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WALKER ANNOUNCES FAMILY-FRIENDLY NEW YEAR'S EVENTS

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker invites families to attend a variety of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day events taking place throughout Milwaukee County.

Skating December 31 at the Red Arrow Park ice rink, 920 N. Water Street, has become a local favorite for many who look forward to the countdown to the midnight fireworks display. This year's fireworks will include a surprise commemoration of the Parks 100th Anniversary. The rink will be open from 11am – 1am, and is free for those bringing their own skates. Skate rental is \$5.50 a pair.

The Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard, will offer a special New Year's Eve party from 6pm to 10pm featuring a magic show, John the ConQueRoo Band – a zany, Cajun, boogie, blues, R&B junk band with tuba, fiddle, sax, gutbucket, accordion and other assorted instruments, Comedy Sportz, Rick Allen Magic Productions, and concessions. The show dome is set up with trees decorated by area ethnic groups, and several special prize giveaways will highlight the night. Admission fee is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

The Cool Fool Kite Festival will take place at Veterans Park at the lakefront on New Year's Day from noon until 5pm. Free hot chocolate and snacks while they last, and ice artists carving blocks of ice add to the merriment of kite flying. The Gift of Wings kite shop website has additional information at www.giftofwings.com.

The latest snowfall makes it perfect for sledding at many of our county parks. Visit www.countyparks.com for a list of sledding hills and warming clubhouses.

And make it a safe New Year celebration. Milwaukee County Transit System is again partnering with Miller Brewing Company for the 20th year to offer Miller Free Rides on New Year's Eve. Free service starts on New Year's Eve at 8pm on all Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) routes. Please call 1-800 FREE RIDES (1-800-373-3743) or visit MCTS for more information. Milwaukee Transit Plus riders can call TTY (414) 343-1704.

COUNTDOWN to FIRWORKS at RED ARROW PARK 11:55pm

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