard work!



Supervisor Taylor and Barbara Roark at the 4th of July Parade in Franklin

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met on June 20th for its regularly scheduled meeting. The most pertinent legislation the Board voted on includes:

- 13-5 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Johnson, Mayo, Taylor) on a resolution to dismiss the Corporation Counsel pursuant to State Statute 59.42(2)(a).
- 11-7 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Lipscomb, Mayo, Rainey, Stamper, Taylor) to refer back to the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit a resolution amending County Ordinances clarifying the use of County funds by elected County officials to pay for video/air time.
- 12-6 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Broderick, Johnson, Jursik, Schmitt) overriding the veto of the resolution that rejected the confirmation of Kathleen Eilers to the position of Administrator of the Behavioral Health Division. Supervisor Taylor voted against the appointment and the veto.
- 10-8 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Cullen, Jursik, Mayo, Schmitt, Staskunas, Taylor) on an amendment requiring a specific minimum wage and sick days for employees of an extended stay hotel at UWM Innovation Park. Supervisor Taylor opposed this resolution as artificial wage provisions like this one would kill the project and impede economic development.

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

PRECISION COLOR GRAPHICS GET RECOGNITION FROM THE STATE

Precision Color Graphics (PCG) has proudly called Franklin its home since 1992. This pre-press, printing and packaging company employs approximately 40 people and is one of many crucial businesses that operate in our community.

On June 10, 2013 Precision Color Graphics was formally welcomed into the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Green Tier program. Wisconsin's Green Tier program encourages businesses to voluntarily move beyond regulatory compliance in order to promote superior environmental performance. A unique program in the nation, Green Tier provides a range of tools to create a powerful, sustainable force for economic growth and environmental health. Green Tier participation has grown throughout Wisconsin's business community in recent years as more companies have found value – and savings – through greater environmental performance.

Precision Color Graphics is participating in Tier 1 of the program, which is designed to encourage new goal setting and innovation. The designation was presented by Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

Supervisor Taylor's office presented John Goeden, Precision Color Graphics President, with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. The Certificate was presented by Mrs. Taylor as the Supervisor was out of the District due to a family wedding that took place out of State.



Mrs. Taylor presenting the Certificate of Recognition to Precision Color Graphics President John Goeden.

PCG's largest environmental effort has been the development and patenting of Ecoterah™, a compostable packaging that offers several advantages over petroleum-based plastics. With layers of paper, corn-based film and adhesives that are biodegradable, it is poised to help fulfill the increasing demand for green packaging in consumer and pet food applications.

Some of the practices that led to Precision Color Graphics earning their distinction include:

- Reduced over-all electrical consumption by switching to more efficient lights and timers;
- Reduced amount of garbage going to landfill by 50 percent due to recycling efforts;
- Adjusted scheduling to enhance efficiency of machine operations;
- Revised delivery schedules and made fleet enhancements to economize fuel use;
- Installed a new still which reduced solvent use by 90 percent;
- Reliance on electronic copies for preliminary proofing rather than hard copies;
- Reuse of packaging materials that come in with supplies;
- Recycling of scrap magnesium.

BENDER PARK BOAT LAUNCH DREDGING

The boat launch pad at Bender Park was one of the first issues Supervisor Taylor dealt with as he took office in 2012. Upon hearing about it, he convened a meeting on site with Oak Creek officials, Milwaukee County Interim Parks Director James Keegan and other interested parties to find the best solution for this problem.

The first step was locating immediate funding to perform the dredging of the sediment that piled up and made the launch pad shallow and unusable. This was a challenge as only a year prior Milwaukee County performed dredging of the Bender Park boat launch pad - a fix that was supposed to last for 5 years. Sadly, this was not the case as, due to the unseasonably warm winter the previous year, not enough ice formed in the area to keep the sediment from piling up.

In addition to funding, obtaining permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to perform the dredging was a time consuming process. Given those circumstances, the dredging was not performed in 2012.

During the months preceding the 2013 boating season, Interim Parks Director Keegan successfully secured all the necessary permits, obtained the funding and found a contractor to perform the dredging. The work has been performed successfully and the boat launch is now operational.



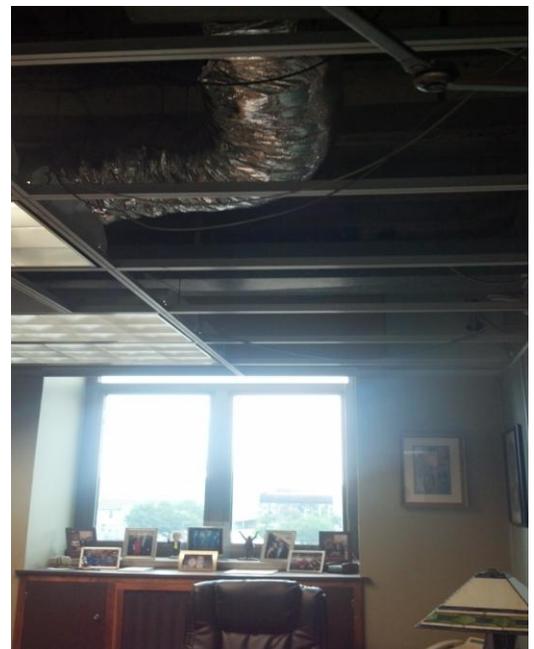
Excavators removing sediment from the boat launch

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FIRE

Milwaukee County administration and the court system suffered a setback last week as a fire broke out on July 6th in the basement of the Milwaukee County Courthouse. As a result, the building was evacuated for clean up and repair, including the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors' offices.

The fire was caused by deteriorated electrical installation and while it was quickly contained, the smoke and other hazardous materials spread throughout the building through its ventilation ducts prompting a closure for a thorough cleaning.

In spite of these circumstances, Supervisor Taylor's office continued to serve constituents from the 9th District and the Milwaukee County Board continues to operate. Supervisors and staff returned to their offices on July 18th on a limited basis.



Supervisor Taylor's office during clean up.

FREE EVENTS FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS

Public and private agencies in Milwaukee County are once again offering active military, drilling reservists, veterans and their families free admission to a variety of entertainment venues this summer.

The venues include Polish Fest, Discovery World, Milwaukee County Zoo, Summerfest, German Fest and the Wisconsin State Fair.

[Please click here for the list of events and additional details](#)

MILWAUKEE COUNTY POOLS ARE OPEN

Milwaukee County pool season started June 15th! If you're looking for a place to cool off on a hot Summer day the outdoor pools are the answer.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

Children age 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Proper swimming attire is required. Swimming Diapers are required for all children who are not yet potty-trained.

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**

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.



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM
FREE on Mondays
Visit www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/
for additional information.



**Milwaukee County
ZOO**
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



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

BOERNER CORNER

A Show of Flowers, Horticulture, and
Photography at the Milwaukee Public
Museum

FREE with admission to the Museum:

Friday, July 19th	1:00pm to 5:00pm
Saturday, July 20th	9:00am to 8:00pm
Sunday, July 21st	9:00am to 3:00pm

Visit the Special Exhibits wing to see displays of extraordinary flowers, plants, photographs and FBBG's exhibit on the Boerner Botanical Garden's own rain garden.

Guest speakers and workshops are also available.

[Click here for a listing and registration form.](#)