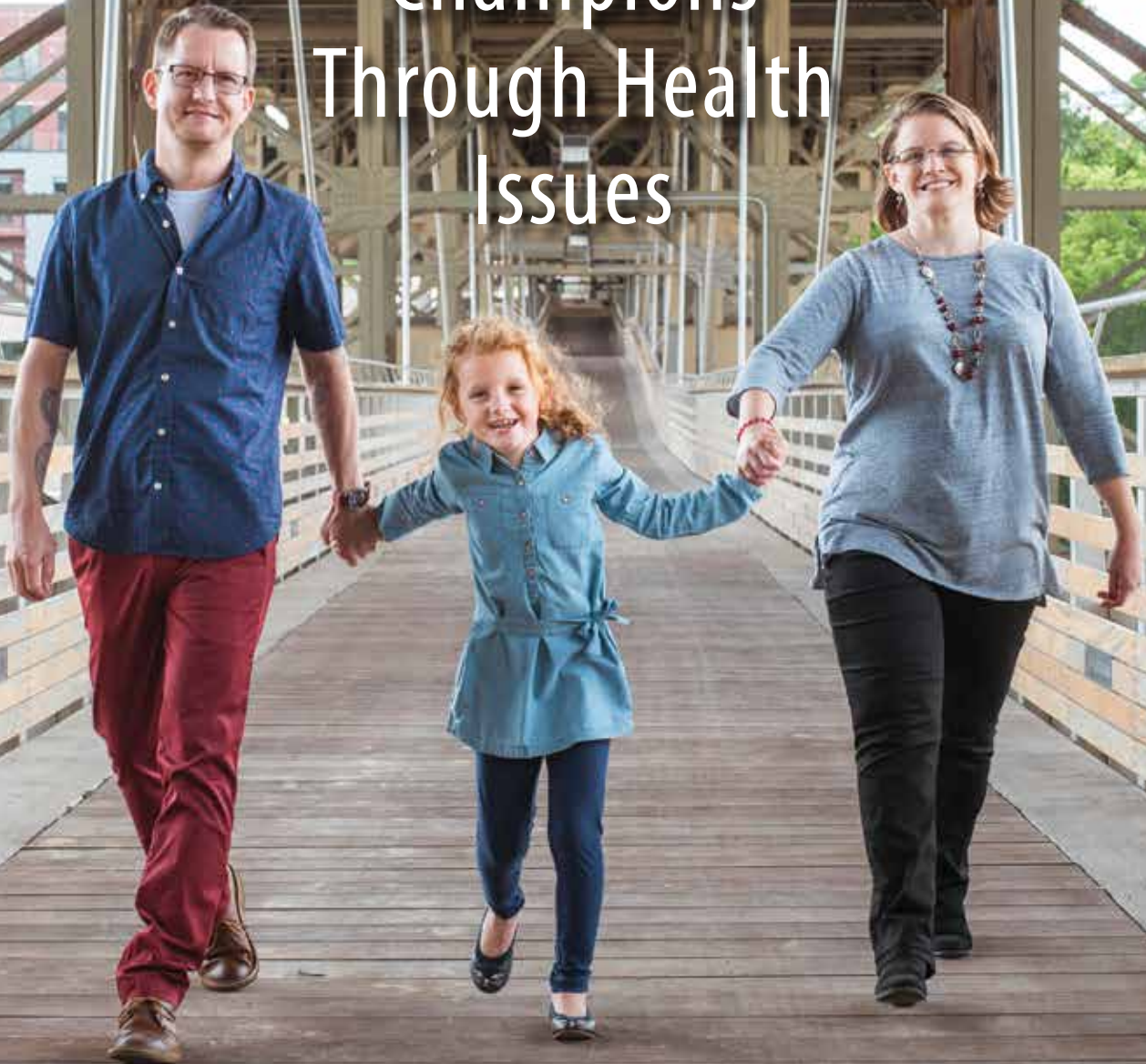


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Dear Residents,

Each month a new family is featured in our publication and I am able to write their amazing stories to share with you. Normally I have no problem setting up my laptop at a local coffee shop and pounding away at the keys to write up the featured family article. The story of the Ham family was a different experience for me though since my son is in the same grade as their daughter and as you will read on, she has dealt with numerous health issues at a young age. Their story took me longer to write because I just kept pausing to think about how my own family and son would handle everything Allison has been through. Moments like this always make me reflect and appreciate our current healthy situation. Sadly one's health can change in a moment's notice and cures are not always available. Realizing this, we stay active as a family and here is a photo of us from a recent trip to Sedona where we took between 4 to 8 mile family hikes each day. I hope there is a strong showing at the Jingle Bell run/walk on November 12th to support Allison Ham and all her courage.

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Welcome, Tim Blakeslee, Assistant Village Manager

Please join us in welcoming Tim Blakeslee to Village Hall. He joined us this week as the new Assistant Village Manager. Blakeslee comes to Whitefish Bay with five years of municipal experience from Parkville, MO and Dublin, OH. He holds a Master's in Public Administration and Bachelor's double degree in Political Science and Criminology from Ohio State University.

Water Utility Billing Improvement:

Please note: Changes to Water Utility Billing are coming soon. Beginning January 2018, utilities will be billed quarterly instead of three times per year.

Village Hall Renovation:

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, October 13. On that day, staff and services will move to temporary housing during the 8-month renovation. Village Hall will be closed until fall 2018. Services will relocate as follows, opening on Monday, October 16, 2017. These temporary locations are valid until the Village Hall reopens in fall of 2018.

The following **Customer Services** will be handled at the Department of Public Works Customer Service Window, located at 155 W. Fairmount Ave, with the entrance on Lydell, closest to the parking lot.

- Building Services: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm
- Building inspector daily office hours will be adjusted to 8:00am – 10:00am
