



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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News & Notes

Milwaukee Community Update – April 2026

Spring brings many more opportunities to get outside and enjoy the community! Take a moment to review your monthly newsletter and fill your calendars with wonderful events to enjoy in Milwaukee County!

Fly into Spring



BIRD PROGRAMS FOR ALL ABILITIES



APRIL 25
8AM-12PM

Birding Beyond the Feeder : Basic ID

Learn basic bird identification using behavior, field marks, shape, and more, then test your new skills on a hike.

Birding Beyond the Feeder: Birding by Ear

Beginners and experienced birdwatchers and birders alike are invited to come and learn to identify birds by their songs and calls.

MAY 2
9:30AM-12PM

MAY 3
9AM-4PM

Birdathon for Birders with Vision Loss

A global celebration for individuals who are blind or have low vision. No experience necessary. No fee. Register by calling Holly at Wehr.

Global Big Day Bird Count

Join naturalists at Wehr or bird anywhere for as short or long as you want and record your sightings in eBird for the world's largest bird count & research project. No registration or fee.

MAY 9
8AM-12PM

SUNDAYS
8AM

Sunday Morning Wehr Birders

Every Sunday at 8:00 am we meet in front of the visitor center for a birding hike led by volunteers and fellow birders. All levels of experience are welcome. No registration or fee.



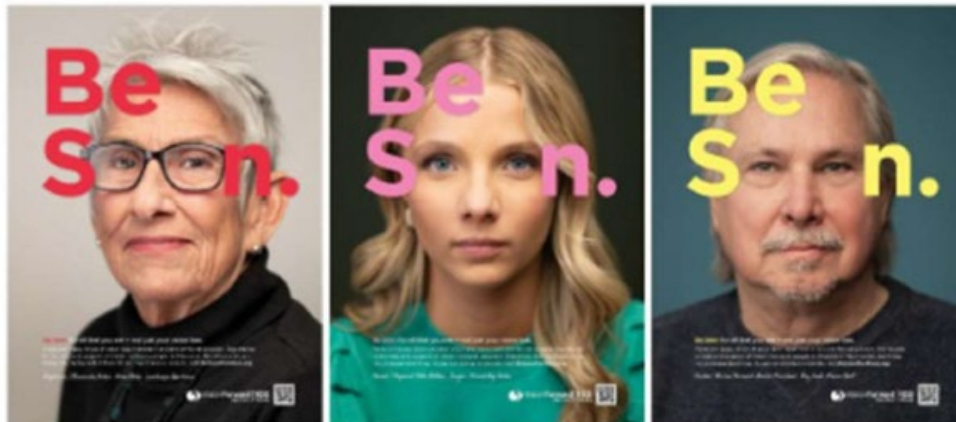
Accessible options are available for all programs
Registration and fee required for all programs unless noted differently above.
For information about these programs contact Holly or Carol at 414-425-8550.

MORE INFO VISIT WWW.WEHRNATURECENTER.COM

Vision Forward celebrates the launch of their public awareness campaign, “Be Seen.” It’s a simple but profound truth: **everyone deserves to be seen.**

Watch the powerful stories of our advocates here:

vision-forward.org/beseen/



ILLEGALLY PARKS CARDS

You are **ILLEGALLY** PARKED!

[@MKECoOPD](https://twitter.com/MKECoOPD)

The Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) has a supply of these cards. If you'd like some, please contact Jacqueline Formanek at 414-278-3938 or email jacqueline.formanek@milwaukeecountywi.gov with your complete name and mailing address.





Miracle League registration is open for Summer 2026.

Come and play at a place where everyone is welcome! Miracle League is a baseball program for anyone who does not fit into a typical baseball program. Players are paired with a volunteer on the field to assist with any needs they may have or make a new friend and hang out.

Each night athletes will spend the first 10-15 minutes warming up with their player partner practicing throwing, catching, running the bases, hitting, and fielding. Games are a minimum of 2 innings (more when time permits) and are non-competitive, so each athlete gets a hit and ends up on base. There are no outs in this division, as our emphasis is on fun, friendship, and play. As play progresses, athletes will be encouraged to work towards progressing their baseball skills and knowledge.

