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Walker Welcomes Public to New Year's Eve Celebrations at Red Arrow Park Ice Rink and the Mitchell Park Domes *Fireworks at Red Arrow & Domes' light shows will be spectacular*

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker invites the public to bring family and friends to join in the increasingly popular New Year's Eve events at the Red Arrow Park "Slice of Ice" skating rink and the Domes. Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water Street, and the Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Boulevard, offer great places to celebrate the New Year.

Walker will officially countdown to the New Year at the Red Arrow Park skating rink, Mayor Tom Barrett plans to ring the bells at City Hall, and fireworks sponsored by the City of Milwaukee will light the skies at midnight. The ice rink will be open for skating on New Year's Eve day, Thursday, December 31, 2009, starting at 11am and closing at 1am. The rink is free for skaters who bring their own skates, or skates are available for rent for \$6 per pair. A warming house complete with a Starbucks café with hot beverages and snacks provides a cozy place to take a break.

The Friends of the Domes will host a New Year's Eve Party at the Mitchell Park Domes for families from 6pm-10pm. Stroll through the sparkling holiday floral show, "A Children's Holiday," showcasing hundreds of stunning poinsettias and a 27-foot Christmas tree.

Light shows will run at 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, with a 10pm finale.

Entertainment will include performances by Rick Allen Magic Productions at 6:15pm, 7pm, 7:45, and family-oriented shows by Comedy Sportz at 8:30pm and 9:15pm. *KT's Universal Love Band* will be playing live from 6:30pm-10pm and children can join in the fun and play musical instruments. Gypsy Geoff will host a juggling, clowning Magic and Mime Circus performance from 7pm until 10pm.

Tickets can be purchased for \$1 for a drawing that will be held for one boy's and one girl's bicycle giveaway.

Concessions for purchase will be provided by Zilli's Catering. Friends of the Domes' free, discounted admissions, other discount coupons and regular prepaid Domes passes will not apply to this event. For more information go to countyparks.com or call the Domes at (414) 649-9830.

(See following page for schedule of county New Year's Eve events and holiday hours of operation).

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Schedule of New Year's Events & Holiday Hours of Operation

Red Arrow Park- Slice of Ice THROUGH DECEMBER 19 MON - THURS: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM FRI & SAT: 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM SUN: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

DECEMBER 20 – 23 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 26 - 30 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE 11:00 AM December 31, 2009 - 1:00 AM – January 1, 2010

For more information visit www.countyparks.com or call Red Arrow at (414) 289-8791 or the Domes at (414) 649-9830.

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<u>Mitchell Park Domes</u> OPEN EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR WEEKDAYS 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM WEEKENDS 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

> DECEMBER 24 -25 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

DECEMBER 31, 2009 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 6-10 PM ADMISSION ADULTS \$10 ADMISSION KIDS AGES 6-17 - \$5 AGE 5 and UNDER - FREE