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THROUGH THE LENS



This is a cute girl at the 4th of July Parade that was very excited when she saw that we were handing out candy. I had a great time seeing everybody!

4th Senate District LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR

WEEK OF AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 7

Welcome to my Legislative Update!

I'm State Senator Lena C. Taylor and this is my legislative update. If you do not wish to receive my weekly update, please let me know at sen.taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov.

-Ward Walk Continues-

During the warm seasons, my staff and I take seriously our commitment to communicating with the community about the work that is happening in Madison and around the state. This week we will be heading to the Rufus King neighborhood of Milwaukee!

Ward Walks will continue to happen throughout the remainder of the session. When the weather gets a bit colder, they continue by phone. Ward Walks by phone are simple short surveys conducted by my staff and volunteers asking about concerns you may have with the state, any issues you need resolved, and just a general check-in.

Between now and June 1 of next year, the entire 4th Senate District will be walked, called, and contacted to let you know what is happening in our world under the dome. When you see us out walking and knocking on doors, stop and say hi! We appreciate bumping into the people we serve.

-Fight for Corrections Reform Continues-

This past weekend I went to Burlington, Vermont to meet with the Council of State Governments Justice Center Board of Directors. I was recently appointed to the board which is a group of state and local leaders from across the nation – including respected state lawmakers and gubernatorial appointees who direct large state agencies, state Supreme Court justices and other court officials, and law enforcement executives and prosecutors. We met to discuss critical criminal justice policies.

We gathered to determine the best ways to advance the latest thinking and evidence-based practices on issues such as corrections spending, recidivism among people leaving prisons and jails, services and supports for survivors of crime, the responses to children of incarcerated parents and other at-risk juveniles, and the intersection of the criminal justice and mental health systems.

The board of directors charted the Justice Center's course for the coming year. The group examined options for keeping pace with the demand for its technical assistance, research, and policy guidance in such areas as prisoner reentry, Project Safe Neighborhoods, and justice reinvestment. I am committed to working with these talented individuals in an effort to reform Wisconsin's broken prison system.

This weekend, I will travel to Bellevue, Washington, to be the keynote speaker at the National Criminal Justice Association's conference. The NCJA is a premier organization that includes top justice officials from around the country. I will be speaking about justice reinvestment and the benefits that can come from it.

Moving forward, it is my intention to carefully watch and provide diligent oversight to the corrections system. I will use the experience and connections with the folks on the Justice Center Board of Directors to help do so. We must do better. Like a constituent once said to me, "Trying to cure the diseases of crime and violence by building more prisons is like trying to cure cancer by building more cemeteries."

MANNERS MOMENT



Dana World-Patterson

Visions Etiquette Training
visionsetiquettetraining.com

If you would like to host and you are on a budget, consider meeting at 10:00 am for coffee, between 2:00-4:00 pm for tea, or at 7 pm for coffee and dessert. If you frequent the same locations, you will receive great service and not be rushed as long as you leave a good tip (20% or more).

FROM THE BAR

TESTIFY

To give oral evidence under oath in answer to questions posed by attorneys either at trial or at a deposition (testimony under oath outside of court), with the opportunity for opposing attorneys to cross-examine the witness in regard to answers given.

-Drivers License Clinic Moved-

We are still planning on "Taking It To the Streets" on Saturday, August 15th, but the location has moved down the road! Our Drivers License Clinic will now be taking place at the Black Historical Society in Milwaukee, located at 2620 W. Center Street in Milwaukee, from 10-2pm.

This clinic is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for you if you have had your drivers license suspended or revoked, if you are curious about BadgerCare or BadgerCare Plus insurance, if you are looking to network with other business professionals in the community, or if you are just needing assistance in general.

Let us help you. Let us connect you with the people that know what to do. Tell all your friends that might benefit from this clinic, and I will see you at Milwaukee's Black Historical Society, 2620 W. Center Street, from 10-2 on Saturday, August 15th!

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

-Fall Internship Opportunities-

Are you a college student looking for a great internship opportunity? Want to have fun while building your resume? Then consider interning for Team Taylor, with opportunities available in both our Madison and Milwaukee locations.

Interns in the Taylor office build great experience that will provide them with a first-hand look at State Government. Because our office is small, interns are able to deal with constituents on a daily basis and work on cases. You will not be sitting around and cutting out newspapers!

Opportunities also exist to get out in the community and do work with the Senator and her Outreach team.

If you wish to know more, contact Alan Charles at (414) 342-7176 or (608) 266-5810.



-Continued Alert Against Scams-

Although I have mentioned this recently, I must continue to urge caution against scams. Dishonest people that are looking to make a quick buck can ruin someone's credit and reputation in a matter of minutes.

If you haven't invested in a shredder, do so, or find family member or good friend to let you shred your statements. If you can not find a shredder, put your kids to work with a pair of scissors, since they are still on summer vacation. Do not give out sensitive information over the phone unless you know for certain who the source is. And remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Use your judgment. Ask for clarity. If you need help, call my office at 888-326-6673.

