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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends:

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of fall which I hope lasts as long as possible. I enjoy every nice day we have knowing what is around the corner and there are not many things better than Friday night high school football.

There will be some big issues facing the County Board in the next few months. The month of October will be spent deliberating a billion dollar budget which will be adopted in November. Decisions on the sale of O'Donnell Park to Northwestern Mutual and the fate of the Estabrook Dam will most likely be decided during the October cycle. In addition to decisions on O'Donnell Park and the Estabrook Dam we may have a developer's agreement for the Downtown Transit Center, the location of a proposed forty-four story multi-use tower.

Hopefully the residents who drive 13th Street in Oak Creek are happy with the work that has been done between Rawson and Drexel. Since I was elected, I have been committed to improving the failing infrastructure in the 9th District and this is a perfect example of how that work is paying off. Although this is a temporary fix the improvement will get us to reconstruction in 2017, which will resemble the work done between College and Rawson avenues.



Supervisor Taylor at the Wheaton Franciscan Chili Cook-off!!

I encourage you to reach out to my office if I can be of any assistance, or if you wish to share your thoughts on any of these matters. This input is particularly important during the Budget adoption process as we set our priorities on what projects get funded. I am committed to making sure that your hard-earned tax dollars end up right back in our communities.

All My Best,

SALE OF O'DONNELL PARK TO NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

The proposed sale of O'Donnell Park to Northwestern Mutual has been in the news in recent months. As a member of the Economic & Community Development Committee, Supervisor Taylor understands the importance of the proposed sale and the community's vision for Milwaukee's Lakefront.

As this is an important issue facing the County, our office continues to request your thoughts and concerns. Supervisor Taylor will continue to listen to all parties involved, while doing what is in the County's best financial interest, both short and long term.

A final decision by the Milwaukee County Board is expected by the end of the year.



NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL OFFER TO PURCHASE

Per the proposed agreement Northwestern Mutual would pay the appraised value of O'Donnell Park which is estimated at \$14 million. The agreement would include a "credit" of \$1.4 million for facility repairs. Milwaukee County currently is responsible for general obligation debt and interest totaling \$7.7 million. The proposed sale of O'Donnell Park would net approximately \$5 million.

COUNTY SALE OF O'DONNELL PARK	
Sale Price	\$14,000,000
Offset for Repair	(\$1,300,000)
Net Income	\$12,700,000
Debt Payoff	(\$7,700,000)
Net Funds	\$5,000,000

ESTABROOK DAM

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in recent months have been working with consultants and requesting public input for the purpose of identifying, and evaluating alternatives for the future of Estabrook Dam. Milwaukee County consultants have provided three feasible alternatives to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

PROPOSED OPTIONS & COSTS

ALTERNATIVES	ESTABROOK DAM	
	COSTS	ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE
(1) Rehabilitation of Estabrook Dam	\$2.5 Million	\$160,000
(2) Removal of Estabrook Dam	\$1.7 Million	\$0
(3) Construction of Rock Ramp	\$2.4 Million	\$55,000

A full report can be found [here](#).
Simply search Estabrook under the Legislation tab!!



WEHR NATURE CENTER

Cider Sunday

Sunday, October 5th
Noon – 5:00 pm

Enjoy the brilliant fall colors during this afternoon of cider, food, live music and family fun. Try your luck at the Cake Walk, make cider with a hand-crank cider press or participate in an energizing fall hike!

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

Halloween Haunts

Thursday, October 16 – Saturday, October 18
6:30–8:30pm - Rain or Shine

Meet creepy characters and learn about Halloween creatures while taking a trek through an Enchanted Forest.

Admission:

\$10 per person
\$7 for Milwaukee County Residents
\$7 for members of Friends of Wehr

Ticket Information: Wehr Nature Center at (414) 425-8550

BOERNER CORNER

Family Fun Workshop – Making a Bottle Gourd Birdhouse

Saturday, September 27th
10:00am - 11:30am

Learn how to make a Bottle Gourd Birdhouse that will attract a house wren to your garden - a great family project!

Admission:

Families: \$20 FBBG members/\$25 non-members
Individuals: \$10 FBBG members/\$12 non-members.

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

Boerner Botanical Gardens is an enchanting place – full of history, beauty and valuable information for gardeners of all interest and skill levels. Expert led walks are our way of sharing the Garden's unique wealth of horticultural information with you throughout the gardening season. Meet at the FBBG Gift Shop, rain or shine.

For more information and full schedule, please [click here](#).

Please [click here](#) for the entire
Milwaukee County Parks
Event Calendar

OKTOBERFEST - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Oktoberfest!

Join the celebration at the second annual St. Martin of Tours Oktoberfest!

Saturday, October 18, 2014
1:00PM – 10:00PM

Festivities begin with LIVE MUSIC at 1PM.

Craft Fair	1:00PM
Pig Roast	5:30PM
Beer Tasting	6:30PM
Trivia	7:30PM

A complete list of family activities can be found [here](#).

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 2014:
1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 11/1 & 12/6

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.