

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

November 9, 2007

## Message from County Executive Walker

*Jim Ryan was a great man. I got to know him years ago while working at the American Red Cross. Next, I worked with him when he was the head of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Complex and I represented that area in the State Assembly. Later, I saw his passion working as the head of Penfield Children's Center.*

*In 2002, Jim and I both ran for County Executive. Between the primary and general elections, we had so many debates and forums that we joked that we saw more of each other than our wives. He was always a gentleman and was a joy to share the stage with in those forums.*

*After the election, Jim continued to work with me in his role as the Village President of Hales Corners, head of a premier non-profit service agency, and as a general leader in the community. His leadership gave us the Education and Visitor Center from the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens. Plus, Jim worked on so many other issues of significant importance to local governments in Milwaukee County.*

*The definition of a true public servant defined his tenure on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and as the Hales Corners Village President. He is an example for all in public office to follow with his passion for new ideas and his ability to work well with others.*

*Jim Ryan loved his family and he loved his colleagues and co-workers. He will be sorely missed but his impact will be felt for generations.*

Scott



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### Hales Corners Village President Jim Ryan



Jim Ryan served as a Milwaukee County Board Supervisor, and most recently as Hales Corners Village President in a public service career that spanned more than thirty years. His ten years as president of Penfield Children's Center positively impacted the lives of thousands of children in our community. His leadership will be missed.

## W. Milw. Senior Center



Walker joins members of the West Milwaukee Senior Center for lunch and discussion on county issues

## Parenting Network 30<sup>th</sup>



County Executive Walker presented a proclamation and addressed a large group gathered to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Parenting Network. The network offers free services to help parents improve their parenting including a 24-hour helpline, support groups, and home visits for newborns. Their mission is to strengthen parenting and prevent child abuse.

## Community Events

County Executive Walker attended the Milwaukee Urban League's (MUL) 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Equal Opportunity Day luncheon; mingled with supporters of The Cathedral Center at its annual fundraising event; and issued proclamations for the 100-year anniversary of Rogers Memorial Hospital, James "Jimmy" Mack as the oldest, African American businessman in the community, and for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HeartLove Place.

## Sunday Insight

County Executive Walker will be a featured guest on Charlie Sykes' television program on Sunday morning at 10am. Their discussion will focus on the 2008 budget and tax levy implications.

## Veterans Day Events



County Executive Walker attended the Cudahy High School Veterans Day Program, along with Supervisor Pat Jursik, to start off the schedule of Veterans Day celebrations. He encourages everyone in the community to attend the Veterans Day events taking place, especially the parade on Saturday, November 10 beginning at 11am. Visit [www.veteransdayparade-milw.org](http://www.veteransdayparade-milw.org) for information on the parade and route.

Show our troops serving overseas that you care and donate to "Holidays for Heroes." Information on items needed for this effort, coordinated by Wisconsin We Care, FM 106.1, the Milwaukee County War Memorial, and the Veterans Day Parade of Milwaukee, can be found at [www.wiwecare.com](http://www.wiwecare.com). Items and cash donations will be accepted at the War Memorial 8am – 4pm November 10.

## Boy Scout benefit



County Executive Walker gave introductory comments at the Boy Scouts of America, Milwaukee Council Festival of Trees luncheon and flipped the switch to light the tree at the start of the program.