

The GAD Report AUGUST 9 PRIMARY ELECTION COMING UP

Tuesday, August 9 is the partisan primary in Wisconsin. Among the statewide offices you will be voting for are Governor, Lt. Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and United States Senator.

For those members residing in the 3rd Congressional District (generally south of Wisconsin Highway 29), you'll be voting for a person to replace Ron Kind, who has held the office since 1997.

In our jurisdiction, there is a Republican primary in the 68th Assembly district, a Republican primary in the 23rd Senate district, a Republican primary in the 29th Senate district, and a Republican primary in the 74th Assembly district.

In the 29th Senate district, REALTOR® Jon Kaiser of Ladysmith has been endorsed in the primary by WRA.

Democrat and Republican winners will square off on November 8th. WRA, RANWW and the La Crosse Area REALTORS® will interview the 3rd Congressional district candidates on August 18th in Black River Falls.

We will interview the candidates for the open 68th Assembly, 73rd and 74th Assembly seats on Friday, August 26th beginning at 9am via Zoom. WRA will run the interviews from Madison.

Money continues to flow into Wisconsin from both political parties and many third-party groups. In order for candidates and incumbents to get their message out, they need dollars for the fall campaign. Your investment today in Direct Giver will help vetted incumbents and candidates

CHILI'S AND CHICK-FIL-A COMING TO EAU CLAIRE'S SOUTHSIDE

Dining choices are going to increase along Golf Road in a few months as two national chains begin construction of restaurants.

secure radio, television, print and digital ads, buy yard signs and hold fundraisers.

We count on them to support our positions on real estate and land use. It's time you support them in their bid to get elected to office.

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To see who is on your ballot:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Whats-On-My-Ballot>

This edition of the GAD Report has a reminder that political season is in full swing and that your investment in RPAC is needed now so that vetted incumbents and candidates have the funds they need to be competitive in the August primary and November 8 election.



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- New Dining
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First, Chili's site plan was approved by the Plan Commission and the City Council to construct a 171-seat restaurant on land previously occupied

by CCF Bank, who built a smaller facility on the same land.

Just north of the restaurant will be a Valvoline Quick Oil Change with three bays located in front of Goodwill.

The new Chick-Fil-A will be located on a 1.75 acre site located just to the east of Olive Garden off Highway 53 and Golf Road.

The 5000 square foot restaurant will have a section for dining in, along with two drive-thrus wrapped around the building. Current zoning in the area allows for drive-thru restaurants in the area that is across from Oakwood Mall.

Pending Plan Commission and City Council approvals, the store could be open early next year.

“Just Because You Do Not Take An Interest In Politics, Doesn’t Mean That Politics Won’t Take An Interest In You.” –Pericles (430 B.C)

the petition to authorize the land transfer.

The Federal Reserve increased interest rates by 75 basis points in an attempt to curb inflation.

During COVID, the Fed kept the federal funds’ rates at 0% - 0.25%.

Since March, the Fed has raised its rates by 225 basis points, bringing back interest rates that have not been seen since 2018.

According to Fed Chairman Jerome Powell, the pace of new rate hikes will depend on the incoming data and evolving outlook for the economy.

The National Association of REALTORS® announced that pending home sales fell 8.6% in June.

If needed, the rates could be adjusted upward again during the Fed’s next meeting in September.

—from *HousingWire News 2*

NOT SO FAST: TOWN OF WASHINGTON SUES EAU CLAIRE OVER ANNEXATION

The Town of Washington is trying to stop the approved annexation of 422 acres of township land into the City of Eau Claire.

The township filed a lawsuit in Eau Claire County court to stop the annexation into the city stating that the petition used to bring the property into the city limits lacks the signature of one of the landowners that would be impacted by the land moving to Eau Claire.

That land, 123 acres of Lowes Creek County Park is owned by Eau Claire County. The suit claims that there were no representatives from the county present to sign



This month’s Capitol Insights highlights 40-year easements, which was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Evers. This bill was one of WRA’s priorities in the last Legislative session and was highlighted during this spring’s REALTOR® & Government Day. Cori Lamont explains the bill and why it’s important to you. Watch here:

<https://youtu.be/YZX17Xxzt4I>

BAYFIELD COUNTY WANTS HOUSING

Bayfield County is currently circulating a Request for Proposals for a residential development in the City of Washburn.

