

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

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Message from County Executive Walker

With economic challenges at the global, national, state and county levels, it is important to look for new and creative ways to keep and attract new jobs to our area. Next week, I am meeting with economic development staff from the various cities and villages throughout Milwaukee County. We are looking to brainstorm on new ideas to promote economic development in our area.

In addition to hearing from these local officials, I would love to hear your ideas for what more we can (and should) be doing to impact on job growth in Milwaukee County. Please feel free to call us at (414) 278-4211 or email us at countyexec@milwcnty.com. Thank you!

Scott



Airbus stops at GMIA



Top, L-R: Tom Enders – Airbus President & CEO, Walker, Sup. Mayo, Airport Dir. Barry Bateman, Sup. Thomas, Rick Larson – EAA AirVenture, Allan McArtor, Chairman, Airbus Americas

L: Walker views controls, R: Allan McArtor, Chairman Allan McArtor of Airbus Americas, Walker welcomes pilots, crew and plane to GMIA.

County Executive Walker welcomed the pilots and crew of the A380 Airbus – the largest passenger plane in the world, at its first landing at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA). The plane was enroute to the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh and provided tours during the overnight stay at GMIA. Thousands of people toured the plane daily at the EAA.

The Airbus is celebrating 40 years of innovation, and the double-decker A380 Airbus 525-passenger plane features the latest in environmental and noise reduction technology.

Grand opening of SAS



(L-R) Becky Alsup, MATC – Associate Dean; Chris Leoni, SAS Director of Overhaul & Repair Operations; John Sepulveda, Derco VP/General Manager; Walker; Mark Hoehnen, Derco President; Alex Dobek, Derco Manager – Avionics Engineering Solutions; Jason Wiedoff, Derco Director of Repair Services.

County Executive Walker participated in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting for the grand opening of the Sikorsky Aerospace Services new Avionics Center of Excellence (SAS ACOE). The center is located and operated at the Derco Aerospace facility campus and provides wing avionics repair. Approximately 300 employees attended and toured the new facility.

CBDP and Urban League



County Executive Walker attended the Milwaukee County Community Business Development Partners “Capacity Building Program” ceremony, held in collaboration with the Milwaukee Urban League. The program consisted of a series of workshops on financial literacy and business basics. (Photo above: Larry Thompson, Workforce Development Director with the Milwaukee Urban League and Walker).

Senior Statesman reunion



County Executive Walker joined about 150 older adults who have graduated from the Milwaukee County Senior Statesman program as they participated in an intensive educational forum to learn about local research projects affecting the older population.

Topics were presented by academics and researchers from Marquette, Mount Mary College, UW- Milwaukee, the Medical College of Wisconsin, the Alzheimer’s Institute and others and covered exercise, care giving, hospital care, educating medical and dental students in the care of older adults, legal issues, dementia, changing careers and communication.

The event took place at Marquette University in collaboration with their Wisconsin Geriatric Education Center, the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, the Milwaukee County Executive’s Office and Department on Aging. The Senior Statesman program gives older county residents the opportunity to learn more about the policy-making process regarding senior issues.

Shuttle to festivals

Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) offers an easy way to Arab World Festival August 7-9 at Henry Maier Festival Park. Festival-goers can hop on the shuttle along Wisconsin Ave. for \$3.00 round trip for adults and \$1.50 for children 6-11 years old, seniors 65 years and older, and disabled persons with proper ID. Visit www.RideMCTS.com for detailed information.