

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

March 19, 2010

Message from County Executive Walker

This week I called on the Milwaukee County Board to pass a resolution to reduce the pension multiplier for elected officials from 2% to 1.6%. I personally have signed a waiver reaffirming my commitment to a pension multiplier of 1.5% since I took office.

It is disappointing that the seven Supervisors who voted to reduce the pension multiplier to 1.6% for county workers couldn't apply the same standard to themselves and the measure failed to pass.

There was, however, some good news on benefit reforms. Two labor unions, TEAMCO and Machinists and Aerospace Workers, ratified contracts that match simple wage and benefit reforms that were imposed on all non-union employees. To avoid ten additional furlough days and prevent layoffs this year, they agreed to no wage increases, \$30 more a month in health care premium contribution, and the 1.6% pension calculation. This is a small price for a balanced budget that protects core services.

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Tourism conference



(Above) Walker gives welcome at wigcot2010; (right) Secretary of Tourism Kelli Trumble and Walker



County Executive Walker welcomed the attendees this week to **wigcot2010**, the Wisconsin Governor's conference on tourism, hosted this year in Milwaukee at the Midwest Airlines Center. The conference was last held in Milwaukee in 1998 and Walker invited the group to enjoy some of the wonderful improvements that have taken place in the area – including new exhibits at the zoo, extensive renovations and new concourses at the airport, and the world-class museums – Milwaukee Art and Public museums and the new Harley-Davidson Museum.

Special Election

County Executive Walker issued an Executive Order calling a special election in the 2nd Supervisory District to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Toni M. Clark. Candidates must file their nomination papers by 5pm on March 30. The election will be held on May 25. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on April 27. Additional information can be obtained from the Milwaukee County Election Commission at (414) 278-4060.

County golf courses open



County Executive Walker was joined by dozens of golfers for the official opening of the county golf courses this week at Greenfield Park. Courses open include Grant (9-holes), Lincoln, Greenfield (front-9), Oakwood, Hansen, Warnimont, Dretzka and Whitnall. Others will open as conditions permit. Special discounts are in place for the beginning of the season, and for a limited time all golfers will pay the lowest posted fee. Visit www.countyparks.com or call (414) 257-7275 for updated golf information.

Successful Job Fair

County Executive Walker congratulated Jim Duff, acting director of the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office (VSO) on hosting another success job fair. 30 employers participated and 514 veterans attended the 3rd annual event, with a large number turning in resumes and some receiving job offers at the fair.

Local Veterans Employment representatives with the Dept. of Workforce Development handled employer recruiting, site support was provided by the Zablocki VA Medical Center, and the American Legion Auxiliary groups out of Port Washington and Plymouth supplied cookies at the event.

For VSO information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/y9bfykk>.

Joseph Zilber, 1917-2010



County Executive Walker issued a statement after hearing news of the passing of Joseph Zilber:

“Joseph Zilber’s accomplishments show what an incredible difference one person can make. He focused his philanthropy on helping our community, from improving the poorest neighborhoods to providing scholarships for Marquette University Law School students. He gave so much and was personally invested in Milwaukee’s future. His selfless generosity has benefited us all and I am grateful to have known him. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.”

Constituent gives kudos



Darlene Wink, Constituent Services Representative for the Office of the County Executive, received special praise from a constituent who sent flowers as a thank you. Darlene takes pride in helping constituents resolve their concerns and her extra effort is appreciated by the callers she is able to direct to the proper agencies.