

# THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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### *Happy Holidays!*

At this festive time of year when we look forward to being able to spend some time with our families and other loved ones, I want to take a moment to wish you all the blessings the holiday season has to offer.

While I serve as Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, I remain, first and foremost, your Fifth District County Supervisor. I care greatly about the needs of all County citizens, but I especially care about you — my constituents, who have given me the opportunity to serve for more than 15 years.

As Chairman of the County Board, I am working to enhance our neighborhood, promote economic and business development, and provide help to those who need it most.

In this newsletter, you'll learn about the wide variety of projects, large and small, that I have initiated. One of the large ways is the Safe Alternatives for Youth program, which enriched the lives of nearly 3,000 young people in our community. I'm also working hard to preserve and enhance mass transit options, which so many people rely on to get from place to place in Milwaukee County.

Hopefully, such efforts — both those with a Countywide focus and those concentrated on the 5th District — will make 2008 a better year for everyone in our community. Despite our real and perceived differences, we are all one community and we must all work together. In that spirit of togetherness, I look forward to serving as your County Supervisor and Chairman of the Board in the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee". The signature is stylized and cursive.



## Transportation is a top priority

- By Chairman Holloway

One of my strongest passions as Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board is mass transit. Our bus system is vital for our neighborhoods. Whether it's getting to work, school, church or shopping, mass transit is the lifeline of a vibrant, urban area. It's important to have an extensive route network that is easily accessible to County residents from all walks of life. But mass transit is facing challenges. Due to higher fuel prices and other increased costs, higher fares and route cutbacks have been unavoidable. This trend underscores the need for a dedicated source of funding to stabilize the financial support for this vital service.

The solution lies in removing mass transit from the property tax by developing a funding source reserved for transit only. We need to encourage both Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker to realize the importance of identifying a dedicated funding source for the bus system.

The ultimate goal here is to reduce the burden on Milwaukee County property taxpayers. Taking transit



funding off the backs of Milwaukee County property taxpayers will lead to tax relief for both city and suburban residents in Milwaukee County. By creating a dedicated funding source for transit, the owner of a \$150,000 home would pay approximately \$100 less in property taxes each year.

Several of my colleagues on the County Board and the Milwaukee Common Council are working as a team to stress the importance of identifying this dedicated funding source, be it a sales tax or other alternative, to preserve our existing transportation network in Milwaukee County. What can you do? Please continue to urge all of your elected officials to help solve this problem. I am dedicated to find a long-term solution to preserve our valuable transit services.

## Chairman Holloway endorses review of pensions

Chairman Holloway has endorsed a resolution addressing certain pensions that were processed in an inappropriate manner by past members of the Milwaukee County Pension Board.

You may have recently read articles in the local media of problems with the way certain pension buy-backs and buy-ins were inappropriately approved for a number of Milwaukee County retirees. Chairman Holloway is proud to co-sponsor a resolution calling for a review and investigation into all pension benefits within Milwaukee County.

The resolution passed the County Board in September and also directs the Corporation Counsel and the Director of Employee Benefits to work with the Pension Board in its review. They must report back to the County Board with their findings.

The taxpayers of Milwaukee County deserve proper administration of all benefits provided to County employees and retirees.

## We appreciate our Jurors!

Chairman Holloway was pleased to honor all Milwaukee County citizens who have served in our jury system. In October, Milwaukee County celebrated Juror Appreciation Month at the Courthouse.

Last year, Chairman Holloway requested an audit of the jury selection process, after learning that jury pools did not appear to be representative of the population here in Milwaukee County. The results of the audit came out this summer and, while they show some progress has been made to improve jury inclusiveness, more hurdles remain. While 30 percent of the County's voting-age population is either black or Hispanic, these groups still only make up about 19 percent of juries.

Since the audit came out, Chairman Holloway has been working with Chief Judge Kitty Brennan, Reserve Judge Russell Stamper, Sr., and Clerk of Circuit Court John Barrett to come up with alternative ways to improve jury participation. Efforts already underway include public service announcements that are being distributed to local radio stations, the recording of a television spot, and opinion pieces in the local print media.

