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TAXPAYER GREEN TO PACKER GOLD

The Packers have announced a plan to renovate Lambeau Field and make it useable for the next thirty years. The plan allows for additional income to the operating budget to pay for the anticipated increase in signing bonuses. The plan has the Packers staying at Lambeau Field and adding an atrium for additional business. The Packer Hall of Fame and the Packer Pro Shop and the administrative offices would be relocated and one or more restaurants would be added. When completed, the stadium would have about 10,000 additional seats of which 4,000 would be sold on a single game basis. All of this for an estimated total of \$295 million.

The financing plan includes about \$92.5 million from a stadium user fee. \$9.1 million from the State of Wisconsin for infrastructure improvements. \$20.4 million from the recent Packer stock sale. \$13 million from the NFL in the form of a loan. And \$160 million from a bond sale to be paid for with a 0.5% sales tax in Brown County. The 0.5% sales tax is to be used for debt relief (\$9.7 million) and about \$4 million each year for maintenance of the facility. This is the first time I've seen public money go into the day-to-day budget of a private facility. Normally the operating budget is raised by revenue on an annual basis and not part of a proposed repayment for a bond schedule. It would appear the \$4 million will allow the Packers to use their income for signing bonuses, and for the first time make the Brown County taxpayer part of the Packer day-to-day income. **It is completely wrong to tax residents of Brown County and use that money to pay players. This plan appears to do just that.**

As an organization, we do support the Packers staying in Green Bay and we support renovating Lambeau Field. We do however, object strongly to using tax dollars to support an operating budget and allowing those tax dollars to indirectly pay for salaries. Do all these changes increase the annual Packer income enough to stay competitive? The income generated will show a one time increase while the salaries will continue to increase annually. We ask the Packer organization to help us understand how these changes will keep pace with the cost of obtaining and keeping players.

What is the cost of this plan to Brown County residents? \$160 million financed at 5% for thirty years brings a total cost of about \$320 million. \$4 million in maintenance for 30 years is \$120 million. If residents make up 2/3 of the cost of the user fees, that would equal \$60 million. Add it up: $320 + 120 + 60 = 500$. That's right, 500 million dollars over the thirty year period. We need an alternate way to fund the public part of this project.

A way to get money on a voluntary basis is necessary. A Packer license plate is a good idea. A check off box on State tax returns with a fill-in-the-blank amount would add money. This would be similar to the political campaign contribution now on State Tax return forms. Another sale of Packer stock would bring in a substantial amount.

I believe the Packer plan is the **first step** in figuring out how to make the facility changes happen. Let's have some discussion and find a solution that is good for the Packers and good for the Brown County Taxpayer.

BROWN COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Frank S. Bennett Jr. President

**Promoting Fiscal
Responsibility
in Government**

Results of BCTA Year 2000 Survey. Members let us know what they want and what are important taxpayer issues.

In the last "TAX TIMES" we enclosed a survey sheet asking readers for their views on current issues of taxpayer concern. and specifically what our organization should be working on during the coming months. More than 25% of our members responded, which was excellent, and we believe gives a good representation of your thoughts.

What Issues Should We Address?

The first section of the survey dealt with areas of concern and priorities, and the first question was, "Please prioritize the following list as for us to be involved with as areas if taxpayer concern. List your top 5 with the highest priority #1." We had 15 items listed, and they they all received votes as one of the top five concerns. However, no single item stood out as being the top priority. Here are the results and the percentage of respondents who listed it as one of their top 5 concerns for Brown County Taxpayers.

Cost of School Projects - 61.3%. Jail Cost and Staffing , and Lambeau Field Updating - 54.6% each. Public employee and teachers contracts - 40.9%. Fox River Cleanup - 34.2%. Public employee pensions - 31.8%. Mental Health Center Cost and Potable Water Supply - 29.6% each. Arena/ Convention Center - 27.6%. Cost of Economic Development Studies, Downtown Development and Parking, and Shared Services for City and County - 20.4% each. Recycling and Waste Disposal Costs - 18.2%, and Taxation of E-Commerce and Taxpayer Cost of Urban Sprawl each received 13.6% as being one of the top five concern items. "Quality of services received, Total bonded indebtedness, Property tax relief, Corruption and mismanagement in government offices, and Spending surpluses rather than cutting taxes" were other items of concern listed. If nothing else, your response to this question indicates concern there are a number of taxpayer related issues that deserve our attention.

