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**DEAR RESIDENTS,**

Summer is in full swing! For our family that means lots of time outdoors, including weekly yoga at Villa Terrace and enjoying many area festivals. Our feature family, the Chadhas, enjoy spending time at the Traveling Beer Gardens held at various Milwaukee County Parks. As the majority owners of Sprecher Brewery, they love seeing people drinking their beverages at the Traveling Beer Garden events. Read on to find out how Sharad Chadha came from India to America and realized his dream of being a business owner.



**Cheers,**  
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**G**rowing up in India, Sharad Chadha, never could have imagined becoming a business owner in the United States. “What I love about America is that you truly can do anything with your life,” Sharad said. “Where I grew up, there were such limited options and in many ways, you could be stuck in the same circumstances you were born into.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree in India, Sharad came to America to earn his Master’s degree from UW-Milwaukee. He then attended Kellogg School of Business for their executive education program. It was through a mutual friend that Sharad met his now wife, Linda, who grew up in Wisconsin. In 2008 their son Brij was born, and has kept them on their toes ever since. “Brij loves anything with adventure and is an adrenaline seeker,” said Linda. “His main hobbies are platform diving, tumbling and parkour.”



The Chadhas moved from Wisconsin to North Carolina as part of a job relocation. After a few years, they wanted to move back. In 2016 they were house hunting in Whitefish Bay, Shorewood, and the East Side. “We finally found a house we liked in Whitefish Bay and are very happy we ended up here,” Sharad noted. “We love the community feel, the neighbors on our block, and catching up with friends while walking the dogs. It’s a great place to raise a family.”

Working in the corporate world taught Sharad the ins and outs of running a company. In January 2020, Sharad and a group of local investors purchased Sprecher Brewery. Two months later, the world shut-down and it became a very stressful time to own a business. “We weren’t allowed to have brewery tours, we had a lot of debt, we were forced to move our entire sales operation online, and staffing was very difficult. Making it through 2020 was stressful. We focused on different areas of the business, and were able to double

the company since we purchased it and hired an additional 60 employees.”

Sprecher Brewery currently employs over 120 people and takes pride in helping their employees with other facets of life. “We have helped a number of employees with purchasing their first homes, using our lawyer Mark when they need, assisting with their education, and just being a support system for them,” Sharad proudly stated. “Our workers are wonderful and hard-working people, and we are happy to support them in any way possible.”

Sharad and Linda currently are working on giving back to the community. Through Sprecher Brewery they formed a partnership with the Milwaukee Parks system, and have donated over a quarter of a million to the Parks. Sharad is also the chair for the Signature Chef Auction that benefits the March of Dimes. It is a culinary event featuring 10 of the top Milwaukee restaurant chefs, taking place at the Pfister Hotel on

November 17, 2022. Guests are welcome to indulge in culinary eats, bid on unique auction items, and fund their mission for all moms and babies in need.

A proud moment for Sharad was being able to show his mother in India a video of the brewery and she had tears of joy from seeing it. Sadly his mother passed away before being able to view it in person, but he knows that she was proud of him.

“Our main focus is re-investing in the company and thinking of innovative ways to grow our brand. We came out with a new line of sodas in cans, which is very easy for people to take camping or tailgating,” said Linda.

The quote from Sharad that their family loves to repeat is “I want every lip to have a Sprecher sip” because they believe once you try a Sprecher product, there’s no denying the great taste.

BY CHRISTINE MCBRIDE  
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Summer Continues  
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# Getting Ready TO MOVE



**CONGRATULATIONS!** You sold your home. Now comes the difficult task of packing and getting ready to move. Where do you start? Here's some advice to get you on your way.

**Secure Movers Early** If you're going to employ the help of professional movers or rent a moving truck, then your first step is to secure them early. These services book up fast, especially at the end of each month. Start by making reservations as early as possible.

**Create A Plan** Things get done on time when you've got a plan. Begin by working backwards from the desired move date. Then layout all the steps of the process, attach a completion date, and identify who is responsible. "Many hands make light work" as they say. So, invite friends to help and share the workload.

**Load Up on Supplies** Invest in plenty of boxes, tape, shrink wrap, bubble wrap, labels, markers, and packing paper. Wardrobe boxes, found at U-Haul are a fast way to empty out closets.

