

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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## Message From County Executive Walker

*Happy New Year and welcome to 2007!*

*Clearly, this is a time of renewal. Not only in a new year, but with some new faces in our administration. Last month, Cindy Archer joined our team. Previously, she was the head of the Department of Administration for Brown County Executive Carol Kelso, and held numerous key positions in state government. We nominated her to be our new budget director.*

*Next, we have Greg Gracz who just started this week as our new Director of Labor Relations. Gracz has an outstanding record as the president of the Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Association and as a regent with the UW system. We are extremely pleased to have him on board with our administration.*

*Finally, I want to personally thank Chuck McDowell for his service to Milwaukee County. McDowell is retiring as the Director of Human Resources. He is a Milwaukee native who graduated from Rufus King High School and then went on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For many years, he served in state government before we recruited him to join us and return home. Best wishes to Chuck and his family and many thanks!*

**Scott**



## Golf In January? You Bet!



The New Year's unseasonably warm weather means that a number of Milwaukee County golf courses are open for business. Currie, Grant, Lincoln, Whitnall, Hansen and Greenfield courses are open while the warm weather continues.

Take advantage of this warm weather to play a few rounds of golf. Over 3,000 rounds were played in December. You can get some great deals now too with rates for 18 holes as low as \$8.75. For more information, go to [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com) or call 257-PARK

Despite the warm weather, the Ice Rink at Red Arrow Park is open for business. More than 10,000 skaters visited in December.

Milwaukee County residents have the rare opportunity to golf during the day and skate in the evening.

## Let's Take Care website now open



*LTC: Let's Take Care*

The Let's Take Care campaign was launched last year to create a brand awareness of the LTC: Let's Take Care logo. The goal of the program is to train the public to look for the LTC logo when looking for long-term care programs.

The website is a part of the LTC: Let's Take Care consumer awareness campaign for long-term care in Milwaukee County.

This campaign is a component of Connecting Caring Communities (CCC), a collaborative project supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its Community Partnerships for Older Adults (CPFOA) national initiative. CPFOA seeks to foster community partnerships that are improving long-term care and supportive services systems to meet the current and future needs of older adults.

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging has been instrumental in developing this program to help older adults and their families arrange for long-term care. [Click here](#) to find more information on the LTC program.

## Children Help Ring In New Year at Red Arrow Park



Kids and fireworks helped usher in 2007 at Red Arrow Park on New Year's Eve. The warm weather brought hundreds of skaters to Red Arrow Park's Slice of Ice to watch a dramatic fireworks display at the stroke of midnight.