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**DEAR RESIDENTS,**

Typically when I interview a feature family, I go into the interview with an idea of what the article will be about. Over the years, there have been a few times when something is revealed during the interview that completely changes what the storyline will be. My interview with the Anguil family was one of those moments. I went in thinking that the basis of their article would revolve around a party they threw for their house turning 100. After the interview, I knew that the more significant storyline was sharing Gino's life story. To me, it was a reminder of how everyone's life has ups and downs, and it's how you handle them that matters.

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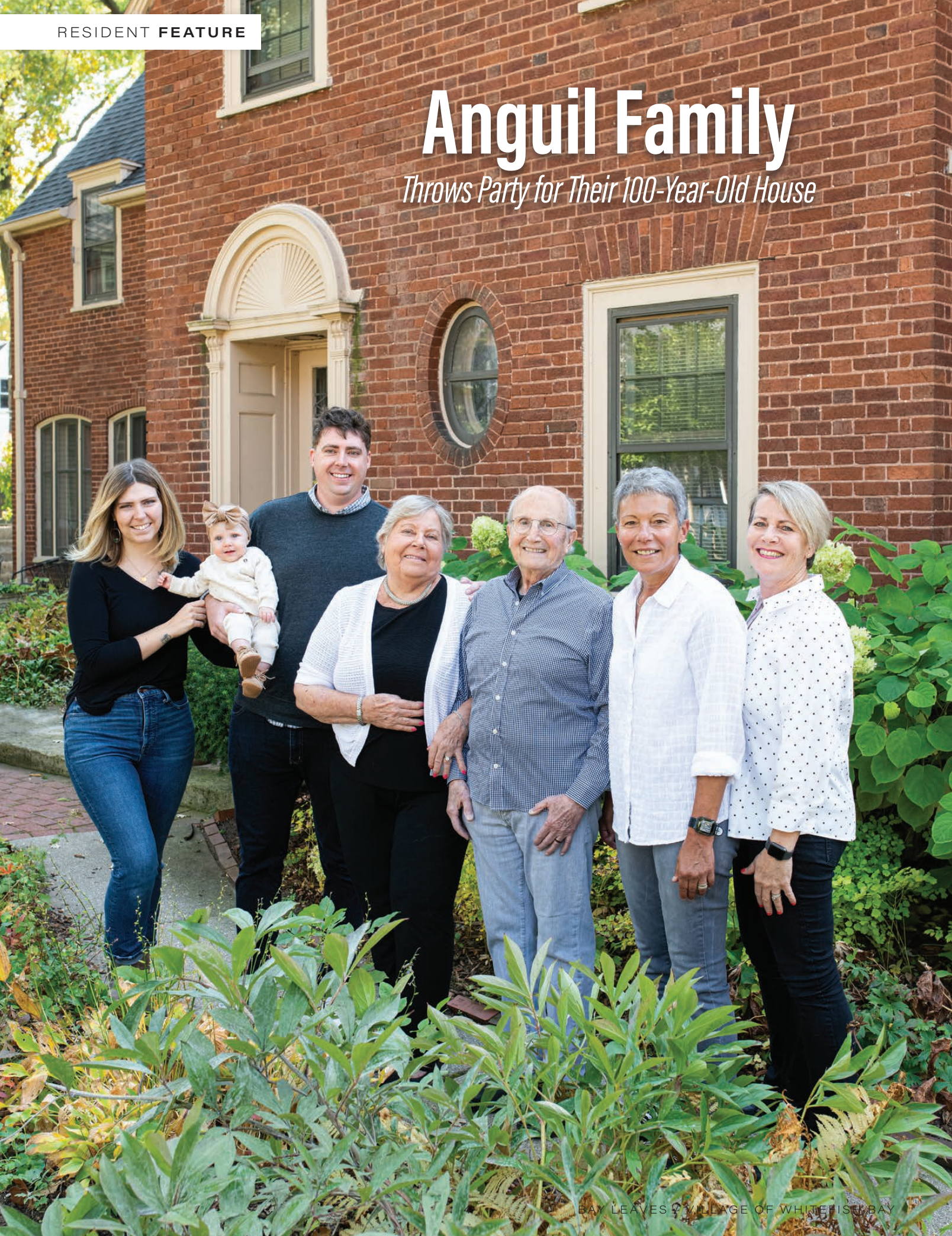
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# Anguil Family