**Our Stuff** We are very good at accumulating "stuff". Our basements, attics, and garages are full of all kinds of things we thought we needed. The last thing you want is to move junk that you no longer need. Create 3 categories of possessions: toss, donate, pack.

- ▶ **TOSS** - Only you can decide what's important, but most professional organizers recommend you get rid of anything that hasn't been touched in a year. Get unwanted items out on the curb and call the Village of Whitefish Bay for a "special pick up". It's a truly great and low-cost service.
- ▶ **DONATE** - Local charities helping disadvantaged citizens and refugees would love clothing and furniture. Be sure that it's lightly used and in good condition.
- ▶ **PACK** - what's left should be separated into 2 categories. First, are items you're taking but don't need now - for example out of season clothing. Begin packing those now. The second category are items that are used until the final days. Those are typically, in season clothing and kitchen items. Remember that boxes should be labeled with what's inside and in which room it's going. For example, "Max's toys - basement".

**Transfer Accounts** Terminate current accounts and set up new accounts for utilities, internet, the postal service, lawn and snow care, and homeowner's insurance.

**Kids and Pets** Routine is important for both kids and pets. Packing and moving is certainly a tumultuous time, so it's easy for them to feel stressed. Help by being just little extra patient, maintaining as much of their normal routine as possible, and waiting until the very end to pack their spaces.



Whether you're moving down the block or across the country, I wish you a safe and happy transition to your new home!

BY ESSAM ELSAFY, ELSAFY TEAM, SHOREWEST REALTORS



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**Showrooms share the latest trends**

Zuern is family-owned-and-operated building-supply business serving customers since 1953," says Jen Zuern, owner, brand and business development with Zuern Building Products & Design Center. "We take pride in our tradition of providing high-quality building materials and valuable services to our customers."

Zuern offers materials for customers that range from a front-door replacement to an apartment building or hotel, as well as design services for a new kitchen or bath remodel or new-construction home build. When you visit Zuern's showrooms, you'll see the newest building trends for your home, staffed with a team that's passionate about helping you make your living space – home!

"The showrooms beautifully display the latest in cabinetry and countertops, windows, siding and decking, interior doors and millwork, and many other products for your home. "The displays help you visualize how the materials will look in your own space," explains Jen. "We're a team of professionals who enjoy one another, enjoy our customers, and strive to do the common, uncommonly well!"



**Three generations of expertise**

Jen says Zuern is a third-generation, family-owned company now celebrating its 69th year. "My grandparents were the first-generation owners, followed by my father and two uncles. "In 2011, my cousins and I purchased the company from our fathers. I began working in 'the yard' in seventh grade, and swore I would never return to Zuern. Then after graduating from Marquette University, and working in larger companies ... low and behold, here I am 20 years later, never looking back!"

During the years, Jen has worked in many different roles, and today focuses on brand and business development – working closely with Zuern's sales, marketing, human resources, and training and development teams. "I love that I'm able to reach our customers, fellow industry networks and our team daily," notes Jen. "We're a company invested in our teams' personal and professional development, and I feel very blessed to contribute to that. Every day is different, which always challenges me – and keeps life exciting!"

**Inspired by family**

Inspiration comes from many parts of Jen's life. "My daughters though are my number-one inspiration to make each day count, spreading kindness and a smile to all we encounter," she expresses. "Together, we strive to make our little piece of this world better. I've certainly been inspired by my parents who taught me work ethic, treating people with kindness, as well as commitment and dedication."

When she's away from Zuern, Jen loves spending time with her family. "I have two daughters, one who is heading to college in fall to pursue a career in nursing, and another who'll be a sophomore in high school. We love to travel – taking adventures off-the-beaten path, experiencing as much as we possibly can together. I spend as much time outside as I can, golfing, hiking – and yes, even yardwork!"



She feels it's very humbling that individuals choose a career path in her company, as there are so many places you can choose to work. "This choice by our team members inspires me to continue to ensure that Zuern operates as a welcoming, thriving and growing environment to work."



