



2nd District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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Milwaukee Community Justice Council Executive Committee
(*Evidence Based Decision Making Policy Team*)

Milwaukee County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Milwaukee County Historical Society Board of Directors

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Three Harbors Council of Scouting America Executive Committee and Board Member

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Dear Neighbors,

It continues to be an honor to represent the constituents of District 2, encompassing Riverwest, Rufus King, the Lincoln Park neighborhoods, and parts of the City of Glendale and much of the Village of Brown Deer.

I remain committed to working hard for our community's growth and well-being. A major concern for Milwaukee County residents — and for citizens in nearby counties and northern Illinois — is the condition of the Mitchell Park Domes. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has made a capital funding commitment to restore the Domes, in partnership with the Milwaukee Domes Alliance (MDA), formerly known as the Friends of the Domes, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1989.

The Milwaukee Domes Alliance's mission is to provide inspirational experiences at the Domes that restore connections to nature and community. The MDA has provided financial and programmatic support and operates at the Domes pursuant to an agreement dated December 13, 2019. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive have approved a \$30 million commitment, to be paid over six years, to rehabilitate the Domes and surrounding facilities.

As your representative, my top priority is meeting the needs that matter most to you. My office remains actively engaged in improving service delivery throughout District 2 and Milwaukee County. This includes investing in vital infrastructure, expanding accessible transit options, and supporting meaningful community programs to ensure that every family can benefit from the full range of County resources and services available.

I've enjoyed connecting with many of you this year at events like the County's Office of Equity Days, the OYAM Foundation's Back-to-School Giveaway, conversations with Glendale residents, meetings with Lincoln Park's "Residents for Change" and the Village of Brown Deer's Juneteenth Day Celebration.

I encourage all constituents and neighborhood groups to stay engaged — to reach out, share your perspectives, and continue working together to make our community an even better place to live, work, and thrive. We are here to serve you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Willie Johnson, Jr.
Milwaukee County Supervisor
District 2



The OYAM Foundation participated in a 2025 "Back-to-School Giveaway" representing the Garden Homes Neighborhood.

Milwaukee Public Museum/Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin Project Update



The new Milwaukee public museum (to be called the Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin) is currently being constructed on 6th and McKinley in the Deer District. The foundation was finished in 2023, and by late 2024, crews had started work on the first two floors. By spring 2025, four of the five stories were complete. The exterior is now being enclosed with 670 precast stone panels arranged in a curved, bluff-like design. All major work is on schedule: officials expect to enclose the building by the end of 2025 and finish interiors so the museum can open in early 2027.

The total construction budget is roughly \$240 million. This is covered by a mix of public and private funds. Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin have each pledged roughly \$45M and \$40M respectively. Milwaukee County's share is funded via its new 0.4% sales tax. The balance will come from philanthropy and grants. The Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) has been fundraising \$150 million from private donors to complete the package.

The new museum will have five permanent galleries across four floors, plus special features and amenities. Key galleries include:

- **Time Travel:** A prehistoric journey through Paleozoic, Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras.
- **Wisconsin Journey:** Showcasing Wisconsin's natural landscapes and cultural history.
- **Milwaukee Revealed:** An immersive old-Milwaukee streetscape with local history exhibits.
- **Living in a Dynamic World:** Five "landscape" halls (desert, Arctic, islands, grasslands, mountains) illustrating global ecosystems.
- **Rainforest & Butterfly Vivarium:** A rebuilt tropical rainforest experience, including a live butterfly garden.

Additional features will include a state-of-the-art Daniel M. Soref Planetarium and dome theater, a rooftop terrace and enclosed butterfly garden, plus a café, gift shop, parking garage and other visitor amenities.

