Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter May 8, 2009

Message from County Executive Walker

Our family does not watch a lot of TV together, but one thing we do watch is American Idol. This year, the show has been extra exciting as both Danny Gokey and Jamar Rogers of Milwaukee made the first cut.

On Wednesday night, we all stood up waiting to see if Danny would make the final three. He did.

Now, Danny is coming home for a big day and a wonderful send off for the final two weeks.

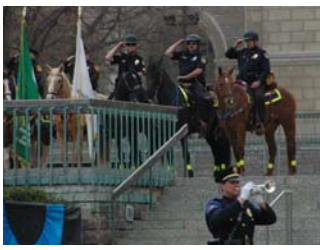
We are very proud to have such talent in our community and we are so excited to have something so positive here in Milwaukee County!

Go Danny Go!

Scott

Law Enforcement Memorial

County Executive Walker participated in the Greater Milwaukee Law Enforcement Memorial that honored those who have given their lives to protect our communities. Police Chief Edward A. Flynn, Governor James Doyle, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen, Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr., Mayor Tom Barrett and Franklin Police Chief Richard Oliva of the Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Executives Association also addressed the crowd. Families of officers killed in the line of duty offered remarks and presented wreaths.



Budget listening sessions

County Executive Walker answers questions from county residents (above) at the 2010 Budget Listening Session. Two sessions have taken place; the third and final session will be on May 11 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Elks Lodge #46, 5555 W. Good Hope Road.

Project EverGreen at Domes

Parks Director Sue Black, Walker, Melinda Myers, Chris Kujawa of KEI, Heather Schuster of WLCA, and Preston Cole, Environmental Srvcs. Superintendent.

County Executive Walker kicked off Project EverGreen at the Domes. Milwaukee has been named an EverGreen Zone by the national non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance green spaces for future generations. Chris Kujawa (photo above), President of their board, introduced local gardening expert Melinda Myers at the event.

Project EverGreen is partnering with the Milwaukee County Parks and local landscape contractors to design and install a new entrance at the Domes. Visit www.projectevergreen.com for details on the organization.

Governor's Prayer Breakfast

County Executive Walker addressed a large crowd gathered at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast held at the Italian Community Center observing the National Day of Prayer established through a bill in Congress signed by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, and amended by President Ronald Reagan to designate the first Thursday in May each year as the observance date.

Community Events

County Executive Walker will present Danny Gokey, our hometown American Idol top three favorite, with a proclamation declaring May 8, 2009 Danny Gokey Day at the concert on the Harley-Davidson stage at Summerfest. Walker also issued a proclamation earlier this week for the Brown Deer Citizen of the Year – Don Uebelacker.

Briggs & Stratton partners with the Milwaukee County Parks for a second year in a clean up, improvement effort at Greenfield Park. Employees and their families will participate. "We had over 200 people volunteer last year at McCarty Park," said Todd Teske, Briggs & Stratton COO, "and the response was so positive we wanted to continue the tradition." Some of the work of this employee-only event included litter removal, cleaning pool area, grooming parking lot, washing walls, raking sand in the tot-lot, and planting flowers.