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You've Got a Friend in Sherman Park!

Our fifth annual Harvest Fest brought families and neighbors to Sherman Park for a festive day filled with laughter and lively music. We're excited to keep this energy growing for years to come with the recent investment of nearly a million dollars for new lighting, upgraded pathways, and a splash pad.



Women of Influence 2026 Honoree

Honored to be named a Woman of Influence by the Milwaukee Business Journal, alongside an inspiring cohort of leaders advancing health equity, civic engagement, education, communications, arts and culture, business, finance, and law. Together, we are building a healthier community where all can live, work, and thrive.

Dear Neighbor,

Looking back on this year, we see how public service is about showing up for our neighbors, listening to our communities, and turning their priorities into action.

We continue our work by improving food access, investing in recovery, protecting public transportation, and advancing a healthier Milwaukee County. From declaring food apartheid a public health emergency to investing in emergency food assistance when faced with federal cuts, we are working to meet immediate needs while building lasting solutions.

We also celebrated the people, cultures, and traditions that make Milwaukee County home. From Juneteenth and Pride to Puerto Rican Fest and Mexican Fiesta, I've been grateful to share these moments with residents and families across our community.

And what a year to be a Milwaukee fan! We celebrated along with all Wisconsinites when the Brewers returned home to Milwaukee County as World Series Champions. We are faithful fans of our community, and we continue to believe and dream big for Milwaukee County.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and the many ways you show up for our community. The progress we make is possible because we do this work together, and I look forward to continuing it with you. We still have work to do, and I remain committed to advocating for reliable transit, strengthening food access, supporting our youngest learners, and protecting the services families depend on.

In Community,

Marcelia Nicholson Bovell

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors



Milwaukee County A to Z

Milwaukee County A–Z

Scan to see English and Spanish versions.

Inspired by my experience as a teacher, I curated an A-Z book about Milwaukee County to encourage our youth to see themselves as future leaders of our community.

Food Access for All

Every family deserves access to fresh, affordable, nutritious food close to home. Milwaukee County is working toward that goal by coordinating with community organizations to remove barriers to food access, expand resources, and strengthen programs that help residents put healthy food on the table. From declaring food apartheid a public health emergency to supporting senior meals and programs like Market Match, we are advancing solutions that meet communities where they are.



Conversations to Creating a Healthy Community - *Food Access & Food Apartheid*

Watch online: county.milwaukee.gov/Nicholson-Bovell

Tune in to Episode 9 of Conversations to Creating a Healthy Community with the DHHS Director. We discussed my first-of-its-kind legislation declaring food apartheid a public health emergency and advancing solutions to expand food access driven by the community, including supporting the efforts of Metcalfe Park Liberation Hub, a gathering space offering community resources and food distribution.









Investing in Milwaukee County's Health

Senior Nutrition Programs + Market Match

At the public hearing on the County's budget, residents shared how rising food costs affect families and emphasized the importance of affordable, nutritious meals. Their voices amplify the need for investments that respond to community priorities.

A budget amendment I authored invests more than $300,000 in Market Match and senior nutrition programs. Market Match makes fresh produce more affordable at farmers' markets, allowing families to stretch their grocery budgets while supporting local farmers. The amendment also strengthens senior nutrition programs to sustain access to healthy meals and the ability of older adults to age with dignity and independence.

Scan here to learn more about the 2027 Milwaukee County budget.

Celebrating the People and Places That Make Milwaukee County Home

Our County, Our Communities, Our Year



Mexican Fiesta Opening Ceremony

At Mexican Fiesta with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, Representative Kalan Haywood, along with Supervisors Caroline Gómez-Tom and Anne O'Connor, celebrating the communities, cultures, and contributions that connect us and make Milwaukee County and Wisconsin a great place to live.

UMOS Mexican Independence Day Parade and Festival

The Board's first-ever banner in Spanish was unveiled at the UMOS Mexican Independence Day Parade with Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell, the first Black Latina elected to lead the Milwaukee County Board, and President José G. Pérez, the first Latino elected to lead the Milwaukee Common Council.







Puerto Rican Festival of Wisconsin

¡Soy puertorriqueña! Puerto Rican Fest feels like being home, surrounded by family and traditions that strengthen our community. Milwaukee County presented a citation to Yussef Morales and the team, recognizing the festival's epic experience at the Summerfest grounds. Our Board team also tabled to share information about County services.

Pride Month

Pride is joy and love! We wave the Pride flag, march together in community, and show up as our authentic selves. Everyone deserves to feel seen, safe, and valued in Milwaukee County all year long.







