MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES
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# Handy News & Notes

## Milwaukee Community Update – November 2026

As the leaves begin to change and the crisp fall weather settles in, there's plenty to look forward to across Milwaukee County! Fall is a great time to stay connected, enjoy seasonal activities, and take advantage of the many programs, events, and resources available in our community. Make time to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and seasonal activities Milwaukee County has to offer.

Skiing · Horseback Riding · Biking
BOLD
Waterskiing · Roller Skating · Canoeing
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN LIONS BOLD INC.

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 Tweedale president at 262-224-5517.

BOLD Activities for November:

**Brightonwoods Apple Orchard**
**Sat, Nov 7**

Nothing says fall like a visit to a local apple orchard. Brightonwoods Orchard is a family run orchard featuring over 150 apple varieties, seeded and seedless grapes, quince and pears. They have something for everyone to enjoy. They are not a pick your own orchard, but visitors are free to roam through their orchard and trail in the woods. In addition to apples and cider they carry many fall favorites including Wisconsin cheese, gourds, squash, honey, jams, jellies, baking mixes and fresh cider donuts. We will have a picnic lunch.

**Rock Wall Climbing**
**Sun, Nov 8**

Adventure Rock has been serving the needs of climbers of all ages in Southeastern Wisconsin for over 20 years. Adventure Rock specializes in offering climbing experiences for new climbers, as well as seasoned rock jocks. This will be a 2-hour session, and we will go to lunch afterward.

**Bowling**
**Sat, Nov 14**

Come and enjoy an afternoon of bowling with your friends. Balls and shoes are available. Guide rails will be set up for VIP's. The kitchen will make pizzas for us. BOLD will cover the cost of the pizza and soda.

**Virtual Bingo**
**Wed, Nov 11**

We can provide you with a large print Braille and embossed card, or you need to 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 us.

**Milwaukee Rep Theatre – "Heist"**
**Sat, Nov 21**

A crew with secrets. One last job that could change everything. Heist is a cinematic, twist-filled crime caper brought vividly to life on stage, part Ocean's Eleven, part mystery-whodunnit, and all heart-pounding theatrical adventure. Featuring sharp dialogue, clever surprises, staged gunshots, prop firearms and unexpected laughs, it takes you on a thrilling ride that keeps you guessing until the final moment. It's the ultimate escape in suspense, humor and high-tech fun. This is audio described.

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



# Community Mental Health Event

## One Thing I WISH YOU KNEW 2026

**Sunday | November 15th | 3:00 – 5:00pm**

**Italian Community Center**
*631 E. Chicago St, Milwaukee, WI 53202*

**Mental Health Ted-Talk Style**
*Resource fair, dessert buffet, & teen keynote speakers*
*Business casual attire | Ages 13+ |* ***Free admission***

**RSVP: *WISHUKNEW.ORG***

UMATTER © Friendship Circle

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Southeast Wisconsin

# Fall Camp

Wednesday November 25th
Times: 8:30am-3:00pm
Cost: $100.00/day

# Winter Camp

Dates: Dec 21-23 & 28-31
Times: 8:30am-3:00pm
Cost: $100.00/day, $700 for all 7 days

