

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

April 4, 2008

## Message from County Executive Walker

*I want Milwaukee County to be great again.*

*Too many politicians believe that government must either dramatically raise taxes or cut core services. I say that is a false choice.*

*In the private sector, businesses don't dramatically raise their prices or cut the quality of their services or products. No, they bridge the gap through innovation. In our next term, we will push for great innovations through improvements in our workforce, expansion of our partnerships and better use of our assets.*

*I want a Milwaukee County where people can afford to live and work and learn and retire. And I want a place where businesses can stay and grow and create more jobs.*

*I want a Milwaukee County where people are safe to live and work and play – regardless of the community – because no one should have to live in fear.*

*I want a Milwaukee County where we protect our quality of life so we can enjoy family and friends; where we look out for our seniors, people with disabilities and our veterans so they can prosper; where we improve our transportation system so we can fuel our economy and where every child has access to a great education at a public, charter or choice school – regardless of their parents' income.*

*I believe in the people of this county. We are good, decent, hard-working people who can tackle any challenge. I want to make our county great again.*

Scott

## Congratulations to Board Supervisors

County Executive Scott Walker placed personal calls to all the members of the County Board of Supervisors to extend his congratulations on their April 1<sup>st</sup> elections. As the new term begins, he intends to meet with each Supervisor to discuss their individual concerns and to lay the groundwork to deal with the many issues facing Milwaukee County.

## Inaugural Ceremony

County Executive Scott Walker will be sworn in to a new term as Milwaukee County Executive on Monday, April 14. Walker was elected to a third term on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Walker will be joined at the ceremony by family, friends, members of the County Board, other elected officials and community leaders, along with members of the general public as he takes the oath of office and shares his vision for the future of the county.

The ceremony will take place at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center at 750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive. The program will begin at 5:30pm; the oath will be given at 6pm. Parking is available on the north end of the War Memorial Center.



## Transit Study Funds Restored

County Executive Walker's efforts to work with the Federal Transit Administration were successful in restoring the \$3.5 million needed to review the options for the use of the \$91.5 million in federal funds. Walker worked with Federal Transit Administrator Jim Simpson and his staff to secure a solution to the funding issue. The funds will be used to study the plans for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system promoted by Walker and partial plans for a downtown streetcar system and BRT pushed by Mayor Barrett.

"Now is the time for this city, county and region to move forward and use all of these resources to upgrade and improve our bus system," said Walker. "We need a reliable system that can connect people to jobs quickly."

The \$3.5 million total will allow the study to proceed, complete the findings, and move on to the next stage of planning.

## Free Day at Zoo

Saturday, April 5 is a Family Free Day at the Milwaukee County Zoo. North Shore Bank and FOX6 are sponsoring the free day. Free admission applies to all visitors; the parking fee does remain in effect. Stop by and see all the baby animals featured in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article this week!

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=733156>

More information can be found at

<http://www.milwaukeezoo.org/>

## Green Living at the Domes

County Executive Walker noted that the Domes have had a series of successful ethnic events over the past year – including a St. Pat's Family Day and a Chinese New year celebration – and now invites visitors to attend a Green Living Festival on Saturday, April 5.

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful is hosting the event from 9am – 3pm. Patrons can tour the Domes while looking in on demonstrations and hands-on activities. A car fueled by used French fry grease will be on display, along with trash art, a green roof model, electricity-free carpentry, recycled clothing fashions, tips on greening your commute, urban fish farms and urban agriculture.

See a sparkling creek running through the "Appalachian Springtime" show and beautifully arranged azaleas, lilies, daffodils, tulips and hydrangeas.

Find out what's new at the Mitchell Park Horticulture Conservatory and how the Domes is going green by preserving community and environmental health. Discover hundreds of ideas and tips for ways to green your home and work while saving money.

Admission rates are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-17, and children 5 and under are free. Friends of the Domes are free. For more information please go to [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com), or [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org).