Citing a need for more and diverse housing and to increase the supply of housing, the County wants 40 to 60 units of new construction either entirely of senior housing, or as a mix of senior, family or workforce housing.

The goal is to use some or all of the new development for seniors to rent, freeing up many single-family homes to be sold to first time homebuyers.

The County is also participating in this effort with WHEDA's Affordable Workforce Housing Pilot Initiative and they are working with the county to work on solutions for housing in the county.

The Biden administration announced that they will allow state housing agencies to use State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide financing for affordable housing projects that should enable more multifamily developers to increase needed production of affordable housing.

Loans can be extended out 20 years and offer affordably priced units for households earning 65% or less of the area's median income over the same duration.

RPAC AND YOU

Did you know that you can make your RPAC investment securely online using your Visa, Mastercard and now American Express card? And, you can set up monthly payments!

Go to <https://secure.wra.org/donate>

If REALTORS® do not speak out, get involved and help shape the discussion, someone else will.

Nobody knows a community better than a REALTOR®. You are on the front line as defenders of real estate is sued.

Investing in RPAC assures you a seat at the table when critical decisions are made for homeowners and private property owners.

Supporting vetted candidates and incumbents at all levels of elective governance is part of what RPAC is about.

Now more than ever, we need your financial investment in RPAC thru the Large Donor Council or Direct Giver.



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

IN THE CANDIDATE SCREENING PROCESS

RANWW and WRA will be conducting candidate interviews for the open 68th, 73rd and 74th Assembly districts. All candidate interviews will be via Zoom and will originate at WRA in Madison.

We need up to five members to help interview the candidates. Your job will be to listen to the answers given and recommend a candidate from each district to be considered for endorsement by WRA

The interviews will be on **Friday, August 26th from 9 to 11am**, with each interview lasting about 20 minutes.

If you would be willing to help, please send an email to Bruce King (bruce@ranww.org) by COB August 5th!

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“We in America do not have government by the majority, we have government by the majority who participate” - Thomas Jefferson

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RURAL FIBER-OPTIC HIGH SPEED INTER NET COMING TO JACKSON, OTHER COUN TIES

The 2022 RPAC cam- paign is in full swing.

North Caroline based fiber in ternet company Brightspeed will begin running fiber-optic cable in several counties across Wisconsin, bringing high-speed internet service to over 70,000 residences and business .

In our jurisdiction, the company will run fiber-optic cable in Ash land, Bayfield, Douglas, and Jackson Counties.

The dollars come from a grant under the Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant program. Those dollars will help pay for the sizeable costs association with running fiber-optic cable to homes and businesses.

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission announced that Brightspeed will receive \$1.5

The 2022 invest ment...dues billing, million thru the grant program to target mainly rural areas of Wisconsin. In this case, the funds will be used to connect 30 businesses and over 6000 resi dential locations in and around Black River Falls.

Additional funding will be used for similar projects in the coun ties that were awarded grants.

The company expects all 70,000 targeted homes and businesses to be up and running by the end of 2023.

