Greetings from the Village President—

Residents of Whitefish Bay are known for their involvement. We give generously of our time and expertise. We volunteer, lead and serve in our schools, our children’s activities, our places of worship and our neighborhoods. What is sometimes perceived as a lack of involvement in local government is often interpreted as a vote of confidence that things are going well. Recently, however, residents have increasingly acknowledged they are often too busy to take the time to become informed about local issues until they are affected directly.

In my regular “day job,” I work with communities across the country as people address pressing issues of concern. My formal training in political science often influences me in this work and in my elected position on the Village Board. Whether at the national or local level, we know that for democracy to work we need not only an engaged citizenry, but also an informed citizenry. An informed public is essential to monitor government and to promote wise policy. Of course, there is no single method of assuring an informed public. The responsibility is shared by government, the press, citizen groups, educators and by each of us as citizens.

In the last village survey, nearly 80% of you indicated this village newsletter was the medium you consulted most often for information about the Village. At the time, the North Shore Herald was actually a distant second and few of you were using the Village website (www.wfbvillage.org).

The Village works hard to assure that you have timely information. For example, we have increased the frequency of Bay Leaves. Staff at Village Hall welcome your comments and questions on a daily basis. Every Village Board meeting (the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall) has two opportunities for the public to address the Board with issues of concern and possible discussion at future meetings. Board meetings are taped and available for resident review. Agendas are posted in public places throughout the Village. Approved minutes are posted on the website. Positions on the Boards and Commissions are announced in the media and applications are on the website. Emily Hendricks, our new management assistant, will be working on improving the website and information hotline. The new website, WhitefishBayNow.com will provide additional opportunities for you to be informed and involved.

But we can always do more. In this day of email, voicemail and text messages, opportunities for personal, face-to-face conversation are sometimes limited. I would like to start by inviting you to join me at Village Hall between 9:00 and 11:00 on the 3rd Saturday of each month for a little “civic conversation”. If you have an idea, a suggestion, a question, are interested in knowing more about your Village or your opportunity to become more involved, join me. I will bring the coffee and look forward to seeing you.

Finally, please take the time to get informed and vote in the April 3rd election. Our village depends on you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen J. Pritchard
President
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

YARD WASTE COLLECTION
Yard waste collection begins the **week of April 9**. The schedule will be as follows: Monday, or the first day of the work week, public works crews will collect yard waste on all streets north of Henry Clay including Henry Clay. Tuesday or the second day of the workweek, the crew will proceed south of Henry Clay. If you live **north of Henry Clay or on Henry Clay** please have your yard waste out on **Monday at 7 a.m.** If you live **south of Henry Clay please have your yard waste out on Tuesday at 7 a.m.** The Department of Public Works will make every effort to pick-up the yard waste on the scheduled date; however, pick-up may extend into the succeeding day depending on other factors. On weeks that involve a holiday, yard waste pick-up may be delayed because of labor allocation.

Yard Waste is considered garden plants, tiny branches and thatch, not including leaves and grass clippings. **Grass clippings should be composted or left on the lawn**, because they are not accepted at the disposal site. Yard waste should be placed in reusable containers (30 gallon or less) or paper bags adjacent to the street between the public sidewalk and street curb. **Do not place material in plastic bags.** Yard waste placed in containers greater than 30 gallons or yard waste weighing more than 60 lbs will not be taken. Yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. the day of pick-up but no sooner than 8 pm. the day prior. **Waste generated by private contractors will not be picked-up** and arrangements should be made with your contractor to dispose of this material properly. Remember large amounts of material will be ticketed as a special pick-up, which requires a fee. If you have a large amount of material please call Village Hall to arrange for payment and establish a pick-up date.

RECYCLING
State and local laws require everyone to recycle. For more information regarding recycling laws please visit the DNR site at: [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/reference.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/reference.html) or call DPW at 414-967-5128. Because the Village is required to comply with laws set by the State, our garbage and recycling collectors may leave you a notice that you need to recycle or that they are unable to accept something as recycling. **Please do not place recycling material in plastic bags and please do not put plastic grocery bags in as recyclable plastic.** The Village disposal site will not accept this type of plastic. Many labor hours are spent removing this material from the acceptable recyclable material before we dump it. The Village has more on what we recycle on our web site.

