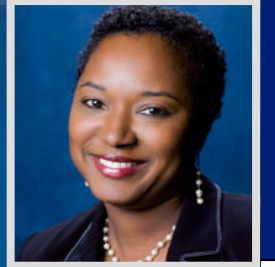


# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## COMMUNITY ALERT

### Wisconsin Beer Lovers Festival

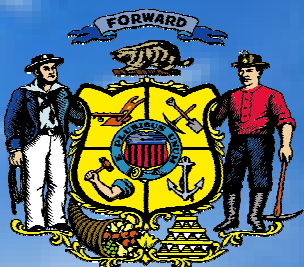
*This all-Wisconsin craft beer and tasting festival will feature unlimited beer and food samples from more than 30 breweries and a variety of local restaurants.*

*Saturday, July 16  
Bayshore Town Center  
5800 N. Bayshore Dr.  
Glendale WI 53217*

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!



## Walker Must Stop Gimmicks



Last week, citizens discovered that Governor Walker had resorted to unusual gimmickry, manipulating a political report on his “balanced” budget. Walker even plugged holes in his budget with credit card spending, increasing our debt after championing the motto, “Don’t Spend More Than You Have.” In reality, Walker spent more than Governor Doyle did in his last budget. I am joining Mayor Tom Barrett in calling for the return of money Walker raided from foreclosure settlement funds, supposedly to balance the budget. Walker cannot take funds from foreclosure victims and then claim a surplus. He must tell the truth! He must return the funds to those in need! This week, Walker even released jobs numbers before they were reviewed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Walker has built misleading talking points on the backs of the suffering people of Wisconsin. Governor Walker’s outrageous tricks cannot be allowed.

## Congratulations to Rufus King!

My alma mater, Rufus King International High School, was recently named by U.S. News and World Report as the 130th top high school in the country and the best in the state of Wisconsin. Rufus King stands within Senate District 4, and I am proud to serve many of its students and faculty as legislative representative. Also making the top 200 was Ronald Reagan College Preparatory on Milwaukee’s South Side. Milwaukee School of Languages was ranked in Wisconsin’s top 20. Though work remains to be done in the Milwaukee Public School system, the U.S. News and World Report’s rankings are an encouraging reminder that some of our schools rank among the nation’s most capable.



## Black Child Development Month

This week is BCDI-Milwaukee’s Black Child Development Week. Raising children may be the most difficult and rewarding experience we can engage in. Luckily, African Americans do not feel they have to go it alone. Instead, we can draw from the wealth of experience in our peers and elders. This week, and every week, pay very close attention to the ways you shape the children in your life. Use your own good judgment, but don’t be afraid to rely on the advice of your family or your community and church leaders. We are in this together!



**JOIN MPL'S "SUPER READER" SUMMER PROGRAM**

Every summer, student suffer from "brain drain". The Milwaukee Public Libraries want to change that. Involve your child in their free summer reading program. Reading is succeeding!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [mpl.org](http://mpl.org)

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**Thanks to WAND for the Gracious Reception!**

This week, I was invited Little Rock, Arkansas for the WAND Mother's Day Luncheon to give a brief speech on the importance of women in politics. WAND (Women's Action for New Directions) is an organization committed to peace and the prevention of violence against women. I found the luncheon educational, and trip allowed me the chance to visit the impressive Clinton Presidential Library. I felt deeply moved by my visit to Central High School, where President Eisenhower sent national troops in the first and most famous example of federal support for Brown v. Board of Education and the national desegregation of the public school system. It was a trip I will not soon forget.



**Honoring Our Officers**

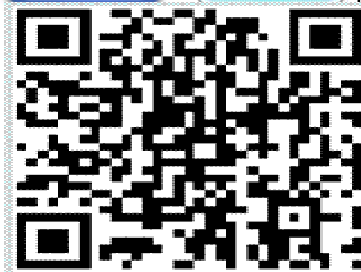
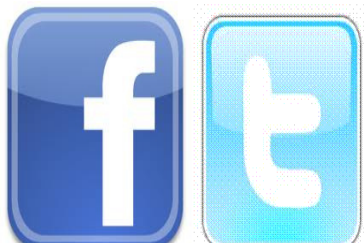


Throughout May, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial outside the Capitol Building in Madison has seen events dedicated to honoring the brave men and women who have died in the line of duty. Also, this week is National Police Week, which pays special recognition to the service and sacrifice of Police everywhere. Both the Memorial events and National Police Week offer an opportunity to reflect on the hard work and bravery of our police officers. Next time you come across a police officer, please thank him or her for their service!

**Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!**

*"Your children need your presence more than presents."*

*-Reverend Jesse Jackson*



*"If you as parents cut corners, your children will too."*

*-Marian Wright Edelman*