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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving nears, I hope that you and your family are healthy and happy. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recently passed the 2016 Operating Budget. Once again, the focus of controversy was between the County Executive and his cuts to the Sheriff Department's budget. Just like previous years, the Board restored funding in order to maintain public safety.

There were numerous reasons why I didn't vote for the final budget, but I am pleased that the plan I established back in 2012 to improve the 9<sup>th</sup> District's failing infrastructure was adhered to by the Board. As a result, you will continue to see improvements to roads take place in Franklin, Hales Corners and Oak Creek in 2016.



Supervisor Taylor speaks at the County budget adoption meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

I want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. As the holiday season approaches, I am thankful for the opportunity that you have given me to be your elected representative. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have regarding Milwaukee County.

As I have stated in the past, it is an honor to serve you. And, together with your help, we can continue to Move Milwaukee County Forward.

All My Best,

## TRIBUTE TO BERNIE MANEY

In late October, Supervisor Taylor's longtime friend, Bernie Maney, passed away at the age of 87. Serving nearly three decades on the La Crosse City Council between 1959 and 2011, Bernie played a role as a mentor to Supervisor Taylor when he was first elected to the La Crosse City Council in 1997 at the age of 21. He also served as the Council's president and on the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors

Bernie often referred to Supervisor Taylor as a "fourth son" and is remembered for his tenacity and his passion and institutional knowledge of the City of La Crosse. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, his brother, his three sons, two stepdaughters, and numerous grandchildren, stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Bernie Maney in 2000. Courtesy:  
La Crosse Tribune

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE - 2015 PRINT EDITION

Within the next few days, you may receive the annual print edition of *Privileged to Serve* in your mailbox. This newsletter includes highlights of major events and news that occurred throughout the 9<sup>th</sup> District, as well as featuring prominent businesses within the District. [Click here](#) for a preview.

Due to state election laws, this will be the final edition of *Privileged to Serve* circulated via email until April 2016. However, we will continue to post the monthly newsletters online. [Click here](#) to stay updated with the latest news and events from throughout the 9<sup>th</sup> District and in Milwaukee County government.

## LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The County Board met for its regularly scheduled meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The most pertinent legislation considered included:

- Supervisor Taylor voted in favor of a resolution that will allocate up to \$25,000 to develop a coyote management plan for Milwaukee County. Supervisor Taylor introduced an amendment to the original resolution that shifted the program's primary emphasis from Wauwatosa to the County at-large. The amended resolution passed unanimously.
- Supervisor Taylor voted against laying over to December a resolution to execute an agreement between the County Parks Department and the City of Greenfield for a 15-year term for improvements and the maintenance of Kulwicki Park. The resolution will be considered again at the December meeting.

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in Courthouse Room 200. To view the votes on all actions taken by the County Board and its committees, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

## 2016 COUNTY BUDGET RECAP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2016 Milwaukee County budget on November 9<sup>th</sup>. It was approved by a 14-3 margin with Supervisors Alexander, Staskunas and Taylor voting against it. The \$1.374 billion budget will increase spending by 2.7% over the 2015 budget with a \$4 million, or 1.4%, tax levy increase. Supervisor Taylor also voted against the adoption of the 2016 County tax levy.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, County Executive Chris Abele vetoed two of the 68 amendments that the County Board adopted. The Board overrode his vetoes, 15-1. These two overridden vetoes included funding for a fish passage at the Estabrook Dam and the restoration of \$4 million of a nearly \$10 million hole in the Sheriff Department’s budget. This \$4 million matches the amount of the County’s contribution to the new downtown arena, which was unilaterally negotiated by the County Executive. It is also the same amount as next year’s tax levy increase.

Supervisor Taylor sponsored a budget amendment that will allocate \$51,000 to address staffing concerns at Boerner Botanical Gardens. This levy-neutral amendment will assign three seasonal horticulturalists during the Garden’s peak season and would dedicate an individual horticulturalist to each specialty garden. He introduced this amendment in light of a June 2015 audit that highlighted serious staffing and maintenance concerns at the Gardens. The adopted budget will also keep the 9<sup>th</sup> District’s road construction and other capital projects on schedule, including next year’s updates to Hales Corners Pool and the reconstruction of St. Martins Road in Franklin.

