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Dear Alan ,

Happy New Year from The Republican Party of Sheboygan County. This newsletter brings you the latest information about ongoing efforts to promote the values and beliefs of Sheboygan Republicans throughout the County.



2012 promises to be an important election year. The involvement of concerned Republicans will be key to our success as we face enormous challenges from Wisconsin Democrats and their national union leader masters. The future direction of Wisconsin and our Nation depends on how well we prevail. Anyone with questions or information to share with the county officials of the RPSC can do so via email at: webmaster@sheboygancountygop.com

Upcoming Events

[Click Here for Calendar of events](#)

Our Reforms are Working

By Rep. Michael Endsley, 26th Assembly District

Since January, the Legislature has been working to create jobs in a fiscally responsible way that will put people back to work without bankrupting our state. When I started in office, Wisconsin was facing a \$3.6 billion deficit. The previous administration's unrealistic tax collection projections, coupled with astronomical spending initiatives and accounting gimmicks created this problem. This \$3.6 billion deficit occurred despite increasing taxes by \$2 billion and using \$2.3 billion in one-time federal stimulus money to plug holes in an irresponsible budget.

My colleagues and I have worked tirelessly to ensure the fiscal stability of our state. The solution to our problem does not involve throwing money at a



gaping deficit. Instead, we have implemented real reforms that have saved taxpayer money, like Act 10, which required state employees to contribute to their pensions and health care premiums and made changes to costly collective bargaining. So far, governments have saved over \$460 million. As local government officials and school districts work through their individual budgets, there are numerous success stories of savings that can be reported. Examples include:

- Sheboygan County will save \$2,135,900 due to Act 10 reforms, according to media reports.
- Sheboygan Area School District will save \$6,600,000 due to Act 10 reforms, according to media reports.
- Plymouth School District will save \$700,000 due to Act 10 reforms, according to media reports.
- Appleton School District has saved \$3.1 million by putting health care selection up for competitive bidding, which has led to lower property taxes.

There is no magic solution to solving enormous deficits during a recession, but our approach to reforming how government operates is working. With the tools that we gave the school districts and local governments, they are balancing budgets that would otherwise have required layoffs. Losing teachers and others due to the budget constraints in place before Act 10 would have meant larger class sizes and significant decreases in government services. The alternatives of higher taxes in the midst of a severe recession or cutting thousands of jobs would have devastated many Wisconsin families who are struggling to make ends meet. Without the reforms of Act 10 and the property tax controls included in our state budget, the average homeowner could have seen their property taxes rise by hundreds of dollars, unacceptable in these difficult times. Instead, the 2011-2012 Wisconsin school tax levy will drop over \$47 million, resulting in a 1% decrease in the school tax portion of the average property tax bill.

I would like to share two links to information illustrating how our reforms are working:

- The first link was compiled by the MacIver Institute. <http://bit.ly/scrql7>
- The second link is information that can be found on Governor Walker's website. <http://www.reforms.wi.gov>

Volunteers Needed

The Republican Party of Sheboygan County is looking for an Office Manager to volunteer to coordinate our office volunteers at the new office at 2125 South Memorial Place. This person would coordinate the scheduling of office volunteers. The Office Manager would provide a brief training session of office volunteers and then schedule the time slots for the volunteers. The Office Manager would not have to be present on a daily basis once the volunteers are trained. Individuals interested in helping to fill this position or in volunteering to staff the office should contact Paul Gruber, RPSC Chair, via email at chair@sheboygancountygop.com or by phone at 457-9015 for more information.

Walker Signs Vandalized

Sometime on Thursday night, December 29, 2011, five large Scott Walker signs on Hwy 23 between Sheboygan and Plymouth were destroyed. The Sheboygan County Police Department has been notified. RPSC Chairperson Paul A. Gruber submitted the photos of the five signs to The Sheboygan Press. Other photos of this vandalism can be seen on the Sheboygan GOP web site at: <http://www.sheboygancountygop.com>

Because of the high journalistic integrity of the Sheboygan Press in its unbiased reporting of local violations of election laws, we can be assured that the editors will be quick to report these incidents. If this story is overlooked because of other more pressing news like the annual Polar Bear Plunge, readers of this newsletter are encouraged to contact Mike Knuth, Sheboygan Press General Manager, by email at mknuth@sheboyganpress.com or by phone at 920-453-5128.



Membership Renewals

If you are not a member of the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, now would be a good time to become a supporter of Republican Party efforts in Sheboygan County. You can get a membership form from the following location: [Membership Forms](#).

Yard Signs

Presently the yards signs are on the front porch of Susan Hundley at 632 Michigan. They are free. Otherwise after January 1, they will be at our headquarters at 2125 So. Memorial Place, next to Dr. Magestro's on Kohler Memorial Drive.

New Headquarters

Our new GOP Headquarters for The Republican Party of Sheboygan County will be at 2125 South Memorial Place, Sheboygan commencing January 1, 2012. By that time we will have Scott Walker signs and bumper stickers.

Sincerely,

Republican Party of Sheboygan County

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