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WALKER TO LAUNCH KITE FESTIVAL
500 kites to color the skies at Veterans Park

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker will kick off the 31st Annual Frank Mots International Kite Festival on Saturday, September 12 at noon with the Caribou Coffee grand launch of 500 kites. The two-day event will take place September 12 10:00am to 6:00pm and September 13 from 10:00am until 5:00pm.

The festival is sponsored by the Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois (KSWI), Gift of Wings, and our newest sponsors, radio stations 102.1 WLUM, B93, and 1290AM WMCS. Featured performers include Chicago Fire, featuring Eric Wolfe, and the new Revolution Kite Flying Team - IQUAD, featuring John Barresi. Other kite performances include: Josh and Zack Gordon, Charlie Sotich, Team Pegasus, Dan Newman, Paul Koepke, Paula Schenk, Mike Delfar, Ann Vondriska, and Donna Schenk as Mrs. Kite Lady. Yves LaForest will navigate two giant Octopi kites high over Milwaukee and world famous kite artist Ron Gibian will have a kite display.

The professional kite teams will start performing at 12:30pm, followed by the Kids Mad Dash at about 2:00pm. Bring the kids to see Roscoe from the Milwaukee Admirals and Bango from the Milwaukee Bucks.

Kites are available for sale from Gift of Wings located in Veterans Park, online and in Franklin. Johnsonville Brats, Palermo's Pizza, and Nathan's Hotdogs, along with plenty of other great food items, will be available. This family event is free and includes free parking.

Breakfast will be served to all Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois members, and a free dinner for all KSWI members will be held at 5:30pm on Saturday night in the park, along with one of the best kite raffle/auctions in the country. Join today! The KSWI is one of the largest and most active kite clubs in the country. For more information, call Scott Fisher at (414) 425-9993 or Jeff Kataoka at (414) 277-9121.

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