

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

July 25, 2008

Message from County Executive Walker

I had the opportunity to attend a special commemoration ceremony at Bucyrus International, Inc. for their newly renovated global headquarters this week.

In light of the MillerCoors recent decision to move their headquarters, two pieces of good news relating to Bucyrus International should be highlighted. Bucyrus chose to do a \$150 million expansion in Milwaukee County adding hundreds of jobs, and they showed substantial earnings in company stock as a result of that growth.

The company's expansion has allowed it to nearly double its mining-equipment manufacturing capacity to keep up with the global demand for its products. This is positive news for both their business and our community. We need to build on that example of success.

Scott



Senior Statesmen



County Executive Walker welcomed the 2008 Milwaukee County Senior Statesman Program participants. The purpose of the program is to give older county citizens who have lived here 50 years or more, the opportunity to learn about and participate in the policy-making process regarding senior citizen issues.

The three-day seminar is a collaborative effort sponsored by the County Executive's Office, County Board, Milwaukee County Department on Aging, Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Marquette University and the Wisconsin Geriatric Education Center. The popular program allows participants to become more politically informed on a county level through visits to many county facilities and a Senior Meal Program Site.

Graduates act as liaisons for the county on various special projects and assist in directing other seniors to appropriate sources for information.

Senior citizens interest in the program can contact Annie Wiesen of the Department on Aging for information at (414) 289-6010.

Chillin' at Bradford Beach



County Executive Walker promoted Bradford Beach and Veterans Park activities and events with Gus Gnorski on Fox6 WITI -TV. Assorted beach and watercraft were on hand to show the variety available at the lakefront for summertime fun – Jet Skies, Segways, surreys – carriages to pedal built for two or four with added toddler baskets, pedal go-carts, kites, and the county beach cleaner.

Weekend events taking place at the beach include volleyball camp, windsurfing lessons and exhibitions, appearances by King Solomon and other local bands, wrestling, rugby, dodgeball, disc golf, and baggo tournaments. Check it out at www.countyparks.com.

Bucyrus global HQ renovation

County Executive Walker congratulated Bucyrus International on the extensive renovation of the global headquarters located at their South Milwaukee plant. The company will host an open house on Saturday, July 26 featuring bands, tours, and an employee classic car show.

Art in the Parks

Artists Working in Education continues offering creative activities for children ages 4-14 at playground sites throughout the summer. Activities include painting, fiber art, printmaking, sculpture, and mask making.

July 28 – August 1

Washington Park, 1859 N. 40th

Clarke Square Park, 2330 W. Vieau Place

Smith Park, 5462 N. 33rd St.

Wahl Park, 4750 N. 48th St.

August 4 – August 8

Washington Park, 1859 N. 40th

Clarke Square Park, 2330 W. Vieau Place

Vogel Park, 8601 W. Lancaster

Columbus, 7301 W. Courtland Ave.

This is a drop-in program – children are free to participate without registration. Groups of 10 or more please contact the AWE office at (414) 933-3877.

Community Events

County Executive Walker attended the President's Circle event at the Milwaukee Art Museum, will attend the Gala at Discovery World in celebration of the museum's 25th Anniversary, and will join organizers of German Fest at the opening celebration of their weekend ethnic festival at the Henry W. Maier Festival - Summerfest grounds.