

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

July 17, 2009

## Message from County Executive Walker

*The paper ran a story on the 2010 county budget. These are just proposals from departments. My final budget will be presented at the end of September.*

*Everyone acknowledges, however, that the county faces a \$90 million gap going into the 2010 county budget. That would require about a 35% increase in the county property tax levy.*

*Imagine how many more people would lose their homes to foreclosure if the county added a 35% increase to their tax bill? Imagine how many more employers would leave the county and take their much-needed jobs with them if we increased their costs 35%?*

*Not every cost reduction measure proposed by the departments will be in the final version of the budget, but the majority of them will have to find their way into the final version.*

*At the county board committee meeting on Wednesday, we heard a lot of hysteria, but no solutions. We will spend the summer working on solutions.*

Scott



## US Bank Championship



County Executive Walker joined Jake Miller of WITI Fox 6 News to highlight the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual US Bank Championship – the PGA Tour event taking place at Brown Deer Park golf course through July 19. Pro golfers were out on the driving range for practice before the start of the tournament in photo above.

In addition to providing another great sports viewing opportunity in Milwaukee County, the event proceeds benefit local charities. This year's major beneficiary is Children's Hospital of Wisconsin - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Visit <http://www.usbankchampionship.com/> for ticket information, field list, and video highlights of the golfers.

## MCTS serves fests

Heading to the lakefront ethnic festivals? Consider the Milwaukee County Transit System's "Straight to the Gate" service: shuttle service along Wisconsin Ave. and Freeway Flyers from five park-ride lots.

For fare information and locations, visit [www.RideMCTS.com](http://www.RideMCTS.com).

## Seasonal workforce kickoff



County Executive Walker addressed the Wisconsin Seasonal Workforce Coalition comprised of local employers and community based organizations. The United Way of Greater Milwaukee presented a \$75,000 grant to Interfaith Older Adult Programs – Employment Services. Interfaith will partner with a group of companies that are hiring to connect job seekers to possible year-round employment. The goal of the project is to provide seasonal employment opportunities as a way to develop workers for permanent positions as they gain new skills.

More information can be found at [www.seasonalworkerswi.org](http://www.seasonalworkerswi.org).

## Around Town

County Executive Walker toured the Goodwill Workforce Connection Center, met with Miss National American Miss Wisconsin Teen Holly Berg, hosted county fire chiefs on 2010 budget issues, greeted the Festa Italiana visitors at their opening ceremonies, and will attend the Discovery World Gala this weekend.

## Did you see the video?

Milwaukee County Parks is a top four finalist for the 2009 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence. The winner will be determined based on the 12-minute videos sent in by the finalists. View Milwaukee County's video here: <http://tinyurl.com/ncu9zl>.

## North Point Buzz



Have you tried the latest hotspot down at the lakefront? The North Point Snack Bar is now run by the Bartolotta Restaurant group and serves up wonderful burger-stand fare – brats, burgers, sandwiches, frozen custard and more. There's a buzz from everyone who has been down to enjoy the lakefront setting at picnic tables under red umbrellas. Check out the nearby improvements at Bradford Beach and add North Point to your "must-do" list this summer!

## Community Events

Bradford Beach will be the site of B.E.D. (Because Every kid Deserves one) today through July 19. The Pathfinders B.E.D. Homeless Teens Charity fundraising event will feature musicians, a beach volleyball tournament, information on the Lemon "Aid" movement and more. Visit the group's website at <http://www.bedmilwaukee.org> for details.

Mark your calendars to see the 2009 Milwaukee Air & Water Show July 25 – 26 at Bradford Beach. The water show starts at 10am, and the airshow at 11am. US Air Force Thunderbirds will perform at approximately 3:30 each day of the event. Visit [www.milwaukeeairshow.com](http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com) for details.