- Property records will not be available in person. Please email j.oestreich@wfbvillage.org with your request at least five (5) business days in advance
- Archived blueprints will not be accessible during this time

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All services will remain the same with the exception of Utility and Tax Payments. See below.

Police Department and Municipal Court Clerk: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

- Pay citations or speak with the Municipal Court Clerk in person (Online Payment Option at www.wfbvillage.org)
- Have Correction Notices checked and canceled
- Request Open Records
- Obtain parking permits (Night parking, employee parking, daytime residential parking)

Services Relocated to Other Locations during Renovation: (Please note, some meeting locations and other service locations will be updated during the renovation. Please continue to access the Village Website and Online Email Newsletter for changes).

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Submitted by Whitefish
Bay Police Department

Election Information for all 2018 Elections:

- In-person Absentee Voting is t/b/d. All 2018 elections normally held at Village Hall for Wards 5 and 6 will take place at the WFB Woman's Club, 600 E. Henry Clay St.
- Questions: Please call Deputy Clerk at (414) 962-6690 Ext. 122 or email elections@wfbvillage.org

Municipal Court:

Starting Wed., Oct. 18, will be moved to: Fox Point Municipal Court, 7300 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point, WI 53217

Tax Collection:

Important Changes to Upcoming Tax Collection: Because Village Hall will be closed until fall of 2018, to help make tax collection as smooth and convenient as possible this year, the Village has partnered with the local Associated Bank on Silver Spring. Payment online or by mail is still preferred, but if you would rather make your tax payment in person, Associated Bank will process your payment and provide a receipt. Further information will be provided as the tax year grows closer. **Tax bills are sent to residents by December 15, 2017. Payment Due Dates: January 31, March 31, May 31, 2018.**

Utility Payments: Payments may be made the following three ways:

- 1) Via U.S. Mail
- 2) Pay online at www.wfbvillage.org
- 3) Via ACH deduction (sign up through www.wfbvillage.org)

Village Board and other committee meetings:

Village Board Meetings and other Committees and Commissions are moving to the Whitefish Bay Public Library. Please note location changes online at www.wfbvillage.org and subscribe to the weekly Village Email Newsletter to receive email updates.

