

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

September 4, 2009

Message from County Executive Walker

Officials at Mercury Marine (like so many other employers across the state and around the country) had to face the reality of the impact that the economy had on their business. In turn, the workers at the company appear to understand the challenges faced by their employer and the need to make changes to stay in business.

Governments are now facing the same challenges. While the public sector does not have the same profit motive, it is clear that the negative impact of the economy on the average taxpayer has diminished any interest in paying higher taxes. Too many people in this community face foreclosure or bankruptcy issues and higher taxes will only push others in that direction.

To reach fiscal stability, county leaders and employees must find better ways to ease the long-term burden on local taxpayers. This means that there needs to be a better balance between the wage and benefits received by government employees and the wage and benefits received by private sector employees - the people who work to pay the tab for the public sector. This is the only way to keep jobs in our area.

Scott



Community Giving

Sue Dragisic, President of United Way, and Walker at the United Way Campaign kickoff (top photo); Walker and United Way and Johnson Controls employees exchange high fives at the exit line up, giving a pep rally feel to the kick off event (right lower).



County Executive Walker attended the kick off event for the United Way Campaign held at Johnson Controls along with hundreds of other team leaders, participants, and community agency representatives. Walker is a United Way campaign cabinet member.

The Milwaukee County Combined Giving Campaign (CGC) co-chairs also gave a presentation to the county executive's department and division heads to encourage more participation in tough economic times.



Representatives from the CGC agencies – United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Community Health Charities, Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee, and Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin – joined county co-chairs, loaned executives and Sup. Elizabeth Cogg at the county executive's cabinet meeting.

Last Doggie Dip of Season!



Penny, a springer spaniel in photo above, loved the end of the season Doggie Dip at Sheridan pool. The last Doggie Dip this season will take place **Monday, September 7 at Cool Waters** from 6:30pm – 8pm. Tickets are \$5/dog and can be purchased at the time of the event or in advance at Cool Waters at Greenfield Park (2028 S. 124th Street) on Sunday, September 6 between 10am and 6pm. Visit www.countyparks.com for more information.

Juror Appreciation Month



Visitors to the courthouse will be greeted by signs to show appreciation to jurors for their work during Juror Appreciation Month. September was first designated as Juror Appreciation Month in 2007. Signs reading "It was fair, I was there" line the approach to the building entrance and appreciation banners hang on the first floor.

Park events



Try Nite Glow Golf, an after-dark game that everyone will enjoy. With only tees, flag sticks, and holes illuminated and glow-in-the-dark golf balls flying through the air, Nite Golf is a veritable light show!

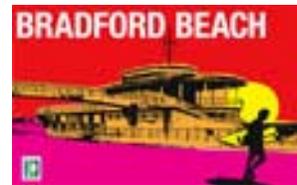
Tee times: 8:30pm – 10:30pm. Remaining dates:

Sept. 4 at Hansen. Reservations: 414-453-4454

Sept. 11 at Warnimont: 414-481-1400

Private Nite Glow Golf outings can be arranged at a Bronze or Oak course by calling 414-257-8024.

Visit www.countyparks.com for more information on county golf courses and specials.



The Friends of Bradford Beach are sponsoring Bradford Beach Family Day Saturday, September 12. In addition to a Beach Sweep cleanup effort, activities will include a treasure hunt, kids volleyball, REI's environmental programs, and a sand castle building contest. For details and registration information visit:

<http://www.friendsofbradfordbeach.org/Sep12.htm>



Try the Rock & Rollin' Skate Fest at Red Arrow Park. Saturday, Sept. 19 6pm – 10pm. Free for skaters with their own roller/inline skates, or rent on site for \$2.