Jen says she has a deep passion for the building industry. "I'm proud of the progress we've made in many areas, including more and more women entering the industry," she concludes. "This industry allows us the opportunity to help people create a happy and beautiful space to live in, and call home!"

To learn more about Zuern, please visit [Zuerns.com](http://Zuerns.com).

BY JULIA JAEGBERG

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## S'MORE FUN SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER



**SUMMER CAMP** isn't just for kids. For five years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee has been bringing adults back in time to relive their favorite camp memories, all while raising funds to support the next generation of campers at Camp Whitcomb/Mason in Hartland, Wisconsin. The special night of nostalgia is appropriately named S'more Fun.

S'more Fun is a casual dinner under the stars sandwiched between live music, dancing, and a few campfire singalong songs. An open green space is set up with tables lined with checkered tablecloths. For those looking for more rustic seating, guests can find a spot on a wooden log or hay bale near the crackling fire.

"The experience with S'more Fun, in a way, resembles the classic campfire treat. We want the evening to be layered with exciting moments that showcase what we do here," said Sarah Resch, the executive director of Camp Whitcomb/Mason. Funds raised during the event sponsor Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee members' camp applications and attendance fees.

"We encourage everyone to come as they are, circle around the campfire, and enjoy one another's company. Our guests can explore the beautiful grounds at Camp Whitcomb/Mason and get a small taste of what's available for kids and teens all summer long," said S'more Fun Co-Chairs Charlie and Maureen Stallé.

"It's time to let our kids be kids again," said President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee Kathy Thornton-Bias. "For some – attending Camp Whitcomb/Mason is where they first see stars, cast a fishing line, or paddle a canoe. It could be their first time out of the city and Milwaukee's youth deserve to go on a fun summer adventure."



BY DANIELLE STOBB

S'more Fun is coming back on August 18 for a sixth year. Adults can register for tickets online by visiting: [bgcmilwaukee.org/smores2022](http://bgcmilwaukee.org/smores2022)



## WHITEFISH BAY LIBRARY

Are you planning on spending some time on the beach this summer? I have some book recommendations that are perfect for that trip to the beach or for lounging in the sun no matter where you are.

### Second Home by Christina Clancy

Second Home tells the story of siblings who grew up in Milwaukee but spend their summers in Cape Cod. An assault changes the lives of Ann and Poppy as well as their adopted brother Michael. Each sibling deals with their pain in different ways. I really enjoyed the changing point of view from sibling to sibling.

### The Guncle by Steven Rowley

Patrick has been a recluse since the end of his popular sitcom show and the loss of his lover. Things change when his niece and nephew come for an extended visit. Maise and Grant spend the summer living with GUP (gay uncle Patrick) in Palm Springs after the death of their mother because their father is checking into rehab. This novel was really funny and had so much heart.



WHITEFISH BAY LIBRARY

### Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam

A family has rented a house for a week to escape the busy and bustling city life. In the middle of the night, a couple shows up at the door claiming to be the owners of the house. They have come because there is a blackout in the city. Alam is a beautiful writer, so much so that even his inclusion of a shopping list had me spellbound.



BY SCOTT LENSKI, HEAD OF ADULT SERVICES

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## HOT CAR SAFETY

### Heatstroke Risk in Closed Cars

AS WE MOVE INTO some of what are historically the hottest temperatures on the calendar, we would like to take a moment to remind everyone of the dangers associated with leaving humans or pets inside of closed vehicles.

Since 1998, at least 856 children across the U.S have died from heatstroke while unattended in a car, with 2018-20 being some of the worst on record (105 children during that time period). According to Safe Kids Worldwide, 88% of the children who died were four years old and younger.

#### Following some simple safety tips can help ensure kids and pets stay safe:

- Never leave a young child or a pet in a car, even for a moment.** While leaving your child or pet in a car alone may seem like a good idea while you make a quick stop, it's not worth the risk. Before you know it, the temperature inside the car will reach lethal levels. Instead, ask a neighbor, friend or family member to watch your child or pet at home, or consider taking your child or pet inside with you to run the errand.
- Keep car doors and trunks locked and keep key fobs out of reach.** With families focused on several priorities at once, supervision can be more challenging. Kids as young as one or two are known to climb into unlocked cars (or vehicle trunks) to play, but they may not always know how to get out. If for some reason you cannot find a child you thought was just playing outside, check the car and the trunk early.



