



17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

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## Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you on the Milwaukee County Board. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be your voice at the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

I thank all who have contacted me throughout this year on issues facing Milwaukee County. Hearing your input is very important in helping me represent you.

Milwaukee County has many excellent recreational opportunities to offer. Included is a list of printed resources available and information on some of the great attractions in Milwaukee County. This holiday season will present a great chance to take advantage of all that Milwaukee County has to offer.

As always, please contact me with your thoughts or concerns regarding Milwaukee County.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas,

**Tony Staskunas**  
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 17th District

## E-Newsletter Update

As a result of significant cuts to the Milwaukee County Board's budget, it will no longer be possible to mail newsletters as frequently. To save tax dollars, I will be starting an E-Newsletter to update you on County news and issues. If you would like to be included as part of this E-Newsletter, please forward your email address to [Tamsyn.Reed@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Tamsyn.Reed@milwaukeecountywi.gov). I am hopeful that you will participate in this E-Newsletter system.



*Supervisor Staskunas spoke about Milwaukee County issues specifically related to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety and General Services and Intergovernmental Relations at the September meeting of the Milwaukee County Board.*

## Scout Lake Park Beer Garden

Milwaukee County has had great success with private-public partnerships to create beer gardens in some Milwaukee County parks. I believe that such a private-public partnership could be successful at Scout Lake Park and greatly enhance and upgrade the park.

The mobile beer garden visiting Scout Lake Park this last summer was a huge success. I have had discussions with Village President Birmingham and other trustees regarding locating a permanent beer garden at Scout Lake Park.

One of my priorities for 2016 will be to work with the Village of Greendale, Milwaukee County Parks, and a private developer to bring a permanent beer garden to Scout Lake Park. I believe that a beer garden would greatly enhance the use of Scout Lake Park and lead to other improvements within the park. In addition, the beer garden would potentially raise \$100,000 per year in revenue for Milwaukee County, badly needed revenue that could be used at Scout Lake Park or other Milwaukee County parks.

I hope that I will be able to report back to you in 2016 that we are making great strides toward progress at Scout Lake Park.

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## Grand Opening of the Greendale Historic Hose Tower



*Supervisor Staskunas attends the grand opening celebration of the Historic Hose Tower with Greendale Village President James Birmingham, other village officials, and members of the Greendale Historical Society.*

On October 25th I was excited to attend the Grand Opening of the Historic Hose Tower in the Village of Greendale. The Historic Hose Tower is one of three public buildings that contribute to Greendale's National Landmark designation by the federal government.

The Hose Tower was built in 1939 and was used by the Greendale Volunteer Fire Department. Through a partnership with the Village of Greendale and the Greendale Historical Society, the Hose Tower has been restored and will now be used as a community center. Many village residents contributed their time and money to the restoration of the Hose Tower. I am pleased that Milwaukee County was able to participate in a small way with the contribution of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Congratulations to the Village of Greendale, the Greendale Historical Society, and all Greendale residents on this wonderful achievement!

## Fresh Mobile Market



*Earlier this year Milwaukee County adopted the Sowing, Empowering and Eliminating Deserts of Food (S.E.E.D.) program in an effort to work toward eradicating food deserts throughout Milwaukee County. As part of the program, the Hunger Task Force will operate the Fresh Mobile Market (pictured above) to help ensure everyone has access to fresh fruit and vegetables.*

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## Supporting Victims Of Crime



*Supervisor Staskunas and Nina Salarno of Crime Victims United.*

On September 28, 2015, Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. convened a group of elected officials and law enforcement to consider the creation of an organization dedicated to supporting the rights of crime victims. I was honored to be a part of this first meeting.

The Wisconsin organization will be based on Crime Victims United of California, created by Nina Salarno and her parents following the brutal murder of Ms. Salarno's sister in 1979. The Salarno family was then further victimized by having no voice and no role in the criminal justice system. The Salarno family decided to devote themselves to defending and enhancing the rights of crime victims and their families.

The mission of this task force in Wisconsin will be to create a safer, more effective criminal rehabilitation and re-entry system, and to establish and protect fundamental rights of crime victims and their families. I am excited to join with Sheriff Clarke in defending the rights of crime victims and their families and making sure that their rights are protected and their voices are heard as part of our criminal justice system.