Schedule:

Ages 4-7: Tuesdays 6-7pm

Ages 8-12: Wednesdays 6-7pm

Ages 13-15: Mondays 6-7pm OR 7-8pm

Ages 16+: Thursdays 6-7pm OR 7-8pm

Game schedule will be released at the end of May.

Player Fee: \$40/person. Y membership NOT required to participate.

Location: MSOE Raiders Stadium at Maslowski Park. 2200 Bender Road, Glendale WI, 53209

Register online at: <https://www.ycamke.org/programs/adaptive-active/>

Or Call Rebecca Franklin at 414.357.2811

CLTS, IRIS, and other third party pay accepted



Tell Your Story With Ex Fabula!

Ex Fabula StorySlams are live events where community members connect and share true, personal stories. All are welcome to attend.

At each event, any attendee can put their name in the hat for the chance to take the stage and share a story based on the night's theme. Audience members can also be a part of the storytelling by submitting UltraShorts!

These are “ultra-short” stories on the night's theme, usually written on a slip of paper, that are then read onstage by the emcee.

Accessibility

To encourage participation from a broad range of storytellers, we offer a variety of accommodation options upon request, including but not limited to:

- Reserved ADA seating
- Materials in Braille, large print, or text formats
- ASL interpretation
- Extended storytelling time for individuals who have related speech, language, memory, or other communication challenges
- Transportation reimbursement
- ...and more!

Individuals can request accommodations by providing details in the “order notes” field during checkout or by reaching out to Ex Fabula Executive Director Megan McGee at 414-530-3503 or megan@exfabula.org.

Ex Fabula Spring Events

Deaf Stories Project StoryShare

Share your stories and connect with other Deaf storytellers!

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Time: 5:00PM doors, 5:30PM start, 6:45PM end

Location: Pilot Project Brewing Milwaukee, 1128 N 9th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

Cost: Free for members of the Deaf community

RSVP: <https://www.exfabula.org/product/deaf-stories-project-storyshare-4-8/>

AfterDark: For The Culture

A night of storytelling celebrating Black and Brown voices

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Time: Doors open at 6pm, stories begin at 7pm

Location: Radio Milwaukee, 220 E Pittsburgh Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Cost: \$12 advance / \$15 at the door / \$0 pay-it-forward tickets available!

RSVP: <https://www.exfabula.org/product/afterdark-for-the-culture-4-9/>

Deaf Stories Project StoryShare

Share your stories and connect with other Deaf storytellers!

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Time: 2:45PM doors, 3:00PM start, 4:15PM end

Location: Anodyne Coffee Roasting Co. (Walker's Point), 224 W Bruce St, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Cost: Free for members of the Deaf community

RSVP: <https://www.exfabula.org/product/dsp-storyshare-4-26/>

Deaf Stories Project StorySlam: "Jaw Dropping"

Experience the power of storytelling in American Sign Language!

Date: Sunday April 26, 2026

Time: 4:30pm doors, 5pm stories

Location: Anodyne Coffee Roasting Co. (Walker's Point), 224 W Bruce St, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Cost: \$12 advance / \$15 at the door / \$0 pay-it-forward tickets available!

RSVP: <https://www.exfabula.org/product/dsp-storyslam-4-26/>

Keep in Touch!

Ex Fabula on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ExFabula>

Ex Fabula on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/exfabula/>

Ex Fabula on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/exfabula/>

Email us: info@exfabula.org

Call us: 414-530-3503



MILWAUKEE COUNTY TICKET PROGRAM

March/April 2026

The Milwaukee Brewers have made available to individuals with disabilities an opportunity to receive discounted tickets to select home games at American Family Field.

Please complete this form and return it to:

OPD Ticket Program
Milwaukee Brewers Ticket Office
One Brewers Way
Milwaukee, WI 53214
 414-902-4052 (Fax)
 414-902-4000 – Ticket Inquiries
tickets@brewers.com



PROCEDURE

STEP 1: Please use numbers (1,2,3,4) to indicate the number of people attending in the appropriate columns.

STEP 2: Please mark (X) the appropriate box for the seat location desired.

