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TWO INITIATIVES – TOO IMPORTANT

The Wisconsin State Legislature has been in session, dealing with everything from the proposed biennial budget, to funding transportation, to pro-life legislation to an overhaul of the State's tax code. Two important legislative pieces, which your Brown County Taxpayers Association endorses are discussed below. We have advocated for these bills and encourage you to contact your legislators to request they support them.

REINS ACT

The "Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny" Act (known as the REINS Act) is legislation that addresses the issue of transparency and accountability in rule making from the State's executive branch. Whether it's the DNR or the DOT, these executive agencies create impactful regulations that bear the force of law...without deliberation, debate, and voting by the legislative branch. Furthermore, these regulations typically come with an economic impact, sometimes a very significant impact. The REINS Act, if passed next by the State Assembly, will:

- allow the Legislature to require an independent economic impact analysis. This would permit an impartial third party to determine the cost of a rule or regulation instead of relying on bureaucrats; and
- require rules/regulations - that cost more than \$10 million over two years - to get approval by the full Legislature before they are enacted.

Taxpayers have a right to know what these expensive bureaucratic mandates will cost us. The REINS Act improves rule-making transparency and empowers the public to hold legislators accountable.

The State Senate has passed this legislation with a 19-14 vote. State Senator Rob Cowles was the only Republican to vote AGAINST it. Next . . . please urge your assemblyperson to push for Assembly leadership to schedule its vote on this REINS Act. Thus far, they have not scheduled a vote. 5th District Assemblyman Jim Steineke is the Assembly's Majority Leader. Please write or call him and urge him to schedule a vote.

SCHOOL REFERENDUM REFORMS

Referendums were meant as a local control option to cover emergencies and rare needs outside of the normal budget. The frequency and size of referendums in recent years is astounding. In 2016, \$1.35 billion in borrowing referendums was approved. That is the most ever in one year, beating the previous high by almost 30%^[1]. In November, \$804 million of debt was approved and \$183 million of operating levy overrides passed (\$40 million of which is recurring)^[2].

State Senator Duey Stroebel is authoring or co-sponsoring six (6) different public school referendum initiatives that address this runaway spending. The initiatives and brief descriptions follow:

1. Eliminating Recurring Referendums (LRB 2549/1) No temporary majority of voters should be allowed to raise property taxes in a community forever. This bill would eliminate recurring operating expense referendums and cap non-recurring referendums at 5 years.
2. General Election Dates for Referendums (LRB 2633/1) All referendums can only be held on spring and fall general elections.
3. Aid Hit for Exceeding Revenue Limits (LRB 2711/1) Taxpayers from responsible school districts should not subsidize the property tax bills of other taxpayers who vote to exceed revenue limits for operational purposes, especially in the post-Act 10 Wisconsin.. This bill causes

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In our 32nd Year of Promoting Fiscal Responsibility in Government.

March Meeting Notes

Senator LeMahieu Explains REINS Act

State Senator Devin LeMahieu spoke about the REINS Act (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny). He represents the 9th Senate District which includes most of Sheboygan County, a large part of Manitowoc County, and a smaller part of Calumet County. He is Chair of the Elections and Utilities Committee. He is also Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Administrative Rules.

Assembly Bill 251 and Senate Bill 168, the REINS Act, put power back into the hands of officials elected by the people of Wisconsin. Under the REINS Act, new regulations which are estimated to have an economic impact of \$10 million or more in any biennium must be approved by the state legislature.

Senator LeMahieu explained that state agencies currently have the power to pass harmful regulations with little oversight from the legislature that can cost Wisconsin businesses and citizens tens of millions of dollars in compliance and lost revenue. Under the REINS Act, any agency rule that will cost an industry or business more than

\$10 million in costs and/or compliance must get approval of the legislature to move forward.

The REINS Act also provides the option for the Legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) to request a public hearing early on in the rule-making process to give citizens and industry representatives a chance to voice their opinions.