Honoring the Shoulders We Stand On

Milwaukee County marked the 100th anniversary of Black History Month with a recognition honoring a century of heritage and achievement. The special program featured historian Clayborn Benson and leaders from all branches of Milwaukee County government, County Executive David Crowley, Chief Judge Carl Ashley, and Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell.



Juneteenth Jubilee Parade

You know it's Juneteenth in Milwaukee when the energy is electric! Celebrating the 55th Annual Juneteenth Jubilee, Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell presented a County recognition to Grand Marshal Reuben Harpole, Milwaukee's unofficial mayor.



Summerfest Opening Day

With Miss Juneteenth 2026 at Opening Ceremonies for Summerfest, where people come together for lakeside music and dancing from day into night.





St. Patrick's Day Parade

A little green and a lot of community spirit! It's always wonderful to see our city come together to celebrate the traditions that make Milwaukee such a vibrant community.



Labor Day Parade

My first job was at McDonald's, and later I taught at Milwaukee Public Schools. From the fry station to the classroom, I learned that we are stronger together. That's why I went on to lead a union. On Labor Day, we recognized the workers who build our neighborhoods, and the movement that continues to fight for fair wages and dignity on the job.

Get up-to-date information on FREE Milwaukee County Attractions at: **county.milwaukee.gov/freedays**

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We want people and birds to flock to our parks

That's the only Flock we want in our parks.

Our residents deserve welcoming parks where everyone can enjoy the freedom to simply be. That's why the County Executive and I signed legislation to remove Flock cameras from Milwaukee County Parks. With this policy and follow-up budget action, an existing capital project also has been tapped for the purchase and installation of conventional cameras. Because keeping our parks safe must also come with transparency and accountability, the Sheriff's Office is to report back to the Board in March on how camera locations were selected, the data behind those decisions, and how video footage is to be used.



50 Years of the King Center

We celebrated 50 years of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center bringing families together through learning, recreation, and the arts - a reminder that strong communities are built through connection, opportunity, and service. Congratulations to all who are continuing this legacy for generations to come.



Playground Groundbreaking at Tiefenthaler

Tiefenthaler Park is growing! It was exciting to introduce funding for a new playground and wonderful to celebrate the groundbreaking alongside our neighbors and partners. Every child deserves a place to play, explore, and make memories. I'm grateful to everyone who brought this vision to life.

Investing in Recovery

No family should have to experience the pain of losing a loved one to the opioid epidemic. That's why County Executive David Crowley and I signed legislation at Kosciuszko Park to approve Milwaukee County's latest investment of $7.4 million in the fight to save lives and expand pathways to recovery.



Scan here for a handy list of County phone numbers for 10th District Milwaukee County Residents.

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Advocating for Milwaukee County

Milwaukee is the economic engine of the state, so when we thrive, Wisconsin thrives.



Milwaukee in Madison

From the Governor's State of the State Address to meetings with state leaders, our visits to Madison are about showing up, building partnerships, and advocating for Milwaukee County residents. Our communities deserve investments that help families thrive.



Milwaukee in D.C.

Each year, we bring Milwaukee Night to Washington, D.C., to showcase our region's contributions to the nation. Working with partners, we advance shared priorities to strengthen the Milwaukee region as a world-class place to live, work, and do business.





By Protecting Access to Public Transportation, Our Parks and Green Spaces, We Can Build a Healthier Milwaukee County for Generations to Come

We kicked off Earth Month by signing legislation with County Executive David Crowley that I authored to reaffirm Milwaukee County's commitment to the Paris Agreement and science-based climate action, including our goal of net-zero operational emissions by 2050.

This year, I also was honored to co-chair Go Green for Parks, celebrating the green spaces in our County public parks. A budget amendment I authored keeps this Emerald Necklace and lakefront accessible to all by removing the proposed pay-to-park program.

Reliable public transit is essential, and securing sustainable funding remains Milwaukee County's number one intergovernmental priority. For many, not driving isn't a temporary experience. It's everyday life. Our residents depend on Milwaukee County buses to get to work, school, medical appointments, grocery stores, church, and all the places they need to go each day. That's why I participated in the Week Without Driving and authored legislation urging Congress to protect federal transit funding.

The highest priority of the Milwaukee County Office of Government Affairs will be to advocate for increased and sustained funding for the Milwaukee County Transit System.



State senators and representatives joined the Milwaukee County Board at the Courthouse to discuss shared priorities, from transit to Birth to 3. We will continue working together to strengthen services for the residents and families who rely on them every day.



