



COMMUNITY ALERT

Energy Assistance Now Available!

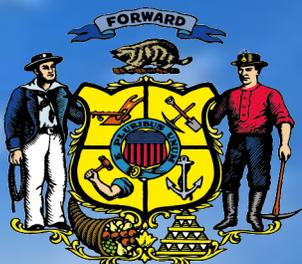
You may apply for heating assistance through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)

For more information call: 866-432-8947

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!



SHUTDOWN THE SHUTDOWN

The GOP's insistent wish to defund and delay key elements of President Obama's Affordable Care Act has left congress unable to agree on a federal budget; initiating the shutdown. Hundreds of thousands of federal employees have been sent home without pay and hundreds of programs and institutions are dry beyond their emergency funds. This protest against President Obama's programs is costly, and only promises to escalate in price as the shutdown continues. The government shutdown will affect everyone in both big and little ways. As of now, bureaucratic run institutions- like national parks and passport offices- are closed; later in the month, a continued government shutdown promises to have a detrimental effect on the US economy. In Wisconsin, nearly 85,000 citizens will start to lose access to food stamps starting November 2nd; this number is expected to rise exponentially if the shutdown persists past October 18th. Because congress cannot agree to re-open the government or raise the debt ceiling to pay for the unfunded government, the country's \$16.7 trillion debt is heading for default in the near future. A default on this debt is expected to send the US into a recession greater than the financial crisis of 2008. As of now, the GOP is selfishly concentrating their efforts on bills that fund particular parts of the government; Republican's need to aid Democrats in reopening the entire government. The country will only be safe from the escalating costs of the government shutdown when congress finds a way to unite and shutdown the shutdown.





Help a Child in Need

Coats for Kids Campaign

Donate your too small, gently used children's coats to a local Salvation Army. Donate now through October 12th!

For more info:

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Mental Illness Awareness Week is October 6 through October 12. The focus is to spread mental health awareness, while also promoting mental illness treatment. As of right now in the United States, one in four adults and one in five young people experience mental illness in a given year. Unfortunately, only one-half of children diagnosed with mental illness receive treatment, while only one-third of adults do the same. During MIAW it is asked that you educate yourself and spread the word about mental illness.

SENIOR CITIZEN HALL OF FAME

The Milwaukee County Department of Aging calling for nominations for the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors outstanding older adults in Milwaukee County who have served the community as advocates on behalf of the elderly. Nominees must show distinguished service in any areas such as; voluntary service of an educational, community or humanitarian nature; exceptional contributions as a volunteer in efforts to improve the lives of people regardless of race, creed, or national origin; voluntary service in advocacy on behalf of Wisconsin senior citizens. For more info or to find nomination forms visit: www.milwaukee.gov/county/aging

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!

We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!

"Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself."

- Mark Twain



"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."

- Michael Jordan

