

August 27, 2021



Dear friend,

While the Olympic Games themselves get the bulk of the attention every two years (for Summer and Winter games), something equally exciting and perhaps more inspiring is taking place right now in Tokyo. The (delayed) 2020 Paralympic Summer Games began on August 24 and run through September 5. Athletes of different abilities from all over the world have gathered in Japan to compete in twenty-two different sports, including wheelchair basketball, swimming, cycling, powerlifting and archery. The NBC Sports Network is broadcasting many of the events, and more can be found streaming at <https://www.nbcolympics.com/>.

Sincerely,

Bob

In Case You Missed It

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Find Your Flair for Fashion at Big City Brims



After building buzz as an online business, Delicia Evans turned her passion for fashion into a brick and mortar operation, selling hats that convey personality and style. Evans is a Racine native with over 100 hats in her own personal collection. Loaning out her many different hats to friends over the years provided the inspiration for her business, and she launched the online shop in May 2017. Her company quickly picked up steam, being featured in the winter edition of Fashion GXD magazine. Now located at 2057 Douglas Ave., you can find the hours, as well as a select number of styles, on their [Facebook](#) page and [website](#).



★ *Listening Session Set for Saturday at Kenosha's Northside Library* ★

One of the best parts of my job is getting to talk to the people of our community, listening to their concerns, answering their questions, discussing important issues. One way that I do that is through my “Office Hours” listening sessions. I’ll be holding one this Saturday, August 28, from noon to 2 pm in Activity Room A of Kenosha’s Northside Library, 1500 27th Ave. Everyone welcome to attend to share their thoughts on state issues.

Office Hours/Listening Session

Saturday, August 28, 2021

12-2 pm

Northside Library, Activity Room A

1500 27th Ave.

Kenosha



Governor Evers Visits Racine, Announces \$250 Million Economic Recovery Aid to Communities

Governor Tony Evers made a stop in Racine this week, where he announced two new grant programs totaling \$250 million to help communities across the state rebound and recover from the pandemic by building long-term, sustainable economic success. Local and tribal governments will be eligible to apply for a share of \$200 million in Neighborhood Investment Fund grants, meant to help communities deliver innovative public services, including new or improved facilities, with an emphasis on increasing services for underserved individuals and populations. The \$50 million Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Investment grant program will provide funding to local and tribal governments or non-profit healthcare organizations to invest in capital projects that specifically support increasing access to healthcare for low income,

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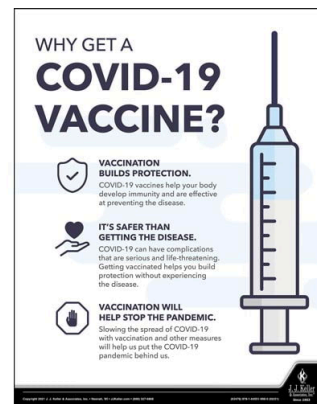
uninsured and underserved communities and the ability to respond to future pandemic needs.

Both programs will be funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act and will be administered by the state Department of Administration. Those interested in more information about the grants, including the application, can sign up [here](#) to receive alerts.



State and National Covid Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths Return to High Levels Last Seen During Peak

Locally and nationally, Covid cases, fueled by the more dangerous Delta variant, are once again reaching record or near-record numbers. Hospitals across the country, including in some parts of Wisconsin, are reaching capacity. This brings into focus once again the incredible importance of vaccination and masking. While getting vaccinated doesn't provide 100% immunity against testing positive for Covid, it greatly lowers your risk AND makes it much, much less likely you'll need to be hospitalized, or worse, if you do get infected. Do it for yourself, your neighbors and your families.



