

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

July 10, 2009

Message from County Executive Walker

We are so proud that the Milwaukee County Parks are one of four finalists for the 2009 National Gold Medal Award to be announced in October. Please take a few minutes to see this wonderful video about our county parks programs and services that was submitted as a final item for the National Gold Medal Award judges to consider to determine the winner:

<http://tinyurl.com/ncu9zl>

Our parks are deserving of the recognition. Summer activities in the parks are in full swing with several high-profile events getting national attention. This weekend the parks will play host to the circus parade staging and circus at Veterans Park, next weekend the US Bank Championship golf tournament will be held at Brown Deer Park, and Bradford Beach – the new recipient of the national Blue Wave designation – will be the site of the Milwaukee Air and Water Show July 25-29.

Enjoy the parks – visit www.countyparks.com

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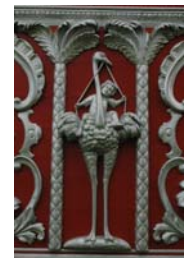
Great Circus Parade!



County Executive Walker joined Gus on Fox 6 to invite the public to visit the circus wagons.

County Executive Walker and Dave SaLoutos – Performance Director and Ringmaster – gave details on the events at Veterans Park for the Great Circus Parade. Through Saturday, July 11, there is free admission to the staging grounds and visitors can view more than 50 restored circus wagons and enjoy a circus performance by the Kelly Miller circus for \$10. Camel rides, a ferris wheel, petting zoo and a circus train ride are also available. The show grounds are closed to the public on Sunday, July 12 and the Great Circus Parade will step off at 1:30pm.

View a map of the route: <http://tinyurl.com/lepkyw>



Operation Freedom 2009



County Executive Walker addressed the crowd during the patriotic program at Operation Freedom at the zoo on Sunday. Close to 17,000 military personnel, veterans and their families enjoyed a free day at the zoo that included a picnic, military displays, the state Supermarket of Veterans Benefits and a patriotic program. More than 100 volunteers cooked brats and burgers, handed out ice cream, and helped the day run smoothly. The event was co-hosted by the American Legion Alonzo Cudworth Post 23.



At right: James T. Harris, radio host on Newsradio 620 WTMJ, addressed the crowd while the Milwaukee Brewers' racing sausages gathered to greet the Operation Freedom visitors.

TAPCO grand opening



County Executive Walker participated in the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony for TAPCO – Traffic & Parking Control Co., Inc. – in Brown Deer. In photo above: Brown Deer Village President Carl Krueger, Walker, and TAPCO co-owners Rick Bergholz and John Kugel cut the ribbon to formally introduce the company to the local community. The company integrates traffic and parking safety solutions.

MCTS Freeway Flyer

On Sunday, July 12, Freeway Flyer service will operate from three park-ride lots to bus stops near the parade route. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Flyers will leave the following park-ride lots about every 20 minutes:

Brown Deer East – Brown Deer Rd., west of I-43

Holt – Holt Ave., west of I-94

State Fair Park – I-94, S. 76th St. and W. Kearney Rd.

Return service starts immediately following the parade and continues until 6 p.m. Round-trip Flyer fare is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (6-11), seniors and disabled with ID. Due to street closings during the Circus Parade, all regular downtown service will be rerouted from noon until end of the parade.

Information on shuttle service to the Circus Showgrounds at Veterans Park can be found at www.RideMCTS.com.