

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

May 23, 2008

Message from County Executive Walker

Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. In addition to joining family this weekend, we will be at the various parades and services on Monday. I hope you will take time out to remember those who have passed - particularly our veterans.

It is also the unofficial kick off to the summer fun season. Cool Waters opens on Saturday (with the other outdoor pools opening after school is out on June 14). The flamingos are back at the zoo in the Idabel Wilmot Borchert Flamingo Exhibit and Overlook and the Sting Ray and Shark Reef is back thanks to Sundance Vacations. The kite festival is back at Veterans Park this weekend too.

A month from now, I depart on our journey around Wisconsin and three neighboring states to promote our region on a Harley-Davidson Road King. For more details on how you can join us and promote the many great things in the region, visit www.countyexecutivesride.com.

Have a great and safe weekend!

Scott



Hybrid Bus model



County Executive Walker was joined by a number of supervisors, city officials and transit system representatives in renewing a call for developing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the county. A model of a hybrid bus was in town for Wisconsin Transit Week. "BRT will benefit the most transit-dependent populations in the county," said Walker. "Providing a much needed service while controlling costs through BRT efficiencies helps the entire transit system."

Senior Hall of Fame



County Executive Walker joined the Commission on Aging to induct the new members of the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. 2008 Awardees: Maree Pavlovich (daughter Susan Dickerman accepted), Henrietta Bartel, Edith Hoffman, Catherine Crisp and Virginia Wahl.

MU Law School groundbreaking



County Executive Walker participated in the blessing and groundbreaking for the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hall at Marquette University. All of the guests joined in with shovels to cap the event.

Cool Waters Opens



County Executive Walker promoted this week's opening of Cool Waters on Fox6 with Gus Gnorski. Walker showed a sample of the new Park Ranger patrol jackets. Scott Fisher from Gift of Wings at Veterans Park joined them to give details on the Family Kite Festival taking place Saturday and Sunday. For more information on pool hours, admission, and events, visit www.countyparks.com.

Walker congratulates 25-year employees



County Executive Walker congratulated employees at the Dept. of Transportation and Public Works 25-year recognition breakfast. He presented certificates to: C. Barry Bateman, Chrisine Yunk-Cribb, Nicholas Gnas, Fredrick Wright, Glen Cannon, Patrick Robinson, Anthony Sansone, Steven Tilk, Thomas Lovinus, Glen Hasse, Stanley Jackson, and Stuart Swessel. DTPW Airport and Facilities Management Department and Division heads honored the employees for their many years of service.

Community Events

County Executive Walker joined the Milwaukee Aging Consortium in honoring Department on Aging Director Stephanie Sue Stein with their Leadership Award 2008 for her efforts on Family Care. He attended the annual Milwaukee County Highway Safety "Roadeo," met with the new director of the Milwaukee Art Museum – Daniel Keegan, began planning the public sector drive for United Way, attended the annual meeting of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and participated in a news conference by Cobalt Partners announcing that the US Postal Service selected an Oak Creek site to build over other counties under consideration. Walker will give the commencement address at Milwaukee Lutheran High School this weekend.