

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Message from County Executive Walker

AirTran had a job fair in Milwaukee last week and Mayor Tom Barrett had this to say about it:

"AirTran's decision to build a crew base here in Milwaukee says a lot about Milwaukee's economic development potential. It's a real feather in our caps that they recognize, as they chart the future, that this is a growth market. I think it's a positive reflection on our community and the people who live here."

I'm glad that the Mayor recognizes the impact of the improvements we've made at Mitchell International Airport. Since 2002, we (the County Board and I) have added some \$200 million worth of investments at the airport.

These positive changes made it attractive for the expansion of AirTran, Midwest/Republic, Delta and American - as well as attracting Southwest Airlines. Expansions like these help add jobs to our community.

With a 43% increase in passenger traffic in January, we are likely to see even more jobs in the future. I'm glad to see that the Mayor recognizes the vital role the county plays in economic development by running one of the best airports in the country.

Scott



Another award for Parks



County Executive Walker was pleased to announce yet another award for the Milwaukee County Parks Department. The David F. Schulz Aquatic Center at Lincoln Park was awarded the State Farm Insurance "Building Blocks Award" in the large project category at the 11th Annual Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDIs) program this week.

"The David F. Schulz Aquatic Center has rejuvenated Lincoln Park," said Walker. "It's wonderful to see the water park receive recognition for increasing a sense of community around Lincoln Park."

The program noted that the Building Blocks Awards are given to the outstanding real estate development projects that contribute to the rebuilding of Milwaukee's neighborhoods. The David F. Schulz Aquatic Center was singled out for being a cultural landmark that serves as a social and recreational hub in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

The David F. Schulz Aquatic Center, 1301 W. Hampton Ave., was completed in June and features the largest outdoor Lazy River in the region, heated pools, zero depth entry, lap lanes, diving boards, tube and body slides, and interactive children's play area.

Community Justice Council



County Executive Walker, shown in photo above conferring with Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr. at the monthly Community Justice Council (CJC) meeting this week. (Also pictured: Kit Murphy McNally – Executive Director of the Benedict Center at left, and Inspector Kevin Carr of the Sheriff’s Office at right).

The 27-member council meets monthly. The mission of the CJC is to efficiently and collaboratively coordinate services and effectively allocate financial resources to ensure crime reduction, victim support, offender accountability, and restorative community-based programs. The CJC identifies, evaluates and develops strategies to improve the justice system to enhance public safety and quality of life in Milwaukee County.

County offices closed

Please note that the Milwaukee County Courthouse, with the exception of the Office of the Sheriff, some court-related operations and select departments, will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2010 for a mandatory furlough day. The Office of the County Executive will be closed.

If you have business to transact at the Courthouse that day, please contact departments ahead of time to check their furlough status. The Parks and Zoo will be open to the public.

The next mandatory furlough day will be on Friday, May 28, 2010.

Easter festivities at zoo

Visit the zoo on Saturday, April 3 for the annual Egg Day fun, sponsored by Welch’s and Pick ‘n Save. The event begins at 9am and includes the Bubble Wonders Show at the US Bank Gathering Place at 10am, noon and 2pm. The expert Bubbologist tricks include a caterpillar, volcano, electric dancing bubble and merry-go-round. Kids age 8 and under can join in the “Hop-to-it” Bunny Scavenger Hunt from 10am to 3pm. The Easter Parade with the Easter Bunny begins at 2pm. Kids can also create bunny ears, color paper eggs, and have their faces painted. Look to see the Easter-related animal enrichment items as you stroll the zoo. Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org for more details.

Community Events



Mark your calendars for a new type of “pool party.” Milwaukee County Parks is holding a Spring Movie Series - “**Dive-In Movies!**” - at Noyes and Pulaski indoor pools. The first movie, “**Up**,” will be shown at **Noyes Pool**, 8235 W. Good Hope Road, on Friday, April 2 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Saturday, April 3 the feature film will be “**Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.**”

Pulaski Pool, 2701 S. 16th St., will show “Up” on Friday, April 9 and “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” on Saturday, April 10.

Dive-In Movie rates:

age 12 and up - \$4; 11 and under - \$3

Visit www.countyparks.com or call (414) 257-PARK (7275) for information.