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**COUNTY BOARD
 COMMITTEES**

- Parks, Energy & Environment, Vice Chair
- Transportation, Public Works, & Transit
- Personnel

**COMMUNITY
 MEMBERSHIPS**

- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Hide House Community Garden
- South Side Business Club
- Victory Garden Initiative
- Humboldt Park Watch
- South Shore Park Watch
- Garden District Neighborhood Association
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association
- Town of Lake Neighborhood Association

Dear Neighbor,

It has been my honor to serve as your Milwaukee County Supervisor for the past six months. Because I won a special election in April 2011, I had to jump in feet-first. Within minutes of being sworn in, I was in my first County Board meeting. But my work extends beyond the County Courthouse. I have been working with many neighborhood organizations and helping the people that call my office. Here are some of the things I've done since becoming your representative:

- Attending several community meetings each month, sometimes more than one a week;
- Helping launch the new community garden and farmers market at S. 6th & Howard;
- Replacing the dangerous slide at Airport Park with a safe new slide;
- Starting Friends of Saveland Park, with groups planned for eight more parks;
- Being on the dunk tank for the Garden District Family Festival.

People at events and meetings in the Garden District and Bay View have had the chance to meet my family. My young son, Ellison, often accompanies me to evening community meetings. My wife, Stacie, and my daughter, Hari, had the thrill of dunking me at the Garden District Family Festival! As the saying goes, all's fair in love and politics.

I hope that I have earned your support, and I look forward to working with you through the years ahead.

Jason Haas

Supervisor Jason Haas, District 14



Supervisor Haas at his swearing-in ceremony in April.

Milwaukee County Prescription Drug Discount Card



So far, Milwaukee County residents have saved more than \$1.2 million by using the Milwaukee County Prescription Drug Discount Card offered through the National Association of Counties (NACo). The free card offers an average savings of more than 20% off common retail prescription prices. Even bigger savings can be realized through the mail order service, which offers three month supplies of certain medications for up to 50% off.

No enrollment forms or membership fees are required. Regardless of age or income, any Milwaukee County resident without prescription drug coverage can receive the discount. **To obtain a card, contact Supervisor Haas at 414-278-4252 or visit www.caremark.com/naco to print out a card instantly.**



What You Need to Know About the New Voter ID Law

The State has passed a new law that will affect Wisconsin voters. One of the key priorities in our democratic system is an informed electorate. To that end, I have put together a quick summary of some of the changes enacted by the new law.

There will now be specific identification needed to vote, including the following:

- Wisconsin DOT-issued driver's license
- Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service (military ID)
- U.S. passport
- Certificate of naturalization issued no earlier than two years before the date of the election
- An unexpired driver's license or identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- Identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains a date of issuance, student signature and expiration date no later than two years after the date of issuance

Once a mail-in absentee voter provides photo identification, they do not need to continue providing ID with subsequent absentee ballot requests unless their name or address changes.

Mail-in absentee voters are required to provide a photo copy ID with their request for an absentee ballot, unless they request the ballot by fax or email, in which case they must submit the photo copy of their photo ID with the absentee ballot itself.

The address on your ID doesn't need to be current and match your address on the voter list, but if it doesn't, you still have to bring a proof of residency.

You may use an ID that is expired, for voting purposes, as long as it expired after the date of the most recent general election.

The following voters are exempt from having to show a photo ID:

- A military or overseas voter who votes by absentee ballot
- A voter who has a confidential listing, as result of domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking may show their confidential ID card or provide the election inspector with their name and confidential ID serial number

- An absentee voter who is indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness, disability, or infirmity and who has qualified to receive absentee ballots automatically may submit a statement with their ballot signed by an individual who witnesses them voting to verify that the name and address are correct
- An absentee voter who resides in a nursing home, qualified retirement home, community-based residential facility (CBRF), residential care apartment complex, or adult family home where special voting deputies are sent may submit a statement with their ballot signed by the special voting deputy to verify that the name and address of the voter are correct
- An absentee voter residing in a qualified retirement home, CBRF, residential care apartment complex, or adult family home where special voting deputies are NOT sent may submit a statement with their ballot signed by an individual who witnesses them voting to verify that the name and address are correct



Supervisor Haas speaking at a Transit Event in September 2011.

STATE OF TRANSIT

Getting someone to and from work, school, and elsewhere in a safe, reliable, and affordable manner is one of the most vital services that we have in Milwaukee County. Even with this year's budget challenges, it is imperative to make sure this service remains intact. Complicating this issue is the fact that the State of Wisconsin slashed nearly \$7 million in transit funding to Milwaukee County. That cut will soon affect paratransit riders, as the County Executive's proposed budget relies heavily on a substantial one-time federal grant, and on raising the paratransit fare from \$3.25 to \$4.50.

Also, the budget relies on implementing a new Express Bus service, which will affect south side routes. Preserving Route 15 is a top priority for me, and I do not want paratransit rates to rise so steeply. I am looking at all available options. At the many neighborhood meetings I've attended, you have made it clear that transit is a priority for you. I will fight to make it a priority at the County Board as well.



Left: Will Allen and Supervisor Haas at the Garden District Farmer's Market.

Gardens gardens galore!

Over the past few years, we have seen a real boom in the number of food gardens in Milwaukee County. While many of these are in people's backyards and window sills, one of the greatest joys of my first six months in office was helping to create the incredible new Garden District Community Garden at S. 6th Street and Howard Avenue. That garden actually sits on county-owned land. By working with Milwaukee Alderman Terry Witkowski, Simon Landscaping, and volunteers from the Garden District Neighborhood Association, I have helped transform the east side of S. 6th Street into a vibrant community gathering place. Some plot-renters grow food for their families, and some have sold their produce at the adjacent new farmers market. Several of the plots are used to grow food for food pantries, which to date have received over 200 pounds of food from this garden!

Growing Power, which is the last farm still in operation in Milwaukee, started selling produce at the market on October 1. We are thrilled to have them there and bringing more fresh food to the South Side!

Next year, I plan to work with Easter Seals to revive their raised bed gardens at Holler Park. More possibilities exist throughout the County. If you are interested in starting a community garden, or a home garden, please call my office at 278-4252. I look forward to helping you grow good food.

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.



MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

FREE Days for 2011
Dec. 3

FREE Days for 2012
Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 14, Nov. 3 & Dec. 1

Special Holiday:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day 2012 & 2013

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org hours & fees section for additional information.



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

FREE on Mondays

Visit www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/ for additional information.



MITCHELL PARK DOMES

FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Excludes major holidays
Visit www.milwaikedomes.org for additional information.

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Expires September 30, 2012

