

COMMUNITY ALERT

Home Preservation

Workshop

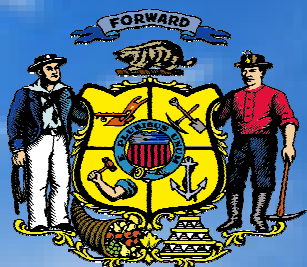
Wells Fargo will be hosting this event for customers facing payment challenges.

9:00 am—7:00 pm
June 21, 2012
Frontier Airlines Center

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!



Regents Approve 5.5% Tuition Hike



Last week, we saw the students of Wisconsin suffer at the hands of Governor Walker's cuts to education. The Board of Regents voted for the highest legal tuition increase for UW System schools. For six years, the UW students have suffered 5.5% tuition hikes. Adjusted for inflation, tuition now costs three times as much as it did in 1980. UW-Madison now offers less state-funded financial aid than any public Big Ten institution. We must ask ourselves, do we want the UW System to reproduce and magnify economic inequality? When only the well-off can afford excellent public education, the disadvantaged get lose opportunities. Already, 71% of UW students are forced to take burdensome student loans. These are not the ideals on which the UW System was founded. These are the billionaire-first ideals of Scott Walker and his Republican allies. We need education that works for everyone.

Two Big Polluters Handed Over to DOJ

As western Wisconsin develops a fantastic sand-mining industry, it is inevitable that certain groups will take advantage of the situation and refuse to conduct their business safely or with honor. We have a duty to support responsible businesses and punish the irresponsible. The DNR has done its duty. Interstate Energy Partners of Plymouth Minnesota is accused of failing to control wastewater in the St. Croix River. Preferred Sands of Minnesota caused floods on private property with terribly negligent planning. Both will be prosecuted by the DOJ. After the DNR's lackluster track record this year, I am encouraged that they have finally taken a step forward in keeping our citizens healthy.

More Cuts to Badgercare

Last month, the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services signed off on the Walker Administration's policy changes to BadgerCare Plus. On July 1, individuals may see increases in their BadgerCare premiums. Many more participants will now be required to pay premiums. These policies further Walker's attack on the vulnerable. I am greatly disappointed they have been approved. For information on the changes, visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/updates/





5th Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs has launched this scholarship challenging students to analyze the concept of freedom in an essay of 1,000 words or less. The deadline falls on August 13, 2012. Applications can be found online at

city.milwaukee.gov/district6

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Cooperation, Not Compromise

Earlier this week, I attended Scott Walker's "Brat Summit" at the Governor's Mansion with my fellow Democratic and Republican legislators. It was a fantastic opportunity for Wisconsin's political leaders to mingle and make peace with one another. I cannot tell you how much I look forward to working with my Republican colleagues to build a better, more productive Wisconsin. Now that the Democrats hold a majority in the State Senate, we can work together to find common-sense solutions that work for everyone. We will be working together and not merely rubber-stamping Governor Walker's agenda. If Walker wants to bring the people of Wisconsin together, he will have to move to our way of thinking. Over the last year, your interests were ignored. No longer.



Mortgage Help



If you have a Chase mortgage loan and need help lowering your loan, please contact my office! We have received several packets from

Chase which can help assist you in your home financing. You do not need to be in foreclosure or behind in your mortgage to request this information. Please see the bottom left corner of this page for my office's number.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."

-Mark 10:21



"He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the Lord.

-Zechariah 7:10