Register Here

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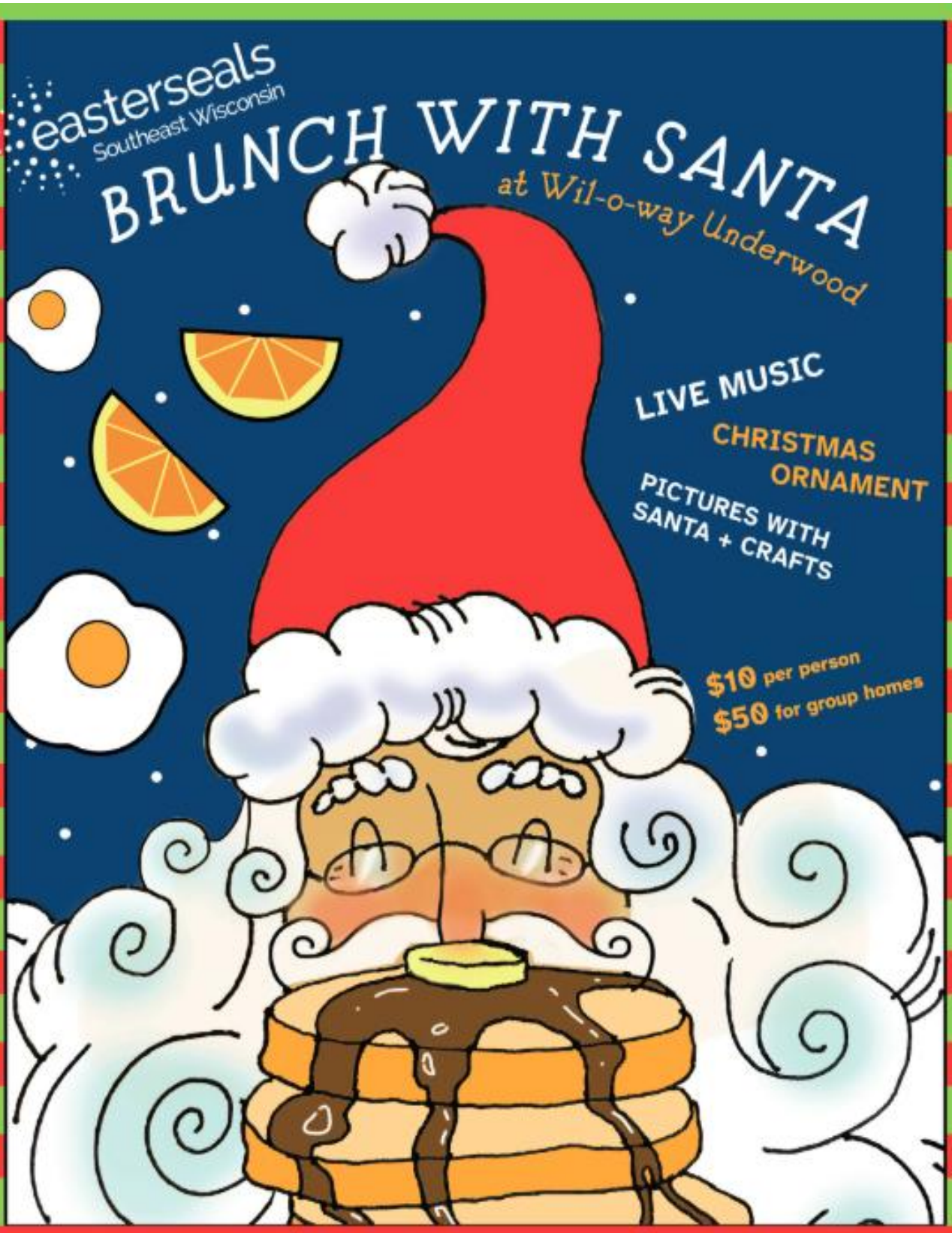
# BRUNCH WITH SANTA