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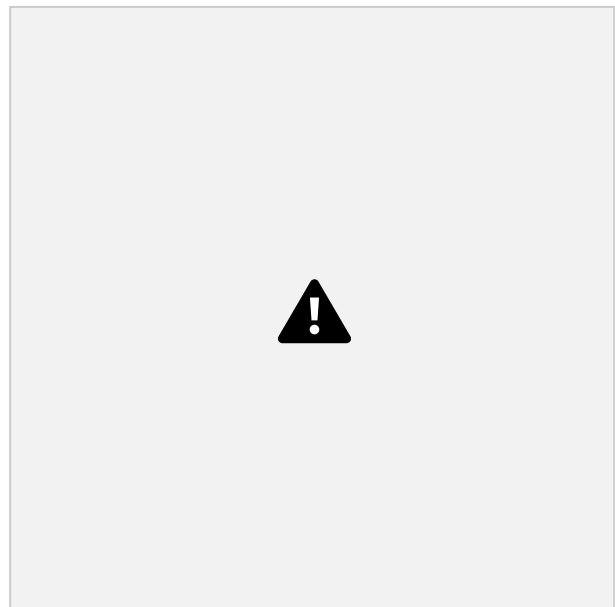
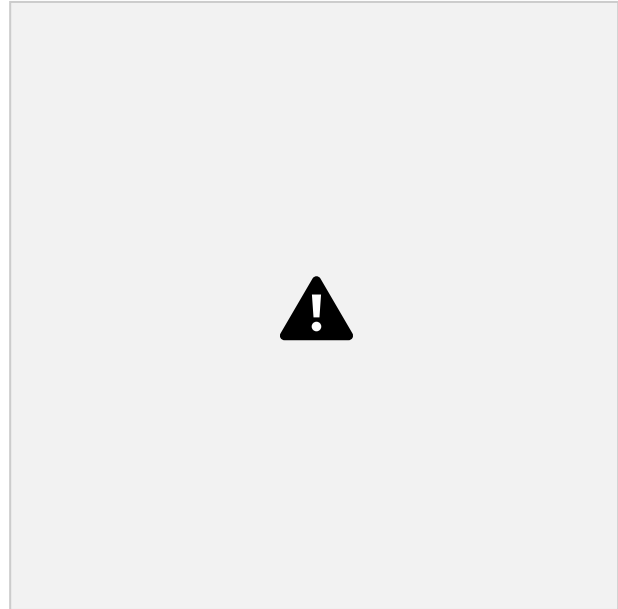
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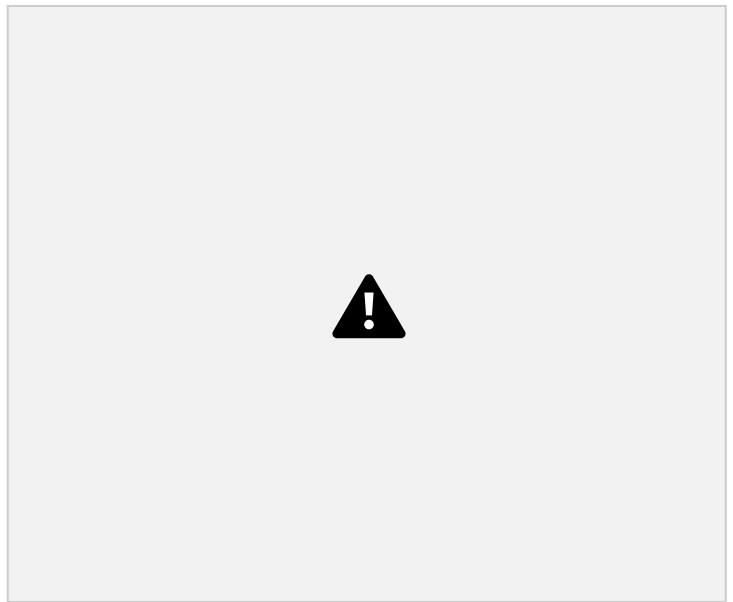
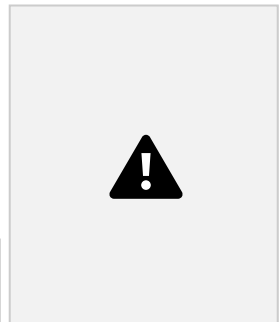
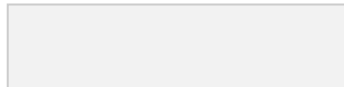
monitoring a wide variety of issues that can and do affect you. In addition to local government, your GAD also monitors issues at the state and national level that will have a direct or indirect impact on housing and the industry, as well as legislation that can affect the consumer. Your Government Affairs Director works with members and affiliates to raise investment dollars for RPAC that help to support elected officials that support your business. RANWW is one of only three REALTOR® Association’s in Wisconsin that have their own PAC, which was started 42 years ago to support candidates at the local and state level. We maintain a Facebook page, called “The GADabouts”, that aims to keep you up to date on political issues that will affect your business. Your GAD also produces a periodic government affairs program posted on our YouTube channel, RANWWTV. And be watching for a podcast coming soon.

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