

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

October 30, 2009

Message from County Executive Walker

Today I invited County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Elizabeth Cogg, Chair of the Finance and Audit committee, along with fiscal staff, to discuss the layoffs of county employees.

The meetings resulted in agreement that we will meet weekly to closely monitor the fiscal status of the county. Other actions to avoid a deficit may still be enacted to ensure a balanced budget for 2009. These could entail additional furlough days or implementing a 35-hour workweek.

I appreciate the efforts of the county board to work with us on alternatives to avoid laying off county employees. We will work together to achieve a balanced budget as we close the 2009 books.

Scott



Walker keynote at Kiwanis



County Executive Walker gave the keynote address to the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee (shown above with club Vice President Beth Nicols – Executive Director of Downtown Milwaukee BID #21). Walker gave an overview of his recommended 2010 budget.

SuperSaver Parking at GMIA

County Executive Walker announced this week that General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) is introducing its new SuperSaver parking lot, with free and convenient shuttle service directly to the airport terminal. The 24-hour rate of \$5 includes sales tax and is the lowest cost parking option at GMIA. New signs direct drivers to the lot, which is easily accessible from the airport spur and Howell Ave.

The airport continues to offer Hourly covered parking for \$2/hour (\$22/day maximum), Daily covered parking for \$12/day and adjacent Surface parking with a Cell Phone lot for \$13/day. The first 30 minutes in Hourly and Surface lots are free.

Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular



County Executive Walker promoted the Halloween Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular, sponsored by westbury bank, this week on Channel 12. Visitors to the Milwaukee County Zoo on October 30 from 6pm to 9pm and October 31 from 9am – 9pm can roam the grounds to get candy treats, see Captain Jack Sparrow, march in the 2pm costume parade, find their way through the Haystack Maze, and see hundreds of hand-carved, glowing pumpkins in the Pumpkin Patch.

Reduced admission applies for this event. Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org for details.

Happy the Hippo



Happy the Hippo recently arrived from the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. to take up residence at the newly renovated hippopotamus holding area at the Milwaukee County Zoo. The new area, made possible by a donation from the Dohmen Family Foundation, can accommodate three adult hippos and one calf.

Happy is a 28-year old male Nile hippopotamus weighing 5,500 pounds. Happy joins the two female hippos, Patti and Puddles. The new indoor quarters feature a wading pool, viewing window for visitors, and a padded, heated floor should a new baby become part of this hippo collection in the future.

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- 03 Spanglish, *Spanish-English mix*
- 05 Liam Ford Band, *Americana*
- 10 Double-Bill
Charles Buddy Love
with Shirley Gibson,
Jazz trumpet & vocals
- The Desert Sound Ensemble
Bossa Nova/Big Beat/Bluegrass
- 12 Christopher's Project
Jazz, Urban, R&B, Funk
- 17 Caché, *5-piece Latin Ensemble*
- 19 Ronnie Nyles
Vocals, Acoustic Guitar
- 24 Streetlife with Warren Wiegatz
Blend of R&B and smooth jazz
- 26 Jonny Rawls, *Blues*
(Concert extended to 10pm)

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Mark your calendar:
*The 2010 Music Under Glass Season
begins January 5th!*

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