at Wil-o-way Underwood



LIVE MUSIC

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

PICTURES WITH SANTA + CRAFTS

**$10** per person

**$50** for group homes

REGISTER HERE

## WHEN/WHERE

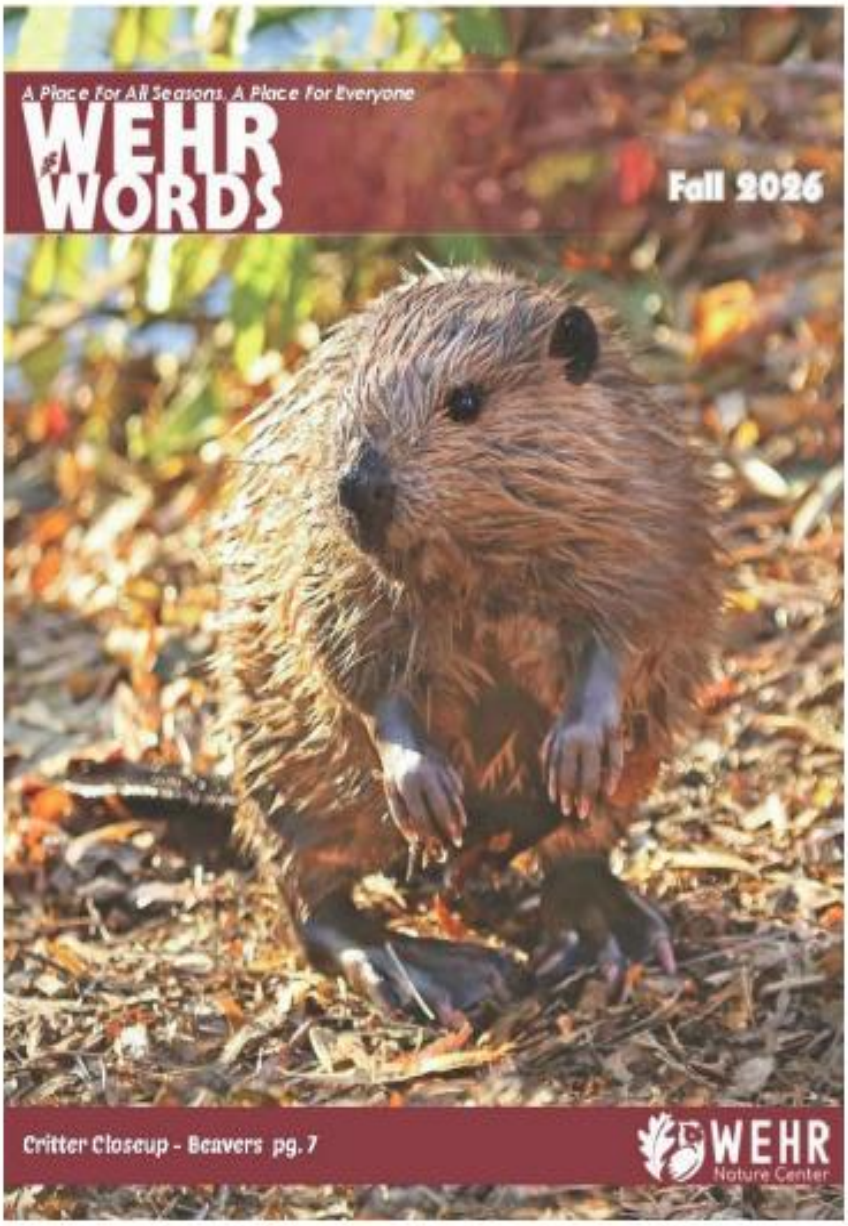
**Saturday, Dec 5, 2026**
**10 AM-12 PM**

**10602 Underwood Pkwy, Wauwatosa**

## BREAKFAST SERVED

**Pancakes, Sausage, Egg Bake, Fruit Cup, Milk, OJ, Coffee**

# WEHR Nature Center




## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Read our Fall newsletter

Learn about upcoming nature programs, and read articles about nature and the latest news from Wehr.

Wehr Nature Center
9701 W College Ave
Franklin WI 53132
(414) 425-8550
wehrnaturecenter.com

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# WEHR NATURE CENTER

## Accessibility Guide

### In the Center



**Family Restroom**

Gender-inclusive bathroom with adult changing table



**Ability Corner**

Free-to-use mobility devices and adaptive equipment
**Ask about:** Braille Trail Maps, Sensory Kits, and more!