Please join the Whitefish Bay Police Department in welcoming two new officers, Tyler Gross and Jesse Barkow, who were sworn in on August 14, 2017.

The Department also recognizes Officers Derek Bonkoski and Russell Blank and a citizen for their efforts at attempting to rescue the drowning man at Klode Park earlier this summer



New Officer Jesse Barkow



New Officer Tyler Gross



Officer Bonkoski and Officer Blank who aided in the Klode Park drowning

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WHITEFISH BAY RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



By Carin Keland, Director of the Recreation and Community Education Department for the School District of Whitefish Bay

Cold Weather Bringing You Indoors? Morning Walk Fit is open to all early morning walkers.

When the weather gets chilly, it's great to be able to continue your walking regime on the WFB High School field house indoor track. Join us from 5:30am-6:30am, **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept 6th – Dec 15th** (some date exclusions, see schedule in Recreation Guide). Cost is \$25.00 per resident and walkers must be pre-registered.

Community Swim Schedule

The Whitefish Bay School District opens its pool for **Community Swim the 1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month from **September 17th-December 17th** from 1:00pm-3:30pm. The cost is \$3.00 per student/\$4.00 an adult. Seniors and children 3 and under are Free!

Holiday Open Swim is set for **December 27th and 28th** from 1:00-3:30pm.

All children under 7 years of age must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian. Any child 7 years or older, but under 48" height, must prove their swimming ability to the satisfaction of the lifeguards.

The pool will be cleared 10 minutes prior to closing.

Adult CO-ED Weight Room features new equipment!

Want to straight incorporating weights into your fitness program but don't want to pay the hefty fitness club prices? The Whitefish Bay HS opens its newly outfitted weight room on Mondays and Wednesday to all adult WFB residents from 6:30-8:30pm.

There is a supervisor on duty to assist you in designing a custom work-out. Cost is \$30.00 per resident and \$20.00 for seniors. Program dates are **Sept 6th-Dec 13th (exclude Nov. 22)**. Pre-registration with the WFB Recreation Department is necessary.

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WHITEFISH BAY SENIOR "55 AND BETTER" PROGRAMS

... In the Community for the Community

By Carolyn Noori "In the Community for the Community" program coordinator

For additional program and registration information, Contact Carolyn Noori, WFB Senior Program Coordinator at Carolyn.noori@wfbschools.com or 414-963-3992.

Senior Day Trips

Monday, Oct 16- Whitefish Bay Walking Tour. Hosted by Jeff Aiken and Tom Ferhing of the new book, "Historic Whitefish Bay: A Celebration of Architecture and Character." Cost: \$5.00 must be pre-registered. Meet at Lydell Community Center at 1:30pm. Rain make-up date is October 18th.




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Fall Luncheons and Entertainment

Tuesday, October 10- Oktoberfest Celebration! With live accordion music by Roger Boll. Bring your polka shoes. 11:30 doors open, 12:00pm Lunch, 12:45 entertainment. Lunch menu is German meatballs with parsley buttered noodles, red cabbage, season vegetables, carrot raisin salad, rye bread, apple cobbler, milk and coffee! Cost \$9.00. Please reserve your seat by Oct. 5th.



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Breast Cancer: Exercise Decreases Risk and Improves Quality of Life



Submitted by Lori Ahrenhoerster, PhD, CLC,
Public Health Manager

This October marks the 32nd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While originally focused on mammograms to increase early diagnosis, it has expanded to include a call for funding research on causes and prevention of breast cancer.

Current research shows overwhelming support for exercise lowering the risk of developing breast cancer, preventing recurrence after treatment, and improving quality of life and counteracting side effects from cancer treatments.

