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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Friends,

We are a little over a month away from spring and if you are like me it can't come soon enough. Although we have less snow and it hasn't been as cold as recent winters and I am very much looking forward to those warm March days.

Milwaukee County continues to be in the news for all the wrong reasons. Whether it is continuing to allow illegal payments to retirees, its failure to take action on important issues or recognizing what great potential there is for the development of O'Donnell Park, some Board members continue to make decisions that are not in the best interest of the taxpayers.



As of late there also has been talk about Milwaukee County's participation in the new Bucks arena. I can promise you that I will be very cautious in providing any assistance, whether it be local public financing or the free contribution of public land.

Please feel free to weigh in on these topics, because it is important for me to get your insight. 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,

LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP

PENSION BUY-BACK

Many of you keep an eye on county business and most of you likely already know that the County Board took a vote on the heavily publicized pension overpayments. The Milwaukee County Board voted 14-2 to rewrite ordinances in order to make legal \$26 million in pension overpayments, plus an additional \$10 million in future pension payouts. Supervisor Taylor spoke with many constituents regarding this issue and voted against this action because he felt it was inappropriate to continue making illegal payments. Supervisor Taylor noted that a vote to “retroactively make the overpayments legal didn’t necessarily make the overpayments right.”

O’DONNELL PARK

As a result of the Milwaukee County Board’s failure to sell O’Donnell Park to Northwestern Mutual, Supervisor Taylor introduced a resolution that would propose a Request for Proposal for the purpose of identifying potential development opportunities. The Parks, Energy and Environment Committee rejected that proposal and an additional proposal that looked to create a task force designed to recommend improvements and utilize tax dollars on a park that nobody frequents. These two items will be discussed during the March cycle.

SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



From Left: Supervisor Mark Borkowski, Dr. Donald Gundlach,

To continue with his annual tradition Supervisor Taylor again attended the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce’s awards dinner. Supervisor Taylor spoke with representatives from the six award finalists and presented an honorary citation to commemorate the achievements of this year’s winners.

DENTAL ASSOCIATES

2014 Business of the Year

The South Suburban Chamber of Commerce named Dental Associates the 2014 Business of the Year during their annual awards ceremony.

Dental Associates was founded in 1973 by Dr. John G. Gonis, a graduate of Marquette University’s School of Dentistry and Dental Associates currently is Wisconsin’s largest family-owned dental group practice, with 12 dental centers and 780 staff members, including 104 doctors.

In 2014 Dental Associates opened a state-of-the-art dental center in Franklin and immediately began providing a range of family dental services. With a clear focus on delivering excellent care that is affordable, accessible and personalized, Dental Associates pursues its mission to improve the quality of life of their patients through excellence in oral health care.

THE ROCK SPORTS COMPLEX

2014 Pride in Premises

The Rock Sports Complex was awarded with this year’s Pride in Premises award.

As a former land fill and neglected ski hill the site was transformed by Zimmerman Ventures Inc. With \$7 million invested, the former ski hill now has six baseball fields, BMX Biking facilities, an upgrading of the ski hill and the Midwest’s best Umbrella Bar.

The Rock Sports Complex was built to appeal to a mix of audiences and it provides a variety of activities such as biking, snow tubing, skiing, snowboarding, concerts, sporting events and family movie nights.



From Left: Supervisor Mark Borkowski, Thomas Johns, Supervisor Taylor

DREXEL TOWN SQUARE



Drexel Town Square (Rinka Chung Architecture Inc, 2013)



Drexel Town Square (Rinka Chung Architecture Inc, 2013)



Water Street Brewery (Sto Architecture LLC, 2014)



Courtesy of Chick-Fill-A

Recently our office has received several calls from Oak Creek residents inquiring about a construction project at the old Delco Electronics site near the intersection of Howell and Drexel avenues.

After speaking with Ms. Olga Dillon, a life-long Oak Creek resident regarding the construction project, at her request our office has included a small write up detailing the Drexel Town Square development.

The 85-acre site was acquired by WISPARK LLC in 2011 and later entered into a public-private partnership with the City of Oak Creek to start development.

The plans for Drexel Town Square call for a mixed-use development that will be designed in a way that resembles a true “downtown” district. As the new focal point of the Oak Creek community, the development will look to attract and encourage future development that complements the preferences of the area.

Drexel Town Square will combine civic, residential, commercial and retail space to create a development that caters to the community’s needs. The site will include a newly constructed city hall, library and town square. In addition, the development will feature high-end apartments, retail stores, restaurants (Meijer, Chick-Fil-A, Water Street Brewery), and commercial entities (U.S. Bank, Froedtert Hospital).

