4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE





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Week of October 21-27



COMMUNITY ALERT

Completing the Circuit: **Electrifying the Job** Market

A community development summit focusing on challenges and opportunities of entrepreneurship. Remarking by Mayor Tom Barrett. Thursday, November 8th, 2012

Register at: uedawi.org

Dear Friend.

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.





Sen. Taylor Proposes Firearm Surrender Bill

In response to the horrific recent shootings in Brookfield, Representative Penny Bernard Schaber and I have renewed our commitment to pass a statewide surrender of firearms for perpetrators of domestic violence. The bill was first attempted to be passed in 2009 and was the product of collaborations with the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence and statewide law enforcement groups. Although law



provides for the surrender of weapons by domestic abusers, loopholes allow some violent offenders to keep their firearms. Sunday's tragic incident in Brookfield points to a need to adequately enforce laws already on the books. Wisconsin needs one standardized system to help ensure that victims are safe from senseless violence. I hope that Democrats, Republicans, victim's advocates, and gunrights advocates can all work together to support this legislation.

Register to Vote!

Between October 17 and November 2, you can register to vote at your Municipal Clerk's office. To register, you must provide proof of residence. Wisconsin also offers dame-day registration at your polling place, but you MUST bring proof of residence. To prove residence, bring a Wisconsin Driver License, a Wisconsin ID Card, a tax bill, a telephone service statement, a bank statement or a paycheck. For a longer list, please call your Municipal Clerk (contact information can be found at (myvote.wi.gov) or the Government Accountability Board (gab.wi.gov/voters. Remember that you CAN-NOT register the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday before the Election, so you MUST register before November 2 or wait until Election Day.



<u>Unemployment</u> <u>Insurance Public</u> <u>Hearing</u>

Have you ever wanted to suggest a law change for the Unemployment Insurance program, but didn't know where to start? Participate in this public hearing!

Tuesday, October 30, 2012 UW-Milwaukee Lubar S250 2400 E Hartford Ave.

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Ask the Experts about Green Roofs

I invite you to ask installers, designers and suppliers any questions you have about green roofs and the many benefits they provide. Also, find out how to apply for funding through the MMSD's Green Roof Program. Do you know if your building is a good candidate for a green roof? Learn basic information, such as how to evaluate installation feasibility and cost-effectiveness of a green roof. This event will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 1 PM to 3:30 PM. It will be held at the MMSD Headquarters at 260 W. Seeboth Street. Take advantage of this opportunity! I think it's about time to go green!

Home Energy Program

If you happen to fit, or know someone that fits the income requirements of 60-80% state median income, this home energy program could be of assistance with a comprehensive energy audit and follow-up installation of insulation, air sealing, and mechanical equipment. The majority of the project cost would be covered by the state-wide program, Focus on Energy. View an income eligibility table at focusenergy.com/residential/assisted-home-performance/ or call Chase for more details.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched they must be felt with the heart."

-Helen Keller



"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,
I would still plant my apple tree."

-Martin Luther