Priorities.

The next question was, "Please list your priority of how local tax dollars should be spent. List #1 as the highest." Again we listed 15 random items which are current taxpayer concerns and asked your opinion on those most deserving of tax dollars. Not surprising the greatest priorities were for basic items such as fire and police protection, education, infrastructure items and water and sewage. Following are the results of our survey as to how local tax dollars should be spent. The percentages given are for the number of respondents placing the items in their top 5 concerns.

Police Protection - 68.2%. Fire Protection - 63.6%. Public Education - 61.4%. Infrastructure - 49.9%. Water Supply - 45.4%. Court System - 29.6%. Jails and Prisons - 27.7%. Sewage and Waste Disposal - 22.7%. Health Facilities - 15.9%. Public Welfare - 13.6%. Lambeau Field, Libraries, and the Mental Health Center - 11.4% each. The Arena and Convention Center each received 9.0% as a top priority for tax dollar spending.

We then asked "List any areas where you feel spending could be cut" and would like to pass along the following suggestions we received: "Speed up action on public employee wrong doing- too much expensive footdragging", "Ask city & county employees to pay a larger share of their health insurance", "Public education should have expenses heavily scrutinized", "No clear accounting of Brown Co. Parks & Recreation spending", "Ridiculous operating cost of new jail - also, benefits for firemen and teachers are too generous", "Should hold public lashings for certain crimes - would cut crime rate 50%", "Government overhead in downtown development", "Overhead costs in Arena operation", "Government has no compelling interest in holding down the cost & scope of services", "Do we need more than 240 county workers at the court house?", "A high priority for spending does not justify a high quantity

of spending in itself", "Schools do not try to economize."

Important Questions.

Many people enjoy playing the various state lottery games, and their proceeds have supposedly provided some measure of property tax relief. The question arises from time to time if they should be maintained or even expanded. There was also recent criticism of making taxpayers pay advertising and administrative costs for the lottery. We asked - "Do you support continuation of the state lottery?"

40 %	51 %	9 %
Yes	No	Undecided

The next question was, "Do you believe public funding should finance political campaigns?" Your response to this was a very clear NO!

13 %	82 %	5 %
Yes	No	Uncertain

Lambeau Field.

Remodeling or Replacement favored but NOT with a Sales Tax.

Our next series of questions involved the proposed renovation or possible replacement of Lambeau Field. We do not know if the responses would have been different, but appreciate that our questionnaire was sent out and responses returned to us **BEFORE** the Packers proposed raising and spending \$295 million for this project. It seems that numbers like \$70 or \$100 million had been publicly mentioned, along with regional or statewide help if necessary. It is obvious that there will be a lot of discussion as this project proceeds. The first question we asked was *“Are you favorable to remodeling or possibly replacing Lambeau Field?”*

62 %	29 %	9 %
Yes	No	Uncertain

Several respondents who were uncertain stated they would like more information before making a decision. Insofar as much support for this project has been from those who would not necessarily be compelled to pay for it, we also asked, *“Do you have Packer Season Tickets?”* From those respondents who favored remodeling or replacing Lambeau Field, 48.3 % said Yes, they did have season tickets while 51.3 % said no. From the 38 % who were opposed or uncertain, 31.3 % were season ticket holders while 68.9 % were not. We didn't ask how many were on the waiting list.

We then asked those who fa-

vored remodeling or replacement how such a project should be financed. These responses included those with and without season tickets.

If we were to add those who

Seat Licenses	67.9 %
Luxury Box Fees	89.3 %
Packers Own Financing	92.9 %
County or Regional Sales Tax	42.9 %
Statewide Sales Tax	28.6 %
Other State Funding	10.7 %
Tickets & Concessions	71.4 %

favor remodeling or replacement with a county or regional sales tax with those who were against such a project, it would indicate only **26.6 %** in favor of a county or regional sales tax at the time of our survey.