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**W**hen people think of the American dream, the life of Gino Anguil would fit the description perfectly. Born in

1938 in Italy, his father was a banker and his mother stayed home with him and his older brother. "When World War II began, my father left his position as a banker when signs of the war began in Italy," Gino said. "My family fled in 1940 and boarded the last ship from Italy to the United States before the Hitler's troops took over. It was very lucky that we ended up on that boat."

The family changed their last name from Anguillara to Anguil, and settled in New Jersey. "It was tough being immigrants but we were thankful for the opportunity and the public school education. My family valued education and I received a bachelor degree in mechanical engineering followed by a National Defense Fellowship in mathematics.



It was during college that Gino met Brenda, his wife of over 60 years. "We were at a party at the fraternity house and Gino was the frat president. That impressed me, so I turned to my friend and told her I wanted

to meet that cute guy. We've been together ever since," recalled Brenda while smiling. Gino was offered a grant to complete his dissertation in Italy, and the timing was such that their oldest daughter was born

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while they were in Italy. The family moved back to New Jersey and Gino began working at an aerospace company on Apollo projects. After a few years in New Jersey, Gino was offered a job that he couldn't refuse, even though it meant moving the family to Milwaukee.

After living in Whitefish Bay for a few years, in 1976 they purchased the current house they still reside in for \$67,000. "Compared to our previous house, this seemed enormous since it had five bedrooms, a formal dining room, living room, and a sunroom," said Gino. "We adore our house, which is why when it turned 100 this past year, we threw a big party to celebrate and invited all the neighbors. We have so many memories with all 5 of our children being raised here and many shared meals with our 13 grandchildren, and now even a great-grandchild!"

Brenda has decorated their 100-year-old house with beautiful canvas paintings she created herself. "Painting has always been a passion of mine and I always have my art supplies set up so I'm ready to paint whenever the mood hits me."



Being a part of the community and leaving Earth a better place, was part of what inspired Gino to begin his company, Anguil Environmental Systems, Inc., in 1979. The basis of the company is to ensure that manufacturing facilities and industrial sites limit their environmental impact. "The company was started

with my son, Jeff, who sadly passed away of colon cancer in 1993. His two children, both now adults, work for our family business."

Since 2008, Gino has been semi-retired from the company after successfully running it for over 30 years. The company is now run by his daughter Deb, and son,

Chris. They employ over 100 people and have an international presence.

Deb and her wife, Jamie Andriacchi, moved back to Whitefish Bay and raised their two children here. "I never thought I would end up back in Whitefish Bay, but when we were looking at places to live with young children, the clear answer became moving back here," Deb said. "We have loved the experiences and friendships that living here as adults have brought us."

Enjoying the community aspect of Whitefish Bay, Gino served two terms on the WFB School Board, being president in his second term. "The election was close and I had won by two votes, so my opponent demanded a recount. When the final tally was achieved, one vote was thrown out, so I had won by just one vote. Everyone who voted for me loved to claim it was their vote," recalled Gino while laughing. Whitefish Bay even drew one of Gino and Brenda's grandsons, Alex, to buy a house here. As Gino puts it, "My loveliest and only great granddaughter, Oliana, lives just a few blocks away, how lucky am I?"



One of the traditions that Gino kept from his own Italian upbringing was having delicious family gatherings each night. "We live by the Italian phrase, La Famiglia, which means that family is the most important thing. When the kids were growing up, Brenda would serve a full meal with either pasta or a meat dish, a salad, and fruit. As schedules changed and our children began moving out, we started doing full family meals on Sundays. My mother relocated from New Jersey to Whitefish Bay the last 10 years of

her life. It was always a treat when she made some of her delicious Italian pasta sauces."

Landing in America as an immigrant, Gino Anguil, has had a positive impact on the lives of many because of his hard-work and determination. "Living in Whitefish Bay has been a joy. We have a great educational system and it's a wonderful place to be. We are happy that we ended up here."

