



Fall 2019

17TH DISTRICT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

TONY STASKUNAS

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEES

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your County Supervisor this past year. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be your voice at the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

I thank everyone who has contacted me throughout the year on the important issues facing Milwaukee County. Hearing your input is very important in helping me to represent you.

In this newsletter, you will find information about the 2020 Milwaukee County budget, an update on the plan to revitalize the Mitchell Park Domes and much more.

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

Sincerely,

Tony Staskunas
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 17th District



Supervisor Staskunas speaks at the Fair Deal Town Hall on April 22 at Franklin Public Library.

Balancing our Budget and Solving the County's Biggest Challenge

Setting and adopting a balanced 2020 budget will be a difficult process of many hard choices. Choices about where to cut - instead of where to invest - due to a lack of adequate revenue. Available funding for next year is \$15 million less than what we need to maintain services and operations at current levels, which means we must cut \$15 million to balance the 2020 budget.

It's important for all county residents to know that the root cause of our annual budgeting challenges is a structural deficit, which leads to a lack of adequate revenue. In other words, the cost of county operations - providing services, staffing and maintaining facilities - goes up every year due to inflation, but those costs increase at a faster pace than available funding sources can keep up.

Due to this structural deficit, Milwaukee County has cut a cumulative \$278 million out of its budgets since 2012, an average of \$30 million each year. These kinds of cuts are unsustainable, which is why County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., launched the Fair Deal initiative over a year ago.

The Fair Deal proposal offers a number of solutions for fixing the problem of inadequate revenue. One of those solutions is to give Milwaukee County voters control over the decision to bring in additional revenue, through a binding referendum that could be held as soon as next spring.

Milwaukee County has been forced to put off necessary maintenance in our parks and facilities and delay important investments in cultural venues and other public infrastructure for too long. As budget cuts grow larger by the year due to the growing structural deficit, public services that many of us and our neighbors depend on are increasingly at risk.

We have an opportunity to solve our greatest challenge, but we need everyone to join in the effort if we are going to succeed. Find out how you can help at www.milwaukee.gov/fairdeal.

See the 2020 Milwaukee County Budget Timeline on page 2.

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2020 Milwaukee County Budget Timeline

APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2019

Departments begin planning for the following year's budget, presenting plans which are used as suggestions by the County Executive to develop his Recommended Budget.

OCTOBER 1, 2019

On October 1st, the County Executive presents his Recommended Budget to the County Board.

OCTOBER 1-8, 2019

The County Comptroller reviews the Recommended Budget and publishes their annual "Overview."

OCTOBER 10-15, 2019

Departments brief the Finance & Audit – Budget Committee on their budget requests.

OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 6, 2019

County Supervisors present amendments to the Finance & Audit – Budget Committee, which recommends adoption or rejection.

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The County Board holds a public hearing on the budget.

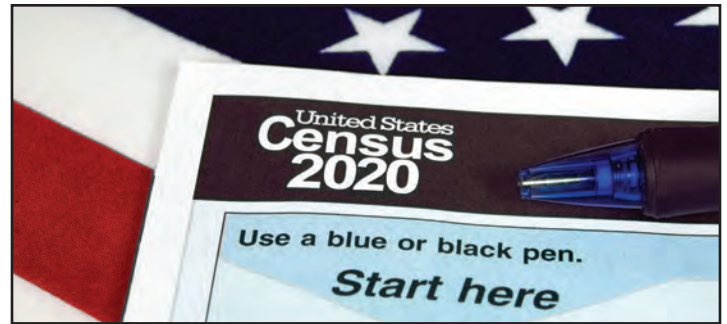
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The County Board votes on amendments to the budget and then adopts the full budget.

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Possible County Board meeting to consider County Executive vetoes (if any).

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 in March 2020, please complete the brief survey and return it right away. You will have the option to respond online, by mail or telephone before Census Day

The Census Bureau is also seeking to hire more 2020 Census workers. To be eligible, you must be 18 years old and have a valid Social Security number. For more information, go to 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.

Promoting Voting Access and Youth Employment

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

This 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.



Mitchell Park Domes Task Force Presents Recommendations

On Wednesday, September 18 ArtsMarket, the consultants tasked with creating a proposal to revitalize the Mitchell Park Domes, presented its \$66 million business plan to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors at a public meeting in the Domes' Annex. The business plan is the culmination of three years of work by the Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes.

The plan calls for rehabilitating the Domes while making other upgrades that include building a new welcome center entrance and retail area, reinstalling gardens throughout the park, and converting the boathouse into an event and catering center. In addition to catering, the Domes would also be home to a new year-round full-service restaurant.

The \$66 million price tag is proposed to be paid for with \$39 million from Historic Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits, a PACE loan for energy-reduction, and Opportunity Zone investment. \$13.5 million is to come from private donations and another \$13.5 million from Milwaukee County bonding.

Supervisors Raise Pay for 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 officers 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 information about jobs at the House of Correction, visit www.hocmke.com.

For information about all correctional officer jobs in Milwaukee County, visit county.milwaukee.gov/jobs.

FREE County Attractions www.milwaukee.gov/freedays	
 <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>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM 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 milwaukeedomes.org for more info.</p>
<p>Charles Allis Art Museum FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month Visit charlesallis.org for more info.</p>	<p>VILLA TERRACE DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month Visit villaterrace.org for more info.</p>



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Supervisor Staskunas addresses the Board of Supervisors at its May 2019 meeting.



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Service Guide for 17th District Milwaukee County Residents

17th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

Tony Staskunas 278-4247

Airports

Mitchell International Airport 747-5300

Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive 278-4211

County Treasurer 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) 278-4120

Criminal Division 278-4538

Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging

General Information 289-6874

Dept. of Health and Human Services 289-6877

District Attorney's Office

John Chisholm 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4700

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4766

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) 525-5770

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD

House of Correction

General and Visiting Information 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information 278-4468/278-4469

Reserve Juror Message 985-6000

Low Income Housing

Rent Assistance 278-4894

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts ... 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic... 278-4067

Medical Examiner

General Information 223-1200

Mental Health Complex

General Information 257-6995

Admitting (Emergency) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum

General Information 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society ... 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600

General Information 257-7275

Parks Hotline 257-5100

Organized Sports 257-8030

Golf Reservations 475-6222

Golf Office 257-8024

Milwaukee County Zoo

General Information 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum

General Information 278-2702

Office of Persons with Disabilities

General Information 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds 278-4021

Sheriff's Department

General Information 278-4766

TDD Emergency 278-5252

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711

Customer Comments 937-3218

Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension 615-0550

Veterans Services 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service

General Information-Felony 278-4667