HEALTH CORNER



A few health tips to help you live smarter and feel better.

WORKING OUT

Vigorous workouts, when you are breathing hard and sweating, help your heart pump better, give you more energy and help you look and feel your best. Start with a warm-up that stretches your muscles. Include 20 minutes of aerobic activity, such as running, jogging, or dancing. Follow-up with activities like push-ups or lifting weights. Then cool down with more stretching and deep breathing.

WORD OF THE WEEK

"If Jesus didn't come here to save us from our sins, what did he come here for? I don't believe that he came to give us cars and Cadillacs and big houses and rings and diamonds and gold and silver."

Bishop T.D. Jakes

-WHEDA Makes Home Improvement Loans Available-

Home-improvement loans for up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners who have mortgages through the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. The new Home Improvement Advantage program provides a low-cost, fixed-interest loan with a maximum term of 10 years to WHEDA homeowners who have lived in their homes for 10 months or longer, WHEDA said. Home additions and remodeling are eligible for the loans, along with home repairs, including handicap accessibility, permanent energy-related items and Energy Star appliances. WHEDA homeowners using the loan for energy-saving improvements may be eligible for a \$1,500 federal tax credit.

For eligibility guidelines, visit www.wheda.com, or call (800) 334-6873.



-Grant Money Available for Preventing Teen Pregnancy-

The Milwaukee Teen Pregnancy Prevention Collaborative Fund is offering \$325,000 for 10 programs in Greater Milwaukee that are committed to the youth of the community and to the goal of reducing births to teens by 46% by 2015. The goals of the collaborative are: to prevent pregnancies and STI's among sexually active adolescents; delay the onset of sexual activity among targeted pre-sexually active children and adolescents; impact policies that benefit adolescent and teen sexual health; and to increase the ability of parents and adult community leaders to play an active role in reducing teen pregnancy.

The first step for an organization to apply is to write a letter of intent. The deadline is September 1 at 1pm!

For more information, please contact: nangresano@unitedwaymilwaukee.org

-Job Opportunity-

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) seeks an experienced monitoring/sampling technician. The successful candidate must be able to install, maintain and repair monitoring equipment and collect wastewater, groundwater, overflow and storm water samples and flow monitoring data in the field and install weirs, flumes, other primary control devices in specified sewer locations, job sites, industries, etc. in accordance with MMSD policies and procedures.

The candidate must have an associate degree in a job-related major and two years of experience in environmental monitoring. Equivalent combinations of education and experience may be acceptable. Residency within MMSD boundaries (excluding South Milwaukee) are required within one year.

Salary: \$50,435, competitive benefits package.

Visit the MMSD website at www.mmsd.com for application material. Applications will be accepted through Friday, August 14, 2009.



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Community Events

What: Wisconsin State Fair
When: August 6-16
Where: West Allis, WI

Info: Come see Wisconsin's classic State Fair, August 6-16, at the State Fairgrounds in West Allis. Come sample a cream puff, see the livestock barns, watch a concert, or have a blast on the midway!

What: Morning Glory Fine Craft Fair

When: August 8-9
Where: Marcus Center for the Performing Arts and Red Arrow Park

Info: Free admission to the Morning Glory Fine Craft Fair, which has been around for 33 years. Ceramics, glass, leather, wood, photography, jewelry, and other fine products.

If an organization you belong to has an event you feel should be included in the Community Events section please [e-mail](#) me.

Do you have a computer? **Do you need help with food, prescriptions, or other services?** Use www.access.wi.gov to see if you and your family are eligible for a variety of state-sponsored services designed to assist citizens in procuring essential resources.

Useful Resources

Child Support Enforcement
414-278-5160

Elderlink
414-289-6874

Governor Doyle
414-227-4344

Employment Ways to Work Program
414-906-2820

Senior Care Insurance
1-800-657-208

Senior Law
(414) 278-1222
(414) 278-7722

Energy Assistance
414-906-2800

Rent Assistance
414-286-5678

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups Prescription Drug Assistance
1-866-456-8211

Food Assistance
414-733-0211

Bureau of Child Welfare
414-220-SAFE

W-2
1-800-722-2295

City of Wauwatosa
414-479-8900

GED Program
414-264-6888

Milwaukee Common Council
414-286-2221

City of Glendale
414-228-1700

Badger Care Insurance
1-800-362-3002

US Congresswoman Gwen Moore
414-297-1140

SENATE CONTACTS
Sergeant-at-Arms Office
608-266-1801

Milwaukee County Economic Support
414-289-6000

US Senator Russ Feingold
414-276-7282

Human Resources
608-264-8471

Wisconsin Foreclosure Hotline
414-278-1240
Medicaid
1-800-291-2002

US Senator Herb Kohl
414-297-4451

Senate Chief Clerk's Office
608-266-2517