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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR



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Dear Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend, which I believe is the official start of summer. Memorial Day is also important because we take time to honor our veterans, both past and present. We must never forget their sacrifices or the sacrifices made by the families.

There are many fun events happening every day in Milwaukee County. On June 3rd, the fun will be right in our own backyard as the Sprecher Traveling Beer Garden heads to Franklin, followed by a visit to Oak Creek starting July 1st. I also encourage you to visit Boerner Botanical Gardens and the Wehr Nature Center. We list upcoming classes and activities for both at the end of each edition of *Privileged to Serve*.



Supervisor Taylor at the May 21st County Board meeting.

It seems like construction and summer go hand-in-hand and there is a great deal occurring in the 9th District. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office. I am here to serve you, and I always look forward to talking with the fine residents of Franklin, Hales Corners and Oak Creek.

All My Best,

FROEMMING PARK BEER GARDEN

The Milwaukee County Parks Department will feature its Traveling Beer Garden trucks again this summer. The tour will visit 15 parks, including Froemming Park. All revenue collected will go back into improving County Parks.

The trucks will offer Sprecher Brewing Co. beer, its famous root beer and authentic German food. Join Supervisor Taylor on Wednesday, June 3rd at 4:00 pm for the ceremonial keg tapping at Froemming Park.

The beer garden will operate at Froemming June 3 thru 14. Hours are Monday-Friday, 4-10pm, Saturday-Sunday, 11am-10pm. [Click here](#) for more details, including a complete summer schedule and information about the Traveling Bags Tournament!



YO-FRESH RIBBON CUTTING

On May 2nd, Supervisor Taylor attended the Grand Opening celebration of the newest Yo-Fresh franchise, 7700 S. Lovers Lane Rd. inside the Franklin Target Shopping Center. Yo-Fresh features delicious all-natural and nutritious build-it-yourself frozen yogurt delights. The Franklin location is only the company's third Wisconsin location. Congratulations and good luck to the franchisees, Franklin residents Nicole and Ryan!



Supervisor Taylor at the May 2nd Franklin Yo-Fresh ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

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

- Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of a resolution to authorize the Milwaukee County Zoo to enter into a 10-year agreement with Service Systems Associates, Inc. to provide concessions, catering and novelty services. The resolution failed, 11-6. Supervisor Taylor believes that the Board fears the word 'privatization' and has left \$3 million in maintenance and upgrades on the table. SSA currently provides services in over 30 zoos and aquariums across the country.
- Supervisors Taylor and Borkowski introduced a resolution that would proactively prevent Milwaukee County from assisting in the financing, development and operation of the Milwaukee Streetcar Project. This resolution was narrowly defeated, 9-8. Supervisor Taylor believes that the Milwaukee County Transit System will eventually be asked to assist in the operation of the streetcar because the city does not have the system to do so.
- Supervisor Taylor voted against a resolution that will increase the Passenger Facility Charge at General Mitchell International Airport from \$3.00 to \$4.50. This resolution prevailed, 15-2. Supervisor Taylor believes this is another onerous fee for airport users.

The next meeting of the County Board will be held on Thursday, June 25th. To view all votes by the County Board and its standing committees, please visit the [County Legislative Information Center](#).

SUPERVISOR TAYLOR VISITS PARK'S EDGE PRESCHOOL

On May 20th, Supervisor Taylor accepted a gracious invitation from director Ellen Kvalheim and paid a visit to Park's Edge Preschool in Hales Corners for a fun-filled day of learning, reading and eating with the young students. "Mister Steve", as he was referred to by the students, shared story time with the Sunshine Room Group (three year olds) and the Fantastic Frogs (four year olds) before enjoying a honey ham and cheese sandwich and fruit and vegetable lunch with the Shining Stars (four and five year olds).

He then toured Park's Edge and adjoining Emanuel Lutheran Church, exploring the school's security camera system and recent \$20,000 improvement its toddler and infant environment. In March, Supervisor Taylor was appointed to the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council by Governor Walker, which is responsible for recommending child welfare policies and innovative funding mechanisms in Milwaukee County.



Supervisor Taylor reads a story about frogs to the children.



Supervisor Taylor visits the toddlers during lunchtime.

Park's Edge provides a variety of exciting programs, including 3K, 4K and 5K classroom programs, but is equipped and staffed to accommodate children from six weeks to twelve years of age. Before and after school child care and summer programs, as well as transportation to nearby schools is available. Visit <http://parksedgepreschool.com/> or contact Ellen at 414-427-9561 for more information or to enroll your child!

