



13th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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National Forum for Black Public Administrators

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Milwaukee County Historical Society Board of Directors



Dear Neighbors,

FALL 2019

Milwaukee County has been forced to delay necessary maintenance in our parks and facilities and put off important investments in public infrastructure and popular cultural venues for far too long. Deep budget cuts have threatened public services that our county depends on every day.

Therefore, Milwaukee County leaders have joined together with business and community leaders to propose a Fair Deal for Milwaukee County. The Fair Deal proposal would create a new partnership with the State of Wisconsin to protect public services and invest in our future.

The Fair Deal for Milwaukee County Workgroup brought together a diverse group of stakeholders – from community advocates to business interests – who all share one thing in common: they each understand the importance of the services that local government provides and are committed to being part of a solution.

Members of the workgroup, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council, which is made up of every executive from Milwaukee County's 19 municipalities, each unanimously approved this set of recommendations. These proposals are an important step in creating a strong and united voice for Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee County collects revenue through a variety of sources, such as property taxes and user fees. Much of the tax revenue collected by Milwaukee County is sent to the State of Wisconsin. Some of the tax revenue sent to Madison comes back to Milwaukee County to help fund state-mandated and other services. How much comes back to Milwaukee County as "shared revenue" is determined by a well-intentioned formula that has produced unintended consequences.

In 2009 Milwaukee County sent about \$2.1 billion in tax revenue to the state. By 2015 (the most recent year for which data is available), the total amount of revenue Milwaukee County collected and sent to Madison had grown to more than \$2.5 billion.

Milwaukee County is now sending at least \$400 million dollars more each year to the state than it did in 2009. (The number is likely closer to \$500 million, although State of Wisconsin data isn't available after 2015.)

Despite this massive increase in Milwaukee County revenue going to the state, very little of that additional revenue came back to Milwaukee County. We need a fair deal!!

Sincerely,

Willie Johnson, Jr.
Milwaukee County Supervisor
District 13



Supervisor Johnson, Jr. testifying on proposed legislation during a meeting of the Milwaukee County Board.

Board Recognizes MCTS Bus Drivers

County Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. recognized County bus operators from District 13 for coming to the aid of vulnerable young children they encountered while driving their route. "The Milwaukee County bus operators we're recognizing today went above and beyond what is required of them in order to protect the lives of children in harm's way. They exemplify the spirit of public service, and they have inspired our community to take better care of one another," said Supervisor Johnson, Jr.



MCTS bus drivers Cecelia Nation-Gardner, Karen Martinez-Casper, Irena Ivic, Dianna Serrano, and Jeannie Mitchell were recognized at the June 2019 County Board meeting. Shown here with Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, and Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.

Everyone Counts in the 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is rapidly approaching. April 1, 2020 is Census Day and it is important that everyone in the greater Milwaukee County area and our state is counted.

The primary purpose of the census, as mandated by the United States Constitution, is to decide the number of representatives each state gets in Congress. The data also helps define districts at the national and state level. Every year, Congress distributes over \$800 billion in funding to states, counties and cities nationwide based on census data. The volume of people in a defined area helps federal officials determine funding distributions for public safety, health, education, transportation, and more. Wisconsin receives approximately \$12.6 billion in federal funding annually based on census data alone.

When you receive your invitation from the U. S. Census Bureau to take part in the census, please complete the brief survey and return it right away. You will have the option to respond online, by mail or telephone.

The Census Bureau is also seeking to hire more 2020 Census workers. To be eligible, you must be 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and email address. To learn more please visit 2020census.gov/jobs.

Please tell everyone you know about the importance of the census. Wisconsin ranked #1 in the response rate to the 2010 Census survey, and we can do it again with your help.

Supervisors Raise Pay for Milwaukee County Corrections Officers

Earlier this summer, the Board of Supervisors increased the pay of correctional officers by six and a half percent at the Milwaukee County Jail, the House of Correction (HOC), and youth correctional facilities.

On June 16 wages for correctional offices at all pay grades jumped by more than a dollar an hour. Starting pay increased from \$18.53 to \$19.73 an hour.

The Board of Supervisors increased pay for correctional officers in part to help Milwaukee County's justice facilities recruit and retain staff.

County facilities have struggled with recruitment and retention for many years. This is in large part due to higher starting pay for similar jobs in neighboring counties.

The Board of Supervisors set aside \$500,000 in the 2019 budget for pay increases and asked the Director of Human Resources for recommendations on how to most effectively use the funds to improve recruitment and retention.

As a result of the County Board's effort, pay for corrections officers increased by a total of six and half percent.

For more information about jobs at the House of Correction, visit www.hocmke.com or for information about all correctional officer jobs in Milwaukee County, visit county.milwaukee.gov/jobs.

Senior Statesman District Representatives

Milwaukee County's Senior Statesman Program provides seniors with an understanding of county government decision-making, particularly through the legislative process.



Supervisor Johnson, Jr., Supervisor Jason Haas and Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. with District 13 constituents Geralyn Juettner (left) and Shirley Sharp, who participated in the 2019 Senior Statesman Program.

Celebrating Black History Month

Every February since 1976, the United States has celebrated the achievements of African-Americans during Black History Month. The month-long celebration puts those accomplishments and milestones into focus via the media and in classrooms. This annual celebration of achievements by African Americans has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed unofficially in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.



Left: Supervisor Johnson, Jr. presenting at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum. Right: Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde, Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Alderman Khalif Rainey, Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, and Supervisor Felesia A. Martin.

