

Executive Update



Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

November 20, 2009

Message from County Executive Walker

Last night, the Mayor and I presided over the lighting of the city/county Christmas tree at Red Arrow Park. We then went over to Pere Marquette Park for the start of the downtown Holiday Lights Festival featuring a kickoff program and fireworks. The annual parade is on Saturday (I will miss this year as I will be in a tree stand that morning) and we have Thanksgiving to look forward to next week (with the added bonus of a Packers game).

With all of these holiday traditions ahead, it is my hope that you and your family will have a wonderful and safe season.

Scott



City/County Christmas tree at Red Arrow Park

2010 Budget Adopted



County Executive Walker announced his vetoes earlier this week for the 2010 budget that was approved by the County Board last week. The Board sustained a number of the vetoes to bring the tax levy increase down from 3.8% to 2.18% - the lowest increase seen in the past five years.

City/County Tree Lighting



County Executive Walker appeared with Mayor Tom Barrett, Ald. James Bohl, and the family who donated the Christmas tree to flip the switch to light the tree Thursday night. (Photo, L-R: Barrett, Ann Froehlke, Ald. Bohl, Nancy Bartol, and Walker). The annual lighting at Red Arrow Park program included performances by local high school and theater groups.

"On, Wisconsin!" celebrates 100th



County Executive Walker presented a proclamation to UW-Madison Band Director Mike Leckrone in honor of the 100th anniversary of the school fight song and official song of the State of Wisconsin – “On, Wisconsin!” Walker applauded the enthusiasm and spirit of the UW Marching Band playing a rousing “On, Wisconsin!” in performances, at games, in the ‘Fifth Quarter,’ and the final home half-time when “we never say goodbye...simply we’ll see you next year... and ON WISCONSIN!”

Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

Nominations must be submitted or postmarked by February 15, 2010 for the 13th Annual Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Five outstanding seniors in Milwaukee County who have served the community as volunteers and as advocates on behalf of the elderly will be honored at the event in May. The Commission on Aging has appointed a committee to review the nominations. The biographies of past winners are on the Department on Aging website. Nomination papers may be obtained from the Milwaukee County Department on Aging by calling (414) 289-6873 or from their website by clicking on the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/v8sjyw>

Special offers at Parks



The Milwaukee County Park System is offering golf gift cards for purchase and golf discount card renewals at three Milwaukee area malls. Shoppers who purchase \$100 in golf gift cards will receive \$20 in free golf. Special reduced fees are being offered to non-resident discount cardholders who renew before the end of this year.

The Unlimited Golf Membership is a new special offer for 2010 that includes all Milwaukee County Parks golf courses, including Brown Deer (Hole in One package) for \$1499 or all courses excluding Brown Deer (Eagle package) for \$999. The Hole in One package also includes 12 “Bring a Friend for \$50” vouchers.

New this year and sure to be a popular gift item for the dog-lovers on your list are dog tags for Off-Leash Milwaukee County dog parks for an annual fee of \$20. There is no fee for leashed dog areas. Three parks have off-leash dog exercise areas:

Granville – north of Good Hope, west of Hwy 41

Runway – 1214 E. Rawson Avenue

Estabrook – 4400 N. Estabrook Drive

Golf items and dog tags are available at the Parks’ kiosks beginning November 19 at Mayfair Mall, November 20 at Brookfield Square, November 24 at Southridge, and weekdays at the Parks Administrative offices at 9480 Watertown Plank Road in Wauwatosa. Call (414) 257-PARK (7275), or visit www.countyparks.com for more information.