CHIPPING
The Village will begin collecting and chipping branches the week of April 9. Chipping has a lower priority in the operations and therefore there is no set schedule for its collection. Chipping material should be placed in the parkway between the curb and sidewalk. It should not obstruct the sidewalk or be placed in the street and you will not only be ticketed, but you will be responsible for any damages or injuries this material causes. Chipping of contractor waste or work done by an individual that you pay will not be accepted. Please do not hire an individual or a contractor who does not include removal in their price. **The Village will not pick-up contractor’s waste.** In addition, if you generate a significant amount of material that is more than four feet high and covers more than 70% of the parkway in front of your home, you need to call and pay for a special pick-up. The minimum charge is $45.00.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
The Village does not have authorization or a license to handle and haul hazardous material. Although the list is extensive, typical materials are batteries, paint strippers or cleaners, oil based stain and paint, weed killers, brake fluid ... The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District sets up local sites from April to October to collect these materials. To find a site and discard these materials properly please refer to the following web site [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com).
WEIGHT AND SIZE RESTRICTIONS GARBAGE & YARD WASTE CONTAINERS
In order to protect Village workers from injury and protect you the consumer from liability, Village workers will be tagging garbage and yard waste receptacles/bags which, unless in an otherwise approved container, shall not exceed 30 gallons or weigh more than 60 pounds.

NO CONTRACTOR WASTE
If you are having a home improvement project done at your house by a contractor your contractor is responsible to dispose of the material off site. The Village does not accept contractor material. In addition, if you are doing demolition work that generates a significant amount of waste please get a dumpster. Village operations are not set up to take on waste generated by home improvement projects.

SNOW PLOW DAMAGE
Every spring the department of public works receives calls about grass areas that have been accidentally plowed by the Village’s snowplow. The plow driver does not intentionally try to give your lawn a crew cut, but it does happen from time to time. The public works department makes every effort to patch areas as soon as possible in spring. Normally we cannot get to it until late May. If it has not been fixed by the beginning part of June please give the public works department a call at (414) 967-5128.

AS SPRING APPROACHES
As Spring approaches, so does the thought of Spring clean up, getting lawn mowers, grills, and bicycles ready for warmer temperatures. The North Shore Fire Department would like to remind you of the following “Spring Tips”:

• Reduce and eliminate clutter and unused items. The basement, attic, and garage are common areas in which fires originate due to items being placed to close to electric and gas appliances.
• Limit the amount of gas you store. Keep gasoline and other flammable liquids in approved containers and away from ignition sources.
• Take old paint, varnishes, and other chemicals to an appropriate chemical drop off site.
• Clean out the lint trap and vent pipe on your clothes dryer.
• Change the battery in your smoke detector if you have not changed it in the last year.
• Replace the detector if it is greater than 10 years old or unknown.
• Test your smoke detector monthly by pressing the “test” button.
• Every home should have a carbon monoxide detector in addition to smoke detectors.
• Discuss, practice, and evaluate a fire escape plan with your family.

Any questions please call the NSFD Public Education office at 228-0292.

IS YOUR ADDRESS VISIBLE FROM THE ROADWAY?
Please make sure your home or business address is clearly visible from the roadway.

Put yourself in the place of emergency response personnel and safely step out to the curb in front of your home or business. Is your address marker clearly visible? If not, it may affect the time it takes for emergency personnel to locate your home or business in the event of an emergency.

Please, take a few minutes to make sure your home or business address is displayed clearly. If your home or business is located a distance away from the roadway, please ensure that your address is clearly identifiable on your mailbox. In the event of an emergency, turn on the light adjacent to the entryway to your home or office to further illuminate your address marker.

The North Shore Fire Department Public Education office can be contacted at 414-228-0292.
FROM THE WHITEFISH BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PET REMINDERS

Village ordinances require the following:

• Dogs, not on their owner’s property, must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
• Dogs are not allowed in Village Parks, on school grounds or any other public areas of the Village.
• Dogs must have a valid license attached to a collar whenever the dog is outdoors, unless the dog is confined in a secure, fenced area. This also helps Police to reunite separated dogs and owners. Untagged dogs at large are transported to the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control.
• Any person who takes a dog off of their property is required to have a dog scoop, bag or container in hand, or on their person, to immediately remove fecal matter deposits from public ways and the property of others.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The “Yield to Pedestrian” signs removed from Silver Spring Drive during winter months will be reinstalled in late March or early April. The laws pertaining to pedestrian right-of-way apply to all intersections and/or crosswalks, not just the ones posted with yield to pedestrian signs. Both drivers and pedestrian have certain rights and responsibilities.

• Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians, “who are crossing a highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk.” It does not require drivers to yield to pedestrians, standing on a curb or sidewalk preparin to cross the street. Whenever any vehicle is stopped at an intersection or crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.
• Pedestrians shall not, “suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk, run, or ride into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is difficult for the operator of the vehicle to yield.” A good practice is to clearly indicate (to a driver) that you want to cross. Do not assume vehicle operators see you or are going to stop. Try to make eye contact with the driver before you step in front of an oncoming car, and hold up your hand to signal that you want to cross.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IS A TWO-WAY STREET. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND OBEY THE LAW

CRIME PREVENTION REMINDERS

The Police Department reminds all citizens to not “let their guard down” in protecting their property from theft.

• Lock the doors and windows of your residence, including the garage.
• If vehicles are parked outside, lock the vehicle and remove items of value (or secure them in the trunk so that they are not visible).
• Do not leave bicycles or other items of value outside, unattended or unlocked.
Tell Us About Whitefish Bay

Is there a house in your neighborhood you believe is architecturally unique, eye-catching, or has a touch of history? Then please let the Village know.

The WFB Historic Preservation Commission is compiling an Architecture and History Inventory of our community’s many interesting properties, and you do not have to be an architect or historian to tell us about them. An easy-to-complete form is available on the Village homepage (wfbvillage.org), Village Hall or the Public Library. No research is necessary. Just tell us what you know.

It can be your home, a friend or neighbors, a church or business property, or a building you have always admired. With nearly 5,000 structures in Whitefish Bay, there are many potential candidates for the inventory.

The inventory is not historic designation, though it could be the first step towards designation and qualifying for income tax credits paying 25% of the cost of remodeling and improvements. Many owners can get tax credits, but are not aware they may be eligible.

Tax credits are a valuable economic stimulus for downtown redevelopment, and a great way for residents to better afford additions and upgrades to their homes. Tax credits are an investment in the future of our community by us becoming more aware of our past.

Make it happen. Tell us what you know about the houses of Whitefish Bay.

WFB School District is looking to add interested people to their Crossing Guard program. Hours are flexible, “customers” are friendly, and the pay is great! Some of our Crossing Guards have been with us for over 20 years, so it must be a terrific job! Stop in at the Recreation Dept, located at Lydell School, 5205 N. Lydell for an application. Call Lyle Greivell at 254-9137.

Whitefish Bay History is on the Web

The stories behind some of Whitefish Bay’s most beautiful and historic buildings are now on the worldwide web.

WhitefishBayNow.com and the WFB Historic Preservation Commission have teamed up to present “Preserving Our History,” a weekly online column with color photos and narratives about Whitefish Bay’s many homes and buildings that are architecturally rich, handsomely designed, lovingly maintained, diverse in style, and historic in character.

Every Sunday, WhitefishBayNOW.com will post and archive on its website a property selected from the village Architecture and History Inventory. There are more than 70 homes, churches, and business properties on the inventory with more being added. The Whitefish Bay Public Library also maintains a complete catalogue of the inventory.

WhitefishBayNOW.com offers helpful links to the Village homepage (wfbvillage.org) for persons who want to learn more about the Village historic preservation process, to nominate a building for historic designation or for addition to the inventory.

Kindergarten Registration

CUMBERLAND & RICHARDS SCHOOLS

Children whose birthday falls into the following range:

Junior Kindergarten: 4 years old between Sept. 1, 2002 and Aug. 31, 2003

Senior Kindergarten: 5 years old between Sept. 1, 2001 and Aug. 31, 2002

Register your child now for attendance in fall Cumberland or Richards School

Questions or additional information Call 414.963-3943 for Cumberland
Call 414.963-3951 for Richards
**Adult Health Risk Screening**  
*(by appointment)*  
4th Tuesday of the month 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
**April 24, May 22, June 20 (3rd Wed), July 24**  
This program includes blood analysis for total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, and glucose; blood pressure and weight check; plus consultation with a registered nurse. Cost is $25. (Cash or check only)

**Immunization Clinics**  
*(by appointment):*  
2nd Monday 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
3rd Tuesday 7:00-9:30 a.m.  
**April 9 & 17, May 14 & 15, June 1 & 19, July 9 & 17**  
Immunizations are $5, except Pneumonia vaccine which costs $45 (if age appropriate, we will bill Medicare) and Tetanus vaccine which is $25. Hepatitis B vaccine is available for adults at a cost of $100 for the series. The fee will be collected when the first dose is administered. TB tests also administered for $10. We have a number of other vaccines, call to check availability.