Public input has been central to the project. MPM reports that exhibit themes and designs were shaped by extensive community feedback: thousands of Wisconsinites took surveys and joined focus groups to identify the museum's core "pillars" and gallery concepts. An inclusive oversight committee (including educators, tribal and cultural leaders, scientists, and others) guided content decisions. Exhibit designers even toured Wisconsin, meeting local citizens and tribal representatives to incorporate diverse perspectives. Museum leaders emphasize that each new gallery was developed with the input of community members, curators, educators, and scientists.

Milwaukee County Commits \$9 Million to Fight Opioid Crisis

Milwaukee County is taking a decisive step in addressing the ongoing opioid crisis. On August 13, County Executive David Crowley and County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson signed legislation approving more than \$9 million in opioid settlement funds to support seven targeted projects aimed at opioid use disorder (OUD) abatement, prevention, and recovery.

This investment, made possible through national opioid settlement agreements, will fund programs designed to fill critical gaps in care, expand prevention and outreach efforts, and enhance access to life-saving recovery resources.

Chairwoman Nicholson emphasized the importance of using the funds strategically to save lives and improve public health outcomes across Milwaukee County.

The projects funded will include:

- Expanding treatment and recovery services.
- Increasing public health outreach and education.
- Supporting community organizations dedicated to prevention.
- Enhancing crisis response capacity.

U.S. Representative Gwen Moore joined County leaders and local partners at the announcement, underscoring the importance of collaborative action in addressing addiction and recovery needs.

As your County Supervisor, I fully support these efforts. Opioid addiction has touched every corner of our community, and this legislation ensures we're not only responding to the crisis but actively working to prevent future harm. By focusing on comprehensive solutions, we can move toward a healthier, safer Milwaukee County.

Legislation Authored and Co-Sponsored by Sup. Johnson, Jr.

- **25-427:** A resolution requesting the development of a comprehensive policy framework for facial recognition technology that does not suppress First Amendment related activities, violate privacy, or otherwise adversely impact individuals' civil rights and liberties.
- **25-376:** A resolution supporting Milwaukee County's Partnership with City Wise to Enhance Access to Rental Housing Information and Listings.
- **25-295:** A resolution affirming Milwaukee County's dedication to justice, safety, and access at the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex.
- **25-221:** A resolution recognizing February 18 as Vel Phillips Day in Milwaukee County to celebrate the life and legacy of The Honorable Vel Phillips.



Juneteenth Day 2025



Above left: Supervisor Johnson, Jr. participated in the 2025 Juneteenth Day Parade festivities with Supervisor Anne O'Connor, and a Freedom Day celebrant. Above right: Supervisor Johnson, Jr. celebrating Juneteenth Day with Governor Tony Evers.

Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. Named 2025 "Man of the Year" by Top 100 Registry

The Top 100 Registry of Business Leaders & Professionals has honored Milwaukee County Supervisor Dr. Willie Johnson, Jr. as a 2025 Man of the Year, recognizing his outstanding efforts and achievements in public service.



Since his election in 2000, Supervisor Johnson has been a tireless advocate for small businesses and minority- and women-owned businesses, ensuring they have opportunities to participate in county contracts. He has also championed professional service providers, including legal and accounting firms, and has fought for community benefits, such as a prevailing wage.

Friends of Estabrook Park



Supervisor Johnson, Jr. attended the Friends of Estabrook Park picnic.

New Nonstop Flights Added at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport

Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE) continues to expand its travel offerings in 2025 with several new nonstop flight options:



- Frontier Airlines will launch nonstop service to Tampa International Airport (TPA) beginning March 7, 2025, operating three times per week.
- Spirit Airlines is adding nonstop weekend service to Los Angeles (LAX), Baltimore (BWI), and Nashville (BNA) – offering travelers more flexibility for weekend getaways.
- Southwest Airlines will begin daily nonstop service to San Diego (SAN) starting October 2, 2025, and will also launch daily service to Austin, Texas (AUS) on March 6, 2025.
- These new routes enhance connectivity and provide greater convenience for Milwaukee-area travelers seeking both leisure and business destinations.
- The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at www.flymke.com



What's Blooming at the Domes

Beyond its breathtaking plant collections, the Domes offers year-round programming for all ages. From hands-on youth field trips and bilingual story times to memory-friendly SPARK! Sessions and immersive cultural celebrations, there's always something new to discover. Seasonal show dome displays, art events, and nature-based workshops ensure every visit feels fresh – and keeps the community connected to this unique Milwaukee treasure. Explore upcoming events at milwaukeedomes.org/events.



