



Privileged to Serve

Moving Milwaukee County *FORWARD* Together



THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Friends,

Although spring has officially arrived, it sure doesn't feel like it. This time a year ago I was out campaigning in shorts breaking a sweat and today I was bundled up when I arrived at the courthouse.

Last month I told you that I would propose a resolution that would ask the State for permission to do another downsizing of the Board prior to the next census. This is something I campaigned on and something a majority of my constituents want.

I am pleased to announce that this resolution was approved by the Milwaukee County Board by a 9-7 vote. Let me be clear that this reform option is separate from the bill being proposed in Madison, which doesn't address the issue of downsizing. This reform is not meant to be competing but instead to work together.

Over the next couple months reforming Milwaukee County will continue to be the hot topic and I encourage you contact me with your thoughts and concerns. It is always very important for me to get your input.

I have said this 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,

ENSURING THE BEST CARE FOR OUR SENIORS

Following the nomination from the County Executive and subsequent unanimous approval by the County Board, Supervisor Taylor began his service on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging in July of 2012. The Commission is a governing and policy making arm of Milwaukee County's Department on Aging and Commissioners are responsible for developing and implementing a coordinated human service system of community-based services for Milwaukee County residents aged 60 and older.



One of many important programs that the Department on Aging coordinates is the Senior Nutrition Program. The program involves providing free nutritious meals to Milwaukee County seniors, either via home delivery or at one of many community dining sites throughout the County. As part of his service on the Commission on Aging, Supervisor Taylor is visiting all 21 dining sites to talk to the seniors and learn first-hand about the most pressing issues they face and how can Department on Aging help resolve those issues.

Milwaukee County Golden Idol!

The 6th Annual Milwaukee County Golden Idol talent contest will take place on **June 11, 2013** at American Serb Hall (5101 W Oklahoma Ave)!

If you are over 50 years old and have a musical, dancing, and performing arts talent to share please consider signing up. The deadline to do so is **March 29th at 4PM.**

Applications are available at all senior centers in Milwaukee County ([please click here for location information](#)).



Supervisor Taylor recently coordinated a donation of a 63 inch flat screen television set for to the community dining site in Franklin.

He is working with the Department on Aging representatives and members of the Franklin community to obtain a Wii video game set so that the seniors and other members can enjoy virtual bowling, golf, tennis and other related activities. The site coordinators are also planning additional programming, including computer classes.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met on March 21st for its regularly scheduled meeting. The most pertinent legislation the Board voted on includes:

- 9-7 vote to approve a resolution introduced by Supervisor Taylor asking the State Legislature to grant Milwaukee County the authority to reduce the number of County Board Supervisors between the decennial redistricting process. This resolution is an important step in conducting meaningful reform of Milwaukee County government through local rather than outside channels such as the Wisconsin State Legislature.
- 16-0 vote to approve a resolution initiating an audit of paratransit services Milwaukee County provides. Supervisor Taylor co-sponsored and voted in favor of this resolution as the audit will investigate and address any potential flaws in the procurement process involving paratransit services in Milwaukee County, ensuring the best use of taxpayer money.
- 11-5 vote to override County Executive's veto of the County Board resolution involving the transfer of the Milwaukee County House of Correction from Sheriff's control to a superintendent. Supervisor Taylor voted to sustain the veto as he believes that the control of the Milwaukee County House of Correction should remain in Sheriff's control.

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

MAYOR SCAFFIDI'S FITNESS CHALLENGE - UPDATE

As promised in the last issue, Privileged to Serve is reporting the results of the "Fitness Challenge" organized by Oak Creek Mayor Steve Scaffidi. The initiative turned out to be an overwhelming success: after three months and numerous fitness-oriented events throughout Oak Creek, 140 participants lost exactly 899 pounds!

Jeff Sageser was the male winner with 46.4 pounds lost, or 16.14 percent of his body weight. The female winner was Leslie McFarron, who lost 42.3 pounds (21.75 percent of her body weight). With respect to team results, the top team lost a combined 94.6 pounds between its six members.



Mayor Scaffidi addressing the Fitness Challenge Participants at the Awards Ceremony that concluded the event, held at Wheaton Franciscan

All participants of the Fitness Challenge are to be commended on their success, and especially Mayor Scaffidi for spearheading this worthwhile community initiative.

HALES CORNERS COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

The Hales Corners Lions Club, Associated Bank and Cintas Corporation are teaming up to provide our community the chance to shred their personal documents. Cintas Corporation is donating the services of their personnel and a large portable shredding truck. Hales Corners Lions will have staff on-hand to assist.

The first 3 boxes are free. There will be a \$5 charge for each additional box.

When: Saturday April 20th, 2013 9AM - Noon
Where: Associated Bank (east parking lot)
10708 W. Janesville Road, Hales Corners, WI 53130
Coffee, water and donuts will be available.



