

Bay Leaves

Winter 2010

The Official Newsletter of
the Village of Whitefish Bay

Greetings from the Village President

I hope you enjoyed our mild and colorful autumn and are getting set for a lively holiday season. It was a pleasure seeing so many of you at the Holiday Stroll. Thanks to our Business Improvement District, Department of Public Works, and Police Department for another wonderful event. We welcome Three Wishes, Minoan Intimate Apparel and the expanded Sendik's to Silver Spring as we look forward to the opening of City Market early in 2011. Please remember to support our local merchants with your holiday shopping this year.



Kathleen J.
Pritchard

The Village Board has been busy reviewing and setting the 2011 budget as well as establishing the longer term capital improvement plan (CIP). To strategically address the issues associated with the torrential summer storms, Donahue and Associates has been selected as a consultant through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process to recommend tactics aimed at those areas most severely affected by the flooding. In advance of this larger study, a stormwater analysis of a drainage basin located in the southwest corner of the Village is being conducted and that report is to be completed by the end of the year. Please see the details inside for more information on next year's CIP and ongoing review of 2010 storm events.

The Environmental Advisory Commission sponsored several community forums to present information about the sewers and to offer preventative solutions for homeowners. Village staff has worked with FEMA to secure public and private relief from the damages caused by the historic storms. Additionally, work will commence in December to close connections of the sanitary sewer from the storm

Saturday Sessions With The Village President

On the third Saturday of each month, Village President Katie Pritchard holds an informal session to meet with residents who wish to discuss local matters. Upcoming dates are Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, and March 19. The sessions are held from 9 to 11 am in the lower level Historical Room of the Village Hall.

sewer along Lake Drive, and other sewers in affected areas are being televised and cleaned. Please continue to check for updates on the Village website. www.wfbvillage.org.

The website is also a good source of information on construction projects. I am pleased to report that work is complete on the Lake Drive water main, the reconstruction of Fairmount Avenue, three alley projects, sanitary sewer relays, sidewalks, mill and overlay, and curb islands on Lakeview. This work represents an unprecedented annual undertaking for capital improvements. Work continues on the street light replacements which should be completed this winter.

I would like to close the 2010 newsletter with special recognition and thanks to Village Manager Jim Grassman who will be retiring at the end of the year. Jim has served the Village since 2002 and has many accomplishments to his credit. He is a true professional, respected by his colleagues and staff. The Village is in sound fiscal shape because of him and he will be missed. Assistant Manager Matt Schuenke will serve as interim Village Manager. Please join me in thanking Jim and wishing him well in his next endeavors.

I appreciate your continued support and wish you and your family the happiest of holidays.

Kathleen J. Pritchard
Village President

Holiday Trash Waste Collection

The Department of Public Works will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Dec 23 and 24, and on Thursday and Friday, Dec 30 and Dec. 31. Garbage and recycling will be picked up on the following schedule:

Normal Garbage- Recycling Pickup Date	Please put out on:
Thurs., Dec. 23	Tues., Dec. 21
Fri., Dec. 24	Wed., Dec. 22
Thurs., Dec. 30	Tues., Dec. 28
Fri., Dec. 31	Wed., Dec. 29

WFB Public Works/Engineering

Storm Water Runoff Analysis Underway

The Village has retained the engineering firm Crispell-Snyder (“C-S”) to conduct a drainage runoff and capacity analysis of storm sewers serving an area commencing near Fairmount and Woodruff Aves., south to Hampton, and then west and southwest to the Milwaukee River (see map).



There is evidence and reports that this area has historically experienced street flooding in relatively minor rain events. The Fairmount Avenue construction improved the storm sewer in the work area to current design standards. This analysis is investigating runoff flows further downstream to the outfall to the Milwaukee River, and incorporates or is adjacent to two of the priority study areas defined by the Village as a result of storms in July.

The following is the status of this effort:

- September - Field survey complete, data compilation,

and analysis commenced.

- October - Substantially completed review of the existing system for expected design flows and functionality.
- Currently developing solutions, costs and recommendations to address possible improvements, and comparing results to previous storm water studies. Village staff and Crispell-Snyder will develop recommendations for possible incorporation into the Whitefish Bay Capital Improvement Plan. Considerations where appropriate may be given to pipe improvements or additions, “green” solutions, and/or structures to attenuate peak storm water flows.