- * The American Cancer Society recommends 150 minutes of physical activity a week.
- * Vigorous physical activity provides the largest reduction in initial breast cancer risk or risk of recurrence, but even moderate-intensity activity, such as brisk walking, provides a benefit.

- * Being more physically active has been shown to improve several commonly-reported side effects in breast cancer survivors.
- * Increases energy (many treatments cause fatigue)
- * Counteracts cognitive impairment (“chemo brain”)
- * Increases mobility (estrogen blockers often cause joint/ muscle pain)
- * Makes healthier bones (estrogen blockers decrease bone density)
- * Improves heart health (many treatments decrease heart function)

It can be hard to find time to exercise. The following tips may help you become more active:

- * Choose the stairs.
- * Bike or walk instead of driving.
- * Take your pet for a walk.
- * Walk on your lunch break.
- * Wear a step-tracking device and increase your daily steps.
- * Skip the coffee shop and walk with a friend—or walk to the coffee shop.
- * Use a stationary bicycle or treadmill while watching TV.

Read more at: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcp/prevention/policies_practices/physical_activity/





October Clinic Dates

**Upcoming Immunization Clinics
Appointment required**

Tuesday, October 10th
10:00-11:00am—Brown Deer

Thursday, October 12th
3:00-4:30pm—Shorewood

Tuesday, October 17th
7:30-9:00am—Shorewood

Wednesday, October 18th
3:30-4:30pm—Brown Deer

Tuesday, October 31st
3:30-4:30pm—North Shore Library

**Upcoming Adult Health Clinics
Appointment required**

Blood analysis for cholesterol, glucose and triglycerides, blood pressure, weight check and a nurse consultation.

Wednesday, October 18th
8:00-10:00am – Brown Deer

Tuesday, October 24th
8:00-10:00am – Shorewood

**Upcoming Blood Pressure Screening
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Wednesday, October 4th, 12:45pm-1:15pm
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Wednesday, October 25th – 3:30-4:30pm
Shorewood Office New locations coming soon—

Contact us if you have a location for blood pressure screenings in one of our seven communities.

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Submitted by Patrice Milzer



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October Parent-Teacher Conference Schedule **October 25 & 26**

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October Events:

October 6, 7:00 PM High School Homecoming Football Game

October 16, 7:30 PM Middle School Choir Concert

October 19, 7:30 PM High School Orchestra Concert

October 23, 7:30 PM High School Choir Concert




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WHITEFISH BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Katie Kiekhaefer, Head of Youth Services and Scott Lenski, Community & Adult Services Librarian

Learn Something New This October with Two Upcoming Educational Programs

On October 22 from 1-3pm, we're hosting a celebration of the 72nd Anniversary of the United Nations.

This program is sponsored by the United Nations Association of the USA of Greater Milwaukee. This year the topic of discussion is "Cultivating Global Leadership in Schools" featuring Michelle Wade, a Curriculum Specialist for Social Studies at the United Nations Schools for International Learning at MPS. The Whitefish Bay High School Model United Nations students will also be sharing some of their experiences about their development of leadership skills through their Model UN experiences. After the official program, meet representatives from local non-

profits working on related issues. There will also be a flag ceremony with WFB Bay Scout Troop #400 Honor Guard.

Then on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm Former Wisconsin Governor Martin J. Schreiber

will be the guest for our monthly speaker series Whitefish Bay TALKS. Governor Schreiber has written a book called *My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver*. He will share lessons from his decade-plus journey as a caregiver for his wife. He will also candidly describe his challenges and missteps, and highlight how compassion and humor provide comfort to both caregiver

and the person with dementia. His raw honesty and practical advice will inspire other caregivers to find patience, courage and love as they climb the Alzheimer's mountain. We'll have books for sale and net proceeds will be used to promote Alzheimer's caregiver support programs.

View the full calendar of events at the Library at wfblibrary.org.



