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THROUGH THE LENS



Senator Taylor makes a point at unveiling of the Health Youth Act in the Senate Parlor

4th Senate District LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12—OCTOBER 16

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.

- 2-1-1 @ IMPACT -

2-1-1 @ IMPACT is a 24 hour resource for family, health and social services in Milwaukee County. If you are in need of help within any of these areas, all you have to do is dial 2-1-1 from a land line or 1-866-211-3380 from a cell phone.

As a State Senator it is one of my responsibilities to ensure that the people of Milwaukee are given every opportunity to succeed. This resource is one tool which can help connect constituents with the resources available to them. As always, if you still need help, please contact me.



Get Connected. Get Answers.

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Milwaukee County

- Home Improvement Loans Available at WHEDA -



we do so you can.

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.



MANNERS MOMENT



Dana World-Patterson
Visions Etiquette Training
visionsetiquettetraining.com

Small talk has its advantages. Try talking to five or more unfamiliar people during the course of an event. You may end with five new friends, business connections, and/or an evening of great conversation. It is noted there is only six degrees of separation from anyone you want to meet. So begin talking, smiling and power hand shaking. Enjoy!

FROM THE BAR

Equity of Redemption

The right of a mortgagor (person owing on a loan or debt against their real property), after commencement of foreclosure proceedings, to "cure" his/her default by making delinquent payments. The mortgagor also must pay all accumulated costs as well as the delinquency to keep the property.

- Distracted Driving Gets a Hearing-

One of the bills I am authoring is SB 306 which prohibits a driver from using their cellphone in a "handheld" mode for verbal communication, sending or receiving text messages or emails, or other device functions that communicate with other persons. The bill allows for the use of "hands-free" earpieces or microphones and speakers, but this allowance is not extended to those drivers under 18 years of age who operate under a probationary license or instruction permit.

Go back to driver's education classes where most, if not all, of us were instructed in the use of "10 and 2", meaning our hands should be placed at the 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock position on the steering wheel at all times. Also our eyes should be scanning the roadway and shoulders for changes in traffic, hazards, and other events in a drive time. Using a cell-phone, even to read a quick text, greatly diminishes driving concentration. David Meyer, a psychology professor at the University of Michigan states, "If you're driving while cell-phoning, then your performance is going to be as poor as if you were legally drunk." I would encourage you all to link to the story and look at visual representations of brain function while using a cell-phone and driving. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=95702512>

Other states have been leading on this issue and Wisconsin is one of the few states that lack any regulation in this area. Six states already ban cell phones for all drivers, including California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Washington, and D.C. Texting while driving is banned in 17 states.

- New Domestic Violence Legislation To Be Introduced-

This coming week, I am going to introduce two new pieces of legislation regarding domestic violence alongside Rep. Tony Staskunas (D-West Allis) and Rep. Penny Bernard-Schraber (D-Appleton).

Nationally and in Wisconsin, more domestic homicides are committed with guns than by all other methods combined. Since 2000, 156 victims were killed because abusers in Wisconsin had easy access to firearms. An abused woman who has a gun in her home is six times more likely to be killed than an abused woman who lives in a home without a gun.

Current Wisconsin law prohibits an abuser who is subject to a domestic abuse or child abused restraining order, or in some cases harassment restraining order, from possessing a firearm. However, very few counties have a procedure in place to ensure that the abuser has surrendered the firearms in accordance with current law. Judges do not believe they have the legal authority to directly enforce the surrender order. The first bill creates a procedure to confirm that the abuser has surrendered the firearms in accordance with current law. If the firearms are not surrendered, the abuser is required to appear in court, so that surrender can be arranged.

The second bill will extend the firearm prohibition in state law to persons convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, or found not guilty by reason of mental disease.

The bills will be introduced at 11am on Wednesday at a press conference in the Capitol.

HEALTH CORNER



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

DRINK LOTS OF WATER!

The average person should drink about 8 cups of water every day. Each glass should contain about 8 ounces of water. Drinking water can help you look younger, be healthier, lose weight and reduce hunger. So drink lots of water!

WORD OF THE WEEK

"There are pastors who won't go to people's sick beds. How can people of God turn their back on the sick, poor and hungry?"

James
Robinson

-Wisconsin Professional Police Association Scholarship Program-

Who is eligible? - Any Wisconsin or Upper Peninsula of Michigan resident enrolling in a college or vocational/technical school in a course of study leading to two- or four-year degree police science, criminal justice, or a law enforcement-related field is eligible.

To fill out an application please visit the WPPA website here:
http://wppa.com/resources/scholarship_program.htm

On this site, you will see a link for the application. Also on that page will be requirements and instructions for the application process.

Remember , applications must be postmarked on or before February 1 and mailed to: WPPA Scholarship Committee, 660 John Nolen Drive, Suite 300, Madison, WI 53713

-Intern Spotlight-



Hi, my name is Jill Hoiting. I am in the midst of my final year of graduate school with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in which I am working towards my master's degree in social work. My academic interests include health care, evidence-based practice and especially social policy which is how I came to be an intern at the office of Senator Taylor. Previously to moving to Madison, I completed my undergraduate studies in psychology and child and family development at the University of Georgia. Although the Wisconsin winters have proven brutal in comparison to Georgia, I am immensely appreciative of the opportunity to explore the exciting policy and politics of this great state! In the upcoming year of learning the ins and outs of the legislative process and environment, I will strive to work with constituents to alleviate concerns and assist in the formation of policy that will promote social justice!

- Office of Crime Victim Services -

The Wisconsin Department of Justice—Office of Crime Victim Services has a Milwaukee office. The office is located at:

State Office Building
819 North Sixth Street Room 180
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Phone: 414-227-1804
Fax: 414-2271842

The Office of Crime Victim Services' mission is to ensure that people who are affected by crime are treated with fairness, dignity and respect. They will also help victims to understand and exercise their rights and to access services. The Office of Crime Victim Services also will provide financial assistance to victims and to the programs that serve them.

If you are or have been a victim to a crime please note the address above. This is a resource that can be very helpful in what can be a very hard time.

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YOU NEED!**

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Community Events

What: Thoughtful Thursdays—
Conversations on Race

When: Thursday, October 22nd
6pm-7:30pm

Where: YWCA of Greater Milwaukee
1915 N. Martin Luther King Dr

Info: Community Conversation about
race and identity. Beverages and light
snack provided. Suggested contribution
of \$5.

What: Milwaukee County Zoo
Tiger Naming Contest

When: October 08-23

Where: Milwaukee County Zoo

Info: New female tiger cubs
need names. Two names must be
submitted with each submission.

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

Elder link
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
414-773-0211

Bureau of Child Welfare
414-220-SAFE

City of Wauwatosa
414-479-8900

GED Program
414-264-6888

W-2
1-800-722-2295

City of Glendale
414-228-1700

Badger Care Insurance
1-800-362-3002

Milwaukee Common Council
414-286-2221

**Milwaukee County Economic
Support**
414-289-6000

**US Congresswoman
Gwen Moore**
414-297-1140

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

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

US Senator Russ Feingold
414-276-7282

General County Resources
Dial 2-1-1
or
1-866-211-3380

US Senator Herb Kohl
414-297-4451