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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is fighting through the final stages of winter, with the spring season and warmer temperatures right around the corner. There has been much discussion on reforming Milwaukee County over the past decade and right now County is going to operate in the eye of the storm.

Reforming the County Board is necessary but the discussion should not end there, after only addressing .5% of the entire County budget. For example, the County Executive's budget is the highest in the State and he requested a nearly 25% increase this year, which was rejected by the Board. We need to look at all departments and find ways to truly collaborate with our local municipalities by combining services.

However, the future of the County Board is a hot topic and last week veteran Supervisor Mark Borkowski and I proposed the following Board reforms:

"We will be asking the State Legislature to give us the tools to downsize, which would go into effect for the 2016 elections. Without this authority we are not able to take this first step in reforming ourselves. Currently there are 18 members who each represent approximately 53,000 residents. We would like to see that number reduced to 13, which would raise the total number of residents a Supervisor represents to about 73,000. In 2000, there were 25 Supervisors and, if allowed to downsize to 13 members, the cut would represent a nearly 50 percent reduction by 2016.

"The size of our staff is unwarranted, and we are prepared to offer substantial cuts that could reduce the Board's personnel budget by around 40 percent, starting in 2014. These cuts could further extend to approximately 50 percent after the 2016 elections, if the downsizing we are requesting is approved."

I want to be very clear when it comes to my role in this reform. Last April the residents of Franklin and Hales Corners clearly supported a reduction in County Board size as well as the pay for Milwaukee County Board Supervisors and if these issues come up for a vote I will vote with the wishes of my district.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or concerns you have regarding Milwaukee County. It is very important for me to get your input and advice.

As I have said in the past and I will say it again, it is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain we can *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

9TH DISTRICT SURVEY RESULTS

A sincere thank you goes out to all of those who took the time to fill out and return to Supervisor Taylor's office the survey included in the [Winter 2012 Edition of "Privileged to Serve" Newsletter](#).

Receiving direct constituent input on important matters involving Milwaukee County is integral in ensuring the best representation for 9th District residents. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view survey results.


As always, feel free to reach out to Supervisor Taylor's office with any potential questions or comments that you may have regarding the survey, issues that it addresses, or any other matter involving Milwaukee County.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 9TH DISTRICT CONSTITUENT SURVEY

One of the most important parts of my job is finding out your opinions on various issues facing Milwaukee County. Please complete and send your survey using one of the following methods:
Mail: 901 N. Van Sledright, 2nd Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53233 • Fax: 414-223-1380
Online: Complete the survey online at [www.CountyMilwaukee.gov/Survey](#)

Please know that I value your opinion and read each survey personally.

1. Milwaukee County is important to have control over all of its services for 2016. How do you feel? <input type="checkbox"/> Very Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Very Dissatisfied	4. How satisfied are you with the services provided by Milwaukee County? <input type="checkbox"/> Very Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Very Dissatisfied
2. Do you support reorganizing Milwaukee County government to improve efficiency and reduce regional duplication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	5. Do you believe that Milwaukee County provides a high value for your tax dollars? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
3. If your tax dollars are not used, how should they be spent? <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	6. Do you think that the Milwaukee County share of your property tax is: <input type="checkbox"/> Too High <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Too Low
7. What are the most important issues facing Milwaukee County? <input type="checkbox"/> Crime <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	8. How satisfied are you with the overall quality of life in Milwaukee County? <input type="checkbox"/> Very Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/> Very Dissatisfied
9. How satisfied are you with the quality of business training provided by Milwaukee County? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	10. Do you agree or disagree that the County should explore ways to reduce the cost of government services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
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HONORING OAK CREEK HERO LT. BRIAN MURPHY

Supervisor Taylor's office was privileged to host Lieutenant Brian Murphy of the Oak Creek Police Department at the February 7th meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, where he received a County Board Citation commending his courageous efforts during the Sikh Temple tragedy.

Lieutenant Murphy displayed extraordinary level of bravery and valor on August 5, 2012, being the sole first responder on the scene of the Sikh Temple shooting and selflessly risked his life in confronting the gunman by himself in order to prevent additional deaths – an act that resulted in severe wounds and life threatening injuries. Furthermore, despite his injuries, he insisted that his colleagues and paramedics tend to wounded civilians first rather than administer him help.

In addition to Lieutenant Murphy, Lieutenant Dave Ashenhurst of the Oak Creek Police Department was also present at the ceremony.