STEP 3: Please provide payment information. Please indicate card type, number, expiration date and your signature for the credit card payment. For personal checks, make out payment to: Milwaukee Brewers.

Orders received 7 days (or less) before the game will be held at Will Call. Orders received 8 days (or more) before the game will be mailed to the customer. Tickets are subject to availability.

STEP 1

W/C = Wheelchair Seat
 Comp. = Companion Seat
 Reg. = Regular Seat

4 TICKETS MAXIMUM

STEP 2

Field	Loge		Terrace	
Outfield Box	Infield Box	Outfield Box	Bleachers	Infield Reserved

Use numbers (1,2,3,4)
number of people attending

W/C	Comp	Reg.

\$26	\$27	\$21	\$15	\$10

DISCOUNTED GAMES

3/30, Rays, 6:40pm
3/31, Rays, 6:40pm
4/1, Rays, 12:40pm
4/10, Nationals, 6:40pm
4/14, Blue Jays, 6:40pm
4/15, Blue Jays, 6:40pm
4/16, Blue Jays, 12:40pm
4/28, Diamondbacks, 6:40pm
4/29, Diamondbacks, 6:40pm

VALUE GAMES

3/29, White Sox, 1:10pm
4/12, Nationals, 1:10pm
4/24, Pirates, 6:40pm
4/26, Pirates, 1:10pm

W/C	Comp	Reg.

\$35		\$29		\$15

STEP 3 (Please circle appropriate card) **Master Card** **VISA** **American Express** **Discover**

Acct. # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

Make check payable to **Milwaukee Brewers**. Please mail to the address listed above.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Accommodations



What is BOLD?

BOLD is open to all legally blind people. Event participation is free. BOLD's purpose is to allow the blind and visually impaired to experience outdoor sports and leisure activities while developing their social and athletic skills. For more information call Kevin Meyers – Out-reach director at 414-839-0635 or Ray Tweeddale president at 262-224-5517.

BOLD Activities for April:

Burlington Lions Square Dancing

Sun., Apr. 26

Time: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

This event is sponsored by the Burlington Lions Club. Lots of fun, dancing, and good food. They will teach you how to dance! All that is required is that you be able to stand and go through a range of motion and remember the moves that they show you. So, come and join the fun!

Physical Requirements: Must be able to stand and walk and take and remember directions.

Taekwondo

Sat., Apr. 18

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Taekwondo celebrates courage and skill. Participants demonstrate kicks, precise movements, and disciplined techniques while adapting to non-visual cues such as sound and touch. The event highlights how martial arts can be accessible to everyone, building confidence, physical strength, and mental focus. You will have supportive coaching, and a strong sense of community as you show that determination and training—not sight—define a true martial artist. We will go to lunch after.

Virtual Bingo

This will be held on two Wednesday's in the month

Time: 6: 00 pm - 8:30 pm

You are invited to a virtual Bingo game! You can use your own large print Braille and embossed card or provide the numbers of your own card. You can also request a PDF card to be emailed to you that can be printed. Only ONE CARD can be played per person and your card MUST be registered with the activity director.

Notes: The Last Number Called rule will be enforced. There are cash prizes. No need to sign up, just join using the Zoom sign in which will be provided.

If you have any questions call Kevin Meyers, Outreach director at 414-839-0635.



EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Job Ready: Essential Skills for Life

Our hands-on, 12-month training program helps people with disabilities (age 18+) develop the essential job and social skills needed to gain employment. Training happens in a supportive, small class where trainees build self-esteem, increase their independence and build friendships.

Trainees learn:

Time management • Effective communication & social skills • Handling constructive feedback • Consistent production and packaging • Workplace safety and cleanliness • And more!

Apply Today!



8649 N. Port Washington Rd.
Fox Point, WI. 53217

fcwi.org/etp
414-755-5855

Into the workforce

Graduates receive a professional resume and letter of recommendation that highlights their needs, abilities, and interests to support job placement that fits.

Post-graduation, we collaborate with the trainee's family and support team to assist with job placement. Many of these placements happen through our network of 80+ local businesses that foster safe, accessible, and inclusive employment opportunities.



