

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

October 23, 2009

## Message from County Executive Walker

*This morning, the County Board's Personnel Committee passed a motion (4 - 2) calling for the county to draft changes to include domestic partner benefits. The change would cost the county some \$3.9 million per year.*

*Earlier this week, the members of the Finance Committee voted to remove \$1.7 million worth of savings to the taxpayers from two initiatives to contract out services for housekeeping and security.*

*Do they not realize how much people are hurting? Do they not see the 31% increase in bankruptcy filings? Do they not see the record number of foreclosures? Do they not see the employers moving jobs out of the area and state?*

*We can't afford these changes that add millions in additional costs to the local taxpayers. If you share these concerns, please contact your County Board Supervisor at 278-4222.*

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## Walker named MPA Elected Official of the Year



County Executive Scott Walker was named the Milwaukee Police Association (MPA) Elected Official of the Year at the organization's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. MPA President John Balcerzak presented Walker with the award at their annual program.

## National Indian Education Association



County Executive Walker gave opening remarks to approximately 1300 attendees of the General Assembly at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual National Indian Education Association (NIEA) convention, being held in Milwaukee October 22-25 at the Midwest Airlines Center. The NIEA represents American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians in education.

## Rotary Club Keynote



County Executive Walker was the keynote speaker at the Rotary Club of Milwaukee's monthly business meeting at the War Memorial Center. Walker discussed the 2010 recommended budget and opportunities for Milwaukee County.

## HATCO Corporation



County Executive Walker, shown above with (L-R) Randy Baumgart – VP Finance and CFO, David Rolston – President and CEO, and Claire Lievrouw – Executive Assistant, addressed the employees of HATCO Corporation, which is headquartered in Milwaukee.

HATCO makes equipment for the food service industry with a product line that includes foodwarmers, fry stations, sanitizing sink heaters, heated and refrigerated wells and cabinets for serving and display.

## Boo at the Zoo



County Executive Walker will promote "Boo at the Zoo" on Channel 12 this weekend. A ghostly good time is in store for visitors to the Milwaukee County Zoo Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 from 6pm – 9pm. Halloween decorations are displayed throughout the zoo – a Haystack Maze, hand-carved Pumpkin Patch, animated light show, and activities include temporary tattoos, bats made from leaf rubbings and origami, and the annual storybook scenes featuring Harry and Fred. Admission: Adults: \$5.50, Children (age 3-12) \$4, parking \$5.

## Community Events

Try **Halloween "Nite Glow-Golf"** at Hansen Park on Friday, October 30 beginning at dusk (about 6:30pm) until midnight. Glow-in-the-dark golf balls, tees, flagsticks and illuminated holes add to the fun. Costumes optional. \$14. Call (414) 453-4454 for reservations and details.

**Spooky Domes Halloween** on Friday, October 30 from 6pm – 9pm at Mitchell Park Domes. Best costume contest, pumpkin decorating, scavenger-style trick or treating, and light shows. (414) 649-9830.

County Executive Walker will be the keynote speaker at an event for Eyewitness for Life on Saturday. The nonprofit organization is purchasing a new ultrasound machine to provide free scans to women in crisis pregnancies to see their baby's development.