We also asked for suggestions and comments on this subject, and received the following: “Lottery tickets, license plates, tax return check-off and voluntary means”, “Use stadium more than 10 times a year”, “Players contributions”, “Would support public funding if current season ticket policy were eliminated and opened up each year to a lottery”, “Large blocks of tickets will not support seat licenses since they cannot pass the cost on to buyers - the large waiting list will either disappear or support the seat license”,

“The Packers are a jewel to N. E. Wis. They need a new stadium with new prices on tickets”, “If the sport of football has changed such that franchises need the financial wherewithal provided by rich entrepreneur owners, we should acknowledge that and sell the team to such a person/group”, “No public taxation should support Packer capital or operating expenses”, “Would not pay seat licenses - give more public scrutiny on what are the Packers financial problems”, “We need to support

this unique franchise”. “Cost of players is too high”, “NFL funding pool could be used”, “Many season tickets are held by corporations. To the good, they insure payments during down cycles, bad that a larger percentage of general public cannot participate in ticket ownership. More disclosure of ticket ownership facts would be interesting.”, “They should be able to pay their own way like any other business. What does it cost the county now to have the Packers? What does it cost other business in sales when the Packers are playing?”, “This should be the Packers business, not taxpayers”, “I don't want tax dollars to go to big salaries of players!””, “Salary cap against all teams - every 30 years or so we will be asked for another new stadium - No Way!””, “No taxes of any kind at any level”, “Taxes should come from the hotel and restaurant business - they benefit the most.”, “Season tickets should be issued for 5 years only, and then drawings held for the next five years. Present ticket holders would not be too happy, but could gain more general public support.”, “Have Las Vegas gamblers pay something, they get rich from Pro football”, “This should be given more study and cost consideration before placing burden on taxpayers”, “Sell team and use proceeds to build new stadium with clause that team can't be moved.”

It is obvious that while there is strong support for Lambeau Field improvements, there is some disagreement as to how and by whom they should be paid. Again we mention that our survey and most of your responses came before the Packer organization announced their renovations would cost \$295 million, which may or may not have been a factor in our survey.

We appreciate the input received on this topic, and anticipate that the BCTA will maintain an active role on behalf of taxpayers as developments occur. Comments suitable for inclusion in the *“TAX TIMES”* are always welcome. Also, please visit the BCTA website, www.BCTAxpayers.org, then click under the *“PACKER STADIUM”* button, where we will post up-to-date articles on our activities on this subject. **More**



Year 2000 Survey - Continued

The final portion of our survey asked your opinion on balancing local and state budgets, rating the services we receive for our tax dollars, and possible changes to the overall tax process.

The first question in this section was, *“When looking at ways to balance local and state budgets, the methods I like best are.”* Percentage of respondents who checked each item.

Other suggestions offered were

Across the Board Spending Cuts	77.8 %
Cut Programs to Reduce Spending	64.4 %
Limit Spending to Cost of Living Index	55.6 %
Index Spending to Current Taxes	24.4 %
Higher User Fees	17.8 %
More or Higher Sales Taxes	4.4 %
Increase Taxes On Business	2.2 %
Increase Taxes On Income	2.2 %

“More outsourcing of services”, “Have referendum to increase spending as we do for schools”, “Not enough work done for the time spent”, and “Start with zero based funding rather than just increasing all existing budgets.”



Articles and views appearing in the “TAX TIMES” do not necessarily represent the official position of the Brown County Taxpayers Association. We encourage discussion and input on current issues of taxpayer interest and invite your comments or articles suitable for future “TAX TIMES”. Please send them to the BCTA, P. O. Box 684, Green Bay, WI 54305-0684, or call Jim Frink at 336-6410, Frink@ExecPc.Com.

The next question was, *“When evaluating the Public Services I receive in Brown County, I would rate them (Circle the statement that best fits your evaluation)”*

Good Services at a Reasonable Cost	31.1 %
Good Services at a High Cost	33.3 %
Average Service at a Reasonable Cost	15.6 %
Average Service at a High Cost	6.7 %
Needs Improvement in Certain Areas	13.3 %

Areas listed as needing improvement were: “Too much wasted time”, “35% of public works budget is wasted through ineffective and poor productivity of labor”, “County roads are poorly maintained”, “more services and government than necessary”, “priorities are all wrong! Focus is on entertainment instead of infrastructure. County financial management needs improvement”, and “Taxpayers not considered in spending proposals.”

For several years, particularly during Presidential election years we hear talk of tax reform. The final question in our survey was, *“To provide equity in the overall tax process, I believe a change to the following system would be in order. (circle the best response).”*

A Flat Tax On Income	38.9 %
National Sales Tax to Eliminate Income Tax	25.9 %
Stricter Enforcement of Existing Laws	14.8 %
Closer Examination of Tax Loopholes	14.8 %
Indexing Capital Gains to Inflation	5.6 %

That’s it! We want to thank everyone who took the time to complete and return our survey, and hope you found it interesting. There was a lot of information to be considered, and it should prove useful to us in the months to come. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.