We are partnering with Milwaukee County Aging and Disability Services (ADS) to provide a stipend to all Employment Trainees upon graduation. Details will be provided upon enrollment in the program.





TRANSITPLUS
MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARATRANSIT SERVICES

Join us at one of our...

Transit Plus Community Meetings!

Tuesday, April 14 | Registration 4:30, Meeting 5-7 pm

MCTS Administration Building Main Conference Room

1942 N 17th St. | Milwaukee

Wednesday, April 15 | Registration 12:30, Meeting 1-3 pm

Villard Square Library

5190 N 35th St. | Milwaukee

Saturday, April 18 | Registration 9:30, Meeting 10 am - noon

Independence First

540 S 1st St. | Milwaukee

Scan the QR code to register. You must register by April 7th to attend.

Please call 414-343-1700 if you have any questions.



*Registration Required

PLANETARIUM SHOW



JOIN UIU WISCONSIN FOR AN EXPERIENCE
EXPLORING IGBO CULTURE, HISTORY, AND
THEIR CONNECTION TO THE NIGHT SKY

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"Igbo People and Their Skies"



04.11.26 | 2:30-3:30pm CST

\$5 FOR ADMISSION | RSVP THROUGH LINKTREE

UW Milwaukee
Physics Building, Room 139 | 1900 E Kenwood Blvd
Milwaukee, WI, 53211

 **FriendshipCircle**
of Wisconsin



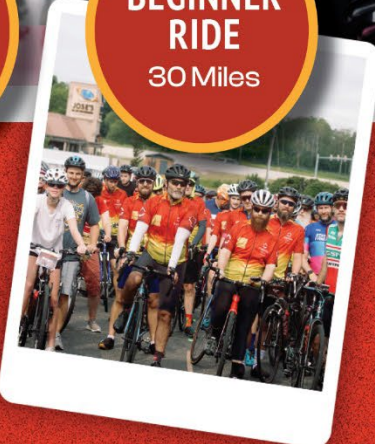
WALK OR BIKE 4 FRIENDSHIP

3 Ways To Participate
All Abilities Welcome / Choose Your Event:

1
WALK OR BIKE
1-3 Miles

2
BEGINNER RIDE
30 Miles

3
ADVANCED RIDE
60 or 100 Miles



- Get Involved:**
- ✓ Volunteer
 - ✓ Donate
 - ✓ Be an Individual or Corporate Sponsor
 - ✓ Fundraise

JUNE 28, 2026
9:00 AM

Ellsworth Park in Bayside

Join Friendship Circle for a one-of-a-kind adventure supporting people with disabilities and mental health challenges. Whether you walk one mile or bike 100 miles, you'll be part of a vibrant community built on love, support, and belonging. Enjoy catered meals from Friendship Cafe, family-friendly activities, and encouragement from start to finish.

Get involved and register today at: FCWI.ORG/BIKE or scan here





2026-2027 40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON



Timeless Tales,
NEW ADVENTURES!

UP TO 50% OFF WITH A FAMILY PACKAGE!

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Surprise! Email subscribers get an early peek at First Stage's 2026–2027 season. Mark your calendar for March 26 and start planning your adventure.

Make forever memories with a customizable First Stage Family Package — choose the shows and number of tickets that work for you. The more you see, the more you save.

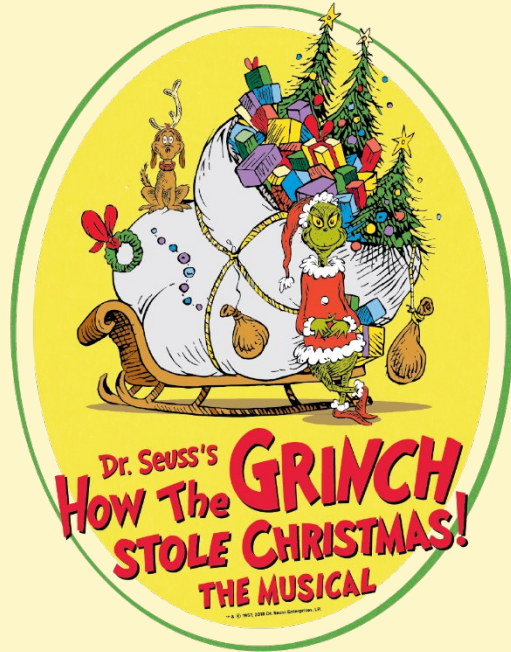
Only Family Package families can secure seats before May 1. Get exclusive access to tickets and save up to 50% with a Family Package! Single tickets go on sale and prices increase May 1.



