

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

January 8, 2010

Message from County Executive Walker

On Wednesday, we continued the weekly meetings with the County Board Chair, Finance Committee Chair and staff to review our budget status. I also met this week with the chair of the Personnel Committee. Each of them realizes how tight the 2010 budget will be and how important it is to achieve the wage and benefit reforms included in the 2010 budget. We will continue to work closely with them to insure that we balance the budget all throughout the year.

We will continue to monitor the status of the budget on a weekly basis. This puts us in a position to work with the board on any corrective actions, as they are needed throughout the year.

It is also good to note that many of the constitutional officers are stepping up to help the county meet the 2010 budget. These are positive signs.

Scott



State of the County

County Executive Walker will deliver the 2010 State of the County Address at the TAPCO (Traffic & Parking Control Company, Inc.) showroom in Brown Deer on Tuesday, January 12 at 11am.

TAPCO recently relocated to Milwaukee County and manufactures, distributes and services innovations in safety, including the solar powered LED enhanced "BlinkerSign" traffic signs. The company was founded in Wauwatosa more than 50 years ago and employs over 100 people.

Music Under Glass



An increasingly popular live concert series takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, at the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd, now through March 18. Stop by and listen to a different band each night, along with seeing the light shows set to music at the break and following the concerts. Special events include the train show, a Patriots night, Mardi Gras night, and a Beach Party at the final concert of the season. Regular admission applies.

For a complete schedule of performances, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/atf3tu>.

New Year's Eve events



County Executive Walker rang in the New Year with his family, stopping at the Domes for the entertainment and light show, then on to Red Arrow Park to welcome the skaters to the countdown to the midnight fireworks.

Community Events



County Executive Walker attended the installation Mass of the Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi as he was ushered in as the 11th archbishop of Milwaukee to oversee the ten-county diocese.

Walker also attended the welcoming ceremony for the archbishop at Milwaukee City Hall (photo above) and presented the new archbishop with a Milwaukee County Parks hat and Bradford Beach Lifeguard sweatshirt. (Also pictured, L-R: Sheriff David Clarke, Council Pres. Willie Hines, Mayor Tom Barrett, Alderman Joe Dudzik, Episcopal Bishop Miller and Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi).

Leading up to the holidays, Walker stopped at a number of local radio stations to deliver his homemade frosted pecans and talk about county events.

Tobogganing and sledding

For great winter fun, bring your family and friends to speed down the toboggan run at Whitnall Park's Winter Sports Area! It features an exhilarating iced track and toboggans with metal runners.

2010 Toboggan Slide Hours

Closed Monday through Wednesday
Thurs. & Fri., 4-8 p.m.

Sat., noon-8 p.m. Sun., noon-6 p.m.

Toboggan Rental (includes sales tax)

Unlimited rides \$7 per toboggan per hour
For more information, call (414) 425-7303

2010 Sledding

There are 16 parks that offer sledding hills. Be sure to follow [sledding safety guidelines](#).

Day-time Sledding Hills

Columbus, 7301 W. Courtland Ave.

Greene, 4235 S. Lipton Ave.

Hales Corners, 5765 S. New Berlin Rd.

LaFollette, 9418 W. Washington St.

Maitland, 6001 S. 13 St.

McCarty, 8214 W. Cleveland Ave.

McGovern, 5400 N. 51 St.

Sheridan, 4800 S. Lake Dr.

Wilson Recreation, 4001 S 20 St.

Lighted Sledding Hills for day- or night

Brown Deer, 7835 N. Green Bay Rd., until 8pm

Currie, 3535 N. Mayfair Rd., lit until 9pm

Humboldt, 3000 S. Howell Ave., lit until 8pm

Pulaski (Milw.), 2677 S. 16 St., lit until 10pm

Whitnall, 5879 S. 92 St., lit until 10pm

[Concessions in the Whitnall Clubhouse](#)

Sled dog season



It's opening weekend for the Door County Sled Dog rides at Veterans Park next to the open-air pavilion near the Brady Street Bridge Saturday and Sunday from 11am-1pm. Get acquainted with a team of 4 to 6 Siberian Huskies and learn about the sport of mushing – from sled rigging to the art of pedaling. The sled dogs are operated by Door County Sled Dogs in partnership with Milwaukee County Parks.