Compiled by Jim Frink

Do You Think You’re Having A Bad Day?

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill was reported to be \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were released back in to the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, they were both eaten by a killer whale.

Iraqi terrorist, Khay Rahnajet, didn’t pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with “return to sender” stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

From the Internet

Things That Make Us Wonder.

If China does not have “Favored Trade Status” with the U.S., at our option, than why is it half the stuff we see in stores is “made in China”, while they don’t but much from us. Shouldn’t it be the other way around?

Why is it that whenever there is a spending proposal for taxpayers to pay for, such as schools or a jail, very little is ever said about the interest that will be paid or how long it will take to pay for it. (Or to staff it.) Who reads the fine print? They might tell you what the owner of a \$100,000 will pay, but not for how many years. Whatever happened to *“truth in lending.”* JF

“Sure it’s just a billion dollars, but a few billion here and a billion there and pretty soon it begins to add up.” . . . Sen. Everett Dirksen

“The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office.” . . . Will Rogers

JANUARY 20, MEETING NOTES.

Directors Debate Sales Tax for Stadium Bonding Proposal.

The committee researching and analyzing the effects of proposed Internet taxation presented a resolution calling for no undue discrimination for Internet commerce. After some discussion, the directors unanimously approved the e-commerce resolution. (See page 6 of this "TAX TIMES")

An extended discussion of the proposal to enact a 0.5 percent Brown County sales tax to fund \$160 million of bonding to contribute to a \$295 million stadium renovation project for the Green Bay Packers took place. During the lively discussion, a number of interesting questions were raised:

- Isn't this ultimately a proposal for public funding of players' signing bonuses?
- Should a referendum to enact this 0.5 percent Brown County sales tax require a majority of three-fifths (60%) or two-thirds (66.7%) to demonstrate clear public support for this long term commitment of tax dollars?
- Should there be a requirement that the Green Bay Packers and the National Football League make binding commitments to deal with the problem of runaway signing bonuses presently permitted by loopholes in the salary cap regulations?
- Given the explosion of signing bonus costs, is the \$295 million investment in stadium renovation a short term solution to a long term problem?
- Should the referendum be delayed until the Green Bay Packers take action to maximize revenues from sky boxes, club seats, and season ticket holders?
- Should the taxpayers of Brown County decide this issue by referendum, or should the elected officials on the Brown County Board take responsibility for making this decision?
- Given the bonding agenda for schools, the new jail, the new mental health center, the new arena and convention center, and the new water system, will this \$160 million bonding issue raise the debt service costs for Brown County citizens to an unacceptable level?

The directors approved a resolution calling for a referendum requiring a three-fifths (60%) majority to approve the proposed 0.5 percent Brown County sales tax to fund the \$160 million of proposed bonding to assist with the Packer stadium renovation.

The directors expressed concern about the \$55.8 million Green Bay School District referendum being on the February primary election date. In addition to the extra costs of operating all of the polling places for this single issue, the light primary election voter turnout will mean that this major bonding issue will be decided by a minority of eligible voters. The state legislature is considering a bill to require that school bonding referenda be held only on major spring and fall election dates. The next BCTA meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Feb.17, at the Glory Years. David Nelson, Secretary

WATCH YOUR PENNIES GROW. (And Go)

Proponents of a .5% county sales tax to raise \$160 million for Lambeau Field, (or for any other spending), are always quick to claim the insignificance of the tax on a relatively small item you purchase such as a pair of shoes or a restaurant meal. However, anyone who has ever saved pennies in a jar each day can tell you they can add up in a hurry. It's a good way to teach your kids how to save money.



Referencing the *Wisconsin Blue Book* population estimates, state sales tax collections, and adjusted per capita gross income we estimated the 1998 sales tax collected per capita for Brown County would be about \$635.00. The county sales tax would have added another \$63.50 per resident if it had been imposed. In other words, a \$254.00 county sales tax burden each year for the typical family of four.

We acknowledge a number of demographic and economic factors enter the equation, but the bottom line is still that the imposition of a county sales tax could represent an unwelcome expense burden for many people. Another way of putting it: if a \$160 million sales tax were approved, it would equate to over \$725 for every resident if the county by the time it was paid, based on the present estimated population of 220,000. Yes, pennies do add up.

