

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

December 19, 2008

## Message from County Executive Walker

*After the snow melted away on Sunday, I said to my family that we needed a blanket of white before Christmas. Little did I know that we would get more than just a blanket of snow...*

*Kudos to the crews from the county who are out on the expressways and country trunk highways; out on the runways at the airport; patrolling the county in Sheriff's squads; clearing out access to the parks and keeping our 24/7 facilities open at the mental health complex, jail, House of Corrections, juvenile detention center and other select operations.*

*As we get ready for the holidays, please take time to remember all of the great attractions in the county. The ice skating rink at Red Arrow Park, the newly illuminated Domes, the lights in three of our downtown parks, the Christmas trees decorated in the US Bank Gathering Place at the Zoo, or any of the great sledding hills throughout the parks system – there are so many great things to do in our county.*

*Merry Christmas to all of you. And special blessings to those in the Jewish tradition who start the Festival of Lights this Sunday.*

Scott



## Christmas Tree Delivery



County Executive Walker joins Jim Baker, CEO of Curtis Ambulance, on the company's annual rounds delivering Christmas trees to churches, meal program sites and homeless shelters.



County Executive Walker presented a proclamation to Bishop Sedgwick Daniels (above, left) in honor of his election to the National Church of God in Christ General Board. (Also pictured: Chairman Lee Holloway, Walker, and supervisors Elizabeth Coggs and Toni Clark).

## Volunteers needed

County Executive Walker encourages Milwaukee County residents to help the Interfaith Good Neighbor Project by volunteering to assist our older adults with the task of snow removal. The Project makes it easy by matching volunteers of all ages close to their neighborhood or workplace. Call (414) 220-8650 for volunteer information.

## Holiday Parks Happenings

**New Year's Eve at The Domes** – See the Scandinavian holiday show “God Jul” in the Show Dome and the thousands of poinsettias that make a beautiful backdrop for family photos. Special activities for children, along with the antics of magicians and comedians, will make for a wonderful family outing.

**New Year's Eve at Red Arrow Park Slice of Ice** skating rink. County Executive Walker will lead a countdown at midnight to kick off a fireworks display sponsored by CFA Society of Milwaukee to ring in the new year. Visit [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com) for details.



The **Cool Fool Kite Festival** is a great alternative for those who don't want to participate in the Polar Bear jump in Lake Michigan on New Year's Day! Kite flying, free hot chocolate and coffee from Caribou Coffee, and snacks while they last from noon to 5pm in Veterans Park. Spectators can enjoy watching ice artists at work. The festival and parking is free, courtesy of Gift of Wings, B93.3 radio, 102.1 WLUM and WMCS radio, and the Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois.

Check out other winter activities including Door County Sled Dogs at Veterans Park, cross country skiing and sledding at [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com).

## Walker visits local radio stations

County Executive Walker visited a number of local radio stations this week with holiday greetings. The stations enjoy a treat from the county executive every year – frosted pecans roasted for the occasion.

In addition to the personalities pictured below, the county executive also went on-air with WLZR 102.9 – Bob & Brian, WKLH 96.5 – Dave & Carole, WOKY 920 – Greg Jon, WISN 1130 – Jay Weber, and WTMJ 620 – Charlie Sykes.



WMIL 106.1 – Karen, Scott and Radar

WRIT 95.7 – Murphy and Meg in the Morning (right)  
WMYX 99.1 Jane & Kidd (below)



KISS-FM 103.7 – Rahny and Alley (at right)



WJZI – B93.3 – Stan and CV (above),  
WMCS 1290 – Joel McNally (at right)