- Create reminders in the event of a break in routine.** With routines changed during the summer months, create reminders that you have kids in the back seat by placing important items like a briefcase, purse or cell phone that you'll need at your destination with them. This will remind you that they're there when you've had a break in your typical daily routine.
- Take Action.** If you see a child in a car, call first responders early. Many people have helped save a child or pet's life after they were left alone in a vehicle on a hot day.
- Make a plan with childcare centers.** Arrange for a call if your child is unexpectedly absent after the day begins.

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BY BATTALION CHIEF DAN TYK

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**THURS., AUG. 18  
S'MORE FUN AT CAMP WHITCOMB/MASON**

@Friendship Lodge, Camp Whitcomb/Mason  
This casual event will allow guests to support Camp's mission and experience some of the daily activities kids enjoy at Camp.  
**Time:** 5pm reception, 7pm dinner and program  
**Cost:** \$125  
www.bgcmilwaukee.org/smores

**THURS.-SUN., AUG. 18-21  
MILWAUKEE A LA CARTE**

@Milwaukee County Zoo  
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**Time:** Thurs.-Sat. 9am-10pm, Sun. 9am-8pm  
**Cost:** Up to \$15  
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**FRI.-SUN., AUG. 26-28  
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This year only...RADIO RADIO Live at Sounds of Summer 2022. Three hours of retro new-wave music, plus a special tribute to The Cars with guest Mark Benign. Sounds of Summer will take place on Silver Spring Drive on Saturday, August 20, from 5 to 10 p.m. Radio Radio will perform great, danceable music with a punchy rock and roll edge. Straight from a vinyl and cassette collection of the new wave era, 1977 through the mid 80's. Radio Radio is a band of top Milwaukee musicians playing the new wave songs you haven't heard live in decades, and in a way that makes you feel you are seeing and hearing the real thing live for the first time.

While you enjoy the music, purchase dinner favorites from the Sendik's food tent and beer, wine and soda from the Civic Foundation. Thank you to the sponsors who make this event possible: Merchants of Whitefish Bay, Sendik's Food Market, Keller Williams Realty, and the Ellenbecker Investment Group. Watch our Facebook page for more details. See you around the Bay!

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Core vaccines for dogs and cats include rabies, DHPP Distemper, Hepatitis, Para-Influenza, Parvo virus and for cats FVRCP (Feline viral rhinotracheitis, calici virus,



panleukopenia). Puppies and kittens require a series of vaccines, just like human babies, during the first 20 weeks of their lives. After that, boosters can be required to ensure that their protection stays strong.

There are other vaccines available for pets, and depending on the age, health and activity of your companion, you can talk to your vet about offering your dog vaccines for Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Influenza and Lyme. For cats, you can explore the suitability of the Feline Leukemia Virus and Feline Bordetella vaccines.

While vaccines can seem to be out of reach financially there are low-cost options available. Check with MADACC for our low-cost vaccine clinic hours. Most shelters provide the core vaccines (rabies and DHPP/FVRCP) during low-cost clinics. With at least the core vaccines in place, you are providing important protection for your pet and peace of mind for yourself. An ounce of prevention can save you thousands at the vet! Call MADACC for vaccine clinic info at 414- 649-8640.

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- ▶ Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7 p.m.
- ▶ Whitefish Bay High School
- ▶ All are invited and welcome to attend.

### Register Now for the 2022-23 School Year!

- ▶ New and returning families visit [www.wfbschools.com](http://www.wfbschools.com) or call for more information.
- ▶ Cumberland School (414) 963-3943
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### Calling all Current and Past Community Preschool Families!

In celebration of its 50 years, Community Preschool is hosting an Open House on Saturday, September 10th from 10-12. Please join us for light refreshments and see today's classrooms and playground!



BY JULIE PITEL, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

## North Shore Community Health Assessment Survey

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Every five years, local health departments conduct a Community Health Assessment (CHA) to identify key health problems and needs in the community. The CHA includes three parts: analyzing health data, interviewing key informants and surveying the community.

