

Executive Update



Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Message from County Executive Walker

Much of the talk in Washington this past week has centered on whether or not the federal "stimulus" package could help restore some of the jobs cut or at-risk of being cut in this country. Supporters of the measure point to companies like Caterpillar in Peoria and suggest that the legislation can help the company to rehire some of the 20,000 recently laid-off employees.

On Thursday, the CEO of Caterpillar was asked if passage of the federal "stimulus" package would allow his company to rehire workers, he said, "I think, realistically, no. The honest reality is we're probably going to have more layoffs before we start hiring again."

More layoffs?

We need to do something to get this economy going again now. Projects that take six months, a year, or more to get going are not going to help people here in Milwaukee County or anywhere else in America who are facing layoffs now.

On Monday, I will outline a bold vision for economic recovery in our county at our State of the County address. Next week, we will share our details on how we can get this community working again.

Scott

If you are interested in attending the State of the County Address at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 16 please RSVP to CoExecRSVP@milwcnty.com.

It will be held at Bucyrus International, Heritage Building, 1100 Milwaukee Avenue, South Milwaukee. Map: <http://tinyurl.com/bmvovt>

AirTran expansion



County Executive Walker (above at podium with L- R Tad Hutcheson - AirTran VP Sales and Marketing, County Supervisor Toni Clark – vice chair of the Transportation Committee, Barry Bateman – Airport Director, and Donna Bembenek – YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee Sr. VP Marketing and Fund Development) spoke at a news conference announcing the addition of four new non-stop flight destinations. AirTran has added Branson, MO, St. Louis, Minneapolis and seasonal service to Denver.

The airline will also increase current seasonal routes to Los Angeles, Boston and Tampa to year-round service. These additions represent a 40% increase in service for Milwaukee for the airline, with new flights to begin in May. AirTran plans to add about 30 jobs as a result of the expansion, including customer service positions, ramp and gate agents, and baggage handlers. They plan to conduct a job fair at Mitchell Airport on Feb. 24.

AirTran presented a check for \$40,000 to the YMCA as part of a new partnership to sponsor evening programs for children and families every week.

Nonna Bartolotta's opens at airport



County Executive Walker congratulates Joe Bartolotta of the Bartolotta Restaurant Group (above) at the opening of Nonna Bartolotta's on Concourse D at Mitchell Airport. The Italian bistro was formerly a passenger gate, now featuring booths, café curtains, bar area and an open kitchen concept (photo below). Passengers can access the concourse D restaurant with their boarding pass from any concourse to enjoy lunch or dinner from the fine Italian menu selection.



Community Events

This week, County Executive Walker addressed the Wisc. Bankers Assn. Bank Executives Conference, and appeared on the Career Youth Development local television program with CYD Director Charles Walton.

Golfers ready to play



County Executive Walker joins Myra Sanchick of Fox 6 TV and Park Director Sue Black with Ranger to talk about the Currie Park Golf Dome. The Dome is located at 3535 N. Mayfair Road in Wauwatosa, and is open every day during the winter season from 8am to 10pm.

The heated indoor driving range features 33 hitting bays. PGA lessons and video analysis are available, along with group lessons, and corporate or group outings. Standard rates are M-F \$10 for a half hour and \$17 for a full hour. Saturday and Sunday rates are \$11/half hour and \$20/hour. Discounts available for seniors, children 17 and under and Milwaukee County golf discount cardholders.

Visit www.countyparks.com for more information.

Valentines at Domes

The Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd, will be open for an elegant, romantic evening on Saturday, February 14 from 6:30pm to 10pm. Enjoy harp music, chocolates and wine or champagne at the cash bar. Admission for the special event is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-17. Friends of the Domes members receive a discount rate of \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

The Garden Railway Trainshow – LEGOLAND will be running on over 500 feet of track.