- The report, exhibits and recommendations are expected to be complete before the end of the year. These recommendations will be considered both individually and as part of an overall storm and sanitary sewer analysis being conducted by Donohue & Associates.

WFB / Shorewood Sewer Service Area Task Force Meeting

Officials and staff from WFB, Shorewood and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) have begun periodic meetings to discuss possible new initiatives to improve the sewer system in the area near the border between the two villages.

WFB and Shorewood sewers in this area are interconnected. The two Villages’ waste water flows are then conveyed to the MMSD system via the Courtland Avenue sanitary sewer.

The purpose of the group is to share resources and knowledge, and ultimately identify possible joint projects

and strategies that can be carried out together. To date the group has met twice and discussions included:

- Efforts that have taken place or are proposed in each Village;
- Exploration of system changes that might provide operational improvements;
- Additional proposed monitoring and analysis; and
- Possible actions involving private property sources of excess flow.

The results will be incorporated into the overall storm and sanitary sewer analysis being conducted by Donohue & Associates.

Lake Drive Interconnection Removal Project

During maintenance of several storm inlets on Lake Drive, DPW crews discovered two storm inlets with connections to both the sanitary sewer and storm sewer. This is an area of the Village where it is believed in the early 1900’s the sewer systems were combined, but thought to be fully separated long ago. Two of the structures were immediately disconnected and replaced, and further investigation revealed approximately 38 suspected or confirmed locations where interconnections exist or where historic attempts at disconnection need improvements.

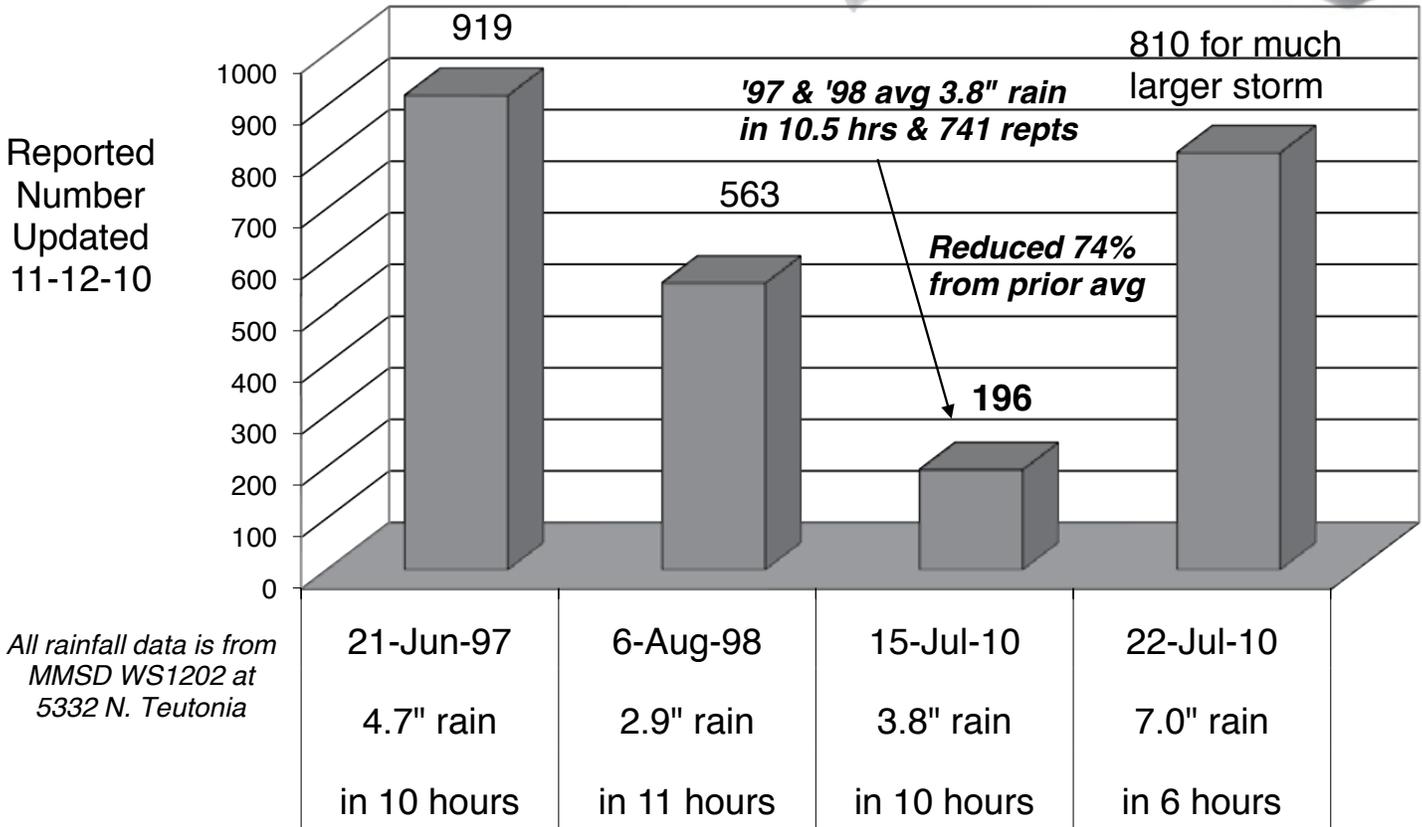
The Village bid a project for corrective action that consists of permanent and/or temporary “bulk-heading” of interconnections, and includes provisions for catch