These bills add additional oversight by allowing the legislature to request independent Economic Impact Analyses on agency cost estimates. The REINS Act will hold bureaucrats accountable and improve the regulatory climate in Wisconsin.

The Schools Committee reported on the Green Bay Area Public School District's April Referendum questions. Question 1 requests increasing the tax Levy by \$16.5 million for each of next 10 years for operational purposes. Question 2 requests authority to bond for \$68 million for construction projects. Question 1 is opposed for lack of adequate justification. The Committee takes a neutral position on Question 2.

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an equalization aid penalty equal to 20% of the amount of any revenue limit excess authority passed. The funds reduced from one district stay in education and are redistributed to other districts not overspending their revenue limit. The bill requires operating expenditure referendums to inform voters of this penalty on the ballot question and allows a school board to rescind prior override authority to recapture state aid.

4. Fund 46 Partial Match Program (LRB 0868/1) This bill would grant a 50% sum sufficient match to any district deposits in fund 46. These funds, under current law, can only be used for maintenance and capital construction projects. These state matching funds are taken away if the district goes to referendum before or within 10 years after using said funds. The idea is to encourage cash financing of capital projects and save state money by lowering the need to buy down inflated referendums plus debt service cost later.

5. Operating Referendum called only at Regular Meeting & Issue Debt Referendum called only at Annual Meeting (LRB 2555/1) (For Common & Union High School districts) To maximize public awareness and participation, we should not allow resolutions to override revenue limits to be initiated at a special meeting. Re-trying

referendums that are rejected by the voters is a serious problem facing our property tax climate in Wisconsin. Advocates for taxpayer responsibility must fight and win each time, while advocates for spending need only win once. This would only allow a resolution to put a capital project on the ballot to originate at the annual meeting. It would ensure greater public participation and be a de facto "1 try per year" limit.

6. Disclosure of Referendum Debt Costs (LRB 2629/1) When debt service and interest costs are considered, the price of referendums can be considerably higher than what voters see. This bill would require school district ballot referendums to include the total cost of the referendum, accounting for debt service and interest cost.

Using the Legislative Reference Bureau number ("LRB") for each bill, express your support for these bills to your State Senator and State Assemblyperson.

Rod Goldhahn BCTA Vice-President

[1] <http://urbanmilwaukee.com/2017/03/07/wistax-school-spending-referendums-highest-ever/>

[2] http://www.thewheelerreport.com/wheeler_docs/files/School_Referendum_early_results.pdf

April Meeting Notes

Representative Macco Speaks About Tax Reform

John Macco, 88th District Representative to the Assembly, spoke about the need for tax reform in Wisconsin. The 88th Assembly District includes most of eastern Brown County. Representative Macco is Chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee which handles almost all tax policy. He is also Vice-Chair of the Assembly Committee on Finance and Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance. He is one of four members of the unofficial "CPA Committee."

The GDP of the State of Wisconsin is \$294 billion, larger than many nations. State government spending amounts to about \$36 billion annually, about \$100 million per day. This is about \$500 per person per month or about \$6,000 per person annually. Collecting revenue to finance this spending is an ongoing challenge. He explained that our tax system subsidizes consumption and penalizes wealth creation.

Representative Macco pointed out that about \$5 billion of sales tax revenue are collected by the state, but \$6 billion are exempted from collection. Tweaking the exemptions will not solve our problems. A fresh start is needed. There are so many inconsistencies and exemptions in the Personal Property Tax that it is almost unworkable. Unfortunately, many municipalities depend

on personal property tax collections. None of the \$53 million of 911 Service Fee collections actually go directly to 911 service; it goes to General Purpose Revenue instead.

From the six listening sessions he held recently, Representative Macco learned that citizens are concerned with how to bring better tax reform to our state, how to give more flexibility to our teachers and schools, and how to find sustainable funding for our transportation system.

The outcome of the Green Bay Public School District referendum was discussed. The BCTA opposed Question 1, which authorized increasing the school tax Levy by \$16.5 million for each of next 10 years for operational purposes. Rich Heidel stated that he has been in contact with State Senator Duey Stroebel, who has introduced a family of bills to provide more transparency for school district referenda.

