

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

October 24, 2008

## Message from County Executive Walker

*As bad as it is with the MPS tax levy going up to the max allowed with a 14.6% increase, the Milwaukee County Board is on track to do the same.*

*Yesterday, the Finance and Audit Committee added more to the tax levy. Now, a number of the Supervisors say that they plan on spending to the max allowed under state law.*

*Add to that the size of the Mayor's budget - as well as budgets at MATC and MMSD - and taxpayers in Milwaukee will face one heck of a tax bill.*

*At a time when the economy is so bad, is it really a good idea to push big tax increases? Let our elected officials know that you are sick of big tax increases.*

*Scott*



## Judge Brennan Investiture



County Executive Walker offered his congratulations to Judge Kitty Brennan at her investiture ceremony to the Court of Appeals, District 1. Judge Brennan had served as Milwaukee County's Chief Judge prior to this appointment.

## In Memoriam



## Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson

Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson passed away this past week and leaves a long list of people she helped throughout our community through the Career Youth Development organization she founded with her mother. Jeannetta joined the Milwaukee County Black History Month celebration in the Courthouse rotunda in February to highlight CYD (photo above). She knew how to put love into action, and was known for always looking out for others.

## Spooktacular at the Zoo!



Stop by the Milwaukee County Zoo for the Halloween Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular tonight from 6pm – 9pm and Saturday, October 25 from 9am – 9pm, sponsored by Sentry Foods. (photo above from previous event) Visitors can gather goodies by visiting treat stops located among the animal exhibits.

Ghostly giggles include a costume parade at 2pm Saturday starting at the Northwestern Mutual Family Farm and ending with a chance to win special prizes at the Peck Welcome Center.

New this year – glowing, hand-carved pumpkins in the Pumpkin Patch in the Feline Mall and a musical, animated light show glittering along the Wolf Woods Deck. Learn more about the beneficial role bats play in our world at evening presentations in the Small Mammal Building.

Back by popular demand: The Halloween Adventures of Harry and Fred! Storybook favorites Harry and Fred return to the displays throughout the zoo, embarking this year on a journey to become wizards!

Reduced admission rates apply on both Friday and Saturday evening for this spine-tingling Halloween event: Adult - \$ 6.50, Senior - \$5.00, Junior (age 2-12) \$ 3.50, children under age 2 are free. Parking \$10.

## Walker addresses HOC Job Fair participants



County Executive Walker and Supervisor Peggy West joined House of Correction Superintendent Ron Malone to address the participants in the second Job Resource Fair held at the facility. Employers from around the county met with inmates to guide them in the job preparation processes.

## Community Events

County Executive Walker filmed a commercial announcing the grand reopening of the newly illuminated Domes to take place on November 5. More information is available at [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com).



Walker also attended the Judiciary, Safety and General Services committee meeting at the County Board to introduce the new Medical Examiner – Dr. Christopher Happy – for board approval. (Photo above courtesy of County Board staff).