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The Ham Family

Promoting Awareness for Health Concerns Becomes Personal

Each month there are numerous 5K races to raise both money and awareness for health causes such as cancer or genetic diseases. The Ham family participates in two particular races each year because of the personal connection they have to both causes. Eric and Martha Ham have been married since 2005 and residents of Whitefish Bay since 2007, when they were drawn to purchasing a house that offered proximity to both Lake Michigan and downtown Milwaukee. Their daughter, Allison was born in 2010 and is a first grader at Cumberland Elementary school, where the family has loved the sense of community that the school offers.

Life seemed perfect for the Ham family, but that changed when their then 19-month-old daughter had a swollen right hand pinky finger. As any parent

would do, they thought it was a small injury attributed to jamming her finger in a toy. After the issue didn't resolve in a week, they consulted with their family pediatrician. X-rays were taken to rule out a fracture. While the x-ray came back negative, the finger remained swollen and stiff, leading the family to an appointment with a pediatric orthopedic doctor. Lab work revealed that Allison had Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA), the most common type of arthritis for children. At the age of 21 months she began medications to reduce painful inflammations that had spread to her knees and ankle. Unable to straighten her legs, she was then given steroid injections and began an oral dose of chemotherapy for two years. She was weaned off the latter treatment when liver issues were discovered, a known side effect

of the chemotherapy.

While in her first month of K4, Allison was put under anesthesia and given steroid injections in her wrist and ankle because the joints had flared up. "Thankfully those injections were effective and she returned to school the next day with her walking limp gone and able to fully play with her peers. While this was a difficult diagnosis for our family to deal with, we try to focus on the positive aspects being that Children's Hospital is located near us and we had a great team of physicians working to restore Allison's health and keep her pain-free," said Eric.

The family has become very involved in the Arthritis Foundation, with Eric serving on the local Leadership Board and the family participating in a number of fundraisers each year for the cause. One

Story By Christine McBride | Photos by Boutique Photographer, Linda Smallpage

of them holds a special place in their hearts this year, because at the annual Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run/Walk, Allison will be serving at the Young Champion for the event. "With all of the challenges that Allison has had to face in her young life we certainly feel that she is a true Champion, and has always been able to come through with a smile in the midst of adversity that no young child should have to endure. We are so proud of her and hope to raise awareness of the fight for a cure for all forms of arthritis, which affects millions of adults and about 1 in every 250 children," said Martha. The Ham family would also love to see a lot of support from their local Whitefish Bay neighbors and friends, who are able to join their team for the November 12th run or walk by registering or donating to Allison's page at www.jbr.org/milwaukee/allisonsateam.

While in the midst of trying to find a cure of Allison's arthritis, the Ham family had even more health issues to battle

when in 2013, at the age of 34, Martha was diagnosed with breast cancer, only discovered because of her own monthly practice of self breast exams. Of the discovery Martha says, "Since numerous close blood relatives in my family all had breast cancer, I have always been vigilant over performing monthly self-breast exams. After I felt a lump in my left breast I immediately made a doctor appointment which lead to a mammogram and ultrasound. Although the mammogram was negative, the ultrasound showed a small mass next to the lump I felt. The ultrasound of my breast revealed that the lump I felt was just fibrocystic (benign) tissue, but the lump next to it, which was too small to feel, was cancer." Because Martha caught her cancer so early she was able to avoid going through chemotherapy or radiation, instead needing a bilateral mastectomy and being placed on a hormone receptor blocked medication for 10 years. Martha's surgeon informed her that had she not

felt the other lump, her cancer would not have been found until it had become very advanced. "I thank my lucky stars that we found the cancer early enough that I did not have to endure chemo or radiation. Even though I now have breast implants due to the surgeries, it is still important to do monthly self exams, including into the underarm area," said Martha. The family participates in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure each September with their team named, Thanks for the Mammaries.

