

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

April 25, 2008

Prague Trade Mission Update

On Monday, County Executive Scott Walker met with Weston Stacey, the Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Czech-Republic. He gave the trade mission members some excellent information on how to do business in the country. He also gave Mayor Barrett and the County Executive information on a manufacturer who is interested in coming to America indicating Milwaukee is one of their potential sites.

The presentation was done at the American Center through the American Embassy. The session also included Monty Ray, the Director of International Operations for Briggs & Stratton which has a plant in the eastern part of the country.

The County Executive, Mayor, and entire trade mission group joined Ambassador Rick Graber at his official residence for a reception on Monday night. Rick and Alex Graber are from Shorewood. Ambassador Graber helped arrange the mission and was key to making contacts with local officials and business leaders. They met with the Deputy Mayor of Prague, Markeeta Reedova, who is responsible for managing foreign affairs and investment funds from the European Union.

On Thursday night, the County Executive joined the leaders of the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative at their headquarters in Prague. The dinner included an opportunity to network and review business connections throughout the trade mission.



Walker on Trade Mission to Czech Republic



In Prague: Mayor Tom Barrett, Deputy Mayor of Prague in charge of International Affairs – Markeeta Reedova, County Executive Walker, US Ambassador to the Czech Republic Richard Graber, and Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren CEO Jerry Janzer

Google Transit Trip Planner

The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) and Google Transit™ have teamed up to offer Milwaukee County passengers an easy way to plan their bus trips online. To access the tool, passengers can go to the MCTS website at www.RideMCTS.com or to www.google.com/transit. Riders enter a starting point and destination and can customize their itinerary by selecting the date and time of the trip. Itineraries based on MCTS bus schedules will be displayed in Google Maps™ mapping service and includes information on route numbers and locations, schedules, transfer information, and return trips.

Public transit directions will appear as an alternative when users search for driving directions within the MCTS service area. MCTS is one of several transit systems nationwide participating in Google's Earth Day Challenge to activate by Earth Day – April 22nd.

Get in the Swing!



County Executive Walker was joined by a large group of golfers eager to get a start on the golfing season at a tee-off to celebrate the opening of the county courses. To see the list of partial and complete course openings, visit www.countyparks.com.

Discount card information is also available on the parks website and offer a savings of up to 50% off Bronze – Premium level courses.

Parks Public Services Office Hours Extended

The Milwaukee County Parks Public Services Office located in the Parks Administrative Office building at 9480 Watertown Plank Road in Wauwatosa has extended its hours of operation. The new hours will be Wednesdays from 8am – 6pm and Saturdays from 9am – noon. (Normal hours are Mon.-Fri. 8am – 5pm).

The Public Services Office provides assistance to golfers interested in purchasing or updating their Milwaukee County Golf Discount Card. The purchase of golf gift certificates, planning golf group outings complete with driving range, carts, catering, prize packages and a golf pro seminar may also be arranged.

Other services include rentals of rooms, buildings, pools and picnic sites. For more information, visit countyparks.com or call the Administrative Office at (414) 257-6100.

First Ladies event

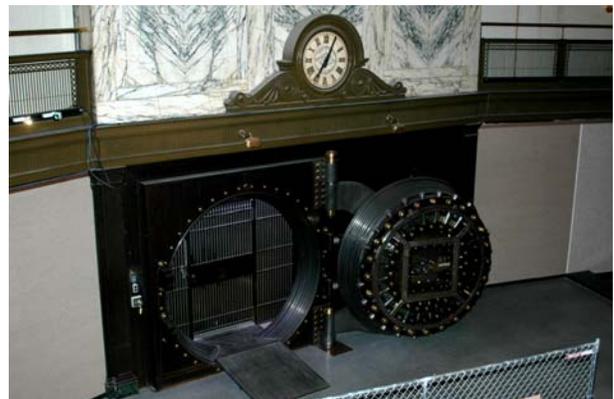
County Executive Walker initiated a meeting earlier this year of local city church first ladies to address ways to have a positive impact on youth. The discussions lead to the development of an all-day conference to be held Saturday, April 26 at the Mother Kathryn Daniels Center from 8:30am – 2pm. Guest Speaker for the event will be Janice Cummings, speaking on The Challenges of Parenting.

Workshops will be offered on Health & Human Resources, Wellness, Literacy, Discipline, Psychology, Special Needs Child Development and the Challenges of Fatherhood.

“Connecting parents with the support network of churches and faith-based organizations will provide them with resources to help their children,” said Walker. “The parenting conference is a step in coordinating a larger response to improving opportunities for youth, especially looking out for those in the juvenile justice system.”

The event is sponsored by The Milwaukee Ministry and First Ladies’ Caucus.

Filming at Historical Society



Filming for the movie “Public Enemies” starring Johnny Depp is scheduled to take place in Milwaukee this month, with scenes to be shot at the Milwaukee County Historical Society. The former bank building’s vault is a focal point of the building.