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1.** If you want detailed information, please go to: www.impactinc.org/impact-211.



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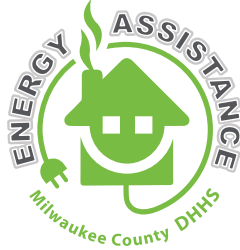
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Energy Assistance is Available



Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!

1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.

- Apply October 1 - May 15.
- Visit **KeepWarmMKE.org** or
- Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

3. All appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.



For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Service Guide for 2nd District Milwaukee County Residents

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Aging and Disability Resource Center ... (414) 289-6874

Airports

Mitchell International Airport (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport (414) 461-3222

Child Support Services (414) 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Courts (414) 278-5362

Community Reintegration Center (414) 427-4700

County Board of Supervisors (414) 278-4222

County Clerk (414) 278-4067

County Executive (414) 278-4211

County Treasurer (414) 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims)..... (414) 278-5362

Criminal Division (414) 278-4538

Children's Division (414) 257-7700

District Attorney's Office (414) 278-4646

Election Commission (414) 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff General Information (414) 278-4766

Sheriff (non-emergency) (414) 278-4788

TDD Emergency..... (414) 278-5252

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours)..... (414) 585-1163

Emergency Management (24 hours)..... (414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention (414) 257-7222

Mental Health Crisis(414) 257-7222

Fraud Hotline (414) 93-FRAUD

Health and Human Services.....(888) 947-6583

Jury Services

General Information.....(414) 278-4469

Reserve Juror Message.....(414) 985-6000

Marcus Performing Arts Center.....(414) 273-7121

Medical Examiner.....(414) 223-1200

Milwaukee Art Museum (414) 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society... (414) 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks (414) 257-7275

Organized Sports.....(414) 257-8030

Golf Office (414) 257-8024

Boerner Botanical Gardens..... (414) 525-5600

Mitchell Park Domes (414) 257-5600

District 2 Parks

AC Hanson Park (414) 352-7502

Algonquin Park (414) 352-7502

Brown Deer Park (414) 352-7502

Estabrook Park (414) 964-0064

Havenwoods State Forest (414) 527-0232

Kern Park..... (414) 964-0064

Lincoln Park (414) 964-0064

Meaux Park (414) 964-0064

Smith Park (414) 461-0839

Wyrick Park (414) 461-0839

Milwaukee County Sports Complex (414) 281-2694

Milwaukee County Zoo (414) 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum (414) 278-2728

Municipalities

Brown Deer (414) 371-3000

Glendale..... (414) 228-1700

Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council (414) 286-2221

Milwaukee Night Number (414) 286-CITY (2489)

Office of Persons with Disabilities (414) 278-3932

Register in Probate (414) 278-4444

Register of Deeds (414) 278-4021

Rent Assistance..... (414) 278-4894

Senior Centers

Clinton & Bernice Rose Senior Center (414) 263-2255

Kelly Senior Center (414) 481-9611

McGovern Park Senior Center (414) 527-0990

Washington Park Senior Center..... (414) 933-2332

Wilson Park Senior Center (414) 282-5566

Serving Older Adults (414) 933-2332

Transit System - www.ridemcts.com

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares (414) 344-6711

Customer Comments..... (414) 937-3218

Transit Plus..... (414) 343-1700

UW-Extension..... (414) 615-0550

Veterans Services (414) 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service (414) 278-4667