Supervisor Taylor with Lt. Brian Murphy at the Milwaukee County Courthouse prior to the County Board Meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on February 7th. The most notable legislation the Board considered includes:

- A 14-2 vote to retain the law firm of Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. for legal services related to the Downtown Transit Center and to amend the existing legal services contract by adding an additional \$100,000 to an amount not to exceed \$140,000. Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of this measure as the potential "Couture" high-rise construction in Downtown Milwaukee is very important for local and regional economic development.
- A 16-0 vote requesting the State of Wisconsin's Joint Legislative and Audit Committee to direct the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct an audit in relation to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Departments of the County Executive and the County Board. Supervisor Taylor supported this resolution as the audit will be very helpful in going forward with meaningful Milwaukee County government reform.
- A 13-3 vote to authorize Department of Administrative Services to set forth a model for the provision of shared services and transition of management of the County Correctional Facility- South from the Office of the Sheriff to the Executive Branch, effective April 2013. Supervisor Taylor joined two of his colleagues in opposing the takeover of the County Correctional Facility- South from Sheriff's control.

To view all County Board legislation, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

MAYOR SCAFFIDI'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

Oak Creek Mayor Steve Scaffidi recently lead an effort for southern Milwaukee County residents to adopt healthier lifestyles: he asked the Oak Creek residents (and others) to join him in pledging to eat better, get fitter, and build a healthier community as part of his "Mayor's Fitness Challenge." The Mayor encouraged all residents in southern Milwaukee County to set a personal goal of weight loss and better fitness by registering and participating in this worthwhile initiative.

The free, all ages event started on November 10th at Oak Creek High School and will be concluded with an awards ceremony at Wheaton Franciscan Hospital (10101 S. 27th Street) on February 23rd at Noon. Registered participants are eligible to win prizes based on their weight loss percentage and attendance at several community events. The events featured demonstrations of fitness regimens, provided nutritional information, had medical professionals on hand, and also had weigh-in stations for participants to track their progress.

Along with individuals, Mayor Scaffidi also encouraged local businesses and organizations to form teams to work, support, and participate together as team support is a great way to help meet a new fitness goal.

The last day to weigh-in is this Saturday, February 16th. The final result details will be presented in the next edition of "Privileged to Serve."



Vicky Roth, Mayor Scaffidi, and Mike Krajewski (aka "Zumba Mike") at one of the Zumba sessions.



"Mayor's Fitness Challenge" participants posing after an intense "Zumbaton" work out session.

RECOGNIZING FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL



Supervisor Taylor presenting the citation to Director Sara Unertl at the Franklin vs. Oak Creek Varsity Basketball Game

Recently, Franklin High School celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The groundbreaking took place on the hilly Herman Angerstein farm on 51st Street near Drexel Avenue, and the school opened its doors in September of 1962. Since then, Franklin High School has sustained a quality educational program for young men and women throughout the City of Franklin and surrounding area for over 50 years.

Franklin High School's rigorous curriculum has challenged all its young men and women to be intellectually competent, open to growth, and committed to excellence in all aspects of their lives. It is no surprise, therefore, that Franklin High School was named among America's Best High Schools in 2012 by Newsweek Magazine & The Daily Best.

Supervisor Taylor presented the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Citation honoring the school's first half century of excellence to Sara Unertl, Franklin High School's Athletic and Activities Director, during the Franklin vs. Oak Creek Varsity Basketball game. The Oak Creek Knights defeated Franklin Sabers 51 to 43.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The South Suburban Chamber of Commerce recently held its “Annual Awards Dinner,” celebrating another successful year with its members and guests. As part of the ceremonies, the Chamber awarded the prestigious “Business of the Year” award to NUCOR Cold Finish Wisconsin.

In addition to their facility in Oak Creek, NUCOR consists of approximately 200 operating facilities throughout North America. Most of these mills are located in small communities, far removed from the trappings of big industry. With production capacity that exceeds 26 million tons, NUCOR is the largest producer of steel in the United States. But more than just a steel maker, they are the world's foremost steel recycler, and one of the largest recycler's of any kind.

To recognize this great honor bestowed upon this outstanding local business, and also support Chamber's work, Supervisor Taylor presented the recipient with a Certificate of Recognition from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.



Supervisor Taylor presenting the Certificate to NUCOR employees. From left: Rich Ramczyk, Scott Planey, Austin Pitzer, Sup. Taylor, Edwin Garcia, and Jerry Richie.

The Chamber also awarded the “Pride in Premises” award to this year's recipient Gus' Mexican Cantina. Gus opened his Mexican Cantina in Franklin on March 7th 2008. The Restaurant is located on 6514 S. Lovers Lane Road, and features warm, home like feeling, excellent Mexican cuisine, great patio seating in Summertime, and a private party room.