basin replacements, manhole replacement, and limited storm sewer and lateral relay and abandonment. The Village Board awarded the contract Nov. 15 and the work began this year and will resume in spring. The project area is roughly from Lake Forest Avenue on the north to Glendale Avenue to the south.

This project will result in the removal of a potentially significant source of clear water from the Lake Drive sanitary sewer systems and the conveyance system downstream, and is another component of continued operational and service improvements to the Village’s sanitary sewer system.

WFB Public Works/Engineering

Comparison of Basement Flooding & Backups



Sanitary Sewer Improvements Reducing Basement Backups

While no two storms are alike, a comparison of data indicates the sanitary sewer work undertaken by the Village in recent years spared hundreds of homes from basement backups in July. The adjacent chart compares the major storms of June 1997 and August 1998 with the storms of July 15 and July 22, 2010, along with the number of reported incidents of sewage backups and basement flooding associated with each storm. These results include responses to the questionnaire in the last issue of Bay Leaves.

The results show rainfall during the storm of July 15 was comparable to the storms in 1997 and 1998. However, reports of sewage backups and basement flooding were

substantially fewer. There are about 4,500 homes in the Village.

The Village spent \$9 million on sanitary sewer improvements from 2006 – 2010. This involved replacing or rehabilitating 52,020 lineal feet of the public sewer system, which is about 25% of the total. Such an effort by a municipality is unprecedented. However, the progress that has been made was obscured by the deluge that struck WFB and Shorewood on July 22. That storm produced seven inches of rain in just six hours, far exceeding any previous event. The Village has launched an effort aimed at even further reducing the number of sewage backups as well as surface flooding arising from future storms.

July 22 Storm Rated National Disaster

The President declared Milwaukee County a disaster area eligible for public assistance from FEMA in response to heavy rains and extensive private property damage from July 20-24. This period includes the torrential storm that struck WFB and Shorewood on July 22. FEMA has granted over \$45 million in individual

assistance based on 31,600 applications received from people in Grant and Milwaukee counties, which were covered by the disaster declaration. Other information relative to the storm response is available through the Village website at www.wfbvillage.org or through FEMA at www.fema.gov.



WFB Public Works/Engineering

2011 Capital Improvement Program

The Village will be undergoing many capital improvement projects for 2011 designed to improve infrastructure and service. These projects were approved by the Village Board on Nov. 15 as part of the 2011 Budget, but are subject to change pending the need for changes or additional desired work. Major projects for next year include:

- Berkeley and Sylvan Reconstructions – The 4700-4800 block of Bartlett Drive, 5500 block of Berkeley Boulevard, and 700-1000 block of Sylvan Avenue are scheduled for reconstruction of the street and utilities including sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water mains.
- 4700-4900 Berkeley Boulevard – The sanitary sewer main and laterals will be replaced in this section of roadway.
- Public Parking Lots – The surface will be reconstructed and lighting replaced in the public parking lots and alleys located behind Winkie’s and off of Beaumont Avenue in the Silver Spring Drive Business District.
- “F” Series Lighting – Street lights will be replaced in the vicinity of Hampton on the north, Oakland on the east, Shorewood border on the south, and Marlborough on the west borders.
- Lake Drive Water Main – New water main will be installed with new service laterals on Lake Drive from Woodburn Street to Bartlett Avenue.

