



COMMUNITY ALERT

Garfield Avenue Blues & Jazz Festival

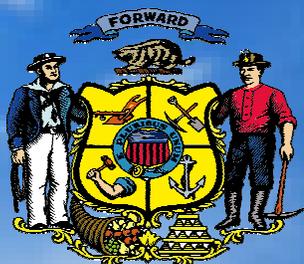
This year marks the 15th Anniversary of the Festival, featuring 16 local musical acts and over one hundred vendors. For free!

July 20th & 21st 2012
6th & Garfield
Milwaukee, WI

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!



Senator Taylor Named Co-Chair of JCF



On Monday, I was appointed as the co-chair of the powerful Joint Committee on Finance by Senate Majority Leader Mark Miller. I am the first African American woman to be appointed to this position and only the second African American to hold the chairmanship. The Joint Committee on Finance is one of the most powerful committees in the Legislature and plays a crucial role in the state budget process. More than ever, I feel that I will have the abilities and leverage necessary to effectively represent my constituents. I am incredibly grateful for this honor, and I vow to steer the JCF towards a path of productive engagement with job creation, economic development, and the improvement of public education. The Joint Committee on Finance is a committee that serves the entire state making funding decisions. As a woman of color, I look forward to bringing my experiences and voice to the table to seek an innovative and positive path in which to move Wisconsin forward.

Black Representation Matters

In the coming legislative election, African American representation in the state legislature could be cut in half. This would be a terrible loss for the African American community and for Wisconsin as a whole. Wisconsin has never been a state known for successfully representing the interests of minorities, and this regression would be a disaster for inclusive democracy. On August 14, primaries will be held to determine candidates for the Assembly and State Senate. In many Democratic-leaning areas of Milwaukee, winners in these primaries will be unopposed in the general election. In other words, you will be choosing your representatives for years to come. I ask that you vote on August 14, and that you very carefully choose candidates that will share your values and be responsive to your community's needs.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Any Milwaukee resident wishing to safely dispose of any contaminated garbage such as acetone, battery acid, florescent light bulb, or other chemicals should bring their waste to Veolia Environmental Services (W124 n9541 Boundary Rd, Menomonee Falls 53051). It is open Monday and Wednesday 11 am to 2 pm. For convenience, they will also be collecting hazardous waste at Shorewood High School from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday July 21st and Wauwatosa City Hall from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday September 15th.



**MPS Launches New
GPS-enabled Mobile
Website**

Parents shopping for school supplies, a new school, or trying to learn more about Milwaukee Public Schools now have a new tool to help. Parents can search for schools based on their location or specific programs offered. Visit the new smartphone-friendly website at

m.milwaukee.k12.wi.us

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Voter ID Defeated Again

Another judge has declared Wisconsin's voter ID law unconstitutional, ensuring that the suppressive requirement that all voters show photo ID at the polls will not be in effect for at least the rest of the year. Interested only in disenfranchising minorities, the working poor, urban city-dwellers, the elderly, and students, the Republican Party will now face a difficult battle attempting to reinstate the law. Thanks to the injunction forbidding the implementation of the law, everyone legally allowed to vote will be able to do so. Crucial primaries occur on August 14 and the general elections will be November 6. Let your voice be heard!



Children Deserve Proper Nutrition



I was recently recognized by the School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin as a "Friend of School Nutrition" for my dedication to school nutrition and wellness. The SNA-WI represent 1,150 members providing high-quality low-cost meal the last session, I supported a bill allowing students with severe allergies to carry epinephrine injectors and another bill supporting physical fitness opportunities in local communities. Though clear progress has been made to strengthen Wisconsin's youth health policies, I remain dedicated to supporting school nutrition and wellness in the 2013-2014 legislative session.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-Maya Angelou



"You can't lead the people if you can't love the people. You can't save the people if you don't serve the people."

-Cornel West