



COMMUNITY ALERT

JAZZ IN THE PARK Season Premiere!

Thursday, June 6th
5pm Happy Hour
6-9pm Music

Cathedral Square
Between Wells & Kilbourn
at Jefferson & Jackson

Wine & Jazz
FREE FREE FREE

Budget Gets Worse For Wisconsin As Battles Rage

This past week has heralded public and private battles in the Legislature as the budget inches closer to completion. The Joint Finance Committee has made disastrous moves for segments of Wisconsin's population, especially for the unemployed by including ideological changes to unemployment laws. Typically, Wisconsin has respected the policy suggestions of the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council, but not now, as it seems reason and moderation are out the window. But while making these sweeping changes, the majority party continues to have internal fights about what to do with proposed expansion of the school choice program, the proposed tax cuts, charter school policy, Medicaid expansion, and many other budget items. It appears big decisions will rammed through next week.



Friday – Garbage Dumping Day at the Capitol

It's an old dirty trick in politics: dump the garbage on a Friday afternoon. Last Friday, Wisconsin received a Friday garbage dump and it still smells badly at the Capitol. While divisive and destructive budget negotiations are happening, three bills were quietly ushered into the Legislature. Two bills, AB 219 & SB 200, are companion bills that make major changes to unemployment insurance laws in Wisconsin. In one provision of their 123 pages, banks will be required to report on your private bank account to government officials. The third bill



is another attempt to change Wisconsin's voting laws. Included is a provision that "standardizes" the times for early absentee voting at the clerk's office to prevent weekend voting across Wisconsin, including in Milwaukee. Simply put, It's not a good day for Wisconsin citizens to smell the garbage that got dumped on them last Friday.

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!





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HOME BUYER PROGRAM

FREE homeownership educational workshops and information on fair housing and predatory lending.

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Governor Signs Milwaukee County Board Bill



The Milwaukee County Board Bill was signed by the Governor on Friday, May 31st. This new law is not perfect and there are provisions that I believe need to be addressed in follow-up legislation. However, this bill is a better product because of our effort to work together and compromise. In this time of great partisan divide, we negotiated and accomplished changes in law rather than firing press releases back and forth. The end product was a bill significantly improved from the original. There is more at www.senatortaylor.com

Legalizing Pedal Taverns in Wisconsin

Pedal taverns are a new but increasingly common experience in major cities. These moving bars are powered by people pedaling like-a-bike while they enjoy drinking beer or other beverages. Although they power the vehicle, those pedaling are not actually driving. Unfortunately state law does not permit their operation. With bipartisan support I have reintroduced a bill (AB 169) to allow local governments to license such pedal taverns. Read more about the bill I have coauthored at: <http://1.usa.gov/16vNBKn9>



Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!

**We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

“Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of man will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice without constraint.”

- Alexander Hamilton



“It is reason, and not passion, which must guide our deliberations, guide our debate, and guide our decision.”

- Barbara Jordan