

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

April 17, 2009

Message from County Executive Walker

The state unemployment rate hit 9.4% and the response of state government is pathetically predictable: the Secretary of Workforce Development said that the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed this year will help put Wisconsinites back to work."

Yesterday, Harley-Davidson announced that they will now layoff up to 400 more employees (on top of the 1,100 announced in January). Spending more federal "stimulus" funds to bail out state and local government budgets will not help Harley-Davidson.

Instead of pretending that spending more federal tax dollars will fix the economy, it is time to get real about saving jobs in Wisconsin. For starters, we must block the Governor's state budget proposal. Does anyone think that raising taxes by \$2.9 billion will help the economy in Wisconsin?

Next, we need to reach out to existing businesses throughout the county and the state to make sure that they are going to stay and eventually grow in Wisconsin.

We need a real plan to put Wisconsin back to work instead of ways to raise taxes and increase government spending.

Scott



Alterra's and Nonna's grand opening at airport



Alterra Coffee has opened three shops at Mitchell International Airport

Nonna Bartolotta's transforms an airport gate into an Italian cafe



County Executive Walker attended the grand opening of Alterra Coffee and Nonna Bartolotta's at the airport, noting, "passengers will love the added food and beverage options. Alterra Coffee is a local favorite, and Nonna's Italian-style trattoria provides a top-notch menu in a wonderful atmosphere." Passengers on flights from any concourse can present their boarding pass to enter Concourse D to enjoy the restaurants.



(L-R) Airport Director Barry Bateman, Alterra Coffee co-owner Lincoln Fowler, Bartolotta Restaurant Group co-owner Joe Bartolotta, County Executive Scott Walker, County Board Chairman Lee Holloway, Transportation Committee Chairman Michael Mayo, Sr., and Senior VP of SSP America Pat Murray

50th Paramedic Class

The Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Education Center hosted a commencement ceremony for the 50th graduating paramedic class this week. To date, more than 700 paramedics have graduated from the program. Graduates from the first class that graduated on November 3, 1973 attended the ceremony at Helfaer Auditorium at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital. The paramedics provide 911 emergency medical care to approximately 40,000 patients every year.

Community Events

An Earth Day/Arbor Day Event Sat., April 25 & Sun., April 26

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Rain or Shine. Visit Whitnall Park to celebrate and learn about trees. Hikes and a variety of hands-on activities make this a family-friendly event. Programs will be held at Boerner Botanical Gardens and Wehr Nature Center. Admission: \$1



DHHS director departs



County Executive Walker presented Corey Hoze, departing Director of the Dept. of Health and Human Services, with a proclamation thanking him for his service. Lisa Jo Marks, Child Support Enforcement director, has been nominated to replace him.

Great American Cleanup

Volunteers both young and old, as well as families, youth groups, schools, businesses and churches are invited to take part in the Keep America Beautiful 2009 Great American Cleanup with the official Community Cleanup Day kick-off event starting on April 18th from 9am to noon at Gordon Park, 1321 E. Locust Ave in Milwaukee. Cleanup supplies will be provided. Participants should bring their own gloves, if available. Volunteers are encouraged to join in litter cleanup, park, roadway, river and lake cleanup, or beautification projects. On Saturday, April 18th from 9am to noon cleanups will take place at the following Milwaukee County Parks:

Cudahy Park - 3000 E. Ramsey Ave.
Falk Park - 2031 W. Rawson Ave.
Sheridan & Warnimont Parks –
4800 S. Lake Drive
Grant Park - 100 E. Hawthorne Ave.
Humboldt Park - 3000 S. Howell Ave.
Lake Park - 3233 E. Kenwood Boulevard
Lakefront Bike & Trail Bluffs meet at
McKinley Marina Parking Lot
1750N. Lincoln Memorial Dr.
South Shore Park - 2900 S. South Shore Dr.
Washington Park - 1859 N. 40th Street
Whitnall Park/ Potters Forest - 5879 S. 92nd

Last year in greater Milwaukee alone more than 45,000 volunteers worked diligently to clean and beautify local communities. Interested parties may sign up to become a site coordinator or cleanup volunteer by visiting the website at www.kgmb.org. For additional information or to receive a paper copy of the registration form, please contact Karolynn Pohl at (414) 272-5462 x104.

Visit www.countyparks.com for more information on the clean up and other activities in the parks.