Representative Macco noted that 58 cents of each school dollar wind up in the classroom. In Wisconsin, we have 424 school districts in our 72 counties, requiring 424 superintendents and 424 sets of school management teams. In Brown County, we have eight individual school districts. Obviously, there are opportunities for consolidation and cost reduction without adversely affecting educational outcomes.

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Things That Make Us Wonder.

While most of the factors which determine the economic health of a country, including the stock market and employment numbers have remained fairly strong so far during the Trump Administration, one item still remains rather puzzling.

That is the almost daily announcements from our largest chains that they are closing large numbers of their establishments "*due to economic reasons, or corporate restructuring.*" While we realize this is a constant occurrence in the world of business and competition, it also means workers seeking new employ-

ment and the importance of job security.

While people doing more shopping on the internet may be a factor, many chains probably over expanded beyond their repayment capacities with the easy credit available in recent years. Making a profit on investment is still the bottom line for most with labor and benefits the biggest expenses. No telling what would happen if higher minimum wages are government mandated, but it seems there are still a lot of better, good paying, jobs out there for those who prepare themselves and want to work.

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One industry that seems to be thriving is the removal of sediments from the Fox River. While there has

been noticeable improvement, it has been going on for several years at a cost so far of at least a billion dollars.

Hopefully future sources of pollution will be detected and prevented before the paper mills run out of money or we all die from contaminated sludge exposure.

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Still reeling in disbelief over the Presidential Election results, various factions in California, including their Governor, (AKA/Moonbeam) Jerry Brown, are calling for secession from the United States and forming a separate country. They even have an advisory election scheduled to see what residents think about the idea.

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Among their gripes are that since they voted 2 to 1 for Hillary she should have won, and they were tired of sending their tax dollars to Washington to be spent for military purposes.

The truth probably is that more military spending goes back to California to support the many bases and other facilities located there, and the rest of the country is weary of hearing about their constant droughts, floods, landslides, forest fires, earthquakes, Nancy Pelosi's and disregard for controlling illegal immigration costing us all.

It was interesting to note that 21 northern California counties voted overwhelmingly for Trump proving everyone there doesn't think the same, Maybe we could end up with two new countries,

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Posting public notices, minutes of meetings, etc., in public papers, etc., has long been a requirement in Wisconsin to inform citizens of government activities which is good. While this does represent an expense to taxpayers, and not everyone reads them are problems.

Governor Walker has proposed as a cost saving measure that government units put these notices on the internet instead, making it easier to print out copies and retain information for future reference. Unfortunately, public records, no matter how presented, do not disclose everything taxpayers have a right to and want to know.

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Former President Obama is busy working on plans for his library and museum in Chicago. The cost is estimated to be as high as \$300 Million,

with or without the addition of transgender restrooms, and would require Obama to raise about \$1.5 Billion as new rules require an endowment fund to cover maintenance and operating cost. The article didn't specify where to send your contribution.

When it is opened, it should be a welcome addition to Chicago's other attractions. Somewhere between the site of Al Capone's famous vault and the Museum of Science and Industry.

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The new Wisconsin budget is claimed to save \$300,000 over the next two years by eliminating two full time employees and publication of the DNR's popular *Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine*.

Every budget cut effects someone, someplace. Many people will tell you the magazine was the best thing the DNR had going for themselves. It did a good job of justifying their many activities, plus advertising the many scenic and other attractions in our state. Being a reader, it is obvious there are many areas where they could cut expenses without compromising on quality. Is there any real reason they could not accept advertising?

If saving money is the concern, why not take aim at the "WISCONSIN BLUE BOOK?" The purpose of this 1,000 page hard-covered beauty seems primarily for legislators to hand out gratis to contributor's and other constituents. It is very professionally produced, but much of the content changes very little from issue to issue and it must cost a fortune to print.

The Legislators will probably want to maintain it because it features all of their smiling pictures.

