

2nd District REPORT



County News for 2nd District Residents

Winter 2008

Dear Neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your representative on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. As part of my legislative role in serving you, I work to create new policies that aim to help our community (see page 2). My top priority is to provide you with resources and connections to Milwaukee County services that will enhance your quality of life. This is why I have included important information on accessing the 2-1-1 hotline, our one stop shop for all of your health and human needs. I hope that, as you enjoy the holiday season, you remember how fortunate we are to live in Milwaukee County.

The County faces many of the same challenges and choices you and your families face. In the face of rising costs, especially for health care and energy, I work to balance our basic needs while improving our quality of life. I am happy to report that we are working with the County Executive to craft a budget that is both fiscally responsible and maintains these high expectations. That's why I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions about this newsletter or any other concern that you believe the County Board should consider. Feel free to give me a call at 278-4278 or e-mail me at tclark@milwcnty.com.

Wishing you and your family good health and happiness,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Toni M. Clark".

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2008 Budget

The County Board has been responsible in restoring a lot of the important programs and services requested by constituents. Recognizing that Mass Transit is a major priority in the 2nd District, Supervisor Clark co-sponsored an amendment that restored funding to preserve the Route 12 bus line north of Florist Avenue and the Route 80 bus to the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) south campus. She also authored an amendment to move towards including MATC in the U-Pass student bus pass program. Supervisor Clark co-sponsored a Budget Amendment that was unanimously approved to avoid a fare increase for the Milwaukee County Transit System's Transit Plus paratransit service. The County Executive had called for an increase from \$3.25 to \$4 per ride. Transit Plus provides rides for individuals with a disabling illness or condition – including many senior

citizens – that are unable to use Milwaukee County Transit System buses.

As in years past, the County Board has restored funding for several Human Services programs, including prevention services to reduce drug, alcohol, and substance abuse in the community; the Impact 2-1-1 line, an important phone number that helps County residents with non-life threatening emergency situations; and the Interim Disability Assistance Program. Supervisor Clark authored an amendment to restore and increase funding for the Youth Sports Authority, a preventive program to help children become productive members of society through sports activities, rather than ending up in the State's juvenile correctional system, which is far more costly for County taxpayers.

Family Night Out

In July, Supervisor Clark, along with several businesses and community groups, hosted Family Night Out festivities in McGovern Park. The free events featured a resource fair, food and entertainment. These events let neighbors get to know each other, which is a proactive way to keep crime out of our neighborhoods. The Family Night Out events also promoted the community block watch program and strengthened community relations with the Sheriff's Office and Police Department.



Student Government Day

Supervisor Clark hosted the 2007 Student Government Day held on April 5 at the Milwaukee County Courthouse. Supervisor Clark sponsored the event, which gave 19 students the opportunity to spend a day at the Courthouse and get to know their County Board Supervisor. They also received a behind-the-scenes tour of Milwaukee County Government, which featured the courts, the Sheriff's Office, jail and the opportunity to sit with their Supervisor during a County Board meeting. The event was co-sponsored by the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion.



Backpacks distributed to local students in need



In August, Supervisor Clark and the Office Depot Foundation announced that four local groups were chosen to receive backpacks containing essential school supplies as part of the Foundation's 7th Annual National Backpack Program, in partnership with the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

The backpacks were presented to students at a Back-To-School Event for the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Running Rebels, Daniels – Mardak Boys and Girls Club and Parklawn YMCA.

This donation allowed students to start the school year with the resources they need to be successful in the classroom. Basic school supplies are something many of us take for granted. Supervisor Clark believes it's a wonderful program and looks forward to working with the Office Depot Foundation in the future on behalf of the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

Supervisor Clark urges expansion of Wisconsin Works program

In September, the Milwaukee County Board unanimously endorsed a resolution urging Governor Doyle to convene a task force to seek funding for work/welfare reform efforts for men, particularly fathers and males of color. While the Wisconsin Works W-2 program has been a huge help to women and children in our state, we need to identify more equitable funding sources to assist men of color, especially for those who are returning to society after incarceration.

Men coming out of the prison system have the difficult task of finding employment. We should spend more on rehabilitating these men to help them become taxpaying citizens. The employment situation for African-American and Hispanic males in Milwaukee County is dismal. It's imperative that Governor Doyle convene this task force to identify funding sources.

Males who obtain and maintain jobs are less likely to commit violent crimes and abuse alcohol or other drugs. They are also less likely to require safety net services provided by Milwaukee County, including mental health and child support enforcement services. Strengthening the employment levels can lead to a more productive society and promote positive change in many families.

Milwaukee County FREE DAYS !

Free Admission to Milwaukee Attractions! Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County Residents with a valid photo ID on the following days:



Milwaukee County Zoo

2008 FREE Days
 January 5, February 2, March 1,
 April 5, November 1, & December 6
 Thanksgiving Day
 Christmas Day
 New Year's Day

Milwaukee Public Museum

Free Every Monday!
 \$1 off admission adult prices on Tuesday-Sunday

Milwaukee Art Museum

Free Every Wednesday!
 (excludes special exhibits)

Mitchell Park Domes

Free Every Monday!
 from 9:00AM - 11:30AM
 (except major holidays)



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211: Linking callers to the right resource the first time

By simply dialing "2-1-1", you can have immediate telephone assistance and intervention for a range of community needs including:



Funded by Milwaukee County, this 24-hour central access point for information and referral serves more than 70,000 people each year. Community Resource Specialists assess each caller's needs and help to solve problems and providing information on and referrals to the many family, health and social service organizations available in the greater Milwaukee area.



For more information, dial 2-1-1

Would you like information on Milwaukee County?

There are several brochures and booklets available for Milwaukee County residents through my office.

Please check the brochure you'd like to receive and send this form to:

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- Milwaukee County Map
- Milwaukee County Parks Recreation Guide
- Milwaukee County Transit Guide
- Milwaukee County War Memorial Brochure
- Museum Public Museum Brochure
- Milwaukee Public Museum Discount Coupon
- Oak Leaf Trail Map

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