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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2018 Milwaukee County Budget deliberation is in full swing. If you haven't heard about this already I am sure you will over the next few weeks as the County Executive is waging a media campaign against the County Board in support of his \$30 wheel tax increase.

I held two Town Hall Meetings earlier this month to garner feedback on the \$1.17 billion dollar budget. I heard loud and clear from those in attendance that they were opposed to such a tax hike. The Board is trying its best to adopt a budget that is mindful of the will of the voters and at the same time continues to provide our core services. I won't vote for a budget that does not do so.



Supervisor Taylor at the County Board's Public Hearing on the 2018 Proposed Budget.

Please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have, especially if you were unable to make my two Town Hall Meetings. As I have stated in the past, it is an honor to serve you and together with your help I am certain we can move Milwaukee County forward.

All My Best,

## Get In Touch With Supervisor Taylor

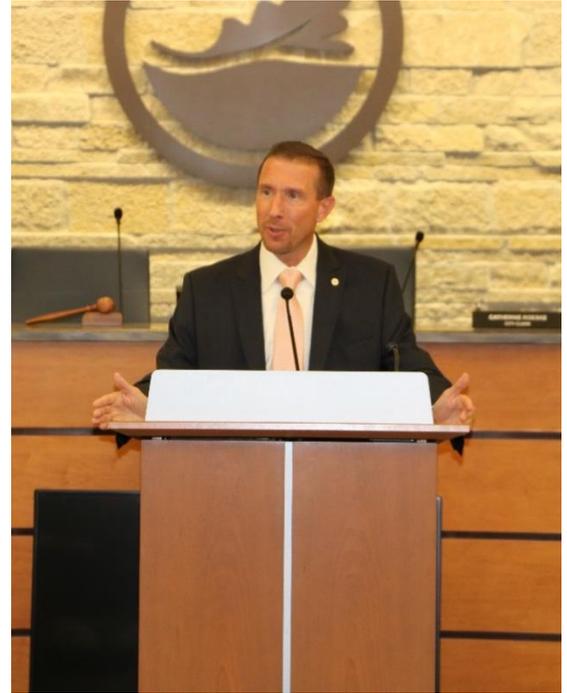
Please contact my office through my website at [www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/Taylor). Feel free to offer comments regarding any matter concerning Milwaukee County. Additionally, you may send an email to sign up for my e-newsletter "Privileged to Serve." The newsletter contains useful information pertaining to my service on the County Board, including highlights of major events, legislation and much more.

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Supervisor Taylor hosted two town hall meetings on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. He held one in Oak Creek at the City Hall Common Council Chambers and the other in Franklin at that City Hall's Common Council Chambers, both of which were open to any and all members of the public.

Every year, Supervisor Taylor hosts anywhere from two to three town halls during the month of October in order to receive input on behalf of the constituents of the 9<sup>th</sup> District regarding the County Executive's annual budget proposal. Supervisor Taylor very much values the public's input on budgetary items because they are the ones that he represents and that trust him with putting their hard-earned tax dollars back into the 9<sup>th</sup> District.

One of the most hot-button topics that arose during the town halls was the County Executive's proposal to increase the County's Vehicle Registration Fee from \$30 to \$60. The majority of public response to this wheel tax increase has been negative as evidenced by multiple e-mails and phone calls on behalf of constituents, in addition to all of those who spoke at the two town hall meetings. Once again, Supervisor Taylor values the public input he has received and will keep it in mind during the upcoming budget adoption.



Supervisor Taylor speaking at his Oak Creek town hall meeting.

## HALES CORNERS PUMPKIN FEST



The Hales Corners Lion Club's Pumpkin Fest returned this year and was once again a resounding success. Supervisor Taylor had the opportunity to speak with constituents and take part in the festivities. Residents of Hales Corners and the surrounding communities enjoyed an evening filled with food, fun, and pumpkin-carving. This year, the Hales Corners Lion's Club provided 400 pumpkins for carving. All residents were able to enter their pumpkins into a carving contest. Afterwards, each person was free to take their work of art home to display for Halloween.

## LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Taylor presented a budget amendment in conjunction with his colleague, Supervisor Dimitrijevic, which will restore \$130,000 to be used for senior center operations across Milwaukee County. This amendment was presented in response to the County Executive's initial budget proposal which called for \$200,000 worth of cuts to the Department on Aging and its senior centers. The amendment was adopted by the Finance and Audit Committee by a vote of 5-1. The Finance Committee will continue budget deliberations until the end of the month.

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Flavors of Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm-7:30 pm

A warm fire welcomes guests to an evening of good food and friends. Beer Barons of Milwaukee will provide specially made seasonal beers to taste. Cheese tasting starts the evening followed by dinner of 3 seasonal stews including one made with one of the Beer Baron's special brews and ending with delicious dessert choices. A silent auction will help raise funds for the FOW Accessibility Project. \$25/person. [Click here](#) to register or learn more!

### Beavers 101

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

What is 60 pounds, eats its weight in plants every month, and can out engineer an MIT graduate? A beaver, of course! Join a naturalist to learn about the amazing life history of Whitnall Park's most fascinating creatures. Pre-registration required. Please call (414) 425-8550 to register or [click here](#) for more details.



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:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

FREE the first Thursday of each month!

Free for all visitors. Visit [mam.org](http://mam.org) for additional details.



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

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

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of each month. Visit [mpm.edu](http://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](http://milwaukeezoo.org) for additional details.



FREE on Mondays from 9 am-Noon!

Excludes major holidays. Visit [milwaueedomes.org](http://milwaueedomes.org) for additional details.

## BOERNER CORNER

### Sunday Brunch

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Zilli Hospitality Group welcomes you to Boerner Botanical Gardens to experience fine cuisine amid a spectacular natural setting. Introducing ZHG's Sunday champagne brunch year-round. The Garden Room's floor-to-ceiling windows bring the beauty of this horticultural showplace right to your table every time of year. To register or for more details, [click here](#).

### Boerner BREWtanical Series

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Discover local Milwaukee breweries, their history, process, and taste their beers! The brewery participating on this date is MobCraft Brewing. Registration is HIGHLY recommended at least 3 days prior to the session. \$15 for the general public, \$10 for Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens members. You must be 21 years old to participate. For more information or to purchase your ticket, please [click here](#).