GO DOG GO! / VE PERRO ¡VE!

October 3 – November 1, 2026
Goodman Mainstage Hall at the
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

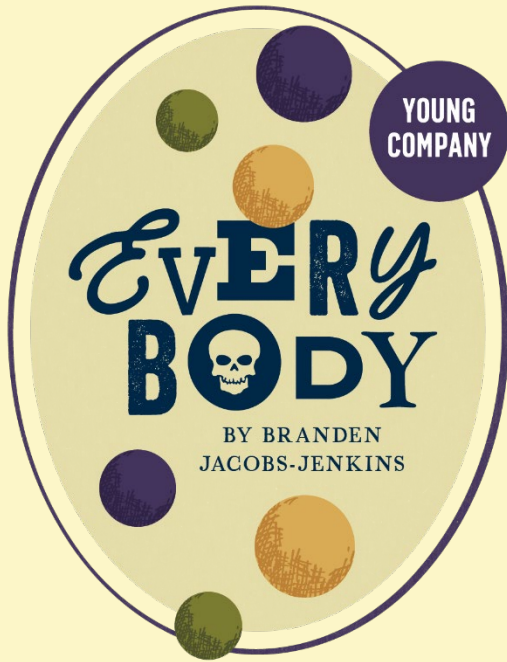
Ve Perro ¡Ve! comes to life on stage in a fast, funny, bilingual romp full of roller-skating, bicycle-riding, and car-driving dogs. P.D. Eastman's classic is delightfully ridículo—and wonderfully fun for all ages!



**DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH
STOLE CHRISTMAS!**

November 21 – December 27, 2026
Todd Wehr Theater at the Marcus
Performing Arts Center

Experience the wit, wonder, and
larger-than-life spirit audiences
know and love, wrapped in toe-
tapping songs, Seuss-ian spectacle,
and the joy of the holiday season.

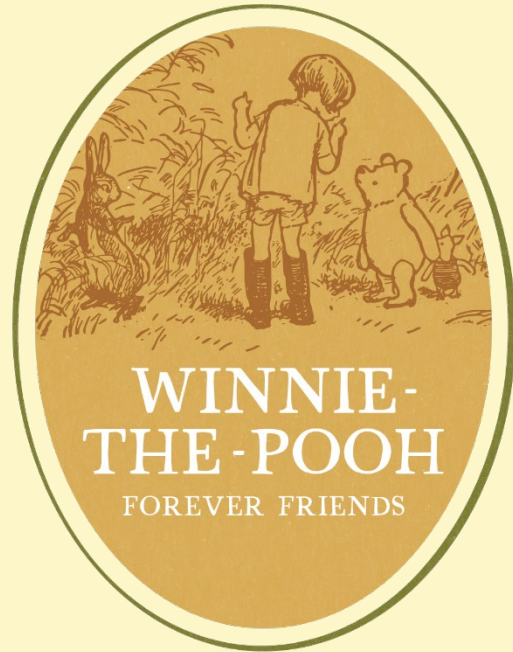


EVERYBODY

December 4-13, 2026

Goodman Mainsage Hall at the
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

Absurdly funny and deeply witty, this modern riff on the medieval morality play casts a different "Everybody" by lottery each performance, exploring life, death, and the meaning of it all.



WINNIE-THE-POOH: FOREVER FRIENDS

January 29 – February 28, 2027
Todd Wehr Theater at the Marcus
Performing Arts Center

When Christopher Robin returns with his granddaughter, Winnie-the-Pooh and friends remind us that the simplest moments together can mean the very most.

