

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

January 15, 2010

## Message from County Executive Walker

*My proposed 2010 county budget did not require furlough days for public safety positions in the Sheriff's Office. An amendment passed by a majority on the County Board included all employees in the furlough days. And a legal opinion last year from the Corporation Counsel said that I could not use the line-item veto to remove the Sheriff's Office from the impact of that amendment.*

*Since that time, we have been talking with the Sheriff's Office about the budget language. Several weeks ago, we received a letter from the Sheriff listing a number of changes that he hopes to make in 2010 to save enough money to cover the savings from furlough days.*

*I support an alternative to furlough days. The Sheriff and I are working on a new plan that protects public safety positions, protects the public from offenders and keeps the budget in balance. Details will be announced next week.*

*I am confident that we can work with the Sheriff (as we have in the past) to create a plan that protects public safety positions, protects the public from offenders and keeps the budget in balance.*

Scott



## State of the County



County Executive Scott Walker delivered his 2010 State of the County Address Tuesday at TAPCO – Traffic and Parking Company – in Brown Deer.

Walker cited jobs, growth and innovation in his speech, specifically TAPCO's use of new technology and innovations as key to their successful growth. The speech also highlighted the \$200 million in savings (check made out to The Taxpayers in photo above) that will result over the next four years from structural expenditure reductions included in the 2010 Adopted Budget.

Click on the following link to read the speech:

<http://tinyurl.com/y8gkk5g>



## Help for Haiti victims

County Executive Walker would like to encourage our community to support the victims of the tragic earthquake in Haiti. Several organizations with local offices are marshalling resources to assist in the recovery efforts. Cash donations are at the top of their lists to most easily provide necessary aid. Please visit the websites for the American Red Cross

<http://www.redcrossinsewis.org/>, and Salvation Army [http://usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www\\_usc\\_greatermilw](http://usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_greatermilw)

## American Legion event



County Executive Walker addressed the George Washington Bay View American Legion Post 180 at their annual Conservation Banquet. (Photo above: Tony Witkowski – Finance Officer, Claire Goodfellow – Post 180 Commander, and Walker at the event).

## Community Events

County Executive Walker attended the Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighters Association's Installation of new Officers and Executive Board Members this week. Lieutenant Dave Seager is replacing retiring President Bobbie R. Webber.

Walker met with the editorial board at the Business Journal to preview the State of the County Address, and he continued the weekly meeting with county board leadership and budget staff.

## Accountability Website

County Executive Walker launched a public accountability website last week. The Milwaukee County Accountability Portal (MCAP), provided information about county division purchases and program disbursements. "New technology allows us to post information for greater transparency in government spending," said Walker. "We welcome the potential for increased participation from vendors in our community and encourage the public to view where money is spent in county government." Click below:

<http://mcap.milwaukeecounty.org/MAP/Expenditures/>

## Sled dogs at Veterans Park



Sled dog rides will continue at Veterans Park, weather permitting, on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 1pm into the month of March through a partnership with Door County Sled Dogs and Milwaukee County Parks. They are set up at the open-air pavilion near the Brady Street Bridge. Interact with the Siberian Huskies and learn about the sport of mushing. Refreshments are available for purchase. Sled rides cost \$10 per child and \$15 per adult. For more information, visit [www.doorcountysleddogs.com](http://www.doorcountysleddogs.com). Call the Door County Sled Dog hotline at (414) 967-9677 for up-to-date information and snow conditions.