

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

November 16, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

We have so much to be thankful for and look forward to in Milwaukee County. Golfers are still enjoying the county golf courses as the fall season winds down and we head to a full slate of wonderful activities for winter. The Holiday Lights had a dazzling opening, and Red Arrow Park ice rink will open on December 7 if the cold spell continues.

Families can enjoy the whimsical balloon sculptures displayed at the Domes at the third annual "Balloonapalooza." More than 100,000 balloons depict a "Bedtime Stories" theme with storybook characters that will delight young and old alike.

The 81st Holiday Parade is another annual event that is enjoyed by thousands. It steps off Saturday, November 17 at 9:30am. Visit www.milwaukeekeeparade.com for the new route, the lineup and parking suggestions.

*Wishing you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving,
Scott*



Holiday Lights Festival



County Executive Walker joined Gus Gnorski on Fox6 to promote the Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival kickoff event at Pere Marquette Park November 15. Fireworks capped off the opening to the festival, featuring thousands of sparkling lights and dazzling displays, running through December 30 along Wisconsin Avenue and including two other downtown parks – Zeidler Union Square and Cathedral Square.

Visit www.milwaukeeholidaylights.com for details.

Parks 100th Tree Plaques



County Executive Walker was joined by Parks Director Sue Black, Supervisor Paul Cesarz, and parks staff to unveil the first of eleven tree plaques being placed throughout the park system to commemorate the 100 trees planted for the 100th Anniversary.

Veterans Day Events



County Executive Walker walked the Veterans Day Parade route and attended the American Legion - Police Post 415 & Fire Fighters Post 426 and Red Arrow Club of Milwaukee program ceremonies.

Community Events

County Executive Walker attended the St. Marcus School Benefit Gala, Veterans Day Banquet and 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Milwaukee County War Memorial, the city-county tree lighting ceremony at Red Arrow Park, the Festival of Trees program at the Marcus Center to benefit Habitat for Humanity, and the dedication ceremony of the North Point Lighthouse.

Wisconsin Jr. Miss



County Executive Scott Walker met Wisconsin's Junior Miss – Jordan Kirkegaard of Franklin, at a recent meeting of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council. Ms. Kirkegaard attends Notre Dame University.

St. Aloysius meal site



County Executive Walker joined participants at the St. Aloysius meal site for lunch. Goodwill Industries sponsored lunchtime musical entertainment by Carolyn Wehner. The audience enjoyed hearing popular melodies from musicals and the big band era. Walker also visited the Indian Meals Council at Redeemer Lutheran Church.