Not sure which materials can be shredded? Here are just a few examples:

Invoices - Customer Lists - Employee Applications - Out of date Sales Literature - Contracts - Bank Statements - Sales Figures - Marketing/Advertising Plans - Cancelled Checks - Books Audit Reports - Medical Records - Personal Records - Profit & Loss Statements - Drug Screens Claims & Litigation Reports - Memos & Legal Briefs - Credit Card Receipts - Product Designs Financial Statements - Insurance Records - Prescriptions - X-Rays - Cds - Cassettes/Audio Tapes Back-up Disks - Floppy Disks - Microfilm - Microfiche. All eligible materials will be properly recycled.

*** Staples, rubber bands, folders, paper clips, etc. do not need to be removed before shredding occurs!**



SPOTLIGHT ON FRIENDS OF BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS

Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens (FBBG) was founded in 1984 for the sole purpose of supporting Boerner through fundraising and programming. They are a private, self-funded non-profit organization, with the office located on the 2nd floor of the Educator and Visitor Center. FBBG has a 19 person *Board of Directors* consisting of long vested business professionals and community volunteers as well as a 5 member staff.



Among many successes the group has had over the years is conducting a capital campaign from 1998 to 2003 that resulted in building of the Educator & Visitor Center at Boerner – ensuring year ‘round use of the venue. FBBG carries and pays the debt on the building. Additionally, in 2009 the group was awarded \$100,000 grant from MMSD for a rainwater harvesting project at Boerner and also won several private awards for project enhancements in 2012.

The group keeps busy as each year they offer a full complement of nature driven student, adult and family classes and events at Boerner Botanical Gardens, both indoors and outdoors. Over the course of 2012, FBBG delivered plant science & environmental learning to over 17,000 K12 students – largely public school, a 6% increase from 2011.



One of many beautiful garden displays at Boerner Botanical Gardens, this one featuring a fountain.

With the in-garden County staff being drastically reduced due to budget cuts, FBBG has turned to recruiting volunteers in order to insure the preservation of this historic, 40 acre attraction. They are now preparing for the fourth consecutive year of volunteer recruiting, beginning in April running thru September.

In addition to fundraising, programming, memberships (over 3200), FBBG supports Boerner through the *Garden Fund* (FBBG money raised and restricted for use by the Boerner Garden Director for in-garden needs), running the gift shop and the library, maintaining garden memorials as well as promoting the Gardens through newsletters, social networking sites, mailings, flyers and media exposure.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR OWNERS OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Milwaukee County Treasurer Dan Diliberti is asking for the assistance of Milwaukee County residents to help locate the owners of over \$2 million in Unclaimed Funds.

To find out if you are entitled to this unclaimed money, you can access the information about the names and amounts on [the County Treasurer's web site](#). Once on the site, please follow instructions on how to file a claim form.

In addition, a printed copy of the 2013 listing and forms to file claims for the money will be available at the Ready Reference section of all public libraries in Milwaukee County, as well as in the Treasurer's Office, Room 102 of the Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street. Claim forms must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Celebrate Easter with Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens!

Sunday – March 31st
10AM – 2PM
\$6 per child.

- Miss Sparkle the Clown will be making balloon animals!
- An assortment of children's holiday crafts!
- Visit with the Easter Bunny!



Working for You

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse Second Floor
(901 N. 9th Street, Room 201)

FREE EVENT • DOOR PRIZES • LIGHT REFRESHMENTS • COURTHOUSE TOURS
Everyone is invited • Learn how YOUR tax dollars make a difference in our community!
County Department Resource Fair • Meet your County Supervisor and other Elected Officials • For more information, contact 278-4222
PRODUCED IN COOPERATION WITH THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Beekeeping Presentation

Saturday, April 6, 2013 10:00am - Noon

Join us for an introduction to bees and beekeeping. Discover how humans have managed bees for pollination and honey.

\$10 members/ \$15 non-members

To register call 414-525-5659

Urban Garden Design Basics

Thursday, March 21, 2013 6:30pm - 8:00pm

A well designed backyard can become your urban oasis. We will share some easy to do tips for designing an area ideal for taking a break and enjoying the great outdoors.

\$10 members/ \$15 non-members

For more information or to register call 414-525-5659

Still looking for more to do?!

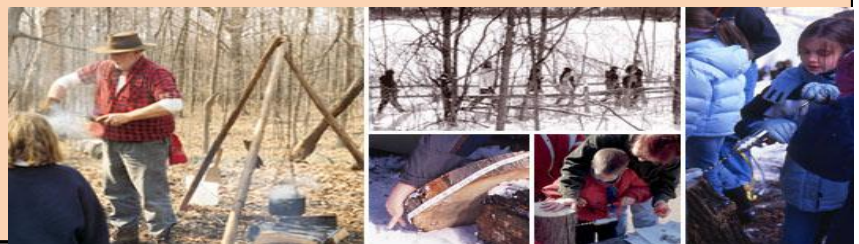
Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

MAPLE SUGAR DAYS AT THE WEHR NATURE CENTER

Get the spring juices flowing at Maple Sugar Days! 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 PUBLIC MUSEUM
FREE on Mondays
Visit www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/ for additional information.



Milwaukee County
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



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