**Diverse Programming**

Programs for people of all ages and all abilities.
**Ask about:** Spark! & Operation Recon Nature

### On the Trails



**All-Terrain Trail Chair**

Reservable trail chair to explore all of Wehr's trails



**Observation Blind**

Visit the accessible platform for viewing wildlife with multiple viewing areas and bench



**Accessible Boardwalk**

Explore the 1-mile All Abilities loop with an accessible pier

### A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS, A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Wehr strives to be accessible to all visitors. For accommodation requests or questions, contact emily.brown@milwaukeecountywi.gov or 414-425-8550 or visit our website at: wehrnaturecenter.com/accessibility

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**$1 off parking for Veterans & People with Disabilities**

# empowHER Women & Girls Basketball Game Social

**Location:** Klotsche Arena

Date: Monday November 23rd

**Time:** 5:00pm-8:00pm

FREE, All Abilities, All Ages, Women & Girls

VS.

## Pizza Party & Empowerment Talk 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Enjoy pizza and an inspiring talk on confidence, teamwork, and empowerment with Team USA Paralympian and Coach Christina Schwab!

## Watch Women's Basketball Game 6:00 pm - 7:30pm

Cheer on UWM and Marquette Women's Basketball as we watch the game together!

## Half-Time Demo 6:45pm ish

Get in a sports chair and hit the court for a fun wheelchair basketball scrimmage during halftime!

WASA

WISCONSIN ADAPTIVE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Be Bold. Belong. Become.

GAINBRIDGE ASSISTS

POWERED BY PARITY

NOVEMBER 2026

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF WOMEN'S SPORTS

## Register via the WASA Go App

## Post-Game Social with UWM women's basketball team and coaches 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Enjoy cookies and drinks while meeting and connecting with the UWM players and coaches!

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# Milwaukee County Caregiver Collaborative

*Building a safe, supportive space where family caregivers can connect, reflect, and grow—together.*

**Calling all family caregivers in Milwaukee County!**
**You are invited to join other family caregivers to share experiences, exchange strategies, build supportive relationships, and inform caregiver policies and supports in Milwaukee County.**

## SEPTEMBER



In-Person Meet-Up

**Outdoor Walk and Talk**

**Thursday, September 24**
**5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Gordon Park Pavillion**
*2828 N. Humboldt Boulevard*
*Milwaukee, WI 53212*

## OCTOBER



In-Person Meet-Up

**Caregiver Exchange**

*Resources & Discussion about Respite*
*hosted by Shenelle Snowden*
*Founder of Legacy Home & Respite Care Foundation*

**Saturday, October 17**
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Washington Park Library**
*2121 N. Sherman Boulevard*
*Milwaukee, WI 53208*

## DECEMBER



Virtual Meet-Up

**Online Caregiver Exchange**
*with Resources & Discussion*

**Tuesday, December 8**
**5:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Online**
*Microsoft Teams*

*Join us for Individual Reflection, Group Support and Resources.* *RSVP's are helpful but not required.*

RSVP

(414) 309-7179

caregiversupport@milwaukeecountywi.gov

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One-On-One

# MEDICAID INFORMATION SESSIONS

*Get your questions about Medicaid answered*



## Will you be affected by the upcoming changes to Medicaid?

The **Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Benefit Enrollment Center** is hosting in-person sessions with confidential guidance.

**WHERE:** Coggs Health & Human Services Center
1230 W. Cherry St., Milwaukee

**WHEN:** 2nd Thursday of each month
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

*No appointment needed*

### UPCOMING DATES:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| September 10, 2026 | January 14, 2027 | April 8, 2027 |
| October 8, 2026 | February 11, 2027 | May 13, 2027 |
| November 12, 2026 | March 11, 2027 | June 10, 2027 |
| December 10, 2026 | | |

*If you are unable to attend the monthly events, visit the Marcia P. Coggs Health & Human Services Center anytime, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, to speak with a Benefits Specialist for assistance.*

Scan the QR code to access more resources and information!

