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WALKER HIGHLIGHTS VISIT MILWAUKEE AWARDS
Congratulates Zoo and Airport on Lamplighter Awards

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker is proud to have two Milwaukee County departments as recipients of VISIT Milwaukee’s annual Lamplighter Awards.

The Lamplighter Award is presented annually to a person or company who has been instrumental in furthering Milwaukee's tourism and hospitality industry. An internal panel at VISIT Milwaukee selects the honorees.

“VISIT Milwaukee highlights the best the Milwaukee region has to offer,” said Walker. “The Zoo and Mitchell International are deserving of this recognition. Zoo Director Chuck Wikenhauser and Airport Director Barry Bateman are outstanding administrators whose pride in their work is evident in the world-class operations they run.”

The Zoo received the award for being a long-standing, integral and popular attraction in the Milwaukee area. General Mitchell International Airport received the award for the positive news it has generated with its record-breaking passenger number increases, more nonstop destinations and low fares. According to VISIT Milwaukee, both of these departments help them bring in more visitors, meeting planners, and convention delegates.

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