



Rice Report



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E-NEWS

Dear Friend,

In an effort to stay in touch, this e-newsletter is being sent with news and information about my work as your County Supervisor.

I want to be your voice on the county board, and to do so I need to hear your thoughts and concerns. So I hope you will use this newsletter and my website as your link to me and that you find it a useful tool to help me better serve you.

Sincerely,

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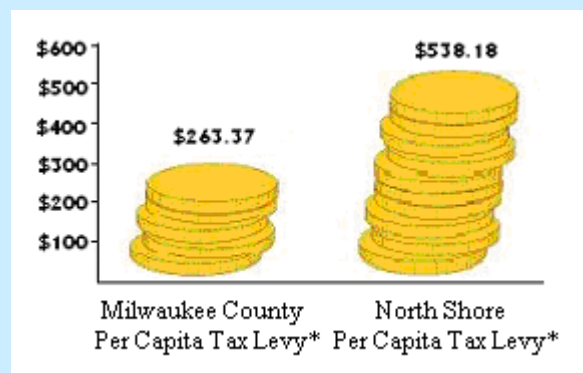
Recently, County Board Chair Lee Holloway forwarded a budget request that would increase the salary level for county supervisors by over 9% over the next three years.

I plan to oppose any such proposal, should it be a part of the 2008 county budget. As I indicated in the recent [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel story](#), the present salary level is fair and reasonable and, when considering fringe benefits, can be considered generous.

Any consideration of salary increases should be undertaken as part of a larger policy analysis of the structure and composition of the board to determine the appropriate size of the county board and whether a full-time board is necessary.

TAX BURDEN UPDATE

Here are some statistics outlining the Milwaukee County portion of the tax burden in our communities and how it compares to that of the rest of the county.



	Tax Levy Per Capita	Per Capita Rank Within Milwaukee County
Bayside	\$ 572.54	3
Brown Deer	\$ 355.88	11
Fox Point	\$ 637.99	2
River Hills	\$ 1,170.25	1
Whitefish Bay	\$ 546.25	5
Glendale	\$ 551.14	4

* Tax levy based on tax bills sent out for 2007 adopted budget.

ETHICS LAW REFORM

The Code of Ethics Study Committee is in the final stages of revising Milwaukee County's Code of Ethics.

The Code establishes clear guidelines for standards of conduct to assist public officials and employees in avoiding actions that are incompatible with the best interest of the county government.

In leading the development of this reform, I hope to increase integrity and accountability of Milwaukee County Government, as well as instill greater public trust in public officials.

The revised code is expected to be presented to the public in September. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

RAILROAD CONSORTIUM

Having a dependable and continuing freight rail system is crucial to the economic development of our region and the Milwaukee County. That is why I brought forth an initiative for Milwaukee County to join the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium.

Joining the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium would ensure reliable freight rail service to many county manufacturers and businesses that depend on it, thus stimulating and encouraging job growth.

Other East Wisconsin counties, including Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, have benefited greatly from joining this entity and it is time for Milwaukee County to do so as well.

Supervisor Rice Honors Pauline Redmond Coggs Foundation Scholarship Winner

Supervisor Rice honored Crystal Buchanan, a 2007 Wisconsin Lutheran High School graduate, as recipient of the Pauline Redmond Coggs scholarship for her outstanding achievement as a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.- Epsilon Kappa Omega Chapter Cotillion. She will attend Florida A&M University in the Fall.



Supervisor Rice presenting the award to Crystal Buchanan with Michelle Crockett, the President of the Board of Directors of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Supervisor Rice Supports UW-M Engineering School Plan

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has proposed an ambitious plan to construct a new \$143 million engineering campus and research center on unused Milwaukee County-owned land in Wauwatosa.

That plan deserves prompt and enthusiastic support from Milwaukee County. Opening this land to a catalytic development adjacent to the Regional Medical Center and Milwaukee County Research Park is critical to continuing the medical and high-tech cluster development that has emerged around the medical complex.

The proposed engineering school can be the third leg of the Milwaukee County Grounds that will foster an internationally recognized campus integrating research, education, and health care - all leveraging innovation.

Milwaukee County need not become immobilized by its fiscal challenges. Rather we can build upon our assets and seek to fulfill our economic development mandate by encouraging UW-M's Engineering School at this location. We can rekindle a culture and application of basic and applied research to create globally competitive products and services.

I call upon my colleagues on the Milwaukee County Board to recognize that this opportunity presents the highest and best use for this land.

Fourth of July Celebration



Joe enjoyed participating in the Fourth of July celebrations in Fox Point, Glendale, Whitefish Bay, and Brown Deer. Here he visits with Bucky Badger.

Take Advantage of Many Exciting Events in the Milwaukee County Parks!

- **Milwaukee County Pools are now open with new affordable season pool passes** available, and **new extended hours** from 11:30am until 8pm (Mon.-Thurs.) and 11:30 to 6pm on Fridays and weekends. (Night Swim offered from 5pm to 7pm). **Cool Waters in Greenfield Park has opened for the summer season. It is open Monday thru Thursday 10am to 8pm and Friday thru Sunday 10am to 6pm.** [Click Here for Details.](#)
- **All Milwaukee County Golf courses are open and ready for play. Take advantage of several exciting golf specials at county courses.** To reserve a tee-time call the tee-time reservation line at (414) 475-6222. [Click Here for Details.](#)
- **Friday Fish Fry in the Parks.** [Click Here for Details.](#)
End the week with a Fish Fry in your Milwaukee County Parks. Fridays throughout the Summer.
- **Farmer's Markets.** [Click Here for Details.](#)
Get your fresh-from-the-farm produce, baked goods and more!
- **Free Concerts in the Parks!** [Click Here for Details.](#)

For detailed information regarding park activities throughout the whole year, please visit [Year-at-Glance Milwaukee County Parks 2007 Calendar.](#)

Park and Ride Safety Tips!

Due to the recent attention to car thefts and break-ins, it is important to take precautionary measures and avoid this happening to you. Here is some helpful advice from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office:

- Make sure you lock your car and not leave your keys in the ignition.
- If you plan to leave a valuable item in your car, store it in an area not visible from the outside before you arrive to the location.
- Check for signs of illegal entry before you enter the car.
- Report suspicious activity around the lot. Do so by calling (414) 278-4788 for non-emergency, and 911 for emergency situations.
- Avoid storing valuable items such as a laptop computer, I-pod, or a portable CD player in your car.

Crime prevention is the duty of both the Law Enforcement Agencies and the citizens. In adhering to these guidelines you contribute greatly to the crime prevention efforts.

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