The amazing part of the Ham family is how they continue to battle through both of these physically and mentally draining challenges with positive attitudes and a willingness to share their story in the hopes of raising awareness. They are all champions in their own right, with the focus in November being on sweet Allison and her ability to endure so much so young. ●

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Keeping Wild Animals in the Wild

Contributed by Karen Sparapani,
Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission

With so many reports of interactions between companion animals and wild animals we wanted to share some tips on making your property less attractive to wild animals looking for a place to spend the winter as fall arrives.

1. Screen chimneys and vents. Raccoons, birds and many other small mammals can find ways into your home and cause damage while becoming unwanted houseguests.
2. Cover and secure your trash bins. Food attracts racoons and rodents. They attract coyotes.
3. Cut back vegetation 6-8 feet from roofline to prevent animal access onto your roof and home.
4. Get rid of piles of debris from your yard that may make a good hibernation area for animals to bed down in the winter or give birth in when spring comes.
5. Keep firewood piles at least 20 feet away from your house as many small animals will seek refuge in them.
6. Ensure bird feeders are only accessible by birds. While this is easier said than done, small prey animals that come to eat the seeds can attract larger predators.



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NORTH SHORE FIRE AND RESCUE

Every Second Counts - Plan 2 Ways Out!



By: Lieutenant Dan Tyk, North Shore Fire/Rescue,
EMS Manager & Community Relations Officer

When a fire strikes, you may have just seconds to make a decision on how to get out of your home. For this reason, practice truly does make perfect. This year, the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) has chosen "Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out", as the theme for **Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, 2017**.

Each year, North Shore Fire/Rescue visits school across all seven communities, educating students in kindergarten through 4th grade. While it is clear that the messages resonate in school, we cannot stress enough how important it is that residents take time to review and practice home escape plans at least twice a year. According to the NFPA, only one of three American households have actually developed a home escape plan; and less than half have actually practiced their plan.

The NFPA offers these important safety tips related to home escape planning:

- Make a map of your home, showing all windows and doors. Develop two exit paths from each room.
- Have an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from the home. Landmarks like trees, light-posts and mailboxes make a great meeting spot.
- Practice your home escape plan twice a year, ensuring you practice both during the day and at night.
- Always close doors behind you as you exit. Closing doors can significantly slow the spread of fire.
- Once you are out of the home, **STAY OUT!** Never go back inside for personal belongings or pets. Life Safety is the number one priority for the fire department on our arrival. Accountability at the meeting spot allows us to quickly determine if

resources need to be deployed for search and rescue efforts.

Interestingly, about one-third of Americans estimated they would have at least six minutes to exit their home in the event of a fire. The truth is, that time can be significantly shorter, sometimes as little as two minutes.

North Shore Fire/Rescue offers FREE home safety assessments, where a member of our staff can assist with installation of free smoke-alarms and help you develop an effective home escape plan and discuss recommendations for keeping you safe in your home. To learn more, or to schedule an assessment, please visit our website, www.nsfire.org. Select "Schedule Home Safety Assessment" under the "I want to" tab at the top of the webpage. ●



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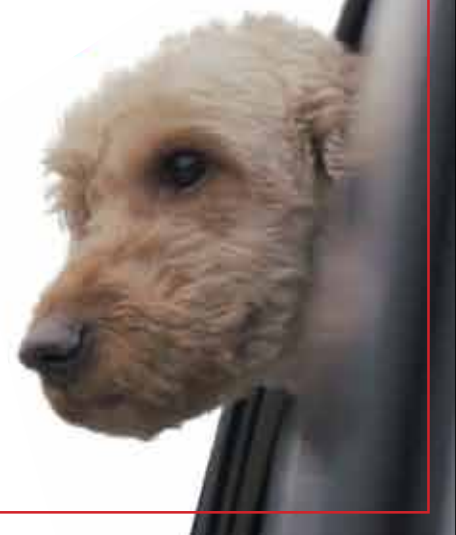
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Enjoy the last month of summer on Silver Spring!