It may or may not make a difference, but if Brown County did produce an estimated \$138.8 million in sales tax revenue for 1998 (1999 numbers not yet available), it would require taxable retail sales of about **\$2.75 BILLION**, (with a B). We acknowledge that these numbers are inviting as a source of tax revenue, but there are a couple of other considerations.

First, a loss of only a small percentage of those sales to avoid the tax would be noticed. Maybe we wouldn't all go to Appleton to save a few cents, but shoppers from other surrounding counties with the tax who come here could change their minds. We have a downtown mall which is struggling to say the least and a county sales tax for whatever reason would not be a positive factor for survival.

Second, despite headlines and surveys, there is much more to the economy of Brown County than entertainment. There are a number of local business's probably grossing more than the entire entertainment sector combined. They provide good paying jobs and contribute considerable value which for the most part *remains* in the community. Sales taxes also represent a large expense item for many of them. Despite some efforts, Wisconsin is still a very highly taxed state in which to live and do business. Things are good right now, but taxes on all levels are a major consideration when a manufacturer looks at the bottom line.

Please, we all love the Packers and agree turning our backs on them is not an option. The timing, amount, scope, financing and total economic impact of their plan simply needs more thought and consideration. Thank you. **Jim Frink**

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Brown County Taxpayers Association

Whereas, the use of the internet for conducting business and trade (“e-commerce”) has emerged and grown at an astounding rate, and,

Whereas, general public agreement exists that a citizens ability to access and use the internet is a good thing which should be encouraged, developed and expanded, and,

Whereas, taxing authorities have already begun imposing taxes on internet access and use, either directly or through discriminatory taxation on internet equipment and infrastructure, and,

Whereas, much of this taxation is unjustified in that it is applied in a discriminatory way and/or generates tax revenue which is in no way proportionate to the taxing authority’s cost of providing related services, and,

Whereas, many taxing authorities are now looking at e-commerce as a new “cow to be milked” in their quest to expand tax collections and the size of government, and,

Whereas, the e-Freedom Coalition has thoughtfully studied the implications of various e-commerce taxes and produced a series of recommendations to the Congress’ Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Brown County Taxpayers Association, by action of its Board of Directors on January 20, 2000, does hereby endorse the following recommendations of the e-Freedom Coalition with regard to e-commerce:

Recommendation #1(a): Permanently ban taxes on Internet access.

Recommendation #2: Repeal the federal 3% excise tax on telecommunications.

Recommendation #3: Prohibit the discriminatory ad valorem taxation of interstate telecommunications.

Recommendation #4: Prohibit government from erecting Internet tolls in the form of above-cost fees for the installation of telecommunications cable along right-of-ways.

Recommendation #5: Simplify state and local telecommunications taxes, filing and audit procedures.

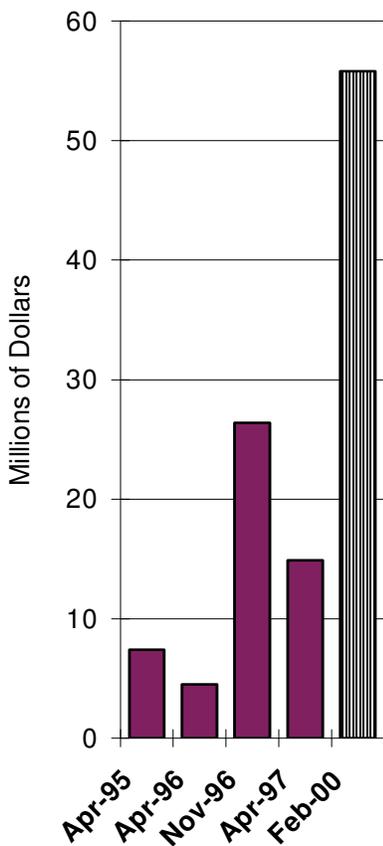
Recommendation #6: Establish a clear nexus standard and definitions to determine when companies have sufficient physical presence that they can be required by a state to collect sales taxes.

Recommendation #7: Protect consumer privacy by prohibiting government from collecting data on individual consumer transactions. Allow consumers and companies to make arrangements to share information.

And, be it further resolved that the BCTA Board of Directors opposes any expansion or modification of current state sales and use tax laws in a manner which would treat Internet sales differently from catalog or telephone sales.

