

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

April 11, 2008

Message from County Executive Walker

Since the election, I have reached out to the various members of the County Board. The meetings are going well. We hope that this will continue far into the future.

So many of the issues facing the county during the next few months are not ideological. They involve things like the proposed School of Engineering on the county grounds or the prospect of a state-of-the-art mental health facility in the former St. Michael's Hospital that would provide better patient care while actually saving the county money. These are issues we can work together on with the members of the County Board.

For now, I am optimistic about the new term and about our chances to make Milwaukee County great again.

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Golf Courses Open



County Executive Scott Walker held a tee-off grand opening at Currie Park Golf Course with members of area golf groups to officially open Milwaukee County Golf Courses for the season. Visit countyparks.com for information on discount cards and courses.

Inaugural Ceremony

County Executive Scott Walker will be sworn in to a new term as Milwaukee County Executive on Monday, April 14 at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center. Walker was elected to a third term on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Walker will be joined at the ceremony by family, friends, members of the County Board, other elected officials and community leaders, along with members of the general public as he takes the oath of office and shares his vision for the future of the county.

The program will begin at 5:30pm; the oath will be given at 6pm. Parking is available on the north end of the War Memorial Center.

Czech Republic students visit Courthouse



County Executive Walker met with exchange students from the Czech Republic along with Marquette students and faculty this week. Peter Toumanoff of the Marquette Department of Economics brought his class for a courthouse visit and discussion with the county executive. Walker will be visiting Prague this month with other local business leaders on a trade mission to open doors for Wisconsin companies looking to establish or expand business contacts there and in Eastern Europe.

Airport Record Passenger Month

Walker announced a record February for General Mitchell International Airport. A total of 593,973 passengers departed from or arrived at GMIA in February, a 10.79 percent increase over February 2007. For the first two months of the year, passenger numbers are up 8.78 percent over the same period in 2007.

Walker noted that due to our competitive airfares and reasonable parking rates, more passengers are choosing the convenience and ease of GMIA as a gateway to southeastern Wisconsin and the northern Chicago suburbs.

Wheaton Franciscan ribbon cutting



County Executive Walker gave remarks and participated in the ribbon cutting at the new Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare medical facility in the City of Franklin. Other elected officials and hospital administrators attended, including Franklin Mayor Tom Taylor, and Barbara Wesener of the South Suburban Chamber of Commerce. Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of Milwaukee gave the dedication and blessing. The facility creates approximately 100 jobs in the community with potential for future growth.

Community Events

County Executive Walker attended the Center for International Health Board of Directors meeting, and a reception for the business leaders participating in the Prague trade mission at the firm of Reinhart Boerner Van Dueren.

Walker also addressed the Audit Hearing in Madison on the impact of state legislation on Milwaukee County if 17 year-olds are returned to the jurisdiction of juvenile court. This change would cost Milwaukee County at least \$23 million a year. Walker and Chairman Holloway have worked together to prevent this change.