

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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COMMUNITY ALERT

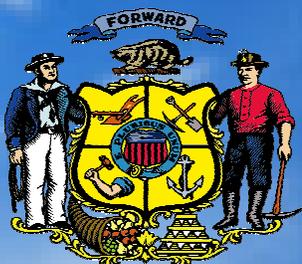
Organize a Coat Collection!

The Granville-Brown Deer Chamber in partnership with District 4 of the MPD are working to get winter coats to the bots and girls in the Woodland area north of Brown Deer Road. For more information contact Mary at 313-357-5493

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!



Wisconsin Set Voter Turnout Record!



The Government Accountability Board has reported the state's official election results, and Wisconsin voters have officially outdone themselves! The 3,071,434 votes cast in the Presidential race was the highest number of votes cast in the state's history. 70.14 percent turnout was the fourth largest percentage since 1948, and it meant the people truly spoke when they choose President Obama for re-election. I believe everyone truly wins

when the people take part in the democratic process. I am proud that this election can now go down as one of the purest cases of democracy in the state's history! Wisconsin, keep it up!

UW Offers Online Degrees For Working Adults

Starting in Fall 2013, UW-Milwaukee will begin offering "Flexible Option" degrees that working adults can earn online at their own pace. These degrees will be focused in areas like health care, information technologies and business and management. Although UW has offered 120 online degree programs in the past, the new programs are designed to be more affordable and accessible to busy adults with a work schedule. In addition, students won't have to spend time and money on coursework if they can prove through competency testing that they've already mastered. I strongly support this new program, which will allow working people a chance to better educate themselves and learn the skills they need to truly excel in the modern economy. For more information on the program, visit UW System's Flexible Option online at flex.wisconsin.edu





The Office of Student Affairs/Diversity at the Medical College of Wisconsin will again offer their summer enrichment programs for students from backgrounds that are historically underrepresented. Applications for these programs are now open!

More information and applications can be found at

<https://spss.mcw.edu/mriWeb/mriWeb.dll?I.Project=HSPROGRAMS>

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World AIDS Day



December 1st is World AIDS Day. Major advances have been made in the fight against AIDS, both in medicine and awareness. Still, major work has to be done. This week, the Journal Sentinel reported that six of 10 young people with HIV still don't know they have it. This is disastrous! HIV and AIDS are serious public health issues which disproportionately effect the black community, as well as gay and bisexual youth. The Milwaukee Health Department offers free and confidential HIV counseling, testing and referral, as does the Keenan Health Clinic (for walk-in services). Call 414-286-3631.

Event to Discuss End of SFMNP

Hunger Task Force is hosting an event at Clinton Rose Senior Center on Thursday, December 6 at 11 am. We are inviting seniors to discuss the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. This program helps many Wisconsin seniors, and because Congress did not pass a Farm Bill, the program may not have authorization in the future. Nearly 4,000 vouchers were distributed in Milwaukee last year. Learn more about this unfortunate turn of events.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

-Mother Teresa



"Education is the most powerful weapon which one can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela