

The budget presented by County Executive Scott Walker calls for moving our aquatic system into the 21st century. Seven deep-well pools remain open plus our aquatic center Cool Waters. We propose building a new aquatic center on the northside of the county. In addition, we will add six more splash pads and will start an Adopt-A-Beach program to staff Bradford and McKinley beaches with lifeguards. Parks will also add season passes (\$10 kids and \$15 adults) as a way to get more people to our pools.

In addition, the budget calls for 21 new family picnic sites, replacing worn out playground equipment and continued maintenance on facilities and trails. All of our parks, courses and other attractions remain open.

County Executive Walker also renewed his call for an elected Park District as part of a long-term solution to protecting our parks from the pension and state mandate costs faced by the county. Nearly all of the award winning parks systems in the country come from park districts and he called for creating one here.

Milwaukee County has a jewel of a park system and we work hard to make it even better in the future.