

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

April 20, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

The tragic shootings at Virginia Tech this past week remind us of just how important life is. Tonette and I sat down with our two middle school-age sons the other night at dinner and talked about the events of the day.

We stressed that our sons needed to be mindful of the things that go on around them and report people who are acting or talking in a strange or violent way. It is best to be careful.

At the same time, we stressed that it is safe to go to school and – someday – to go to college. The one glimmer of hope in the horror of this week is that it seems clear that the shooter acted alone. He was a sick and evil young man, but he was not part of a larger group of terror.

Some politicians will use this tragedy to push one issue or another. I will just tell you that it reminds me and my family just how valuable life is and how important it is to live each and every day to the fullest.

May God bless the victims, their families and all who loved them.

Scott



Celebrate Earth Day With Great American Clean Up of Our Parks



On Saturday, April 21, from 9am to noon, County Executive Scott Walker is inviting the public to participate in a "Community Clean Up Day" of Milwaukee County's parks and parkways. Last year, this event attracted over 38,000 volunteers who picked up over 700,000 pounds of litter.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to come together to kick off the Parks' 100th Anniversary summer season," said Walker. "It is also a great way for all of us to help preserve and beautify our great Parks System."

To participate in this event, simply show up at one of the areas listed at www.countyparks.com or call (414) 247-PARK.

All participants will be eligible to enter a sweepstakes to win a 2007 Honda Accord Hybrid. Participants will also receive coupons for one free admission to the zoo, the Mitchell Park Domes, a county pool, a round of golf, and a discount at the "Gift of Wings" kite store.

Walker Attends Circle of Women Luncheon



From Left: Vel Phillips, Thelma Sias and County Executive Scott Walker

On Tuesday, County Executive Scott Walker attended the annual Circle of Women fundraiser for the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee, held at the Midwest Airlines Center. The keynote speaker this year was Erin Brockovich, the famous environmental activist and subject of the movie bearing her name.

Zoo's Last Spring "Family Free Day" is this Sunday

The forecast seems to indicate that this Sunday, April 22, will be great time to take advantage of the last "Family Free Day" at the Milwaukee County Zoo before the summer season. This promotion means that admission is free to the zoo all day on Sunday. Regular parking fees do apply.

This is a great opportunity to see all the animals, including Franklin, a Bactrian camel born in March.

For more information, go to www.milwaukeezoo.org.

Walker Welcomes Omega Psi Phi Fraternity To County



County Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., County Executive Scott Walker, and 10th District Representative Glenn Matthews

County Executive Scott Walker gave the opening remarks at the annual meeting for the 10th District Annual Regional Meeting for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel today.

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity is an organization of business professionals from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Minnesota. The meeting was attended by approximately 400 members.

Journal Sentinel Lauds Walker Department Picks

In last Saturday's Journal Sentinel newspaper, the editorial board praised County Executive Scott Walker's recruitment and hiring of a number of top administration officials.

The editorial, titled, "Walker, the Recruiter" said, "Forget what a few supervisors say. The County Executive has done a fine job recruiting top county officials during tough financial times."

Our thanks to the vast majority of the County Board who supported these candidates.

[Click here](#) to read the editorial.