**Blood Lead Screening**  
*(by appointment only) (ages 1-5 years)*  
For the uninsured or those whose insurance does not cover this screening. Cost is $5.

**Testing for Lead in Water:**  
Collection kits are available at the Health Department. Kits contain all needed materials and instructions for collection of a water sample. All samples and fees ($42 per sample) are to be delivered to West Allis Memorial Hospital Toxicology Lab for analysis. Results will be mailed to your home.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**  
*(no appointment necessary)*  
4th Wednesday of the month  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
**April 25, May 30 (5th Wed), June 27, July 25**  
Held at the Shorewood Health Department (Located in the lower level of the Village Center/Library/Health Department Building)

**Wisconsin Well-Woman Program**  
Will provide free health screenings and diagnostic tests for several conditions, including mammograms and pap smears, for women 50 through 64 years of age who meet income guidelines. Please call the Health Department at 847-2710 to determine eligibility.

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**Health Department Consortium Recognition**  
The Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness is one of only seven organizations nationwide to win recognition for being ready to face bioterrorism events, new epidemics, natural disasters and other public health emergencies.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) honored the department as part of Project Public Health Ready, conducted by NACCHO with support from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The 14 local public health departments within the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness together applied for the honor, submitting a detailed set of materials. Applications were reviewed by a panel of local health officials, local health agency staff and representatives of a number of national public health organizations in addition to NACCHO.

The achievement demonstrates excellence in three areas: planning for emergency preparedness, developing a competent workforce and conducting full-scale exercises and other complicated simulation drills.

Cynthia Tomasello, Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Officer, states that, "Our communities are leaders in emergency preparedness-in public health, in public safety and in other disciplines. Still, the most important factor in determining whether we succeed in responding to an emergency will be the actions of our citizens in advance planning, cooperating with authorities and helping each other in a time of duress."
Whitefish Bay Library News!

New library cards & key fobs
New library cards with key fobs are available for $2.00 at the Library. These are great for families who need two “copies” of a library card – mom or dad can carry the fobs on their key rings, while the kids carry the cards. Spouses who pick up items for one another will no longer have to remember the correct library cards – just carry the fob!

Library Blog
We are blogging at wfblibrary.blogspot.com. Get “insider” information on what happens at the Library and how it might affect you. Post your comments and questions – it helps us to serve you better!

www.WFBNow.com
The Library has a dedicated space at www.WhitefishBayNOW.com. This site is much like the original Whitefish Bay Herald, only online. Our space is called “Love the Library” and shows our logo. Whitefishbaynow.com gives you the latest on what is happening at the Library, as well as around town.

Graphic Novels
Funded by Friends of the Library, this new collection is quickly being checked out. We have some of the most popular GN series, including XXXHolic, Tsubasa, Naruto and Fullmetal Alchemist. This new collection is located to the left of the new fiction.

LiterARTure: Children’s response to books
The Library will exhibit the artwork of Cumberland and Richards students in celebration of Youth Art Month. The art of these students will be displayed March 18 – 30.

PJ parties...Locks for Love...gingerbread?
We have a Program Room available for rental. The room is often rented for birthday parties, sporting and school organizational meetings, and business meetings. Lately we have had some very interesting and exciting uses of the room, including Locks for Love, a girl scout pajama party and a gingerbread decorating party.

This versatile room is one of the many ways the Library serves the community. If you are interested in renting the Program Room, check out the policy and application at www.wfblibrary.org or stop by the Circulation Desk for more information.

Thank you to our donors!
Over the past few years the library has received donations for which we wanted to say “thank you”. We appreciate your support to maintain the library as a viable resource. These donations have helped make our jobs easier and enhance the library. With these funds we have purchased lights for the Children’s Reading Room, a digital camera, a scanner/printer for the Youth Services staff, and databases, to which we subscribe, remotely accessible to you from home, are made possible by a donation. Thank you for continuing to support your library!