City of Racine Residents Can Receive \$200 to Get Vaccinated by Labor Day

Wisconsinites Outside Racine Can Get \$100

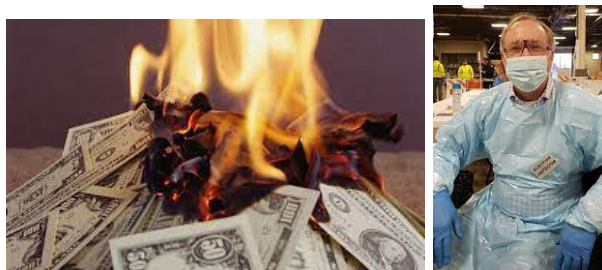
Wisconsin residents who get their first dose of any Covid-19 vaccine between August 20 and September 6 (Labor Day) will be eligible for a \$100 gift card, as announced by Governor Evers on Monday. In addition to this statewide offer, the City of Racine's vaccine incentive program is offering city residents \$50 gift cards per dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or \$100 for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to those who get vaccinated, as well as \$50 for those who are already vaccinated but bring in someone else to get vaccinated. The city of Racine offer is available at: City Hall, 730 Washington Ave., where appointments can be made at racinepublichealth.as.me/schedule.php and walk-ins are welcome from 10 am to 2 pm on Thursdays; Regency Mall, 5538 Durand Ave., where walk-in hours are on Tuesdays from 11

am to 7 pm and Thursdays from 11 am to 5 pm. To receive the statewide offer, you will need to fill out a form available at 100.wisconsin.gov.



State Assistance Coming for Homeowners Behind on Mortgage Payments

A new program announced this week by Governor Tony Evers will make nearly \$93 million in federal money available to help people keep their homes by helping those who are struggling with paying bills, including mortgages and property taxes, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Wisconsin Help for Homeowners program will be a partnership between the state, the Wisconsin Community Action Program Network, member agencies, State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski and Take Root Wisconsin. The program will launch this fall, and more information will be made available soon.



Robin Vos, State Republicans Plant to Spend “At Least” \$680,000 in Taxpayer Money on Sham Election Review

Appearing on the podcast of former Trump advisor Steve Bannon earlier this week, former state and national GOP chair Reince Preibus announced that state Republicans plan to spend “at least” \$680,000 in taxpayer money conducting a so-called “audit” of the 2020 election; Preibus said that astounding number was just a “start”. This comes just days after Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) flew with Donald Trump on his private plane to a political rally in Alabama so he could brief Trump on the state GOP’s efforts to support “The Big Lie” that Trump won the election. Vos has hired former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman to lead the efforts; Gableman recently traveled to South Dakota to attend a “cyber symposium” by MyPillow inventor Mike Lindell on the sham election “investigations”.



Federal Supplemental Unemployment Benefits Come to an End Labor Day Weekend

In just over a week, federal unemployment programs, which expanded unemployment benefits to cover freelancers, gig economy workers, the self-employed and others who traditionally wouldn't be covered by state benefits as well as added an extra \$300 to all regular weekly benefits and provided extended benefit weeks, will come to an end. The expiring programs are:

- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA):** Expanded benefits to freelancers, contract workers and those that are self-employed
- **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC):** Extended benefits for up to 53 weeks once a claimant exhausted their regular state claim
- **Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC):** An extra \$300 per week for all eligible UI claims
- **Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC):** Provided an additional \$100 per week to certain claimants who have earned at least \$5,000 in net self-employment income.

Claimants who are waiting for an eligibility determination for any of the federal programs and received it after Sept. 4 will be paid all funds for which they are eligible, and they should continue to certify for those benefits through Sept. 4. All protests, appeals and adjudications that have not been resolved by Sept. 4 will continue through the process despite the federal programs ending, and benefits will be paid to claimants who are determined to be eligible.

!Correcting the Record on Kenosha Unrest! ***Response***

A certain local Republican Senator has been taking every opportunity to bash Governor Evers using distortions and false information regarding the events of last August. A year after these terrible tragedies in Kenosha, our focus should be on addressing some very real problems and healing as a community. Instead, the Senator insists on further enflaming and dividing for political purposes. He incorrectly claims that the Governor's response in sending the National Guard was slow and inadequate. What he doesn't mention is that Kenosha's elected leaders – Mayor Antaramian, County Executive Kreuser, REPUBLICAN Sheriff David Beth – have all praised the Governor's actions, saying he provided everything they asked for. While events were unfolding, I attended a meeting with law enforcement, local leaders and the Governor; the Republican Senator was not there. If he had been, he would have heard each of them thank the Governor for his quick response. I'm a veteran who

served in the Army Reserves; it takes time to mobilize our citizen soldiers. In the best of times, units take 24 hours or more to mobilize; these men and women have families, jobs, and lives, and this happened at the height of Covid, when the National Guard was testing around the state. The events of August 2020 is a painful time in Kenosha's history, and our community is still recovering. It's sad to see this Republican Senator and his colleagues more interested in scoring points and making this an election issue than helping Kenosha heal.