Supervisor Taylor voted against this budget because it raises the tax levy and includes a number of unnecessary expenditures that will be reflected in the increased property tax bills of Milwaukee County residents.

<b>REDISTRICTING REFORM</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT PROJECTS</b>
<p>Supervisor Taylor has drafted a resolution that will alter the way Milwaukee County changes its district map. The resolution follows the model of a number of redistricting commissions from across the country. It will transfer the power of redistricting out of the hands of self-interested lawmakers and incumbents to an Independent Citizen Redistricting Panel. The panel will be comprised of eight appointees of local judges, university deans and chairs, and public interest and policy groups. Supervisor Taylor believes that this measure is a common-sense reform that will help to restore faith and transparency in the County’s redistricting procedure. This resolution is expected to be considered by the Board in December or in early 2016.</p>	<p>The 2016 budget calls for several capital improvement projects in the 9<sup>th</sup> District. Since he took office in 2012, Supervisor Taylor’s top priority has been to repair his district’s crumbling infrastructure.</p> <p>Over the next several years, a number of major capital projects will take place in all three District 9 communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2016 - Hales Corners Park Pool and Roof Repairs</li> <li>• 2016 – W. St. Martins Rd.: North Cape Rd. to Lovers Lane Rd.</li> <li>• 2016 – W. Rawson Ave.: North Cape Rd. to S. Hawthorne Ln. (mill and overlay)</li> <li>• 2017 – W. Ryan Rd.: 95<sup>th</sup> St. to 112<sup>th</sup> St.</li> <li>• 2018 – S. 13<sup>th</sup> St.: Rawson Ave. to Drexel Ave.</li> <li>• 2019 – S. 13<sup>th</sup> St.: Drexel Ave. to Puetz Rd.</li> </ul>

## WEHR NATURE CENTER

### Owl Prowl for Adults & Families

Adults: Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m.

Families: Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Look and listen for owls as a naturalist leads you on a walk in the woodlands. Search for the Eastern Screech Owl and the Great Horned Owl as you learn about the habits and adaptations of these nocturnal neighbors. A slide presentation on Wisconsin owls will follow the hike. Be sure to dress in warm layers and bring a flashlight. Please register by Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) for more details.

\$10 for non-County residents

\$7 for County residents

\$5 for Friends of Wehr members

Regular parking fees will apply.



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

### 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 each month!

Free for all visitors. Visit [mam.org](http://mam.org) for additional details.



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

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

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of each month. Visit [mpm.edu](http://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](http://milwaukeezoo.org) for additional details.



FREE on Mondays from 9 am-Noon!

Excludes major holidays. Visit [milwaikedomes.org](http://milwaikedomes.org) for additional details.

## BOERNER CORNER

### Family Fun Workshop: Recycled Holiday Card Ornaments

Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am-11:30 am

Let's decorate the tree! Learn how to make fun holiday ornaments using recycled greeting cards and other botanical materials. Put your old holiday greeting cards to good use and make a meaningful ornament that you can enjoy every holiday season. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own old holiday card to give your ornament a personal touch. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

\$20 for FBBG members

\$25 for non-members

Admission cost will cover up to 5 participants.

### Holidays at Boerner – A Family Event!

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am-2:00 p.m.

Enjoy this free holiday event, which will include fun and festive kids craft activities, family photos with Santa Claus and holiday favorites performed by the Whitnall High School Jazz Ensemble. A limited supply of signed Lois Ehlert children's books will be available for purchase in the gift shop. Browse other unique and fun holiday gift ideas in the gift shop. Bring a nonperishable food item to help fill the holiday bin for Hope House Milwaukee!

Santa Claus Visit: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Whitnall HS Jazz Ensemble: 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

This event is totally free. For more information, contact Jennifer at (414) 525-5653.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

### 36<sup>th</sup> Samson Stomp & Romp

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Join the 36<sup>th</sup> Samson Stomp & Romp, the annual run and walk that honors the Zoo's most famous resident, Samson, the silverback gorilla. Entry fees include zoo admission, parking, a beverage and a long-sleeve t-shirt. [Click here](#) for more information and to register!