- Alley Project – In addition the alleys adjacent to the Silver Spring Business District parking lots, the alley accessed off of Lake Drive between Lakeview and Beaumont will be reconstructed.
- Mill and Overlay – This program was funded by the Village Board in the 2011 Budget, and will be applied to various streets next year. A few inches of the top asphalt will be removed (mill) and replaced with new asphalt (overlay).
- Lancaster Storm Sewer – The storm sewer located along Lancaster Avenue from the DPW Yard to Shoreland Avenue will be replaced.
- Marlborough Water Main – The 4900 block of Marlborough Drive will have the water main replaced.
- Sidewalks – All sidewalks north of Day Avenue will be reviewed next year as part of this annual program. The white paint marks (circles and L’s) on your sidewalk are an indication the fall evaluations for the 2011 Sidewalk Improvement Program have begun. The walks in the program area will be evaluated once again in the spring with construction scheduled during the 2011 summer school break.

Many of these projects are currently in the design phase and have conducted informational efforts to those affected. Please contact the Engineering Department with any questions at (414) 962-6690.

Winter & Holiday Reminders

Holiday Tree Disposal

Village crews will collect Christmas trees placed at the curb from Jan. 3 through 21. They are not collected as part of the regular garbage route. Please remove all lights and ornaments, as they are a disposal hazard. If it should snow and your tree becomes buried in the snow, please remove it and place it on top of the snow to ensure that it will be picked up.

Refuse Collection with Snow and Ice

Please make sure that access to your garbage and recycling containers is free of snow and ice. This helps us to prevent injury with our employees especially when they are removing the containers from your walkways and driveways. Also, remove any containers that may have become frozen into the snow so they are readily accessible.

Ice Rink

DPW will be attempting to prepare ice rinks at Klode and Cahill Park in early 2010. The success of this process will

be dependent on many things such as weather and crew availability. Temperature is an especially crucial factor as it is necessary for sub-freezing temperatures to be constant day and night for a couple of weeks prior to any freezing attempts. This provides frost in the ground for the water to pool on the surface and then freeze for the rinks. Please stay posted using the Village website for any DPW related announcements regarding the ice rinks.

Recycling Cart Dividers

Following the switch from dual stream to single stream recycling, the dividers in the recycling cart are no longer needed. Recycling material is collected as a whole and separated later at the recycling disposal company. To assist in the removal of these dividers, DPW employees will be coming through this winter to remove any remaining dividers that still exist. Do not be alarmed if the divider goes missing as this work was done by Village Staff to alleviate the confusion and provide additional space in the cart without the divider.

WFB Police Department

Winter Overnight Parking Regulations

Village ordinance prohibits parking on Village streets between 3 am and 5 am without permission or permit. To request overnight parking permission, residents and their guests may call (414) 431-9060 or visit the Village website at www.wfbvillage.org.

Night parking is restricted to the portion of the street abutting property that is owned, rented or otherwise occupied by the requestor. Permission will be granted for up to 15 nights per call, with a maximum annual allowance of 15 nights per vehicle. Those exceeding the annual limit will be denied permission and referred to the Police Department during normal business hours to purchase a \$30 monthly overnight parking permit. Requests for overnight parking permission must be made prior to 3 am of the current day. Parking permits may be purchased at the Police Department between the hours of 8 am and 9 pm. Between Nov. 30 and April 1, monthly overnight parking permits may be purchased only for the following areas:

- E. Chateau Pl. (north and south sides from N. Santa

Monica Blvd. to N. Anita Ave.)

- N. Anita Ave. (west side from W. Chateau Pl. to N. Shoreland Ave.)
- N. Shoreland Ave. (west side from E. Chateau Pl. to N. Anita Ave.)
- N. Diversey Blvd. at E. Silver Spring Dr. (west side of N. Diversey Blvd. from E. Silver Spring Dr. south to alley)
- N. Diversey Blvd. at E. Henry Clay St. (west side of N. Diversey Blvd from E. Henry Clay St. north to alley and the north side of E. Henry Clay St. from Diversey Blvd. to a point 40 feet to the west)
- N. Oakland Ave. at E. Glendale Ave. (east side of N. Oakland Ave. from south Village limits to a point north of E. Glendale Ave. and the south side of E. Glendale Ave. from N. Oakland Ave. east to posted sign)
- Winkie's Municipal Parking Lot (east parking row at south end of parking lot)
- North Shore Fire Department Parking Lot (west parking row at south end of parking lot)

PLEASE NOTE: Night parking permits are not valid during snow emergencies.