John Gurda to speak at the Library
Friends of the Whitefish Bay Public Library will host a presentation with Milwaukee historian John Gurda on Wednesday, April 25, at 7pm in the 2nd floor Program Room. Registration is necessary, as space is limited. Check www.wfblibrary.org and www.whitefishbaynow.com for information.

For more information, or to join the Friends, email us at

WFBLIBRARYFRIENDS@SBCGLOBAL.NET
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday April 18, 12:30 – 5:30pm at the clubhouse. To reserve a time call 332-7781. Walk-ins are welcome. Blood is urgently needed by the Milwaukee Blood Bank.

ATTIC TREASURES AND RUMMAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday April 27th and 28th. Watch the media for times. Featured will be antiques, jewelry, household items, sporting equipment and more. The Club will welcome all donations. Donations are tax deductible, give the clubhouse a call.

SPRING LUNCHEON: Wednesday May 2 11:30am cocktails, 12:30pm luncheon at the beautiful Brynwood County Club. All ladies of the community are welcome. RSVP by April 25. Call 332-7781 for cost and reservation information.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE WFB WOMEN’S CLUB: is open to all ladies of the North Shore suburbs. The Club offers many section, special events, community service and other opportunities in their beautiful clubhouse. A great opportunity to make new friends. Dues are reasonable. For more information, call 332-7781.

RECREATION DEPT. UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Spain’s Classic, slideshow 10:00 a.m. March 7 Lydell Community Center to promote a 10 day trip leaving Sept. 9. $2,799 double occupancy.

Heart of Europe, slideshow 10:00 a.m. March 8 Lydell Community Center to promote a 9 day trip leaving Nov. 6. $2199 double occupancy.

April 10, 3F Luncheon $5 program: Walt Smith, “A Touch of Magic”

May 3, 3F Luncheon $5 program: WFB High School Jazz Ensemble

May 15, Orlandini Studios tour, Lunch at Il Mito, $23.

CONTACT: JOAN BRENK AT 414.963.3992
The Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation needs your help!

The Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation depends on the time and talent of everyone in our community. Volunteers are needed to help with the wonderful events coming up later this year:

- 4th of July parade and festivities at Klode Park
- Sounds of Summer Concert in mid August
- Great Pumpkin Festival in late October
- Ice Cream Socials at Schoolhouse Park

For more information on how you can be a part of the events that make our village great, contact Gerry C. Steele at 964-0448 or email her at gcsteele@mixcom.com. We cannot do it without you. For more information about the Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation log on to wfbcivicfoundation.org.

Whitefish Bay Armory Park Project Underway
Friends Group Commences Fundraising Efforts for Veteran’s Monument and Memorial Garden

Thanks to the efforts of a local organizing group, efforts are underway to construct and maintain a veteran’s memorial at Armory Park, located at the southwest corner of Lake Drive and Henry Clay.

“This project is a community-wide effort to continue the tradition of honoring local men and women who have served, are serving and have died in the service of our country,” said John Kearns, spokesperson for Friends of Armory Park.

According to Kearns, the Friends group hopes to raise sufficient funds to construct the memorial and unveil the tribute.

A design by local architect James French features a monument and memorial gardens shaped in the form of an arrow, representing the symbol of the 32nd Division and Wisconsin’s Iron Brigade. The arrow’s shaft will pass through donor walls constructed of bricks reclaimed from the former Armory. Benches will encircle a flagpole providing a place for reflection.

The group is soliciting contributions (a letter and reply card is included in this issue of Bay Leaves) and has a variety of giving opportunities, including donor benches, gardens and plaques recognizing local military veterans. For more information: Call John Kearns at (414) 964-0339 or email armorypark@sbcglobal.net.
Whitefish Bay High School
Art Festival & Sale

Date: Friday, March 30 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm and
Saturday, March 31 from 9 am to 1 pm

Location: Whitefish Bay High School rotunda/ main lobby
1200 E. Fairmount Ave.

Admission: $5 at the door Friday night; No charge Saturday, but freewill offering
optional. Students and WFB School District staff free.

Art sale: featuring original paintings, drawings, photographs, jewelry, ceramics,
glass, fiber arts, and sculptures created by community, professional & student artists.
Friday night 3 artists will create “Live “oil paintings to be auctioned off at the end of
the event. All proceeds support the WFBHS art program.

Donations Welcome!
Contact: Event Chair: Tracy Luber @ (414)963-4001