



COMMUNITY ALERT

Dealing with Depression

Join Dr. Benjamin Tobin for knowledge that could help you and your loved ones attain victory in the battle against depression.

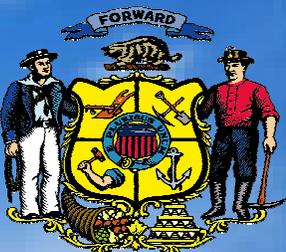
Saturdays April 14 - 28
10 am to 11 am

Greater New Birth Church
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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!



Our Community Needs a Fair Shot at Success



The African American community in Milwaukee needs access to capital to thrive in the modern business world, and I do not believe we have been given the opportunity to succeed by Governor Walker's economic policy. Last week, I met with the leaders of the African American, Hispanic, and Hmong Chambers of Commerce of Greater Milwaukee to discuss the threatened state of minority-owned businesses under Scott Walker's administration. Together we discussed the importance of apprenticeship training in trade careers. Additionally, we discussed the bold, progressive mission of the Northcott House, a non-profit committed the training and employment of entirely local workforce in the house-building projects it oversees. Finally, we discussed the disturbing lack of start-up capital currently available to our respective communities. Last Spring, the Governor helped to create a quasi-governmental corporation to replace our Department of Commerce. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has since been injected with 181 million dollars of the taxpayer's money, and we have yet to discover whether a single dollar of that money has gone towards helping to development minority-owned business. In the past, investment in minority-owned business had been mandatory under Department of Commerce rules, but now we have to take a private corporation at its word that it will responsibly support some of those communities which are in greatest need of assistance and in which lies some of the greatest raw, innovative potential. I think I speak to the State of Wisconsin's growing desire for a change when I say, Governor Walker, your policies are not working for us!

Barbering Bills Signed

Two bipartisan bills for the barbering industry have been signed by the Governor. The first bill allows barbers to take a separate track of training from cosmetologists. Barbers have long been subject to unnecessary training burdens for services they do not offer and can only be preformed by cosmetologists. The second bill, which I authored with Representative Jeff Stone (R-Greendale), prohibits the state from mandating the use of turberculocidicals in barbering institutions, which are an unnecessary financial burden on these businesses. I am proud that these bipartisan efforts will now become law.



HOPE NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

APPLY TODAY!

HOPE Network is offering its Edmund Springman Educational Grants to single mothers who are pursuing a post-high school education. There will be \$1,000 scholarships awarded this year and the money can be used for tuition, day-care costs or both. Applicants must be HOPE Network members, and if they aren't they can submit membership applications online.

APPLY by APRIL 31st!
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WisconsinEye Now Available in Milwaukee

My constituents should know that WisconsinEye will now be available in Milwaukee through Comcast. For those of you who are unfamiliar, WisconsinEye is a non-profit network that broadcasts the entirety of the proceedings on the floor of the Wisconsin Legislature. I am particularly thrilled about this development in light of last spring's unfortunate lack of availability of WisconsinEye to concerned citizens in Milwaukee.



Unfortunately, Milwaukeeans had to watch the Budget Repair proceedings online. Now, citizens have one more means to stay informed about important political developments and the work we do here in the State Capitol.

Election Results

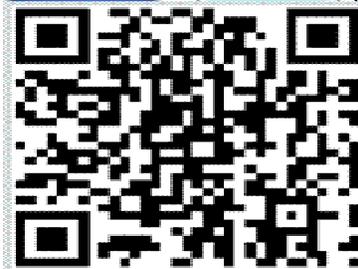
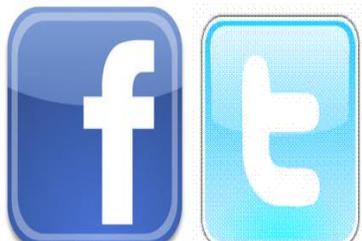


Elections occurred on April 3 here in Wisconsin. The Republican Presidential Primary went to Romney by a slim margin, and it seems likely he will run against President Obama in the Fall. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett was re-elected, though he has decided to run against Governor Walker in the upcoming recall election. Scott Manske became the first elected Milwaukee County comptroller and will continue to oversee county finances after years as the appointed County Controller. Carolina Stark defeated Governor Walker's appointee, Nelson Phillips III for the Milwaukee County Circuit Court seat. Thank you to all those who voted!

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

- Vince Lombardi



"Perseverance is my motto."

- CJ Walker