

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

March 5, 2010

## Message from County Executive Walker

*Air Tran Airlines is hosting their annual meeting in town on May 18. We welcome them and we are excited to see them grow at our airport.*

*Our investments at Mitchell International over the past few years helped attract more flights and more jobs through Air Tran, Southwest and Republic airlines. In fact, our deal to secure hangars was one of the key elements to Republic bringing 800 jobs to our area.*

*In many ways, this is like the work we did with the City of Wauwatosa that was the key to GE Healthcare bringing some 2,000 jobs to the Milwaukee County Research Park. Today, even more development is happening there and across the way on the County Grounds with the expanded growth at the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center. This area is one of the largest hubs for jobs in the region and we continue to work to improve it.*

*At a time when the economy is so tough, these are welcome success stories. We will continue to create a better environment for business to create jobs in our area.*

*Scott*



## Father Wild to retire

Photo: Walker, Ray Eckstein and Father Wild at the groundbreaking of the Marquette University Law School



County Executive Walker issued the following statement following the retirement announcement by Marquette University's President, Father Robert A. Wild: "Father Wild has done so much for Marquette and the greater Milwaukee community. His leadership has really made Marquette a national leader in so many areas. From new buildings to new programs to record enrollment, Father Wild's leadership will have a lasting legacy on the university and the community. I am proud to call him a friend and wish him well as he prepares for retirement."

## BSA annual meeting



County Executive Walker joined other local business and community leaders at the annual business meeting for the Executive Board of the Milwaukee County Council of Boy Scouts of America. The group is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

## Job Fair for Veterans



County Executive Walker will attend the start of the third Veterans Job Fair on Friday, March 12 at the VA Hospital, 5000 W. National Avenue, Building 4. The event is sponsored by the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and the Zablocki VA Hospital. The job fair is for veterans only, and will be held in room 3435 from 9am to noon. Approximately 25-30 local employers will be available to talk with veterans about job opportunities. Participating employers include:

Internal Revenue Service, Time Warner Cable  
United Parcel Service, Census Bureau  
Veterans Health Administration  
Veterans Benefit Administration  
Social Security Administration  
M&I Bank, Guaranty Bank  
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs  
Small Business Administration  
Klement's, WE Energies, Oshkosh Truck  
Home Depot, Ingeteam, Lunda Construction  
US State Department  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Rockwell Automation, Veterans Industries  
Ace Precision Machining, Graef Construction  
Farmers Insurance, Milwaukee County  
Milwaukee Police Department  
Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff

Contact Jim Duff at 414.382.1753 for more information.

### Administration Gives 5-Year Forecast

Yesterday, County Executive Scott Walker invited Constitutional Officers from the county to join his cabinet as his administration gave a 5-year financial forecast for the county. The reductions to the structural deficit made in the 2010 Budget will save taxpayers \$200 million over the next four years, but Walker noted that there is still more work to be done.

## Walker statement on former Sup. Toni Clark

County Executive Walker issued the following statement regarding the resignation of former Sup. Toni Clark: "We are called to earn the trust of the public, not just through an election or merely by words, but by our actions each and every day. Former Sup. Toni Clark failed the people she was elected to serve. It is good that she resigned from office. It is also a reminder to all others in office that we must maintain the highest ethical standards.

As for the new vacancy on the County Board, I believe that the taxpayers who live in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisory district deserve representation. With this in mind, I will set the date for a special election as soon as practicable and will work with the Milwaukee County Election Commission staff to select reasonable and responsible dates for primary and general elections."

### Free day at the Zoo

It looks like wonderful weather for a visit to the zoo this weekend. **Saturday, March 6 is a Family Free Day**, with admission sponsored by North Shore Bank and FOX 6. Parking fees remain in effect.

### Parks booth at Golf Show

Stop at "Hole 15" at the Golf Show at State Fair Park this weekend for your last chance to purchase Unlimited Golf Membership offered by Milwaukee County Park golf courses. <http://tinyurl.com/ygzjk7t>

### Chief Justice Abrahamson Visits CE's Public Safety Meeting

Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson joined County Executive Walker at the Public Safety meeting he hosts in his office each month. Normally, the meeting includes the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office and the Courts. The Chief Justice was visiting several areas of the criminal justice system on Monday so she sat in on the monthly meeting and was impressed with the coordination.