The South Suburban Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of Oak Creek, Franklin and surrounding communities so that its citizens and business community continue to prosper.

CARMA LABS CELEBRATES 75 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Franklin's own Carma Laboratories recently celebrated 75 years of being in business – manufacturing the world-famous *Carmex* lip balm and many other products. To honor this occasion, Supervisor Taylor presented its President and CEO Paul Woelbing with a Citation from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

The story of Carma Laboratories began in 1937 when inventor Alfred Woelbing and his wife mixed the very first batch of Carmex on their kitchen stove, hand-poured it into the iconic opal glass jars, and sold it out of the trunk of their car to retailers throughout the Midwest. With growth in demand, the current facility in Franklin was built in 1976.

Since then, this third-generation family owned and operated business has been one of the most prominent businesses in Milwaukee County that has put Franklin on the global map as “Carmex is on the lips of everyone around the world.”



From left: Dave Kamm (CFO), Supervisor Taylor, Paul Woelbing (President and CEO), and Michael Sweeney (Owner of Sweeney's Gym).

FUN THINGS TO DO AT YOUR MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS!

Be sure to catch few of the last performances happening at the Milwaukee County Mitchell Park Domes, as part of the Music Under Glass series that ends in March. The shows start at 6:30PM and end at 9:00PM. The performance schedule for the balance of the year is as follows:

February 14th – Valentine Sweetheart Night

Street Life with Warren Wiegratz: R&B, Cool Jazz, Contemporary Favorites; Free Photo Booth Pictures

February 21th – Elvis Tribute Night

Tony Rocker and the Comeback Special (Elvis tribute band); \$100 PRIZE FOR THE BEST ELVIS COSTUME!!!

February 28th – Mount Olive

Covering Lady Gaga, Van Helen, Michael Jackson
\$4 entry with a valid college ID!!!

March 7th – Irish Celebration Night

Frogwater: blend of Celtic, Bluegrass, Ragtime.

March 14th - Closing Night Beach Party

RAS Movement: Caribbean, Reggae, Roots
with American Idol Finalist Naima Adedapo-Tafari!!!



Enjoy Winter Sports at Your Milwaukee County Parks

(Weather Permitting)

[Cross-Country Skiing](#)

[Dog-Sled Rides in Whitnall Park](#)

[Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding](#)

[Ice Fishing](#)

[Ice Hockey](#)

[Ice Skating](#)

[Sledding & Tobogganing](#)



MAPLE SUGAR DAYS AT THE WEHR NATURE CENTER

Get the spring juices flowing at Maple Sugar Days! Your whole family will hike with a naturalist guide to the sugarbush to see tapped sugar maples and taste fresh sap as it drips from the trees. Next, you'll visit an old-time sugarin' camp and hear stories of how the old-timers produced maple syrup and sugar – but you may be distracted from the stories by the oh-so-sweet aroma of clear maple sap boiling down to rich, dark maple syrup!

The program begins with a short hike to the sugarbush and a visit with an old-time sugar maker. **The first tour starts at 1 p.m.; the last tour, 4 p.m.** Come prepared to walk on wood-chipped trails through the woodland, dress in layers, and dress to keep your feet warm.

If you're inspired to try tapping your own maple trees, instruction sheets will be available, and Wehr's Nature Store will have sugaring equipment for sale. Make sugarin' a new family tradition!

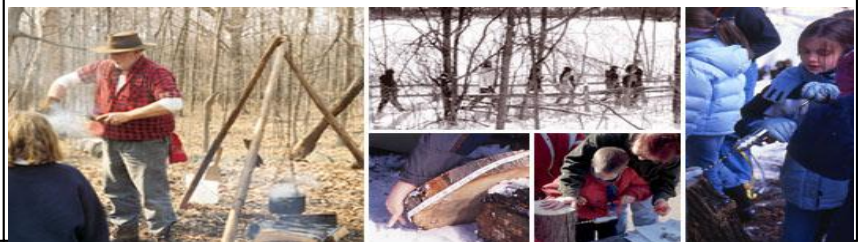
March 23-24, 2013 – 1pm to 4pm – Rain or Shine

Age 13 & Up: \$5.50;

Age 3-12: \$3.50

Age 2 & Under: FREE

**One paid adult must accompany every 2 children*



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 every month

Free for all visitors. Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



MILWAUKEE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
FREE on Mondays

Visit www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/ for additional information.



MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO
FREE Days for 2013:
1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 11/2 & 12/7
Special Holidays:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day
Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



MITCHELL PARK DOMES
FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Excludes major holidays.
Visit www.milwaueedomes.org for additional information.