## Wehr Nature Center's Accessible Amphitheater Is Now Open!



The Wehr Nature Center amphitheater has been regraded and resurfaced for better access for all. It now features a new patio at the top center of the amphitheater, new amphitheater benches made of recycled plastic composite, and a new level path of permeable pavers connecting the amphitheater to accessible boardwalk. These changes will also aid in addressing the water quality in Mallard Lake and Root River. Funds for the project were raised by Friends of Wehr as part of its Accessibility Project.



**Personalized bricks and amphitheater benches available through Friends of Wehr!**

## Bus Stop Improvements

As winter approaches, bus shelters become more and more important to the transit riders of Milwaukee County. Some of these projects include the installation of shelters at high frequency stops as well as new pads that are jointly being installed thanks to the efforts of New Freedom and to local municipalities. To date, nearly 30 bus pads have been completed using New Freedom, 5310 grant funding. An additional 100+ pads have been improved using other revenue sources mostly by DOT and local municipalities. A few locations to look out for where shelters will be going up this fall include: S. 6th St. at National Ave. along Route 80, National Ave. at Caesar Chavez along Route 23 and the Blue Line, and Capitol Dr. at N. 60th St. along Route 62 and the Red Line. Each of these stops sees an average of 100+ riders per day. These shelters will ensure your protection from the elements in the cold months ahead.



## Annual Budget Public Hearing



*Supervisor Staskunas and colleagues on the County Board listen to public testimony on November 2 at the Annual Public Hearing on the 2016 Milwaukee County Recommended Budget at the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes. About 250 members of the public attended the hearing.*

## Voter ID Rules

Wisconsin law now requires a voter ID to vote. Plan now to make sure you have an acceptable photo ID to vote in the next elections, February 16th and April 5th.

**On Election Day, voters must show one of the following photo ID's before they can cast a ballot:**

- Wisconsin Driver's License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card
- U.S. Passport Book or Card



**These forms of ID are also acceptable:**

- A Certificate of Naturalization, within 2 years of issuance
- Driver's License receipt of and ID Card receipt issued by WI DOT, within 45 days of issuance
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian tribe
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college, along with an enrollment verification document. Valid for 2 years from the date of issuance. (You should contact your local clerk, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, or your college or university for specifications.)

If you do not have a valid Wisconsin Driver's License or State ID, you can receive a free State ID from your local DMV if you specifically request it for voting purposes. If you do not have a birth certificate, the DMV can help with that as well. Please contact your local DMV for more information.



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## North Cape Road & St. Martins Road Construction Updates

Earlier this year, Milwaukee County completed a reconstruction of S. North Cape Rd. The northern portion of the reconstruction took place between April and July. The southern portion began in mid-July and, as of this writing should be completed shortly. Milwaukee County is planning to transfer jurisdiction of North Cape Road to the City of Franklin next fall, in conjunction with the street's reconstruction. Milwaukee County will be reconstructing St. Martins beginning in April 2016, concluding by the end of September 2016 with the transfer of the road to the City of Franklin in 2017.

## Tentative Schedule of Major Public Works Projects in the 17th District:

- 2015 - Whitnall Park Bridges over Root River
- 2016 - West St. Martins Road: North Cape Rd. to Lovers Lane Rd.
- 2016 - W. Rawson Ave. S. North Cape Rd. to S. Hawthorne Ln. (Mill and overlay)
- 2017 - W. Ryan Rd.: 95th St. to 112th St.

## Supervisor Staskunas Invites You To Enjoy Free Milwaukee County Attractions!

 <p><b>800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee</b>  <b>(414) 278-2728</b>  <a href="http://www.mpm.edu">www.mpm.edu</a></p> <p>Kohl's Thank You Thursdays:        Free to all the first Thursday of every month. County residents get \$2 off every day.</p>	 <p>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM</p> <p><b>700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee</b>  <b>(414) 224-3200 • <a href="http://www.mam.org">www.mam.org</a></b></p> <p>Free the first Thursday of every month for all visitors, sponsored by Meijer.</p>
 <p><b>524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee</b>  <b>(414) 257-5611</b>  <a href="http://www.milwaikedomes.org">www.milwaikedomes.org</a></p> <p>Free on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for Milwaukee County residents. Excludes major holidays.</p>	 <p><b>10001 W. Bluemound Rd.</b>  <b>Milwaukee • (414) 256-5412</b>  <a href="http://www.milwaukeezoo.org">www.milwaukeezoo.org</a></p> <p>2016 Free Days: 1/9, 2/6, 3/5, 10/8, 11/5, 12/3, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day &amp; New Year's Day.</p>