

## **Details of Proposed Agreement between the Visiting Nurse's Association and Milwaukee County regarding Access to a Hospice off of Honey Creek Parkway**

County Executive Scott Walker and his staff spoke with all interested parties before a veto of a resolution requiring negotiations on an ordinance change related to the use of Honey Creek Parkway in Wauwatosa.

The County Executive and his staff spoke (numerous times) with interested parties since the veto.

It is clear that the County Executive would not be forced to negotiate under the terms set in the board's resolution, but that he was open to talking to the Visiting Nurse's Association (VNA) about alternative options. The criteria was simple:

- No changes to the types of vehicles on the parkway (no ordinance change or change in posted weight limits).
- No construction equipment on the parkway.
- No parking by employees or visitors of the hospice on the parkway.

This was told to neighbors, to parks advocates, to the VNA, to hospice supporters and to reporters on numerous occasions. This is a very transparent process.

### **The proposed agreement with the VNA includes:**

- No change in the type of vehicles allowed on the parkway.
- No change in the weight limits posted on the parkway.
- No delivery trucks on the parkway (large shipments will go to the Psychiatric Hospital north of the hospice).
- No change in the ordinance for the use of the parkway.
- No parking on the parkway for staff and visitors to the hospice.
- No construction equipment on the parkway (all must come from the north).
- A payment of \$500,000 to the county to be set aside for the long-term preservation of the parkway.
- An easement to provide a curb cut along the Honey Creek Parkway near the current curb cut on Honey Creek Parkway into VNA property (the easement is connected to the continued operation of a hospice).

The VNA owns the land and there is currently one curb cut and a driveway to the property. The agreement allows the hospice to have a circular driveway that was requested by the City of Wauwatosa.

In addition, it was the City of Wauwatosa staff that raised the concerns about the Dewey Avenue access. They have issues with emergency vehicle access and with storm water runoff.