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- Refuse Collection occurs weekly. Please have all refuse and recycling to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on pickup day.
- Recycling occurs every other week, according to the following schedule. A-Week Recycling is in Grey. B-Week Recycling is in Blue.
- To determine your route collection day and recycling route, please see the online route map at [www.wfbvillage.gov/trashrecycle](http://www.wfbvillage.gov/trashrecycle).
- Carts must be placed a minimum of three feet apart from each other, three feet from any obstruction, and three feet or less from the curb.

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Holiday Collection Schedule - Holiday Closures in Red

- Monday, January 2, 2023 will be picked up on Tuesday, January 3, 2023
- Friday, April 7, 2023 will be picked up on Thursday, April 6, 2023
- Monday, May 29, 2023 will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30, 2023
- Tuesday, July 4, 2023 will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5, 2023
- Monday, September 4, 2023 will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5, 2023
- Thursday, November 23, 2023 will be picked up on Tuesday, November 21, 2023
- Friday, November 24, 2023 will be picked up on Wednesday, November 22, 2023
- Monday, December 25, 2023 will be picked up on Wednesday, December 27, 2023
- Tuesday, December 26, 2023 will be picked up on Thursday, December 28, 2023

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DOING LAUNDRY is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? According to the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), following a few simple safety tips can help keep you and your family safe:

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum. Failure to clean a lint filter or vent tubing is the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.

- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Dryers should be properly grounded.
- Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

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- Make time to relax and connect with others.** To relieve stress, take deep breaths, stretch, meditate or do an activity you enjoy. Talk with people you trust about how you're feeling and express gratitude.
- Keep a regular sleep schedule** and shoot for at least 7 hours of sleep per night.
- Move more, sit less.** Get at least 150 minutes (2.5 hours) each week or 30 minutes a day of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise.
- Focus on healthy eating habits.** Healthy eating emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and protein. Limit added sugars, avoid saturated fats and reduce sodium intake.

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- Don't use tobacco.** Take the first step and call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for FREE support.
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BY KAYLA BONACK, MPH, PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST

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## FROM Faye's FASHION FILES EVOLUTION VS TRANSITION

Traditionally in fashion, we talk about "transitioning to a new season". I see it more as an "evolution". Evolution has the connotation of moving forward, changing for the better. These days we live with uncertainty and anxiety, but we're getting better at navigating worrisome situations. In other words, we evolve our normal as our situations evolve.

I always say, "Our clothes are the armor with which we face our daily battles." BLAZERS are the perfect suit of armor for this moment in fashion history. Being comfortable reduces your anxiety, so wear your track pants. But, make it an ensemble with a colorful t-shirt and a blazer. Slip out of your house slippers and into a pair of fashion sneakers.

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BY EMILY SNIDER

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- ▶ **First Semester Ends, Early Dismissal** – Friday, January 20, 2023
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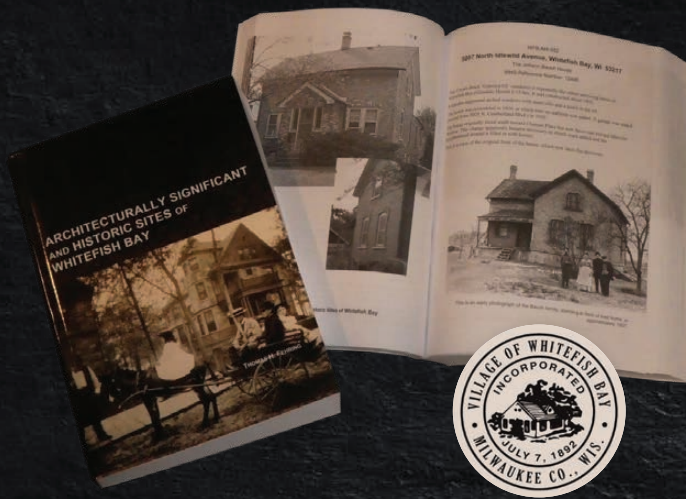
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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### Free Throw Contest



Come on out and show us your skills! Whitefish Bay Recreation hosts its annual Free Throw Contest for girls and boys, grades 3-8, on Saturday, February 18, at the Whitefish Bay High School Field House. All must be registered and checked in by 11:00 a.m. Late arrivals will not be allowed to participate. Boys and girls compete separately in each grade division and will attempt 20 throws. The winning boy and girl from each grade division will receive a trophy. This is a FREE contest. Pre-registration is encouraged, however, walk-ins are welcome.