These efforts are the latest in a series of initiatives intended to thank jurors and their employers for going out of their way to serve our community. We must encourage people of color to make this same level of commitment. The message to them is, "it's not fair if you're not there!"

Jury service is one of the very few things our country asks of us. Yet, throughout the United States, there are concerns about the need to increase citizen participation as jurors. In Milwaukee County, we are no different and we do everything we can to encourage all citizens to honor their civic duty and serve as jurors.

Ultimately, the responsibility to report for jury duty sits squarely on the shoulders of the person summoned. Through jury service, citizens have a



unique opportunity to participate in their government, but they have to show up to participate.

There are four simple, inexpensive things YOU can do to ensure representative juries:

- 1) Respond to the jury questionnaire;
- 2) Report to jury duty when summoned;
- 3) Report a change of address promptly to the Department of Transportation; and
- 4) sign up for a state ID card if not on the DOT list.

If everyone in the community does these things, we will achieve the balance that benefits us all. You must all join us and step up by spreading the message of the importance of jury service. And, if you have recently served, thank you for your service!

### **Quick facts about Jury Service:**

- ▶ Jury pools are selected from DOT records (Driver's Licenses and other state-issued ID cards).
- ▶ You can be called for service a maximum of once every four years.
- ▶ Jury Management can work with you to reschedule your Jury Service in the event of a conflict.

## Chairman Holloway's "Safe Alternatives for Youth" program impacts nearly 3,000 young people



*The Milwaukee County Zoo served as the backdrop for the final activity sponsored by the Safe Alternatives for Youth (SAY) program. Thirty-two children ages 10-12 enjoyed the all-day event in August at the Milwaukee County Zoo, which included a behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo, animal hospital and education center.*

Chairman Holloway developed the SAY prevention program as part of the 2003 Milwaukee County Budget. A total of \$150,000 was initially allocated to provide community-based services to young people living in low-income areas of Milwaukee County who may be exposed to barriers that could place them at risk in their community.

The SAY program has helped our greatest treasure – this community's children – during the past four years. Providing safe and fun activities for our youth is a top priority for our community and it doesn't take a lot of money to do it.

Since 2003, SAY distributed small grants for one-time educational, cultural, recreational and other activities designed by community members to enhance the life experiences of disadvantaged youth. Over 80 mini-grants have impacted the lives of almost 3,000 young people in Milwaukee County.

In addition to these mini-grants, the program leveraged additional dollars from other funding organizations, providing a 6-to-1 return on our investment. The SAY program demonstrated that it doesn't take a lot of money to

make a tremendous difference in our community. Chairman Holloway is pleased to provide some assistance to redirect kids into positive activities.

Grant funds have supported organized activities such as youth participation in sporting events, exposure to cultural attractions, camping and environmental activities, health care prevention and other educational programs.

The SAY Oversight Committee was Chaired by **Dr. Joan Prince** from UW-Milwaukee, and also included Milwaukee County Supervisor **Elizabeth Coggs-Jones**; **George Gerharz**, Allied Community Solutions; **Socorro Gonzales**, WE Energies; **Cecilia Gore**, Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation; **Reverend Shawn Green-Smith**, Faith Partnership Network; **Ralph Hollman**, Milwaukee Urban League served as SAY fiscal agent; **Tasha Jenkins**, Fighting Back, Inc; **Rob Henken**, Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services; **Dr. Diane Pollard**, community representative; and **Dr. Linda Stewart**.

## County Board unanimously endorses Apprenticeship Study Work Group

*Chairman Holloway's resolution aims to increase diversity in apprenticeship programs*

In September, the Milwaukee County Board approved a resolution authored by Board Chairman Lee Holloway, and co-sponsored by Supervisors Willie Johnson, Jr. and Peggy West, to create a work group to improve apprenticeship programs and standards within Milwaukee County. The Apprenticeship Study Work Group, to be appointed by Chairman Holloway, will address major deficiencies in our apprenticeship programs.

A recent State of Wisconsin study showed that 85% of construction trade companies failed to employ any African-Americans or Hispanic-Americans. American Indians, Asians and women were also barely represented in those trades.

