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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR



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Dear Friends and neighbors,

Although Spring has officially arrived, some days it sure doesn't feel like it. The weather changes from a beautiful, sunny 60-degree day to blustery, rainy/snowy 30 degrees. That is when I remind myself that we live in Wisconsin.

Last month I brought up County Executive Chris Abele's pay-to-park proposal when explaining my reason for voting against his nominee for Park Director. My position has been constant these past six years: the solution to Milwaukee County's financial problems are not going to be solved by asking the taxpayers for more money. If I am fortunate to come back for another term, I will continue to find ways to generate revenue elsewhere so we don't have to.



Supervisor Taylor speaking at the March 22nd meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

I have said this in the past, and I will say it again, it is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain that we can Move Milwaukee County Forward.

All My Best,

Land Swap

On March 22nd, 2018, the Milwaukee County Board approved (17-1) a land swap arrangement between Milwaukee County, the City of Oak Creek, and the Capstone Quadrangle; this came after it was recommended for approval by the Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee by a vote of 3-1. The land swap will allow Capstone Quadrangle to continue its development of an \$80-\$90 million business park through what was previously county-owned land. The business park is expected to bring anywhere from 1400-1500 new jobs to the Oak Creek are.

Rest assured, however, that Milwaukee County did not simply gift this land away for nothing in return. Rather, in exchange for its land, the County will receive nearby parcels of land to use for public benefit. Portions of the new land received from the private developers will be used for a new neighborhood park to be funded and maintained by the City of Oak Creek at no additional cost to the County. Furthermore, the land swap will also allow for the preservation of a secondary environmental corridor and wetlands that connect the Root River and Oak Creek watersheds, and the management of an existing natural area containing designated critical species habitat.

“The land swap between Milwaukee County and Capstone Quadrangle is a win-win for everybody involved: taxpayers, lovers of parks, and protectors of the environment alike. I think [everyone who worked] with me to see this agreement come to fruition and for listening to my concerns, mainly the guarantee that a new, usable park would be a part of the deal. I applaud the County Board for voting in favor of my resolution,” said Supervisor Taylor.

INVESTITURE OF JUDGE KRISTY YANG



On Friday, March 30th, Supervisor Taylor attended the investiture of Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Kashoua “Kristy” Yang. Judge Yang was born in Laos and emigrated to the U.S. with her family as a 6-year old refugee. Since then, she has called Wisconsin home and currently lives in Oak Creek! Judge Yang earned a computer science degree and worked at Kohler for 6 years before going to law school. Before running, Judge Yang practiced family law and worked on Social Security disability and workers’ compensation. Congratulations, Judge Yang!

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The County Board last met on Thursday, March 22nd. While the most pertinent legislation for the month of March was the aforementioned land swap between the County and a private developer, the month of February brought more than one contentious issue to the forefront of conversation regarding Milwaukee County. One of those was the issue of pay-to-park in County Parks, an idea proposed by the County Executive in his 2018 recommended budget. Supervisor Taylor supported an amendment (1A034) that required a work group, public hearing, and a proposal that needed approval from the Milwaukee County Board before any pay-to-park plan could be implemented. When the possibility of implementing parking fees in the County Parks beginning on June 1st arose, Supervisor Taylor and the rest of the County Board stood in firm opposition to the idea. Supervisor Taylor, in turn, voted in favor of a resolution that would address the subsequent deficit in the Parks Department by making a one-time withdrawal from the County’s unallocated contingency fund.

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will be the Board’s Organizational Meeting, held on Monday, April 16th in Courthouse Room 200. To view the votes on all actions taken by the County Board and its committees, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

WEHR NATURE CENTER

Pop-Up Nature: Earth Day

Sunday, April 22nd
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Learn how your family can be active stewards of our Earth home! There will be games and crafts that teach how we can make a difference, and an Earth Day scavenger hunt along Wehr's trails. From 1-1:30, there will be a naturalist-led activity! [Click here](#) for more information or call (414) 425-8550.

\$5 per family, no pre-registration required. \$3.50 regular parking fee; parking FREE for Friends of Wehr members.



Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



FREE the first Thursday of each month!

Free for all visitors. Visit mam.org for additional details.



"Thank You Thursdays" from 9 am-8 pm!

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of each month. Visit mpm.edu for additional details.



2016 Free Days:
Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Oct. 8, Nov. 5,
Dec. 3

Special Holiday Free Days:
Thanksgiving, Christmas Day &
New Year's Day

Visit milwaukeezoo.org for additional details.



FREE on Mondays from 9 am-Noon!

Excludes major holidays. Visit milwaueedomes.org for additional details.

BOERNER CORNER

Spring Family Event at the Gardens

Sunday, April 1st
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

FREE EVENT! Come hang out with the Easter bunny and join the Friends of Boerner for a morning of make-and-take kid's crafts, an egg hunt, and other fun seasonal activities. For more information, call 414-525-5653 or [click here](#)!

Daytime Senior Yoga: Gentle Yoga for Gardeners

Wednesdays: April 11th, 18th, and 25th
9:30-10:30 a.m.

We all love the beautiful sights and lovely smells of our garden but don't like the aches and pains that sometimes come along with our labor of love. This class will teach simple yet powerful techniques that you can use every day to keep your body happy while in the garden. \$15 general public; \$10 friends of Boerner. Interested or want to register? [Click here](#)!

Southeastern Wisconsin Master Gardener Series

Wednesdays: April 11th, 18th, and 25th
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Get ready for spring planning and planting with this series of useful gardening topics presented by the Southeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners (SEWMG)! Open to all and appropriate for both beginners and experience gardeners alike. Each session is \$5 per person; proceeds support the Friends of Boerner and SEWMG. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.