### Kick Your New Year's Fitness Resolution into High Gear

The Community Fitness Center located in the High School Field House always has openings, you are never too late to register. Kick off your New Year by purchasing a membership today! Participants can enjoy a workout on the state-of-the-art cardio equipment and weight training area.

- ▶ January 3-June 2 (Closed April 8,10, May 27,29)
  - ▷ Mondays, 5:30-7:30 a.m.
  - ▷ Monday-Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
  - ▷ Saturdays, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

- ▶ \$120 Residents/\$110 Seniors Residents
- ▶ \$40 Whitefish Bay High School Student Fee
- ▶ \$15 each for lap swim or walk add-on (See the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide for add-on program descriptions.)



### Lydell Preschool Open House and 2023-2024 Open Enrollment Dates



- ▶ 2023-2024 Open House
- ▶ Lydell Community Center, Rooms 26 & 28
- ▶ Tuesday, January 10, 2022, 5:30-7:00pm

Open Enrollment begins on Wednesday, January 11, at 8:00 a.m. Enrollments must be done in person at the Recreation Department and are received on a first-come, first-served basis. Packets that are mailed, faxed or dropped off before/after office hours will not be accepted.

### Brain Health Series

- ▶ **Presenters:** Dana Rubin-Winkelman MSW, CAPSW, Ovation Social Worker; Sue Carneol MS, CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist; Dawn Adler RT, Community Services & Outreach Director
- ▶ Lydell Community Center, Room 19
- ▶ February 7-21, Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- ▶ **Course Code:** 392201
- ▶ **Fee:** Resident/Non-Resident \$50.00/\$60.00



**FEBRUARY 7:** What is the original Blue Zones on Earth? Explore what can be learned and applied; our direct application provides a positive effect on the brain.

**FEBRUARY 14:** Memory techniques and mental fitness exercises. This interactive session will teach memory strategies and simple novel ways to use your brain every day.

**FEBRUARY 21:** What are neurotrophins? Understand the benefits of combining regular cognitive exercise with physical exercise.

Note: Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions. Participants will be required to wear masks and social distance. The sessions are in-person but could go virtual for inclement weather.

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# 5 TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2023

BY LEXI BREUNIG

**Be realistic with your goals:** Don't get me wrong, new year's resolutions can be great. But far too often, people set goals that are unrealistic which will often lead to disappointment. If you're planning on setting some goals this year, start with small goals that are actually attainable. For example, instead of setting a goal like "eating only healthy food," maybe you can start with aiming to make 75% of your meals healthy. Give it a few months, and then re-evaluate your goal. Is it working? If so, you can expand your goal! If not, you can adjust and fine-tune your plan to make it more manageable.

**Get organized:** I recently did a huge cleanout of my entire home: the junk drawers, linen closets, clothes, shoes, kitchen cabinets, everything. It took a decent amount of time, but it felt so good when I was done. Getting organized and cutting back on my "stuff" seemed to take a weight off my shoulders and clear my mind immensely. If organizing your whole home seems daunting, maybe start with one room and commit to doing a new room each weekend until you're done. I promise, it will be worth it!

**Establish boundaries:** I like to think of boundaries as a line drawn in sand. On my side of the line are things that I'm okay with, and the other side of the line represents what I'm not okay with and what I want to avoid. Creating healthy boundaries protects us emotionally, physically, relationally, and more. Examples of boundaries include

not answering work emails on the weekend, avoiding people who don't respect you, having personal space, etc. Creating boundaries can be difficult, but it's so beneficial. Once you've established your boundaries, it's important to verbalize them to others and speak up when they're not being respected.