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North Korea is a miserable dun-

geon of a country for it's people with about 4 times the population of Wisconsin living in an area 3/4 the size of our state. You can look it up in an atlas.

Their industries include threatening other nations with destruction and teaching the men and women of their military how to do the goose step or get shot trying.

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Only Bill O'Reilly, others, or their accusers know what the real truth is. Men and women being what they are, we don't want to speculate, but realize there are certain lines that shouldn't be crossed. Right or wrong, once an accusation has been publicized, it can difficult to rectify. Now FOX News in being sued for racial discrimination, and it will be interesting to find what political party is behind that.

In recent years there have been a number of incidents of accusations against high profile celebrities which may have had other purposes ranging from political revenge to warning others of a person's true character. With our greater acceptance of alternate life styles, it is hard to tell right from wrong or what to believe anymore, but it is easy to accuse someone of not following the rules of political correctness.

This type of shenanigan can work two ways.

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No-one will argue the fact that the Allouez Reformatory is becoming more obsolete and overcrowded. It was built at the time of the Spanish-American War. Although more capacity has been added through the years, things only get worse as long as locking people up away from society is the punishment of choice for convic-

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tion of felony crimes.

It was originally built in a rural area, and had room for a large dairy barn, pastures and gardens, and even residences for the warden and key personnel. Bit by bit this land has been sold to private owners or other use, until only the wall-enclosed portion remains.

Sooner or later, a more modern facility will have to be built to address obsolescence and overcrowding. It will be up to the Bureau of Corrections to decide. In the meantime there been suggestions the land could be developed for private tax-paying use if the state would get the project rolling. Either way, this would create a massive pile of rubble and leaves the question of what kind of development do you build along a busy highway?

In recent years we have much of our historic past disappear to the wrecking ball, yet adjacent to the Reformatory is a state park dedicated to the preservation of Wisconsin and local history. Saving even a portion of the front buildings would serve a purpose beyond their historic heritage. When I was attending grade school our class was privileged to a tour of the institution, and I doubt anyone ever returned as a guest..... It made an impression.

Some people say the building is ugly from the road, and we can agree - Prisons are seldom pretty. However there are ten or so acres in front of the structure that make one the prettiest and most unique park ar-

eas found anywhere. Unique because it has been said at one time at least one of every tree native to Wisconsin is present, and for that reason alone is worth preserving.

What we would like to suggest is that if talk about demolishing the complex proceeds, and letting some fast talking developer make a profit at taxpayer expense, consider making the main cell block an annex to Heritage Hill Park. It would make a tremendous attraction, an impressive educational tool for the school tours that visit, and would only take a shuttle bus to give Heritage Hill another attraction that's already in place. It could also save taxpayers money by eliminating the cost of destroying this piece of history and hauling it to a landfill for posterity.

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The Packer Schedule is out and people from near and far are marking their calendars, which for many includes making hotel reservations in Green Bay. The addition of Lodge Kohler and Hotel Northland will push the number of available rooms to almost 4,700 which is a lot for a city the size of Green Bay but not enough for the 10 weekends the Packers play. The problem is providing enough attractions to warrant investors to justify building these facilities during the rest of the year.

We seem to attract our share of state events, but are a little off the beaten trail for national attention. Exhibition halls, shopping, restaurants, more direct air transportation, scenic and recreational attractions all enter

the equation along with hotel rooms.

While replacing the old arena and Shopko hall is getting consideration, the price charged for parking does not warrant the distance from the venues and having to cross over Oneida St. May be the Packers would like to sponsor a big parking ramp.

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Not too long ago, it was considered a felony to sponsor a football pool or have a nickel slot machine that was available to the public in Wisconsin. That all changed when the state discovered they could make a few bucks from selling lottery tickets and calling it tax relief even though most of the money invested ends up enhancing the state treasury and even that of other states.

Now the tribes are squabbling over gaming rights territories, for the privilege of taking our money and calling it fun. Our question may be, after putting all considerations in place, does the state really get a fair share of all the profits they allow from tribal gaming operations?