(Unanimously passed by the BCTA Board of Directors on January 20, 2000).

Green Bay Schools Bonding Referenda



PILING UP DEBT ?

The above graph indicates the amount of bonding for capital improvements approved by referendum for Green Bay School improvements during the past 4 years, and the amount (\$55+ million) voters will be asked to approve on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Bonding is generally payable over a 20 year period of time (limited by state law), and payments include interest over and above the stated amount of the referendum. In other words, the additional amount you pay on your property taxes will be for 20 years. Very similar to a 20 year mortgage on your home.

"IT'S YOUR MONEY."
 . . . Gov. Tommy Thompson
 Explaining return of state surplus to taxpayers.

Interest Groups Paid \$697 Million Lobbying For And Against Health Care Regulations.

Two major antagonists in the debate over how much to regulate managed care health organizations spent the most on lobbying during the first half of 1999, a private analysis found. The American Medical Association, which favored new regulations, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which opposed them, each spent more than \$8 million from January to June. Both groups lobbied on other issues besides health care. Overall, health insurers, high-tech companies, banks and other interest groups spent \$697 million to lobby Congress and the federal agencies during the first six months of 1999, according to a report released by FEC Info, an Internet consulting firm that specializes in tracking political money.

"In levying taxes and shearing sheep, it is better to stop when you get down to the skin." . Austin O'Malley
 "Every time history repeats itself, the price goes up." . . . Anonymous

W A N T E D



BCTA Members for Schools Committee

Many of our members have expressed an interest in becoming active on our schools committee, and our survey has indicated this to be the #1 item of taxpayer concern. We are attempting to re-vitalize this committee, and ask that you write us at PO Box 684, E-Mail, call 433-1476 or 336-6410 and leave a message, or whatever to let us know of your interest. In general, the committees work consists of gathering statis-

BCTA Polling County Board Candidates on Sales Tax and Other Issues.

As we have done in the past, a questionnaire has been sent to all announced candidates for the Brown County Board of Supervisors asking them a number of key questions of taxpayer interest, including the issue of a county sales tax. To date, we have received quite a few that have been completed, and would appreciate if you are a candidate for the county board that you take the time to complete and return your survey if you haven't already done so. Call Jerry Slavik at 863-1907 if you have any question.

We thank the candidates for your interest and compliment you for committing to run for public office.

BCTA Website to Feature Articles on Lambeau Field.

The BCTA official website, www.BCTAxpayers.org has a new section "Packer Stadium", which will include articles and information on the Packers Lambeau Field renovation proposal as developments unfold. While checking this out, you will notice a lot of other interesting features including direct E-Mail links to your legislatures and other taxpayer groups. Give it a try, www.BCTAxpayers.org.

Wisconsin Retains Ranking as 4th Highest Taxed State for 1999.

Source: The Tax Foundation, Washington DC

STATE	State/Local Taxes as % of Income	Rank	Taxes As % of Total Income	Rank
HAWAII	14.41	1	35.66	16
NEW YORK	14.15	2	37.72	2
MAINE	13.84	3	36.61	10
WIS.	13.77	4	37.72	4
MINN.	13.19	5	38.52	3
R.I.	12.51	6	36.07	12
U.S. Ave.	11.33		35.66	

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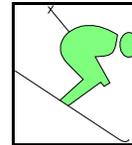
BCTA Meeting and Events Schedule

- Tuesday - February 15, 2000 - \$55+ Million Green Bay School Referendum & County Board Primaries.**
- Thursday - February 20, 2000 - Glory Years - Washington St. Inn (Downtown) 347 S. Washington St., Green Bay "Vince Lombardi" Room. 12:00 Noon BCTA Monthly Meeting - Open discussion, Evaluation of recent election and Lambeau Field update.**
- Thursday - March 18, 2000 - Glory Years, Vince Lombardi Room, 347 S. Washington St., 12:00 Noon Monthly Meeting.**
- Tuesday - April 4, 2000 - Spring Elections.**

All members of the BCTA, their guests and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend and participate in these open meetings. Phone 499-7866 or 336-6410 for information or to leave message.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month In the "Vince Lombardi: Room of the Glory Years. 347 S. Washington St., Green Bay

Price - \$6.50 per meeting. Includes Lunch. Payable at door.



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"Journalists do not live by words alone, although sometimes they have to eat them." . . . **Adlai Stevenson**

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other."

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