**Dedicate time to yourself:** We live in a fast paced world. We wake up early, go to bed late, and the time in between is jam packed with activities, appointments, and to-do list tasks. When all the craziness begins to pile up, our mental load can start to feel overwhelming. Taking time to ourselves allows us to recharge and reset. This time doesn't have to be fancy and elaborate, like we sometimes see on social media. Beneficial alone time can include going for a walk, spending 15 minutes reading a book, or even just sitting outside observing nature.

**Let go:** During the new year season, a traditional practice is to come up with new year's resolutions, or in other words, goals or habits that you want to add into your new year. While these can be beneficial, it's also beneficial to let go of things going into the new year. For example, you can let go of unhealthy habits, relationships that no longer are beneficial, or even control. Whatever it may be, letting go of things allows you to clear out space in your life so that you can focus on what matters most.



ONGOING

## Social Distance Walking

@Lynden Sculpture Garden

Enjoy a walk and art as you stroll through the sculpture garden free of charge thanks to the Herzfeld Foundation.

**Time:** 10am-5pm, closed Thurs.  
[www.lyndensculpturegarden.org](http://www.lyndensculpturegarden.org)

SATURDAYS, ONGOING

## Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market

@The Table, 5305 W. Capitol Drive

The Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market (MWFM) is a great way to keep winter fresh.

**Time:** 9am-2pm **Cost:** Free  
[fondymke.org](http://fondymke.org)

SAT., JAN. 7-SUN., JAN. 8

## Brick Fest Live

@Wisconsin Center

Over a million bricks on display and ready for play! See life-size models, interactive stage shows and more.

**Time:** Timed Entry **Cost:** \$19.99 and up  
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FRI., JAN. 13-SUN., JAN. 22

## Waukesha JanBoree

@Various locations

An event for families, adults and children—there's fun for everyone. Visit the website for up to date event details.

[janboree.org](http://janboree.org)

THURS., JAN. 19

## Step Afrika!

@Marcus Performing Arts

Step Afrika! blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities; traditional West and Southern African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a cohesive, compelling artistic experience. Performances are much more than dance shows; they integrate songs, storytelling, humor and audience participation.

**Time:** 7:30pm **Cost:** \$25  
[www.marcuscenter.org](http://www.marcuscenter.org)

SAT., JAN. 21 & 28

## Dog Days at Lynden

@Lynden Sculpture Garden

Bring your favorite canine and enjoy an afternoon in the garden. Winter snow sport enthusiasts are welcome. Please adhere to walking guidelines. Note: There are no paths; be prepared with suitable footwear.

**Time:** 12-4pm **Cost:** Free to members or with regular admission to the sculpture garden  
[www.lyndensculpturegarden.org](http://www.lyndensculpturegarden.org)

SAT., FEB. 4-SUN., FEB. 5

## Big Freeze Disc Golf Tournament

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**Friends of Whitefish Bay Public Library Writing Contest**

Friends are once again offering Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Writing Contest. This will be the 10th straight year for the contest, which includes submission categories for short story (1,000 words or less), memoirs (1,000 words or less) and poetry (200 words or less). The contest is open to anyone 16 years and older. Submissions will be accepted from January 9-February 6 and are limited to one entry per person per category. Cash prizes will be awarded in early spring. Please include a cover page on your entry with the following: Name, address, email, phone number, entry date and category.

Email entries to [reference@wfblibrary.org](mailto:reference@wfblibrary.org) or drop off entries in person at the Adult Services Desk or mail them to:

**Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library Writing Contest**  
 5420 N Marlborough Drive  
 Whitefish Bay, WI 53217

A reception will be held where winners will be on hand to read their pieces, date to be announced. Winners will also have their entries posted to the library's website after the reception.

**Winter Reading Program**

Our Winter Reading Program is back in 2023. Get rewarded for your reading while having fun! We have a program for any age, kids all the way up through adults. Winter Reading will start on Monday, January 16, and run through Tuesday, February 28. For more information on how to signup, stop by the library or check the library's website. This program is generously funded by Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library.