Park's Edge is located at 10627 West Forest Home Avenue in Hales Corners. It strives to create a safe, healthy, loving, Christian preschool and child care environment for children, staff and parents. It is celebrating its 16th year as an outreach program of Emanuel Lutheran Church, and, in 2010 was awarded accreditation by the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC).



27th STREET CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's reconstruction of S. 27th St. (STH 241) from W. College Ave. to W. Drexel Ave. is underway. In its current condition, this stretch of roadway cannot accommodate increased traffic growth and congestion and crash statistics are above the statewide average. Construction is scheduled to conclude in Fall 2016. The project will include:

- Full reconstruction of concrete pavement.
- Modifying median openings to improve safety.
- Adding bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
- Extending turn lanes.
- Improving traffic signals.

Construction will be conducted in three stages.

Stage 1: Existing medians will be removed; northbound lanes constructed, temporary widening of the southbound lanes.

Stage 2: Southbound lanes constructed, temporary widening of the northbound lanes.

Stage 3: Re-construction of medians.

As you may have noticed, traffic will remain at two lanes in each direction during daytime hours with the exception of the stretch from Drexel Ave. to Minnesota Ave. During the overnight hours, traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction. [Click here](#) for maps and additional resources related to the 27th Street project.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN HALL OF FAME

On May 22nd, the Milwaukee County Department on Aging held its 18th annual Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award ceremony. As a member of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging, Supervisor Taylor attended the event where six outstanding seniors from Milwaukee County were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Inductees have demonstrated distinguished volunteer service of an educational and/or humanitarian manner; exceptional contributions to improving the lives of others regardless of race, creed or religion; and, service in advocacy of Wisconsin's senior citizens. Stephanie Sue Stein, the County's longtime Department on Aging Director, was also honored. She will retire in June.

The Commission on Aging appoints a committee to review nominations for the Hall of Fame Award. This committee then recommends a group of seniors from the applicants to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the 2015 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame inductees!



Supervisor Taylor speaking at the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame luncheon at the Italian Community Center



Supervisor Taylor, along with other County Board members, honor the career of Stephanie Sue Stein.

WEHR NATURE CENTER

Summer Solstice Social Fundraiser

Saturday, June 20th
7:00pm-9:00pm

Celebrate the longest day of the year at Wehr! Enjoy fun appetizers, incredible desserts, beer and wine, and a sunset bonfire. A summer-themed silent auction will be held from 7:00-8:15pm, proceeds from which will benefit Wehr's Accessibility Capital Project. [Click here](#) to learn more about this project.

\$15 per person

\$20 per person includes a wine or beer token

Walk-ins are welcome!



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

BOERNER CORNER

Bonsai Workshop for Teens

Saturday, June 20th
9:00am-12:00pm

Get your feet wet and your hands dirty by attending this workshop sponsored by the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. Registration includes a tree, pot, wire and soil. Please call Kris at 414-299-9229 or email mbsweb@hotmail.com to register. Act quickly! Space is limited to the first ten participants. The registration fee is \$60 per attendee.

Concerts in the Gardens



Thursday evenings,
6:30pm-8:30pm
June 4th thru August 27th

The Wimmer Communities Concerts in the Gardens concert series features a wide variety of musical genres located within the confines of the beautiful Boerner Botanical Gardens. Enjoy everything from blues to salsa music and then a stroll through the Gardens afterwards. Admission is free.

For more information and full schedule, please [click here](#).

FRANKLIN BIKE RODEO

Franklin City Hall – 9229 W. Loomis Rd.
Saturday, June 6th
9:15am-12:00pm

Children ages 6 to 11 are invited to learn or improve their bicycle safety skills at this annual event. Receive a correctly-fitted helmet and a free bicycle inspection, as well as a ride through course with instruction. Participants must be able to ride a 2-wheel bike independently (no training wheels) and be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required. Call 414-427-7534 with questions.

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents
ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



FREE the first Thursday of each month!

Free for all visitors. Visit mam.org for additional details.



"Thank You Thursdays" from 9 am-8 pm!

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of each month. Visit mpm.edu for additional details.



2015 FREE Days!
Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
Special Holiday Free Days:
Thanksgiving, Christmas Day &
New Year's Day

Visit milwaukeezoo.org for additional details.



FREE on Mondays from 9 am-Noon!

Excludes major holidays. Visit milwaukeezoo.org for additional details.