

Executive Update



Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Message from County Executive Walker

Interesting story from the online publication WisPolitics.com:

'The head of the new state office coordinating billions in federal stimulus dollars said today that some of those needing the money may end up disappointed.

"The needs far outweigh the money," warned Gary Wolter, the MG&E executive who was tapped by Gov. Jim Doyle to lead the Wisconsin Office of Recovery and Reinvestment.

"There's a big problem with the expectations."

Green energy applications are swamping the office, for example, he said, and while worthy, many won't be able to be funded.

Wolter told the monthly WisPolitics.com luncheon at the Madison Club that if you had generated a project list before the final bill passed Congress and was signed by President Obama you should "throw the list away" and quickly get into the formal application process.'

The county has submitted applications as part of the formal process – in the cases where the county is eligible for funding and meets my criteria:

- No matching funds required by Milwaukee County.
- No long-term federally mandated financial commitments required by Milwaukee County
- Will not obligate Milwaukee County to new operating or maintenance expenses.

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Chinese delegation visit



County Executive Walker met with Chi Wanming (third from right) president of SINB Group from Ruian City, China and representatives of LGO Global, Globalized Sourcing, and Du-Well Grinding during the delegation's visit to Milwaukee this week. The group explored investment opportunities in Milw. County.

St. Patrick's Day Events



County Executive Walker joined the Westtown Association to kick off the 43rd Annual Shamrock Club of Wisconsin St. Patrick's Day Parade festivities. Don't miss the St. Pat's Family Day at the Domes on Sunday, March 15 from noon – 5pm featuring all things Irish - dancing, singing, a harpist, straw weaving lace and wool displays, a spinning wheel and treats.

Behind the Scenes at Zoo



See the inner workings of the Milwaukee County Zoo during Behind the Scenes this weekend, March 14 -15 sponsored by **Tri City National Bank**. Many zoo locations not normally open to the public will be welcoming guests for special tours.

Tour highlights include: Florence Mila Borchert Big Cat Country – off-exhibit lion dens and enrichment toys that keep the exotic cats active and healthy; Small Mammals – kitchen area with foods the animals like most; and hidden areas of the Moose, Brown Bear and Wolf Woods. A Sensory Safari located in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place will show how the zoo caters to special needs visitors – allowing visitors to touch and experience what a live animal is like.

Professional zookeeper staff and specially trained Zoo Pride volunteers will serve as tour guides. Some locations are not handicapped accessible. Tours are included in the regular zoo admission on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 414.256.5466 for information.

NOTE: The zoo has added three female Reid sea horses to its animal collection in the aquarium located in the Australia Building. This unique longsnout sea horse is found in the Western Caribbean, and its unusual features and habits make it one of the most spectacular fish in the aquarium. Stop by to see one of the newest additions at the zoo!

Lillian Conway's 100th



County Executive Walker declared March 15, 2009 to be Lillian Conway Day throughout Milwaukee County in honor of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Conway came to the United States from Great Britain in 1914, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1929, and enjoys playing sheephead at the senior meal site at the Elks Lodge.

Community Events



County Executive Walker spoke at the Village at Manor Park (above) on county issues. He was also the keynote speaker at the CFA Society of Milwaukee luncheon. The CFA Society is comprised of financial analysts and portfolio managers. County Executive Walker testified before the Milwaukee County Board's Economic and Community Development committee on the issue of selling land at the county grounds to UW-Milwaukee for expansion of their Engineering School campus. Walker also met with Boy Scouts of America board members on their 100th Anniversary plan, and with officials of the Waukesha Department of Public Works on potential cost-saving collaborations with Milwaukee County.