By Katie Commer, BID Executive Director

Mark your Calendars

Can you believe it is fall already? The Side Walk Sale-A-Bration was huge success; the streets were bustling with consumers shopping local. The Farmers Market also experienced growth in both size and volume, by moving to the Aurora Parking lot and attracting more shoppers. It became a gathering spot for families, Bay residents, and non-residents alike to buy beautiful flowers, fresh produce, meats and vegetables.

The Whitefish Bay BID has some new things in the works too: branding the street, a BID website revamping, new light poll flags/banners, and an overall updated look for Silver Spring Drive.

Mark your calendars for **November 24th: it's the Holiday Stroll**. If you would like to get involved, let us know.

Throughout the fall, your favorite retailers will host great deals. Find out more about these opportunities by searching the BID on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ShopWFB>). Or let us send you the offers by subscribing to our e-newsletter. Simply email wfbid@gmail.com and we will add you.

Whitefish Bay Farmers Market Saturdays through October 7th 8 a.m. – noon

325 E. Silver Spring Drive in the Aurora Parking Lot

Take advantage of the last week of the farmers market. It has been a great season with different vendors each week and great music! Sam Yang, a junior at WFB HS has been a regular! Special shout-out and thanks to our many sponsors, including Massage Envy, Mathnasium and Yellow Wood.



Business Improvement District Trick-Or-Treat on Silver Spring Saturday, October 28

10 a.m. – 12 noon

The annual trick-or-treating tradition is a special event for the littlest of trick-or-treaters on Silver Spring Drive. Participating businesses offer treats for wee ones in the company of at least one parent or guardian on the Saturday before Halloween. For more information on this fun event, visit our website at www.ShopWhitefishBay.com and follow us on Facebook.

NOTE: This is a different event from the Village of Whitefish Bay Trick-or-Treat which is Sunday, October 29, from 1-4pm.



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When Cupid Crashed the Great Pumpkin Festival

By Mary Ann Lillich



Recently Mary Ann Lillich recorded her memories as a long-time organizer of the Bay's Great Pumpkin Festival, which dates to 1981 when Gordy Falk carved pumpkins each Halloween and displayed them on his lawn at 701 E. Carlisle Ave. His annual spectacle became such a huge draw that in 1987 the village asked that the pumpkin display be relocated to Old Schoolhouse Park. Mary Ann's musings included the times Cupid visited the festival. Mary Ann writes:

In 1995, Marlene Jaglinski played a key role in the wedding of a hairdresser at New Options Salon. Marlene enlisted a string quartet from the Whitefish Bay High School orchestra to perform during the ceremony and wedding reception. The wedding tent was full of well-wishers. Just as the vows were to be exchanged and while the quartet was playing the power went out. There was

a huge thunderstorm with large claps of thunder. Thank goodness we still used candles then to light the pumpkins. We found a few dry ones, lit them and held them between the couple and the officiant so he could read from his book of official marriage language. Someone held candles for the quartet to see their sheet music. Afterward, everyone enjoyed pumpkin pie and apple cider by candlelight.

This wasn't the only time Cupid attended the Great Pumpkin Festival, Mary Ann recalls.

Over the years at least two marriage proposals occurred via carved pumpkins. In 2015 a suitor carved 'Will You Marry Me Kristy?' on a series of pumpkins set up around the ledge of the fountain. After she read the message he got down on his knee and proposed with a beautiful ring. She said yes. ●

WHITEFISH BAY GARDEN CLUB

Thank you for supporting the Garden Walk: Quilts in the Garden.

