



### COMMUNITY ALERT

#### Art in the Gardens

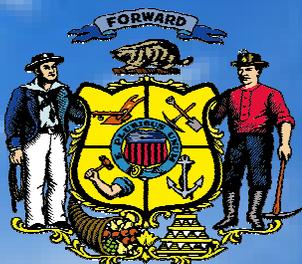
*The Boerner Botanical Gardens an underappreciated treasure in Milwaukee County. This event features handmaid local arts and crafts. With Mother's Day approaching, perhaps a chance to find the perfect gift?*

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Hales Corner, WI 53130

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!



## Cuts to BadgerCare Are Still Unacceptable



After being rejected once by the Federal Government, Governor Walker's cuts to BadgerCare have now been approved. Under the new administrative rules, 17,000 current participants will be turned away from the health program. This is unacceptable. The people of Wisconsin cannot afford these cuts. I am grateful that Federal intervention helped limit the number of people cut from BadgerCare. Originally, Walker had proposed cutting 64,800. Many of those cut would have been children. I believe a Government should govern with a reasoned compassion, but these cuts reflect an impulse to place efficiency and wealthy special interests ahead of the health of children and the needy. Unfortunately, these are the type of policies we have come to expect from Governor Walker.

## Operational Engineers Doing Fantastic Work

On April 27, the Operating Engineers hosted Sen. Miller, Lassa, and I for a great tour. I am so grateful to have been hosted so graciously. Not only are the Operational Engineers training great workers for public infrastructure work, but they have donated time and equipment to completely rebuild a shooting range for the DNR and the public. They reclaimed a road built through a wetland years ago — all for Free! These are incredibly impressive men and women. Wisconsin thanks you!



## Reminder: Important Primary on May 8



Next Tuesday, primaries to determine the Democratic candidate in June's Recall election will take place. The candidates are Tom Barrett, Kathleen Falk, Kathleen Vinehout, and Doug La Follette. I strongly encourage you to research these candidates and take part in the democratic process! The winner will face Governor Walker in the general election, so let your voice be heard! Also, remember IDs are NOT required to vote this year.



**JOIN MPL'S "SUPER READER" SUMMER PROGRAM**

Every summer, student suffer from "brain drain". The Milwaukee Public Libraries want to change that. Involve your child in their free summer reading program. Reading is succeeding!

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**Governor Walker Fails on Jobs**



New studies report that between March 2011 and March 2012, Wisconsin has lost 23,900 jobs. This is the worst loss of jobs for any state in the nation. It is the only loss in any state to be "statistically significant." When he took office last January, Governor Walker promised that he would bring 250,000 new jobs to Wisconsin. So far, he has not followed through on his promise. Instead, he has helped bitterly divide the state by taking away collective bargaining rights for public employees, supporting the repeal of the Equal Pay Enforcement Act, and attempting (and failing) to disenfranchise thousands of Wisconsinites through Voter ID legislation. Our State doesn't need a culture war, it needs a leader who will deliver on jobs.

**Mother's Day Approaching**

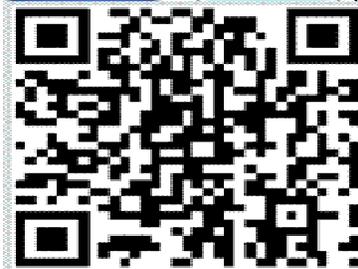
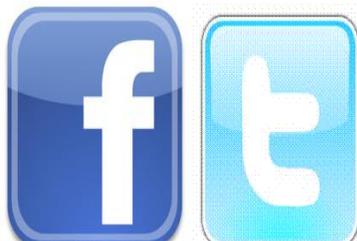


A reminder that Mother's Day will be on May 13th this year. I personally know the incredible joys and struggles that come with motherhood. Though I have other responsibilities, motherhood has always been my first priority, and it is a full-time job! So, please remember to honor your mother this upcoming Mother's Day. If you are a mother yourself, you know how exhausting, and rewarding, the experience can be. If you aren't a mother, you can only imagine! So use your imagination, and help make your mother feel special. After all, she has for years worked hard to do the same for you.

**Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!**

***"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear."***

**- Mark Twain**



***"Courage is the most important of all virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently."***

**- Maya Angelou**