The City of Oak Creek utilized a Tax Incremental Financing district to help pay for public improvements to the site. Once the development incentives are paid all property taxes will go to the City of Oak Creek and other taxing jurisdictions.

Once completed, city officials estimate the development will have a taxable value of \$162 million. That will increase to an estimated \$220 million by 2032.

For more information on Drexel Town Square [click](#)

OAK CREEK 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Oak Creek will celebrate 60 years as a City in 2015. To celebrate 60 years of success, the City of Oak Creek's Celebrations Commission will kick off its "PAY IT FORWARD CAMPAIGN" throughout 2015 by challenging community members to commit one act of kindness.

UPCOMING PAY IT FORWARD EVENTS

February 2015: Pay It Forward to our Furry Friends – Donate select items to the Wisconsin Humane Society.

March 2015: (5:00 pm – 8:00pm) Taste of Oak Creek – Taste food from local restaurants and participate in the silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education.

April 2015: (9:00 am – Noon) Pay It Forward Off the Beaten Path – Help clean up the Oak Leaf bike path and trail from East County Line Road to East Drexel Avenue.

May 2015: (5:00pm) Pay It Forward to our Elders – Purchase a potted plant to be delivered to a local senior care center.



For more information on how you can get involved or for a full list of Pay It Forward events in 2015 please [click here](#).

IN THE COMMUNITY – EAGLE SCOUT HONORS



Supervisor Taylor and Ethan

Recently, Supervisor Taylor had the opportunity to present Ethan Meyer with an official Milwaukee County Board citation for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ethan a sophomore at Oak Creek High School, earned his rank of Eagle Scout by partnering with Digital Workforce Education of Chicago and Milwaukee to provide and install computers in several Wisconsin schools. With assistance from his scout team and a generous donation from Marquette University, Ethan was able to install more than 100 computers at Northeastern Wisconsin High School, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy of Marinette and an additional 30 computers at Zion Lutheran School in Menomonee Falls.

Supervisor Taylor would like to thank Ethan for his commitment to Milwaukee County, his dedication to the principles of scouting and for "braving a January snowstorm to receive his citation".

As a determined and resourceful scout, Ethan serves as a fine example of the good heart and strong character of today's youth. On behalf of Milwaukee County, Supervisor Taylor commends and congratulates Ethan on his achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens presents...

Valentine's Day Hop

with Beatles tribute band

DOOR PRIZES!

LIVERPOOL '64



Saturday, February 14, 2015 | 8:00pm – 11:00pm

Come together to enjoy **great** drinks, **delicious** food, **foot-tapping fun Beatles music** and MORE!

Tickets: **\$40** per couple / **\$25** individual | FREE PARKING

*Cash bar with food & drinks provided by **Zilli Hospitality Group**. Proceeds from this event will be used to help sustain the Gardens and support our nature-driven education programs!*

BEATLES memorabilia/photos from original 1964 negatives taken at the only Beatles concert played in Wisconsin will be available for purchase! A portion of these proceeds will be donated to the *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)*.

Fazio's will be selling their **deliciously famous chocolates!**
You have a chance to win some of their sweet temptations just by attending!

Space is limited! Call Jeanna at **414-525-5654** or Jennifer at **414-525-5656** for tickets/info today!



This event is presented by the *Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens*, supporting the Gardens through programming, education and fundraising since 1984.

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WEHR NATURE CENTER

DO IT YOURSELF MAPLE TAPPING

Sunday
March, 1 2015
12PM-2PM

\$20 members
\$25 non-members

Wehr Nature Center is introducing a new DIY education series in 2015.

Join the Wehr Nature Center for some hands on learning and connect with other nature fanatics.

Come learn how to turn your maple tree into a maple syrup machine.

Walk-ins are welcome and a reservation guarantees a seat!!!

To reserve a seat call 414-425-8550

For more information [click here](#).

BOERNER CORNER

EXPLORING WINTER BIRDS BOERNER ARBORETUM WALK

Saturday
February, 28 2015
10:00AM-12:00PM

\$20 Families members
\$25 Families non-members
\$10 Individuals members
\$12 Individuals non-members

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about winter birds, their habitat and create a winter scene using water colors and Wisconsin bird cut outs.

It is recommended that you pre-register for this event. For more details or if you have questions on how to pre-register call (414-525-5653).



The Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens host a variety of classes and events year-round at Boerner Botanical Gardens.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

WEHR NATURE CENTER

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 every month

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



FREE Days for 2014:
1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 11/1 & 12/6

Special Holidays:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day
& New Year's Day

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



FREE on Mondays
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Excludes major holidays.
Visit www.milwaikedomes.org
for additional information.

Oak Creek Community Center

6TH ANNUAL OAK CREEK CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, February 28, 2015
9:00PM-3:00PM

Location: Oak Creek Community Center