

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

March 23, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

Now that Spring has finally come, there is once again plenty to do in Milwaukee County.

Many of our golf courses are now open, with most others scheduled to open in the next week. There are great deals available now. (See associated story in this issue.) The Parks System is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, so look for special events throughout the spring and summer.

Now is a great time to visit the Milwaukee County Zoo, and they have a Family Free Day, sponsored by Fox 6, this Saturday, March 24. There is no charge for admission all day.

For me, spring means it will soon be time to get out on a Harley and ride. In a few months, I will once again be heading out on the Executive's Ride around the state to promote tourism in the seven county region. This year, we'll be visiting four states and 38 cities on our 6-day ride. For more information on the ride, and to sign up to participate, go to www.countyexecutivesride.com.

I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the many attractions that Milwaukee County has to offer.

Scott



Help Welcome Our Troops Home

This Saturday, the second contingent of soldiers from the Army Reserve's 961st Engineer Battalion will be returning to Milwaukee from their deployment in Iraq. Approximately 60 members of the battalion will be arriving at the reserve center, 5326 West Silver Spring Drive on Saturday, March 24 at approximately 2:00pm.

There will be a large contingent of family, friends, and supporters on hand to welcome the troops home. Why not take the time to show support for these brave Americans by being on hand when they return?

The first group from the Battalion returned last Sunday.

Walker/Board Leaders Agree on Federal Transit Funding

On Wednesday, County Executive Walker spoke at the Board's Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit to lend his support to a resolution by Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisors James White and Michael Mayo that calls for the \$91.5 million in federal funds to be allocated exclusively for bus-based transit in Milwaukee County.

"Mayor Barrett has proposed a transit plan that dedicates more than half of the \$91.5 million to a three-mile rail system in downtown Milwaukee that does nothing to help riders in Milwaukee County that actually depend on transit," said Walker.

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"Furthermore, this new rail system would hurt our bus-based system by siphoning off badly-needed funds from our existing transit system."

Under the resolution, the funds would be used primarily to establish a Bus Rapid Transit system that would feature express buses traveling in designated lanes on a number of major thoroughfares in the county to quickly transport riders to work, school, and shopping.

Click on the links below for more information.

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=580907>

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=580815>

Walker Attends Tavern League Convention



On Tuesday, County Executive Walker welcomed attendees to the Tavern League of Wisconsin's Spring Convention, held at the Hilton Hotel in Milwaukee.

About 500 members from around the state attended the annual meeting.

News From the Parks

Golf Courses Open - Three Milwaukee County golf courses are now open including Currie Park (9-holes), Lincoln Park (9-holes) and Grant Park (18-holes). To reserve a tee-time call the tee-time reservation line at (414) 475-6222. Tentatively, Oakwood and Greenfield golf courses are scheduled to open this Friday. Dretzka Park golf course is scheduled to open this Saturday, with Whitnall and Brown Deer course by Monday. Hansen golf course front 9 for March 21 (weather permitting.) To get the latest and most updated golf information on a daily basis within the County Parks go to the parks website at www.countyparks.com

Sign up for the spring softball season -

Registration is underway in Milwaukee County Parks for the 2007 season. Leagues are available for men's and co-ed softball teams. The season will begin on April 16 and last about 14 weeks, Monday thru Friday evenings. For sign up and information call parks at (414) 257- 8030.