Safety Grant Paves the Way for Safer Roads in Whitefish Bay



Motorists, pedestrian and bicyclists throughout the Village of Whitefish Bay will be safer on area roads. The replacement of the traffic signal at the intersection of Silver Spring Drive and Bay Ridge Avenue was just the beginning. Further enhancements include safety improvements at 14 intersections throughout the Village, improvements to Silver Spring Drive and the replacement of the traffic signal at its intersection with Santa Monica Boulevard. Also included are numerous improvements along Lake Drive.

Work on existing crosswalk pavement will involve removing paint using a water jetting process which will create noise, but is necessary for properly repainting crosswalks, parking lines etc.

The contractor has requested water jetting and paint work be done during overnight hours (8:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.) to avoid traffic backups, lane closures, limit impact to businesses and worker safety.

The Public Works Department staff understands the inconvenience that this project creates for you and greatly appreciates your patience and understanding. Please be careful, slow down and pay extra attention when driving around this and all construction zones.

If you should have any questions regarding this project, feel free to contact John Edlebeck, P.E., Director of Public Works at (414) 962-6690 ext. 114 or j.edlebeck@wfbvillage.org. If you have problems after business hours call the Whitefish Bay Police at (414) 962-3830. Information provided compliments of the of Village Whitefish Bay.

Voting Matters!

Milwaukee County's Free Birth Certificate Program will continue through the end of this year.

The Free Birth Certificate Program helps people get a photo ID for voting purposes, or, for youth aged 15-21, to apply for a job.

The Board of Supervisors provided funding in the 2019 county budget to cover the cost of accessing and printing 1,000 birth certificates. In response to public interest, Register of Deeds Israel Ramon approved funding for an additional 400 birth certificates through the end of the 2019. The program is available to anyone born in Wisconsin.

Those who wish to take advantage of the Free Birth Certificate Program can stop in to the Register of Deeds office at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, located at 901 N. 9th Street, Room 103, or by visiting bit.ly/MKEBirthCert for more information.

It typically takes 10-15 minutes to request and receive a copy of a birth certificate in person after an application has been completed and submitted.





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From left: Alderwoman Milele Coggs, Supervisor Johnson, Jr., Alderman Nic Kovac, and Representative Kalan Haywood celebrating the 4th of July.

Supervisor Johnson, Jr. Invites You to Enjoy These FREE Milwaukee County Attractions

 <p>Thank You Thursday Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of every month. Visit mpm.edu for more info.</p>	 <p>Family FREE Days & Special Holidays 2019: 11/2, 12/7, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Visit milwaukeezoo.org for more info.</p>	 <p>FREE for all visitors the first Thursday of every month Visit mam.org for more info.</p>	 <p>FREE the first Thursday of every month for County residents Excludes major holidays. Visit milwaueedomes.org for more info.</p>	 <p>FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month Visit villaterrace.org for more info.</p>	 <p>FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month Visit charlesallis.org for more info.</p>
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Service Guide for 13th District Milwaukee County Residents

County Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.....278-4233	Fraud Hotline.....93-FRAUD	District 13 Parks
Airports	House of Correction	Atkinson Triangle (936 W. Atkinson Ave.)..... 964-0064
Mitchell International Airport 747-5300	General and Visiting Information427-4700	Carver Park (911 W. Brown St.) 342-0215
Timmerman Airport461-3222	Jury Services	Estabrook Park (4400 N. Estabrook Dr.)..... 964-0064
Child Support Enforcement 615-2593	General Information 278-4468/278-4469	Gordon Park (2828 N. Humboldt Blvd.) 962-8809
Clerk of Circuit Court.....278-5362	Reserve Juror Message 985-6000	Kern Park (3614 N. Humboldt Blvd.) 964-0064
County Clerk 278-4067	Low Income Housing/Rent Assistance..... 278-4894	Milwaukee River Parkway461-0839
County Executive.....278-4211	Marcus Center for the Performing Arts..... 273-7121	Pleasant Valley (1229 E. Concordia Ave.) 962-8809
County Treasurer278-4033	Marriage Licenses/Passports/DNR License... 278-4067	Rose Park (3045 N. Dr. ML King Dr.) 342-0215
Courts	Medical Examiner.....223-1200	Milwaukee County Zoo771-3040
Civil Division (small & large claims)278-4120	Mental Health Complex257-6995	Milwaukee Public Museum..... 278-2702
Criminal Division.....278-4538	Admitting (Emergency).....257-7260	Office of Persons with Disabilities 278-3932
Children's Court257-7700	Milwaukee Art Museum224-3200	Register in Probate278-4444
Department on Aging.....289-6874	Milwaukee County Historical Society273-8288	Register of Deeds.....278-4021
Dept. of Health & Human Services..... 289-6877	Milwaukee County Parks	Transit System
District Attorney's Office	Boerner Botanical Gardens.....525-5600	Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares344-6711
John Chisholm 278-4646	General Information.....257-7275	Customer Comments 937-3218
Election Commission 278-4060	Parks Hotline257-5100	Transit Plus 343-1700
Emergency/Public Safety	Organized Sports257-8030	UW-Extension.....256-4600
Sheriff (non-emergency).....278-4700	Golf Reservations.....475-6222	Veterans Services.....266-1234
Sheriff (non-emergency).....278-4766	Golf Office257-8024	Victim/Witness Service
Burn Center Hotline (24 hours)272-2876		General Information-Felony..... 278-4667
Emergency Management (24 hours)525-5770		City of Milwaukee
Suicide Prevention/Intervention		City Hall/Common Council.....286-2221
Mental Health Crisis.....257-7222		Night.....286-CITY (2489)