Winter Regulations

During the Winter months, the Police Department would like to remind residents of the following regulations that are present in Village Ordinances pertaining to snow and ice removal:

- **Power Snow Removal Equipment Usage** – Ord. 8.02(5) prohibits snow removal using snow blowers and vehicle mounted snow within 50 feet of any building used as a residence by another person between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am.
- **Ice and Snow Covered Sidewalks** – Ord. 7.08(1) requires residents and/or property owners to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after a snow/ice event. If the ice cannot be removed, the resident or property owner is required to use sand or other substances to provide traction until the ice can be removed. Please shovel any crosswalks if adjacent to

your property through a corner or intersection. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in citation in addition to the cost for removing and de-icing by the DPW. Please make arrangements for your sidewalks to be kept free of snow and ice if you will be out of town.

- **Depositing of Snow** – Ord. 7.08(2) establishes provisions relating to the depositing of snow on property other than that of the owner. This prohibits the pushing, piling, blowing, or shoveling of snow into and across a public street or alley. Please remind all contractors that you use for snow removal of this requirement to ensure the ordinance is not violated. Snow windrows can cause damage and injury if left to obstruct roadways. It also creates significant cost over-runs when Village crews have to clear roadways more than once.

Prescription Drug Drop Off Program

The Police Department recognizes that the abuse of pharmaceuticals is a serious health and social problem. It also recognizes that improper disposal of medications is a threat to our environment. The Police Department is now accepting old, unwanted prescription drugs for disposal including prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medication. This is for WFB residents only, and identification will be required. Hours will be Monday

through Friday from 8 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm. All drugs should be in the original package or bottle. Identifying information can be crossed out, but the name of the medicine should be left visible. Residents may not bring illegal drugs, needles/sharps, biohazardous material (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

WFB Library

Programs

New Color Copier Coming!

The Library will be replacing the public black and white copier with a color copier in early 2011. The copier can be accessed by any of the public computers as well as be used as a regular photocopier. If you wish to make a color copy the cost will be .75 cents a page. Black and white copies will increase from .10 cents a page to .15 cents a page when we install the new copier.

Clearing Fines From Your Account

Beginning in 2011, when your fines reach the \$5 limit you will need to pay the amount down to zero in order to resume using library services. If your library card expires and needs to be re-registered you will also need to have all existing fines paid off in order to renew your card. The current system allows library users to maintain a balance of fines which over time may never be paid off. You can always check your account online through our website and even pay for fines online with a credit card from home or through a public computer in our building.

Try Out a Database

The following are just some of the databases you have access to with your WFB Library card. For a complete listing see our website and click on ONLINE COLLECTIONS on the left side of the screen. All of the databases, with the exception of Ancestry, may be accessed remotely from your own computer.

- *Standard & Poor's Net-Advantage* is a comprehensive source of business and investment information, offering on-line access to Standard & Poor's independent research, data and commentary on stocks, bonds, funds, and industries.
- *Testing and Education Reference Center* helps users prepare for higher education and the work world in a variety of ways. This detailed database includes information on private high schools, undergraduate and graduate programs and executive education programs, searchable by location, major, tuition, sports and more.

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Friends of the WFB Library

Now is the perfect time to join Friends of the WFB Library. Contributions from this tax-exempt organization enhance existing library programs, activities and facilities through membership dues, donations and used book sales. With your support, Friends provide funding for the children's reading programs, evening special presentations, new acquisitions, some facilities'



improvements, and other library needs. If active participation suits you, Friends have volunteer opportunities available. Please check the list on the application form below. We look forward to meeting our new Friends. Please fill out the following form and return it to Friends of the WFB Library at 5420 N. Marlborough Drive, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address/Zip _____

Email _____

I'd like to help with

- _____ sorting/shelving donated books for our book sales and Used Book Sale Room
- _____ helping at the semi-annual Used Book Sales
- _____ working on publicity/community outreach
- _____ adopting a shelf at the library
- _____ writing for the Friends' newsletter, Page Turner

\$10 Individual

\$15 Family

\$25 Supporting

\$50 Patron

\$100 Sponsor

Best Friend +\$100

Membership dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by Federal law.