*Happy New Year* FROM THE MERCHANTS OF WHITEFISH BAY

**WELCOME 2023!** The Merchants of Whitefish Bay were grateful for the return of the Holiday Stroll. Thank you to the many volunteers and community members that came out to kick off the holiday season with the Merchants of Whitefish Bay. The Menorah, Ice Sculpture Crawl, pony rides and Santa's Mailbox were back again for the holidays. We're honored that these events are part of your seasonal traditions, and that the community supports the Whitefish Bay shopping district throughout the holiday season and all year long.

The special activities throughout December would not have been possible without support from our Presenting Sponsors at Bayshore Dental, Elements Massage, Fitzgerald Pharmacy, Ideal Property Management and Sendik's Food Market and Major Sponsors at Burn Boot Camp, Breadsmith, ERA Wellness Integrative Psychotherapy, The Great Frame Up & Gallery 505, Mathnasium and Pelvic Health & Wellness Physical Therapy.

The Merchants of Whitefish Bay are a focused group of business owners and residents who champion the Whitefish Bay Business Improvement District. The Merchants seek to grow a safe, sustainable and vibrant downtown area by improving and promoting the local businesses, events and camaraderie that sets our community apart.

As you make your new year's resolutions, include shopping locally on your list! As a consumer, you're a key part in keeping our downtown shopping district vibrant and helping small busi-

nesses thrive. By shopping or dining in Whitefish Bay throughout the year, you're showing your support for the small businesses in your own neighborhood.

Studies show that when you buy from an independent, locally owned business, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses - continuing to strengthen the economic base of our community. Our local businesses support many community groups and charities, including one or more local groups that you value. Did you know that non-profit organizations receive an average 250% more support from small business owners than they do from large businesses? Our shops keep our community unique, reduce environmental impact, provide local jobs and provide great service!

Each month on our website: [www.MerchantsOfWhitefishBay.com](http://www.MerchantsOfWhitefishBay.com) we HIGHLIGHT a business on the street. Check it out - you will learn more about each business and who they are!

Keep up with your amazing local businesses and so much more through regular emails from the shopping district and by visiting [www.merchantsofwhitefishbay.com](http://www.merchantsofwhitefishbay.com). Find us on Facebook at @ShopWFB and Instagram @WFBID.

BY LEXIE DEBLITZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





# Small and Exotic Pets

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BY KAREN SPARAPANI,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
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**SHELTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY**, including MADACC, have been overwhelmed by the vast numbers of small and exotic pets being brought in. Small and exotic pets are alluring for many because it is assumed they are easy and inexpensive to care for. However, small and exotic pets are often more expensive and difficult to care for than a dog or cat due to specific housing, diet and overall care requirements. They also require vet visits for beak, teeth or nail trims and vets who handle exotics are harder to find and can be as expensive as treating a more traditional pet. Doing your research prior to bringing any living creature into your home is essential. Rats, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, birds, reptiles and other exotics have very specific needs that are

not optional. Make sure you can provide for all their individual needs before making a commitment like this. Small and exotic pets can be perfect companions for many people and will thrive in the right home with the right care. Remember, shelters and rescues are overwhelmed with small animals right now and may not be able to assist you with rehoming them if you become unable to provide them with the care they need. Abandoning them in parks or wildlife areas will ensure their suffering and death. Please look for a new home for them on your own using rehoming websites, and networking with fans of the species.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the cold and snowflakes of January arrive, your friends at the Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation have already begun planning for our events in warmer months. We're staying warm thinking ahead to the 4th of July and a warm night on Silver Spring Drive during Sounds of Summer.

Each of our events is put on by a team of volunteers, including our 15-member board of directors and many generous community members. Our funding comes exclusively from sponsorship dollars, sales from food and drinks at our events, and community donations, including your generous tips. In addition to our events, your kindness allows us to support both Community Service and Leadership Scholarships, which go to students in our community, and a variety of community grants. If you have enjoyed attending one of our events, you can support the Civic Foundation - please view details on our website, [www.wfbcivicfoundation.org](http://www.wfbcivicfoundation.org). We are grateful for your continued support and wish you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year. See you around the Bay!

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