

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

July 2, 2009

## Message from County Executive Walker

### ***Happy Independence Day!***

*It is my hope that you all have a safe, happy and fun 4th of July weekend. We have the US Bank Fireworks at Milwaukee County Veterans Park on Friday, July 3rd, followed by plenty of parades and fireworks around the county on Saturday. Then, on Sunday, we will host Operation Freedom again for military families at the Milwaukee County Zoo.*

*As we go into this weekend, let us thank all of the brave men and women who fought (and those who are still fighting today) to protect the freedoms we celebrate. Thank you to each of them for protecting and preserving those liberties.*

Scott



## Independence Day celebrations



County Executive Walker appeared on Fox6 with Gus Gnorski and Joe Wilson of Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB) to promote the US Bank Fireworks taking place on July 3 at Milwaukee County Veterans Park. KGMB is providing trash bags to all attendees to facilitate the "Carry In – Carry Out" policy to assist with post-event clean up. The Gift of Wings kite shop on site will be holding demonstrations until 6pm and remain open until the fireworks display begins. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/lgteo6> for details.

## Operation Freedom



Milwaukee County, together with the American Legion Alonzo Cudworth Post 23, will co-host Operation Freedom – a free day for US military personnel, veterans and their families, at the zoo with a picnic and Supermarket of Veterans Benefits on Sunday, July 5. County Executive Walker is shown above during last year's Flag Folding ceremony with the Southeast Wisconsin Young Marines.

## Coast Guard Command



County Executive Walker, shown above with Captain Bruce Jones -Outgoing Sector Commander, attended the Sector Lake Michigan Change of Command ceremony. After remarks by Rear Admiral Peter Neffenger, command was transferred to Captain Luann Barndt.

## Circus Parade returns!



County Executive Walker will be in the Great Circus Parade as it returns to Milwaukee streets after a six-year absence. Excitement begins with The Great Circus Parade Festival, where you'll see live circus performances, enjoy animal rides, discover authentic circus wagon displays, and see horses preparing for the Great Circus Parade. Learn more about the events at <http://tinyurl.com/m7zynf>.

**Buy VIP Bleacher Seats:** <http://tinyurl.com/lkeu5k>.

All activities of the Festival lead up to The Great Circus Parade on Sunday, July 12, which includes over 100 units - including 52 spectacular, horse-drawn, historic circus wagons from Circus World Museum in Baraboo. See the parade route: <http://tinyurl.com/luyvur>.

## Summer Concerts

The Milwaukee County Parks and Zoo will host a variety of summer concerts. **Tri City National Bank** sponsors a Wednesday night **Sunset Zoofari** series from 6pm – 9pm. Reduced admission rates include parking. All the animal buildings are open (aviary closes at dusk) for visitors to enjoy.

July 8 – The Boogie Men and Band X

July 15 – Hat Trick

July 22- Dirty Boogie

July 29 - Heat

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/mjkcmf> for more information.



Free concerts by a wide range of bands will take place at a number of Milwaukee County Parks. Most concerts take place 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Dozens of bands are featured, and a full schedule of concerts in the parks can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/mzfqtx>.

Concert attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs. Concessions trucks from Milwaukee County Parks will be available, as well as refreshments from various local restaurants.

In July, weekly concerts at Lake Park take place on Mondays, Humboldt Park on Tuesdays, Washington Park and Lake Park on Wednesdays, and Boerner Botanical Gardens on Thursdays. Other parks feature occasional performances throughout the summer. Various neighborhood organizations and friends of the parks groups have sponsored this year's concerts.