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Whitefish Bay Library.

Questions? Please call (414) 332-9237

WFB Library

Library Programs continued

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- *Mango Languages* is an award-winning resource that offers you online language instruction from the comfort of your own home or anywhere on the internet. Mango Languages provides instruction with a conversational focus on several languages, including Spanish, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, and Italian. There is also a course for Spanish speakers looking to learn English as a second language.
- *Scholastic BookFlix* is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks to build a love of reading and learning. The engaging way to link fact and fiction, BookFlix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration.
- *Opposing Viewpoints* draws on the acclaimed social issues series published by Greenhaven Press to present a dynamic online library of current event topics—the facts as well as the arguments of each topic's proponents and detractors.
- *Ancestry Library Edition* – This is accessed in the Library Only You may have heard about this popular genealogy database on TV or radio, it includes census, military records, immigration records, and much more. Stop in the library to use this database.

WFB Woman's Club

The WFB Woman's Club has been serving our community since 1917. This spring, we awarded college scholarships to two WFB High School seniors; two girls to attend Badger State Girls; an UW-Milwaukee student, and this fall, an MATC student enrolled in health studies. Our club is a very active organization that would like to include more women from the area in our events. Membership is available to women of all ages. For information, call our office (414) 332-7781. The following represent some of the activities you might be interested in attending. General meetings are free and have a presentation.

- Dec. 8 - Holiday High Tea - Reservations required
- Jan. 5 - General Meeting - Speaker from The Girl Scouts of America - 1 pm
- Jan. 29 - Super Chili Bowl XXVII - Reservations required
- Feb. 9 - Community Blood Drive
- Feb. 2 - General Meeting - The Role of Women in the Civil War - 1 pm
- Mar. 2 - General Meeting - Gold Star Mysteries

Meet the Author Event

On Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 pm, the Library is proud to host a book release party for WFB author Doug Armstrong's new novel *Even Sunflowers Cast Shadows*. Please call the Library at 964-4380 to register. Refreshments will be provided. For more information check our website at www.wfblibrary.org or the author's at www.evensunflowerscastshadows.com.

Adult Programming

As time for the events approaches, more information will be posted on the website and in the Library:

- *The Book and Film Discussion Group* will be meeting monthly from Feb. through May to discuss a book and the film version of the same story.
- *Book Discussion with the Author* – The Library will offer a book discussion with local author Doug Armstrong (also the moderator of our popular Book & Film Group) focusing on his forth-coming novel *Even Sunflowers Cast Shadows*.
- *Chocolate for your Sweetie* – Just in time for Valentine's Day, come to the Library on Feb. 10 at 7 pm. Julie Waterman from Indulgence Chocolatiers in Waukesha will be talking about single origin chocolates from around the world. Registration begins in Jan.

Bay Players

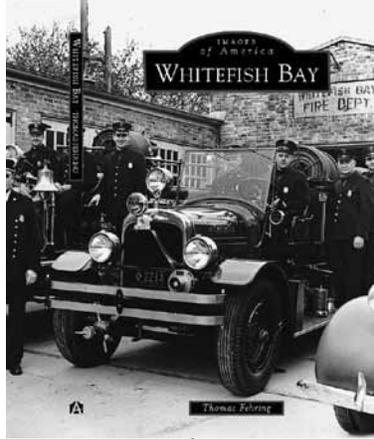
The Butler Did It

WFB's own Bay Players will warm up your January theatre experience with the whodunit comedy: *The Butler Did It*. Mystery author, Miss Maple, invites some of the best known writers of mysteries to spend the weekend at Ravenswood Manor. Guests are instructed to come costumed as the main character from their favorite (self authored) book. What happens after guests arrive forms the perfect, and very funny, plot, with twists, turns and a very surprise ending. Directed by Raymond Bradford, performances are on Jan. 14, 15, 21, and 22 with all shows at 8 pm. The theatre is located at the WFB High School Auditorium, 1200 E. Fairmount Ave., WFB. Due to construction at WFBHS music wing, entrance to the auditorium may be re-routed. Please contact the Bay Players hotline at (414) 299-9040 for more information. Tickets are \$14.00 for adults, and \$10.00 for seniors/students. Contact the Bay Players at: (414) 299-9040 or www.thebayplayers.com for more info.

