

### COMMUNITY ALERT

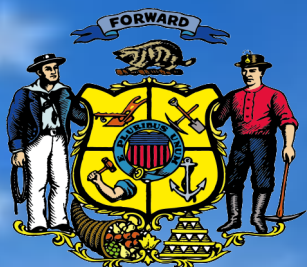
**Measles Outbreak  
The Milwaukee  
Health  
Department  
is offering  
FREE  
Measles Shots**

Keenan Health Center  
3200 N. 36th St.  
Saturday, February 14th  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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!



### GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE



I am honored to have recently been appointed by the Senate Democratic Leader Jennifer Shilling to serve on the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse. We held our first meeting of the year on Wednesday. The importance of this council became evident quickly, as we had a presentation on Milwaukee's Sojourner Family Peace Center. After 8 years of planning and \$26 million dollars raised, the center is set to begin construction on a facility that will house many of the services in one location, needed by not only survivors, but also

family members, of domestic violence. Touted as a model for the rest of the country, the facility will offer shelter, basic health care, assistance with housing, jobs, transportation, sexual assault advocacy, and mental health and wellness counseling. In addition, clients will be able to meet with representatives from the police, prosecutors and their attorneys on site. Additional committee meetings will be held 4/8, 6/10, 10/14, and 12/9 of this year.

### MORE FALLOUT FROM WALKER'S BUDGET

Over the course of the next several weeks, legislators, advocacy groups, and stakeholders will continue their deep dive into the Governor's proposed 2015-17 biennium budget. Since his public address last week, we have seen college campuses ablaze with protests and demonstrations regarding the proposed \$300 million cuts to the UW System. An even further look at K-12 education reflects Walker's efforts to keep general state aid flat next year, eliminate \$127 million of what's known as categorical aids which are targeted funds for specific programs such as: SAGE, STEM, school breakfast, special education aid, and more. The Governor is also making moves to do away with the Chapter 220 program in Milwaukee. Either way you slice it, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) stand to be harmed by the complete lack of concern for the fact that the district is still reeling from the \$84 million in lost aid from Walker's first budget. MPS School Board Chair, Michael Bonds predicts that over of the course of the next two years, schools will lose \$135 in state aid per pupil despite the fact that district categorical cuts will be restored in the second year of Walker's budget. The district further believes that they will find themselves with a \$23 million budget hole. The fallout continues.





## Vel Phillips

*Civil Rights Pioneer*

### New Documentary

Thursday, February 19th  
WI Black Historical Society  
2620 W. Center Street

Doors will open at 5:30pm  
Film starts at 6pm.

Admission is free!

Reserve your seat today by  
calling the  
Milwaukee Urban League  
before February 17th  
at  
(414)-374-5850

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## SENIORCARE UNDER ATTACK AGAIN

Governor Walker is going after senior citizens in yet another budget! He is seeking to reduce the popular SeniorCare program by \$15 million over the next 2 years and will forfeit matching federal funds. Seniors would have their coverage decreased and the cost of their prescriptions increased. Unlike Medicare Part D, SeniorCare has an annual \$30 enrollment fee, income based deductibles where assets are not included and co-payments for generic prescription drugs costing only \$5. More Wisconsinites, over age 65, have been using this means of coverage versus Medicare Part D. Milwaukee is one of the most highly populated cities in the state, where low income residents over the age of 65 are seriously struggling to pay their monthly expenses. This proposal, if passed, would push more individuals currently using SeniorCare coverage further into poverty. If you would like to sign our petition requesting that Governor Walker stop his attacks, please visit my website: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/taylor/>. You can request a petition sheet by email at sen.taylor@legis.wi.gov or call (608) 266-5810.



## THE HIGH COST OF MEASLES



According to Forbes Magazine, the CDC, reported on Monday, that the official measles count is up to 121 cases in 17 states, and 85 percent of those resulted from the outbreak stemming from the Disneyland exposure. That's more cases than were seen in all of 2012 – and it's only February. In 2011, the cost of 107 cases spread across 16 outbreaks cost local and state health departments an estimated \$2.7 million to \$5.3 million. Because measles is so contagious, infecting 90 percent of susceptible individuals and remaining airborne up to two hours after an infectious person has left the area, the number of contacts a single case can generate grows exponentially once an outbreak begins.

## Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!  
We Enjoy  
Hearing  
From You!

“Laundry is the only thing that should be separated by color”.

-Author Unknown