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While the \$7.00 per game ticket price increase by the Packers this year won't go far against player salaries, it may be painful for some fans. The argument that this puts Green Bay in the middle of league for ticket prices may be valid, but we note all of other stadiums have more comfortable seating for the fans sitting in coach, and hand rails for safety when climbing the steps in the aisles.

We realize that there is not room to install individual seating in the present configuration, but climbing the aisles can be dangerous for many. My guess would be railings could be installed for the price of a rookie free

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agent, but make the stands safer for 80,000 fans.

We still all love the Packers and the fame they bring to our city.

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President Trump has had little success in getting any credit from the media. They somehow manage to throw stones at him for everything he does, and in some cases doesn't do. Late-night hosts try to out do each other with their foolish absurdity. No wonder he calls them "An enemy of the people," in response to concentrating on the negative rather than the positive side of his administration. In government, opposite factions can and should compromise and make things work or they can be difficult and make things "not work," which seems to be the case.

He generally received bi-partisan praise for the delivery and content of his state of the union address, but Democrats and Republicans working together to compromise and work out solutions to mutual problems seems to be a thing of the past.

Maybe that's simply because somehow Democrats and Republicans are not exactly the same, and operate under different sets of rules and philosophies. They both seem to have their own vision of what's best for the country and prefer confrontation over compromise.

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Each year, *Forbes Magazine* prints a roster of the worlds billionaires. This year they were able to identify a total of 2043 individuals throughout the world, an increase of 181 over last year. Their combined wealth is estimated at \$7.7 Trillion or about a third the amount of the U.S. National Debt.

As expected the majority of them, 565, live and make their money in the United States. What was really surprising was that they found 96 Billionaires in Russia, 101 in India, and 319 from China with another 68 living in Hong Kong. We wonder what the tax rate is in China?

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One of the Presidents more controversial initiatives was the wall between the U.S. and Mexico. Both countries have better uses for their money. Historically no wall has accomplished much in the past except to create antagonism. Quite frankly, Mexico should try harder to cleanup its act and control their drug business and encourage their citizens to stay home and we could do a better job of welcoming qualified immigrants from anywhere, but only through proper channels, quotas, and due process. What we have now is a mess getting messier.

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Other countries, particularly in Europe, are facing serious problems, especially terrorism resulting from the influx of refugees from war-torn countries. While we don't want that to happen here, over 200 prominent U.S cities are so called "*Sanctuary Cities*", and seem to welcome undocumented immigrants, possibly as a source of political power. These cities openly ignore federal mandates and laws requiring cooperation with the immigration and customs Enforcement (*ICE*). This is already causing massive problems for these cities and the country as a whole.

The Justice Dept. has warned a number of these cities, including Milwaukee, that they can expect substantially reduced Federal funding if they don't cooperate with registration and regulation requirements. This could get messy. What would Hillary

do?

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We all look forward to the anticipated re-opening of the Hotel Northland, and trust it will be a needed tool to revive the downtown of Green Bay. A lot of money has been committed by the developers and is deserving of community support.

Many of us have fond memories of events held at the Northland in the past. We commend those who had the vision to invest in the project and wish them success.

In the meantime, the Wisconsin Historical Society is reviewing plans to create a historic district to include significant buildings remaining in the downtown area.

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The country seems split on keeping Obamacare just because it's there, but there simply has to be something better that will work for everyone. President Trump and Speaker Ryan were perhaps a bit too hasty in keeping their promise to scrap and replace this monster.

First, it does not seem that all of its faults were addressed. Specifically in areas of cost control, government bureaucracy, and limits of liability. These are the concerns with private carriers who have been around for years. Also, it seems a lot of people, from pharmaceutical manufacturers, clinics and hospitals, Doctors and Lawyers have raised their rates beyond other cost of living items as a result. It's not that they don't deserve it as much as it's government money and it's there.