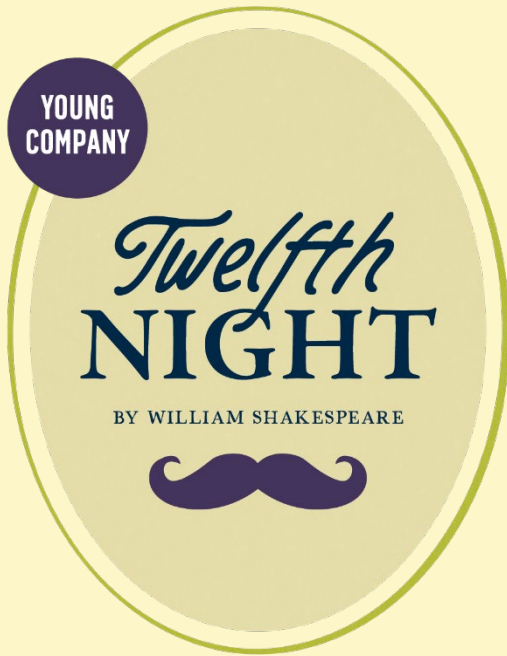


THE SNOW

February 12 – 21, 2027

Goodman Mainstage Hall at the
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

When an epic snowfall traps the villagers of Kishka, young Theodore comes up with a daring solution. Whimsical, humorous, mysterious, and heartfelt, this play weaves a fantastical Grimmsian tale.

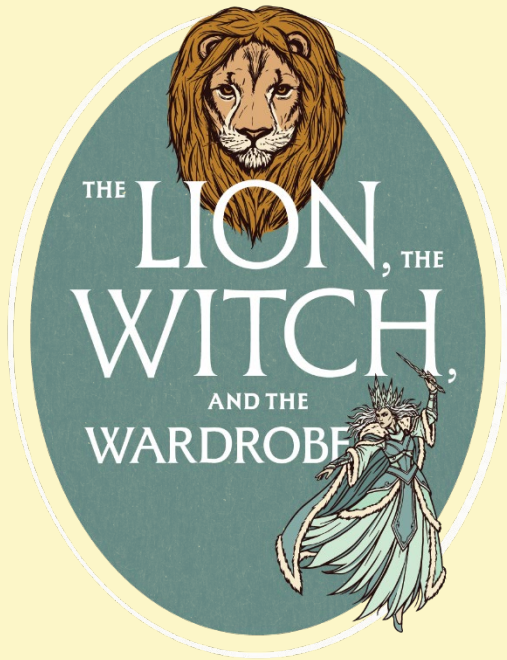


TWELFTH NIGHT

March 12 – 21, 2027

Goodman Mainsage Hall at the
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

A sparkling comedy of love, laughter, and chaos, this classic tale invites you into a world of witty wordplay, charming characters, and twists that keep you swooning until the very last scene.



**THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE
WARDROBE**

April 2 – May 2, 2027

Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall at the
Marcus Performing Arts Center

Discover the fantastical world of
Narnia like never before! This
imaginative adaptation reminds us
that even the smallest among us can
change the world.



**BROADWAY JUNIOR REVUE:
PURE IMAGINATION**

May 14 – 23, 2027

Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall at the
Marcus Performing Arts Center

Celebrate 40 years of First Stage
with a brand new musical revue
featuring our Theater Academy
students performing songs from
Broadway hits and Disney favorites.

PRIVATE PARTY RENTALS

Looking to book your next family gathering or community-group event? Weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, graduations, showers, organizational meetings, are among the many events held here each year. Both Wil-O-Way facilities are in beautiful Milwaukee County parks. The buildings are accessible and have a large hall and kitchen. The spacious grounds have picnic tables, walking trails, wading pools, and accessible playgrounds.

BOOK AN EVENT NOW!

Current Capacity 180 people

Check out the [Facility Guidelines](#) & [Facility Rentals Calendar](#).

Wil-O-Way Grant (South Milwaukee)



Wil-O-Way Underwood (Wauwatosa)



SHARE HANDY NEWS & NOTES!

Do you work with someone or know someone who would be interested in or would benefit from the information in Handy News & Notes? If so, please refer them to the link below to sign up for this FREE information source.

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Sign-Up-for-E--Notify>

OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (OPD)

Director: Jacqueline Formanek



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[Office Persons with Disabilities Website](#)