We hope to improve these statistics. This Work Group can raise the bar in Milwaukee County by establishing standards and measures for apprenticeship programs and ensuring that disadvantaged and minority citizens have an opportunity to advance with apprenticeship opportunities, regardless of their level of education or socio-economic status.

The Apprentice Study Work Group will work to increase diversity among apprenticeship programs in Milwaukee County and consist of representatives from the many areas, including construction and manufacturing trades.

This Work Group will bring suggestions forward to benefit Milwaukee County residents who have had difficulty getting into apprenticeships and other training programs.

## Our Students and Seniors

Earlier this year, the County Board hosted Student Government Day as well as the Senior Statesman Program. High school students from around Milwaukee County were paired with a County Supervisor and received a behind-the-scenes tour of Milwaukee County Government, including the Courts, the jail and sitting in on a County Board meeting.



*Chairman Holloway is pictured with Sarah Bowen, a student from Marshall Montessori IB High School, during Student Government Day.*



*Chairman Holloway meets with Senior Statesmen and discusses the County Board's role in Milwaukee County government.*



## MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE SAVED MORE THAN \$83,000 ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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We all know that health care costs are escalating while the number of insured people is decreasing. This benefit provides immediate, substantial relief from the high prices of prescription drugs. No enrollment forms or membership fees are required. Regardless of age or income, any Milwaukee County resident can simply show the card at any participating pharmacy.

**Cards can also be obtained from one of the following locations:**

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901 N. 9th Street, Courthouse Room 201

**General Assistance Medical Program,**  
9501 Watertown Plank Rd.

**Department of Health and Human Services,**  
1220 W. Vliet St. and 1673 S. 9th St.

**Department on Aging,**  
310 W. Wisconsin Ave.

**Southside Health Clinic,**  
1639 S. 23rd St.

**Milwaukee County Parks  
Administration,**  
9480 Watertown Plank Rd.

**MLK Heritage Clinic,**  
2555 N. King Dr.

**16th Street Health Center,**  
1032 S. 16th St.

**Clinica Latina,**  
1238 S. 16th St.

**Lubsey Clinic,**  
5300 W. Villard Ave.

**Runway Dog Exercise Area,**  
1214 E. Rawson Ave.

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## Chairman Holloway names appointees to Parks Advisory Commission

In an effort to provide policy and funding guidance to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on preserving the natural beauty of the Milwaukee County Parks System, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution in April to create a seven member Parks Advisory Commission.

In July, the County Board then approved the seven commission members appointed by County Board Chairman Lee Holloway. The panel will provide input to County Supervisors, with final decision-making and taxing authority resting with the County Board and County Executive.

The Commission Chairman is **Louis G. Fortis, Ph.D.**, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the Shepherd Express weekly newspaper. Other members of the panel include **Daniel J. Steininger**, President of Steininger & Associates; **Rafael Acavedo**, Executive Director of Public Allies Milwaukee; Historian **John Gurda**; U.S. Administrative Judge **Henry Hamilton III**; Attorney **F. William Haberman**; and Community



Outreach Manager **Penelope Stewart**.

The Milwaukee County Parks System was formed in 1907 and encompasses over 15,000 acres of parks and parkways. The system has long been renowned for its unspoiled beauty and source of recreational enjoyment for citizens and visitors alike. Every effort must be taken to ensure the Milwaukee County Parks System remains one of the County's most recognized assets for generations to come.

## Milwaukee Public Museum recovery

Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway led the way for the development of a comprehensive financial recovery plan for the Milwaukee Public Museum.

It has been the actions of the County Board that have kept the museum open since the discovery of poor fiscal management by MPM, Inc. in 2005. Chairman Holloway and the County Executive appointed a Financial Oversight Committee to oversee the taxpayers' investment in the museum and created a Museum Recovery Committee to develop this recovery plan, which is intended to benefit all parties

involved, including Milwaukee County taxpayers.

Chairman Holloway is pleased to play a key role in this great institution's recovery. Milwaukee County owns the Milwaukee Public Museum building and artifacts. Currently, the County provides more than \$3.3 million in direct operating funds annually to the Museum.



*Chairman Lee Holloway pictured with Milwaukee Public Museum CEO Dan Finley.*



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- Milwaukee Urban Water Trail, A Canoe & Kayak Guide
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