If I were President Trump I would appoint a blue ribbon committee consisting of Doctors, Insurance Executives, Hospitals, Lawyers, Senior citizen, Minority, and Those with threat-

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ening disease advocates, and just two Democrats and two Republicans, and anyone else who could contribute and charge them with #1-Identifying all problems with Obamacare. #2-What corrections should or could be made? #3-Can or should there be exceptions to the coverage? #4-Can the population and the country afford the plan? #5-Would the majority of the people approve the plan?

We realize it won't be that simple. However, it was very obvious that all concerned groups were not sitting at the table for the drafting of Obamacare or Hillarycare and we ended up with a lot of special interests on top and a ruined health care system on the bottom.

If Obamacare is ever repealed and replaced, let's just hope they get it right this time.

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One reason for the sky high costs of taxpayer supported construction projects is the requirement that all workers on the job, whether they belong to a trade union or not, be paid the "prevailing wage" or union scale, for their work. The good thing is that union workers must meet certain skill requirements, to justify the high wages which they seek. This also makes it difficult for non-union contractors to bid on jobs and pay union wages.

The Legislature is working on bills to eliminate the prevailing wage provision. They say it could save tax payers millions but the unions might not be too happy.

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President Trump's next big project after health care could and probably should be tax reform. Every President since Wilson has promised lower

taxes to the people, until they tried to balance the Federal Budget.

This may be a real challenge to Mr. Trump. The Federal Tax Code has grown to about 75,000 pages, with most of them covering exceptions and special rules for specific situations. The President with his many holdings and enterprises undoubtedly would be able to take advantage of many of them so he will have to be very, very, careful to avoid any hint of conflict of interest.

Preliminary plans suggest broad tax rate cuts for both business and individuals. While many economists have said that tax cuts for business could boost the economy, they have also said the tax code should be simplified by the elimination of tax breaks,

There will be a lot of give and take before Congress ever comes up with tax plan that makes everybody happy, and keeps the nations spending habits in balance. The last we heard they were threatening to shut down the government arguing about paying for the Mexican wall.

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The Wisconsin DOT keeps warning us of a shortage of funds for needed highway construction and repair. The same DOT advises they have been encountering massive cost overruns, some double original estimates on present projects. We can understand some problems on projects, but did we give them a book full of blank checks?

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President Trump's budget calls for a reduction of \$300 Million for Great Lakes restoration. Just recently unknown sources of pollution were found in the Milwaukee River emptying in to Lake Michigan. A lot of people besides us drink the stuff, and

a lot more wish they could. It is vitally important to all this resource be preserved.

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Mayor Schmitt recently presented an upbeat "state of the city" address, pointing out a manageable 1% annual population growth, while keeping the tax rate steady. The Crime rate has been low, and numerous projects are in the works making and keeping Green Bay a great place to work and live. Thank you Mayor Schmitt.

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"Things That Make Us Wonder," consists of taxpayer related thoughts that occur to us from daily news events. We use reliable, published information and statistics, Some items are unimportant and probably not worth commenting about while others could easily be expanded to full length feature articles worthy of future study and action to protect our interests as taxpayers. We try to cover a wide variety of subjects in limited space and perhaps put a different spin on items from what you read in the papers or see on TV. We acknowledge that some of the views and comments expressed in this column may be contrary to that of some of our readers. However, one of our purposes is to encourage debate, and we realize there are two sides to every question. Comments or suggestions are welcome for inclusion in future "TAX TIMES."

Jim Frink - BCTA

"The hardest thing to understand in the world is the Income Tax."
. . . Albert Einstein

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The Village Grille, Allouez**

BCTA Meeting and Events Schedule – MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

**Thursday - May 18, 2017. BCTA Monthly Meeting.
12:00 at the The Village Grille, Allouez**

**Thursday - June 15, 2017. BCTA Monthly Meeting.
12:00 at the The Village Grille, Allouez**

BCTA monthly meetings are held the Third Thursday of each month, 12:00 Noon, at , at The Village Grille, Allouez.

Meetings are open to the public. BCTA Members, their guests and other interested parties are cordially invited to attend and participate in our open discussions.

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