MedicaidHelpMKE.com

The Milwaukee County Benefit Enrollment Center has helped hundreds of older residents and residents with disabilities access the benefits they need. **We know many others still need support.**

Visit the Coggs Center to learn how older adults and adults with disabilities can access programs such as:

- Medicaid
- FoodShare
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Extra Help (LIS), which assists with prescription drug costs

**Employ Milwaukee** will be at each monthly event with employment and job training resources.

**Winged Victory Project** advocacy program staff will also be available.

*In collaboration with Harvard Business School's U.S. Competitiveness Project* ***Young American Leaders Program (YALP).***



# MILWAUKEE COUNTY TICKET PROGRAM

## ADMIRALS TICKET REQUEST FORM

### October & November 2026

Please complete this form and return it *along with a self-addressed STAMPED envelope* to:
**Tickets, Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, 1230 W. Cherry Street, Milwaukee WI 53205.**

Email Ticket Requests are also accepted.
jacqueline.formanek@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Ticket requests will be limited as follows:
**ADMIRALS – Individuals with Disabilities** = 4 tickets per game (Max); **Organizations** = 4 tickets per game (Max).
**LIMITED TO 2 "FREE" GAMES PER MONTH!**
*The ticket program has a limited number of FREE tickets for each game!*
*Additional games, beyond the 2 FREE games can be had at $10 per ticket while supplies last.*

| X = Confirmed *(Office Use Only)* | | Number of Tickets (4 Max) | | | | Place an X | |
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| | | W/C | Comp | LM | Reg | $10 | Free |
| | October 25th, Wolves, 1:00pm | | | | | | |
| | October 28th, Moose, 7:00pm | | | | | | |
| | November 10th, Wild, 10:30am | | | | | | |
| | November 14th, Wolves, 6:00pm | | | | | | |
| | November 28th, IceHogs, 6:00pm | | | | | | |
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W/C = Wheelchair Platform Seating
Comp = Companion
LM = Limited Mobility Aisle Seats
Reg = Regular Seating

**Payment By Credit Card Only!** – (Please circle appropriate card)

Mastercard Visa American Express

Acct. # _____

Exp. Date: _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

W-D-W Card No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Special Needs: _____



***WELCOME!***

MC Access and Corporate Groups! Save up to 50% for select performances and seating at the Marcus Performing Arts Center! Click the link below or scan the QR code to see our great programming, select your seats, save, and enjoy!

## Best in Broadway

**Jersey Boys**
October 20 -25, 2026

**The Sound of Music**
November 24 - 29, 2026

**SIX**
February 2 - 7, 2027

## MPAC Presents




**Ghostbusters in Concert**
October 9, 2026



**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**
October 14 & 15, 2026



**Sugar Skull**
October 30, 2026



**Gravity and Other Myths**
November 13, 2026

**Check back frequently as performances are added!**
**Prices and performances are subject to change.**
Offer good via link only, not available at box office or phone orders.

**CLICK HERE or scan THE QR to order tickets:**

***Important: Please discard any previous MC Access codes or offers. This new link is the only valid access point for corporate ticketing.***

*To continue receiving these offers or to add additional contacts, please reply to JBarnes@marcuscenter.org.*

*We look forward to welcoming you to MPAC soon.*

**ILLEGALLY PARKS CARDS**

You are *ILLEGALLY* PARKED!

@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.







**PRIVATE PARTY RENTALS**

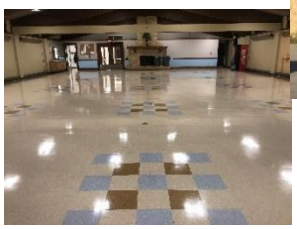
Looking to book your next family gathering or community-group event? Weddings, family reunions, birthday parties, graduations, showers, organizational meetings, are among the many events held here each year. Both Wil-O-Way facilities are in beautiful Milwaukee County parks. The buildings are accessible 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

- Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center • 1230 W Cherry St • Milwaukee County 53205
- (414) 239-5679 • 711 (TRS)

**Office Persons with Disabilities Website**