Submitted by Jill Griffee Ross, Publicity Chair

Thank you to all who attended our garden walk: Quilts in the Garden. We were overwhelmed by the response and support for our first ever walk. Thanks to the residents who opened their gardens to us, to the quilters who shared their beautiful creations with us, and to the walkers who shared in the beauty of both. We are grateful to our Gold sponsors: Fringe Home, The Bay, Gerhard's, the Green Team, and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District! Also supporting us were Yellow Wood, Sendik's, The Navy Knot, Stone Creek Coffee, City Market, Oro di Oliva, Winkies, Three Wishes, and Moxie. The money raised will go towards our mission to stimulate an interest in horticulture and the development of home gardens, to beautify civic grounds, and to protect natural surroundings. Watch for our meetings that are open to the public. We invite you to learn more about our club and to join us in protecting and beautifying our local environment by visiting www.whitefishbaygardenclub.com, and like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/whitefishbaygardenclub. ●



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Whitefish Bay Neighbors Capture and Clean Thousands of Gallons of Rainwater

Submitted by Nathan Guequierre, Senior Planner, AECOM

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- We aerated a 12,000 square foot lawn at WFB Middle School and top dressed it with compost, turning the

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- We met hundreds of residents at events and Green Infrastructure House Parties, helping them take advantage of MMSD's free green infrastructure program.
- We held a workshop where more than 20 people designed their own rain gardens.

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There Really Is No Place Like Home

Contributed by Joshua Becker

"There's no place like home" is a powerful mantra because, well...it's true. For many, home is a retreat from work, a place to put your feet up, a place to embrace...there really is no place like home.

Yet, when it comes time to finding your perfect home or selling your house, Ilissa Boland understands that home means something different to each and every one of us. She takes the time to listen carefully to each client, to care for every person's needs, concerns and hopes. There is no cookie cutter approach. "I view my position as different for each client," noted Ilissa. "Some need a guide to be with them through every step. Some want straight forward expert advice and others want creative insight to explore options. I am all of these roles and am there to help with the best decision for everyone involved."

Former clients of Ilissa are quick to note her exuberant personality, a buzzing positive attitude that invigorates clients and makes the entire process enjoyable. Those who think that buying and selling a home is necessarily stressful, one long headache, have yet to meet Ilissa.

While Ilissa's warmth and fun personality naturally draws people at her, at the same time she is able to professionally navigate all the intricacies of real estate in order to accomplish goals. This is as true for a buyer as it is a seller.

For a seller, "It is my job to position the home best when it first goes on the market. The goal is to achieve the maximum exposure through staging, pricing and marketing. I utilize my years of negotiating experience from beginning to end to help achieve the sellers' goals in regard to price, timeline and any other concerns."

In regard to buying, Ilissa carefully advises clients based on many factors. Ilissa ensures individuals develop a focus for what they're looking for, always



Ilissa Boland with happy clients who just closed on their new home!

cognizant of their budget, helps to assess a home's condition, guides them to truly imagine how they will live in their home, and shows how to most successfully write an offer in a tight market. The bottom line is, Ilissa can help navigate through it all.

Ilissa doesn't stop there. Her passion for real estate is seen in her dedication to sharing information with clients and the public alike. She has a firm belief that monitoring the value of, what is for many, their greatest investment is essential. That is why she takes a great deal of pride in sharing recent sales in Whitefish Bay with her neighbors every month and enjoys the conversations that information generates, from people merely looking for health checks on their homes value to those starting to plan the next steps in possibly making a move. Having a coffee date to discuss

these topics is one of her favorite things about her career.

Ilissa is able to accomplish clients goals through her affiliation with Shorewest Realtors. "The fact that I work at Shorewest with a top website, cutting edge technology and in-house marketing designers gives me powerful tools to complement my personality to get the best result for my clients."

While Ilissa is well versed in many facets of real estate, ultimately there's a simplicity to her approach. "When it comes to trust, it's simple. Be the type of person you would want to work with. You need to be true to yourself; otherwise, what's the point?"●

Ilissa is here to point you in the right direction. Please call her directly at 414-688-7942, or email iboland@shorewest.com.

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5412 N Bay Ridge Ave	16	\$319,000	\$307,000	6353 N Berkeley Blvd	42	\$529,900	\$517,500
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