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Dear Neighbors,

The hot weather is here! This summer, at the north end of Grant Park, the Wil-O-Way entrance and parking lot in Grant Park are being repaved. Work has already started and, hopefully, will be done soon. If you have been walking the Oak Leaf Trail, you may have noticed some new signs that list the mileage to downtown Milwaukee and the parks.

Milwaukee County Parks will have only four pools open this summer and no lifeguards at our beaches. There is a nationwide lifeguard shortage. California jurisdictions have gone as far as to recruit lifeguards from Australia to keep their beaches open! The problem is that the pay for lifeguards is hopelessly low considering the amount of training needed to be a lifeguard. At the current rate of loss Milwaukee County may have no pools open next year. Therefore, I will introduce a resolution that will raise pay for lifeguards to a level commensurate with their level of mandatory training.

If you need a copy of a Milwaukee County birth certificate to vote or for a youth job, the Register of Deeds Office located in Room #105 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St. has a program where you can receive one for free. You can give The Register of Deeds office a call at (414) 278-3083.

The Kelly Senior Center and other senior centers have reopened. For the moment at least, one needs to call before visiting.

Following are the guidelines for indoor programming at the senior centers:

- All participants will be required to wear masks consistently and correctly in the building.
- All participants must practice social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- Advance registration is required for **ALL** classes. This also includes registering for the lounge area, computers, and for pool tables. You can register by calling your local senior center.

- There will be no drop-in visits to the center. All participants must reserve a space in a scheduled activity or for a specific space in the lounge area.
- There will be a 15-minute window for registered participants to arrive and sign in for their program.
- Upon completion of the program, participants will have a 15-minute window to leave the center.
- All participants will be required to answer COVID-19 screening questions when signing in for their program. If an individual answers yes to any of the COVID-19 screening questions, they will be asked to leave the center and check with their doctor.
- Capacity for programs and activities offered on site will be limited based on room capacity guidelines.
- Participants who fail to show up for a class or fail to cancel at least 24 hours in advance three or more times will have their membership suspended for two weeks.
- Participants will be required to sign a COVID-19 Code of Conduct addendum when returning to the center or joining the center for the first time. The Code of Conduct also includes a waiver indicating that the participant assumes the risk/liability associated with attending the center should they contract COVID-19.

Sincerely,  
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