

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

September 8, 2006

## Message From County Executive Scott Walker

*This week I vetoed the latest proposed sales tax increase in Milwaukee County. This one suggested that we raise the sales tax in the county by .5% to pay for parks and for property tax relief. At the press conference to announce the veto, five members of Parks People, including the President and Executive Director, joined me. I suggested that rather than impose a further tax burden on Milwaukee County residents that, due to our enormous pension and benefit costs, would not provide any relief to the parks system; we instead concentrate our attention on forming an independent Parks District.*

You can read about the sales tax veto here:  
<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=492212>

**Scott**



## Milwaukee County Remembers 9-11

County Executive Walker will host an event on Monday, September 11 in remembrance of those who were killed 5 years ago in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The event, to be held at the Milwaukee County War Memorial, will also honour the men and women who have lost their lives in the past five years protecting our country. The event will begin at 7:30am.

Walker will then participate in the "America Supports You Freedom Walk", sponsored by the Milwaukee Chapter of Operation Homefront. The Freedom Walk takes place at 9:00am at Veteran's Park.

The first "America Supports You Freedom Walk", held on September 11, 2005, in our nation's capital, brought together more than 15,000 walker, including family members of the victims of 9-11, Members of Congress, administration officials, federal workers, corporate employees, civic organizations, and citizens from around the country. All walked to pay tribute to those who lost their lives on 9-11, and to thank our veterans, past and present, for protecting our freedom.



2005 wreath laying ceremony

## Senior Olympics

On Tuesday, County Executive Walker participated in the opening ceremonies for the Senior Olympics at Bluemound Gardens in Wauwatosa. This event, which runs from September 5 – 17, features senior athletes from around the state competing in a variety of athletic events throughout the area



## Kite Festival

The 28th annual Frank Motts International Family Kite Festival will be held on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> at Milwaukee County's Veteran's Park. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm. The Grand Launch of 500 kites will take place at noon. For more information, go to [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com)



## All Shook Up Premiere

On Tuesday, September 12, County Executive Walker will be participating in a special ceremony for the Premiere of "All Shook Up", a new musical featuring the music of Elvis Presley. Before the curtain goes up on opening night, the Marcus Center will officially welcome the cast and crew in uniquely Milwaukee style. The cast and crew will be escorted to the Marcus Center by a select group of Harley-Davidson owners, led by Kirk and Hal Topel of Hal's Harley-Davidson. Joining in this escort will be Walker and County Supervisor Michael Mayo. Their arrival is scheduled for 6:00pm where a special ceremony will take place on the red carpet.

## Calendar of Events

### TOSA FEST

PLACE CITY OF WAUWATOSA

TIME SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10

[WWW.TOSAFEST.ORG](http://WWW.TOSAFEST.ORG)

### INDIAN SUMMER

PLACE HENRY MAIER FESTIVAL PARK

TIME SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10

[WWW.INDIANSUMMER.ORG](http://WWW.INDIANSUMMER.ORG)

### FAMILY FARM WEEKEND

PLACE MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

TIME SEPTEMBER 9, 10

[WWW.MILWAUKEEZOO.ORG](http://WWW.MILWAUKEEZOO.ORG)

### 9-11 REMEMBRANCE

PLACE MILWAUKEE COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL

TIME SEPTEMBER 11, 7:30AM

### AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU FREEDOM WALK

PLACE VETERAN'S PARK

TIME SEPTEMBER 11, 9:00AM

[WWW.AMERICASUPPORTSYOU.MIL/FREEDOMWALK](http://WWW.AMERICASUPPORTSYOU.MIL/FREEDOMWALK)