

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

October 16, 2009

Congratulations!



MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

National Gold Medal Winner

Well-deserved Award



County Executive Walker thanked Park Director Sue Black, the park staff and community and corporate partners on the National Gold Medal Award (above). Sue Black and some of her team accepted the award at the National Recreation and Parks conference in Utah (below).



The National Gold Medal for Excellence is given by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and the National Recreation and Park Association.

"This is outstanding news and reflects the hard work of the dedicated staff in the parks department and the importance of the community and corporate partnerships we have," said Walker. "Our parks are a source of enjoyment for the entire community, and this Gold Medal recognition showcases our pride in our parks to the nation."

See why we're getting national attention and view the video about our parks on the following link:

<http://www.dwpinc.com/mcp/milcntyprks.html>.

Visit www.countyparks.com for more information on the Gold Medal Award and activities in our parks.



Disabilities Services



County Executive Walker welcomed the participants at the “Caregiver Stimulus Day-Come and Be Rejuvenated” event sponsored in part by the Milwaukee County Disabilities Services Division. The workshops highlight the value of direct service providers, and inspire and motivate their continued involvement in the field. There are more than 1500 direct care providers in the Disabilities Services Division who support individuals with disabilities.

Lincoln’s 200th



The Wisconsin Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission held a ceremony to commemorate the 200th anniversary of our 16th President's birth and to acknowledge the day that Lincoln spoke at the Wisconsin State Fair grounds in Milwaukee in 1859. Since the ceremony was held at the Milwaukee County War Memorial (whose motto is to "Honor the Dead by Serving the Living), the County Executive referenced the final few sentences of the Gettysburg Address in his comments: *It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from*

these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government: of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

In Focus on WVCY



County Executive Walker appeared on the In Focus program on WVCY – channel 30 with host Jim Schneider to discuss the 2010 budget issues.

Community Events

County Executive Walker recently greeted the walkers at the Down Syndrome Association Awareness Walk and presented a proclamation to the group. Walker also spoke to the MMAC on the budget challenges and was the speaker at the Public Policy Forum Board meeting. He will attend the 100th Anniversary event for the Milwaukee Police Association.



County Executive Walker was the keynote speaker (photo above) for the Cudahy Chamber of Commerce meeting.



Tiger Naming Contest! The Milwaukee County Zoo is holding a naming contest for the two new tiger cubs born in early July. To submit name suggestions, visit www.milwaukeezoo.org for official entry form. Deadline is Friday, October 23, 2009.