

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

May 27, 2010

Message from County Executive Walker

The County Board passed a resolution today that creates a community advisory panel for the Mental Health Complex - acute care unit. I met with Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) – before they released a report – and pledged to work with them on improvements at the complex. One of their recommendations was the creation of this panel. I will sign the resolution immediately and announce the co-chairs on June 1st.

Years ago, we faced tremendous challenges with supportive housing in the region. Instead of the county blaming the city, or the city blaming the county, we worked together with the community and addressed this difficult issue. We can do the same thing with acute patient care.

I believe that this panel can be a great resource for the county as we find ways to improve care and services.

Scott



Senior Citizen Hall of Fame

County Executive Walker will join the Commission on Aging to induct five new members into the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. The 2010 awardees are: **Joan Brenk**, Whitefish Bay; **Irene Bishop Goggans**, Milwaukee; **Bob Haase**, Greenfield; **Viola (Vi) Hawkins**, Milwaukee; and **Patricia Kveen**, Greenfield.

Each of these individuals has performed several years of volunteer work on behalf of older adults and the Milwaukee community. The Hall of Fame honors older adults in Milwaukee County who have made significant contributions to the community.

Newsletter hiatus

This will be the last issue of the Executive Update until November. In order to be in compliance with Wisconsin Statute 11.33, our office must discontinue the newsletters from June until November. For information on county departments, please continue to visit www.county.milwaukee.gov.



County Executive Walker and Children's Hospital President and CEO Peggy Troy joined Carole Caine, Dave Luczak and Kevin Brandt of WKLH 96.5 to kick off their annual Miracle Marathon to benefit the hospital. The 60-hour telethon runs through 5pm on May 28 and has raised more than \$8 million since 2004. Their goal this year is \$1.5 million.

Furlough day Friday, May 28

The second of four mandatory furlough days for Milwaukee County will take place Friday, May 28, with several exceptions. View this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/yhfu7q7> for a complete listing of county department/building closures. The first page is a listing by County agency of departmental closures. The second page is a listing by building/location.

- The Courthouse will be open.
- Courthouse Offices that will be open are Courts, District Attorney, Register of Deeds.
- The Cogs Center will be closed.
- The Safety Building, Criminal Justice Facility, and Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center will be open.
- The Behavioral Health Division - Patient Care units will be open, but administrative offices will be closed.
- Parks facilities, golf courses (weather dependent), beaches, indoor pools, community centers, the Domes and Boerner Botanical Gardens will be open. The Parks administrative offices will be closed.
- General Mitchell International Airport and Timmerman Field will be open.
- The Milwaukee County Zoo will be open.
- The Medical Examiner's office will be open.
- The Dept. on Aging and the Care Management Organization (CMO) administrative offices will be closed. Programs and services run by other organizations will be open.
- Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) departments and administrative offices (excluding the Airport) will be closed.
- City Campus will be closed.



County Executive Walker welcomed the #1 ranked NCAA baseball team from Johns Hopkins University at their arrival at Mitchell Airport. The Division III NCAA Championship games will be played in Wisconsin.

Community news and events

County Executive Scott Walker issued the following statement following the announcement of a new president for the **Milwaukee Public Museum**:

"Jay Williams is an outstanding pick as the next president of the Milwaukee Public Museum. I've worked with him on business and charitable projects, and he always performs well. I am ready to work with Jay to continue to make our museum one of the best in the world."

Mark your calendars for **Bradford Beach Family Days**, presented by Friends of Bradford Beach and Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee, on June 20, July 11, August 8 and September 12. Visit friendsofbradfordbeach.org for information, and check out the beach cam at www.lakefrontcam.com.

Adventure Dinosaur! will be at the **Milwaukee County Zoo** May 29-September 6, featuring more than 25 realistic dinosaurs lurking and moving in a tropical outdoor habitat. Exhibit fee: \$2.50.



The **Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois** and **Gift of Wings** are presenting the **Don Jacobs Toyota Family Kite Festival** Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 at Milwaukee County Veterans Park at the lakefront. The event will run 10am – 5pm.

Precision kite teams will perform throughout the day. Free kites to the first 100 kids that participate in the Kids Mad Dash. Visit www.giftofwings.com.