### Why is the CHA important?

A Community Health Assessment (CHA) gives organizations comprehensive information about a community's health status, needs and issues. Conducting a CHA pro-

vides information on the community and gives people in the community the power to advocate for a healthier and safer place to live, work, play and pray.

This information is utilized to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), by justifying how and where resources should be allocated to best meet community needs. Our department selects priority areas based on the survey results, as well as the key informant interviews and data assessment, which guides our work moving forward.

### How can you get involved?

Take our CHA Survey! Public input is an essential component of the CHA and helps us to develop goals and programs that meet the needs of our North Shore communities. Find the survey on our website at <https://www.nshealthdept.org/CHA.aspx>.



BY KAYLA BONACK, MPH, PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST

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# An Architect's Swiss Chalet



IT IS NO SURPRISE that in addition to crafting beautiful homes in Whitefish Bay for others, the architects who designed them also chose to live here. Armin Frank, who created the striking Casa del Lago villa at 5570 N. Lake Dr. for his mother, built his own home three doors down at 5470 N. Lake Dr. Alexander Hamilton Bauer, whose architectural commissions included the Oriental and Pabst Theaters, constructed his own home at 988 E. Circle Dr. Russell Barr Williamson, perhaps Frank Lloyd Wright's most prominent disciple, designed 16 homes in the Bay, including his own Prairie-style residence at 4860 N. Oakland Ave. Robert H. Schmitz did not design grand homes on the North Shore. He practiced in Milwaukee, specializing in simpler single-family and two-flat residences in Milwaukee. But he built his own home in Whitefish Bay.

Robert Schmitz emigrated to the U.S. from Switzerland in 1899 when he was 17 and became a naturalized citizen in 1911. He married Katherine, a Wisconsin native, and they built their home at 5013 N. Woodruff in 1925. It is a four-bedroom home, and the couple had four children. It was the first home built on Woodruff Avenue, and among the earliest non-farm residences south of

Silver Spring Drive and west of Lake Drive. The home's original address was 1977 Avoca St. Whitefish Bay's street numbering system and the naming of several village streets changed in 1933. Little is known about Schmitz's early life, but it is possible he learned the building trades to be able to work as an architect. The home is listed on the State Historical Society's Architecture and History Inventory and is described as a Tudor Revival style. However, his home's stucco and red brick façade suggest Schmitz might have been influenced by the Storybook style popular in the 1920s and perhaps of homes in his native Switzerland.

In later years, Schmitz continued his architectural work part-time. He retired as the Chief Engineer of the American Furnace and Foundry Co. Katherine lived in the home only five years, dying in 1930 at age 40. Robert lived in the home for 30 years. He died in 1962 at age 80. In April 2022, the Whitefish Bay Historic Preservation Commission placed the Robert H. and Katherine Schmitz House at 5013 N. Woodruff Ave. on the Bay's Architecture and History Inventory.

BY JEFF AIKIN

## Fall Recreation and Community Education Program Guides Expected Mid-August!

Don't wait to sign up for your most wanted classes. Popular fall offerings are the Middle School Ski and Snowboard Club, Flag Football and Youth Gymnastics Programs.

## Youth Flag Football League Registration Deadline is August 13

Are you ready for some football? Get your team together and plan to air it out for the trophy Saturdays this fall starting September 10! Looking for players in grades 1 through 8. A team t-shirt is included with registration. Further program and registration information is in the Summer and Fall Recreation Guides.

- ▶ **Fee:** \$70.00 Resident/ \$80.00 Non-Resident

## Community Open Swim

WFB High School, Field House Pool  
Tues, Wed and Thurs, Through Aug 11, 1:45-3:30 p.m.

- ▶ **Fee:** At The Door: \$3.00 per child (children 3 years and under are FREE!) \$4.00 per adult (adults 55 and over are FREE!) or \$75.00 Family Open Swim Discount Card
- ▶ **Please bring** exact change or present your Open Swim Discount Card for admission. Please make sure the pool is open before you drop off your children. Children under 7 must be accompanied in the pool by a parent or guardian. Participants 17 years of age and below must pass a swim test to utilize the diving well.
- ▶ **Note:** Cancellations might happen during the season with limited notice.

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