

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

June 6, 2008

Message from County Executive Walker

Milwaukee faces a wake up call. From the carjacking of the 84-year-old, out-of-town woman to the punks on the chartered bus to the gang bangers at River Splash, things are getting out-of-control. The Police Chief and Sheriff are aggressive, but we need more help.

We need the public to help identify these criminals.

We need judges to crack down and give these criminals hard sentences in the state prison system.

We need parents who hold their children accountable.

We need church and civic leaders who demand that teenagers stop having children before they are adults.

We need a greater sense of personal responsibility and we need it now.

Milwaukee is at an intersection: we can turn down a path that leads to becoming another Detroit or we can take a firm handle on this situation, clean up the crime and head down a path of prosperity that leads to becoming a city like Indianapolis. To move down the right path takes courage and determination. I, for one, am ready to stand with the Sheriff and the Police Chief and any other leaders who are willing to crack down on crime and restore public safety throughout our community.

Scott



Golden Idol!



County Executive Walker and emcee John McGivern congratulate **Danny Crivello** - the Milwaukee County Golden Idol winner. Thirty acts auditioned at senior centers, with ten competing for the title. Time Warner Cable sponsored the event that will air on Wisconsin on Demand Channel 1111 June 6th – 16th for selection of a Viewer's Choice winner.



1st Runner-up
Annie Carter

2nd Runner-up
Jazzy Jewels



3rd Runner-up
Jerry & Angela Friday

Golden Idol cont.



Golden Idol judges: Sherika Oliphant – Milwaukee Bucks Senioree coach, Maureen Slattery – 50 Plus Magazine, Gus Gnorski – Fox 6 WITI, Fern Caulker – Ko-Thi Dance Co., and Stephanie Sue Stein – Director of Department on Aging, shown with the winners.

Special Olympics event



County Executive Walker carried the torch with a young athlete at the kick-off ceremony for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. More than 100 law enforcement and military personnel ran to Steven's Point for the opening ceremony of the 2008 Special Olympics Wisconsin State Summer Games.

Park Rangers on Patrol



County Executive Walker announced the formation of the Milwaukee County Park Ranger program as part of a broader effort to address safety and security in the park system. "The Rangers will serve as ambassadors for our parks while offering another level of security," said Walker. "Monitoring activities to ensure patron safety and compliance with park rules can help prevent larger disturbances and reassure visitors." Jackets emblazoned with the "Ranger" title make them easily identifiable while patrolling the parks and trails. Sup. Joe Sanfelippo, Parks Director Sue Black and training manager Laura Schloesser also spoke at the event.

Community Events

County Executive Walker taped an interview for Channel 58's "Newsmaker" series, attended the Milwaukee 7 Regional council meeting, and met with Cub Scouts from Pack 485, Den 5 from St. Joseph's School in Wauwatosa.