

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

How To Love

Teen Domestic
Violence Youth Event

April 30th

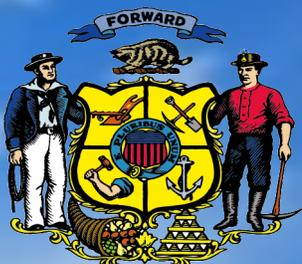
5pm—8pm

Milwaukee Collegiate
Academy
4030 N 29th Street

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always,
I'm Here to
Serve



Committee Takes Up Bill To Protect Pets In DV Cases

This week, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety heard from authors of legislation aimed at keeping family pets safe during cases of domestic violence and restraining orders. Senator Tim Carpenter and Representative Andre Jacque introduced Senate Bill 97, which would enable family pets to be included on restraining orders or an injunction order. The bill would allow a court to order the person subject to the restraining order to refrain from removing, damaging, hiding, harming, mistreating, or disposing of a household pet. People came from more than five hours away to testify about personal circumstances of domestic abuse and their decision to remain in those situations because they had nowhere to take their family pets. The committee learned about organizations that provide emergency shelter for pets displaced due to these situations. Only becoming a pet owner recently, this is not something many people would think about. The bill received unanimous support and I look forward to supporting its passage.



Summer Youth Jobs Available



MAWIB and Mayor Barrett's *Earn & Learn Summer Youth Jobs Initiative* has announced that the deadline for submitting applications is **April 30th by 4:00 pm**. **Due to limited funds youth will be processed on a first-come-first-serve basis. SO PLEASE APPLY EARLY!** **Submission of a completed application does not guarantee automatic acceptance into the program. To apply you will need:** a completed application, one proof of your date of birth (copy), Picture ID (State ID/ Driver's License or School ID with date of birth included), Social Security Card (copy of front and back), and one Proof of Income (i.e. pay stub, SSI, TANF, Food Share, most recent tax return, etc.). Parent/Guardian must supply proof of household income for applicants under the age of 18 and dependents over the age of 18. If you have any specific questions please call the Earn and Learn program at (414) 270-7550. You can also get information or applications from **Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board** at 2342 N. 27th Street Milwaukee, WI 53210; between the hours of 9:00AM - 4:00 PM (Monday-Friday)



Mother's Day Activities

Milwaukee Zoo:

Moms get in free on May 10th

Milwaukee Public Museum:

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We Enjoy Hearing From You!



Walker Security Detail Expenses Questioned

At this week's Committee on Joint Finance meeting, Democratic members once again called for information regarding the amount that Wisconsin taxpayers are paying to provide a security detail for Governor Scott Walker. As a part of a finance motion, Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton) called for the Department of Transportation, who oversees the state troopers on Walker's detail, to have to provide a report on the reimbursed and unreimbursed expenditures for the protection of dignitaries, which would include the Governor. The measure failed along party lines. Citing a recent article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Democrats questioned the \$138,200 that was spent on his trip to Great Britain. Walker has said that many of these trips are trade missions and most recently traveled with leaders from WEDC, the Milwaukee 7 regional economic development council, and private businesses. The fact that he is running for president is just a coincidence.



Earth to Walker: Stop Messing With Our State's Resources



As the nation observed Earth Day, I couldn't help but be struck by Governor Walker's many policy and budget decisions that involve the focus of the DNR shifting from preserving and protecting our natural resources to preserving and protecting business interests. On Earth Day itself, 57 DNR employees were sent layoff notices, with 13 more positions planning on being cut. Despite 90% of Wisconsinites supporting the Stewardship Program, Governor Walker proposed freezing its purchases. This will eliminate our ability to protect our resources and encourage responsible forestry. Furthermore, the proposal seeks to strip power from the Natural Resources Board and make it an "advisory only" board, minimizing citizen voices. Our state will lose nearly 19 science services positions, many of whom are paid for with federal dollars. These scientists bring about \$3 million in research grants with them. Finally, Walker's budget proposes to cut recycling funds. So, as we observe environmental activism around Earth Day, I am sure the day's founder, Wisconsinite Gaylord Nelson, is turning over in his grave as Governor Walker continues to dismantle environmental protections.

Wise Words of the Week!

"The ultimate test of a man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."

- Gaylord Nelson