Historic Preservation Commission

Whitefish Bay History Book Now Available

Trustee Thomas Fehring has recently authored a book on the history of Whitefish Bay. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by. The book was published by Arcadia Publications and went on sale Nov. 15. It is expected to be sold by a number of local stores, as well as by the WFB Historical Society, and local and national book merchants.



Fehring, who has been a member of the Village's Historic Preservation Commission since its inception, said that the Village had been contacted by the publisher to inquire about an interest in a book on the history of the Village. After talking to a number of groups, he was encouraged to tackle the project. The book is being published as part of Arcadia's popular Images of America series. Similar books have been published for Milwaukee, Shorewood, West Milwaukee, and other local communities. All royalties from the publication will be used to support local historic preservation efforts.

Residents, churches, schools, businesses and other community groups were contacted in order to obtain interesting photographs of the Village. Fehring also

obtained images from the WFB Historical Collection (also known as the Mimi Bird Files), the WFB Historical Society, the WFB library, the Milwaukee County Historical Society, the Milwaukee Public Library, and the Wisconsin Historical Society. Over 500 photographs were scanned. The best images were then selected to tell the story of the Village.

The book begins with the early history of the area, including the early resort community and the formation of the Village. It then proceeds to illustrate early

residential development, the commercial districts that sprang up to meet the needs of the new community, the churches and schools that were formed in the Village, and some of the remarkable homes that grace the Village. A good portion of the book is devoted to highlighting many of the interesting people that have resided in the area, and illustrating the numerous changes that have occurred over the years.

Fehring hopes that the book will be of interest to current residents, as well as anyone who has had the good fortune of having lived in the Village or who may be researching the history of relatives from the area.

Wisconsin Historical Society Comprehensive Survey

The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) is conducting a comprehensive survey of WFB in which nearly all 4,000 structures in the Village will be photographed and evaluated for their architectural and historical significance. The work began in October and will be completed by June. The project is funded by a \$24,000 grant from the National Park Service, and at no cost to the Village.

"It is an honor for the village to be selected for this project," said Village Trustee Tom Fehring, who also sits on the WFB Historic Preservation Commission. "It recognizes not only that our community has many beautiful and historical homes worthy of research, but that its residents take pride in their properties' appearance and have made the effort to preserve their architectural and historical integrity."

The survey is being done by LJM Architects, Inc., of Sheboygan, which specializes in preservation consulting and design. Key project phases are:

- The "reconnaissance" – or photography – phase will be a "windshield" survey of every structure. Each

property's features will be documented and evaluated to determine its architectural style, historical period, and architect, designer, or builder.

- Selected structures will be further researched for the role they and their owners played in Village settlement and development; civic history; and business and commerce. The project team will also research the history of the Village's schools; modes of transportation; social and political movements; religions; recreation and entertainment; and notable people.
- Once research is completed, the WHS will determine which properties and neighborhoods are eligible for listing on the U.S. Park Services' National Register of Historic Places. Designation will not automatically place a property on the Register, but it could qualify it for a 25% income or business tax credit for repairs and improvements that maintain its historic character.

Surveyors will carry identification, are known to police, and will stay on public right-of-way. If you have concerns, please call Village Hall at 962-6690 or the Police Department at 962-3930.

Recreation Department

Upcoming Programming

The WFB Recreation and Community Education Program Winter/Spring Program Guides are in and registration has begun. Make sure you take time to read through your families copy we are offering many new youth, adult and senior programs! Additional Recreation and Community Education program guides can be found at the WFB Library, Village Hall, and the WFB Recreation and Community Education Department. Mark your calendar for the following program dates:

Lydell Preschool Open House Scheduled

The open house has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9 from 1 to 3 pm and Tuesday Jan. 11 from 5 to 7 pm at the Lydell Community Center in room 26. Interested families looking to enroll for the 2011-2012 school year are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. 2011-2012 school year enrollment dates for returning families and WFB residents begins Jan. 3 and open enrollment will begin Jan. 13.

Holiday Open Swim at the WFB High School Field House Pool

The WFB Field House Pool will be available for use on Dec. 28, 29, and 30 from 1 – 3 pm. All children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any child of 7 years and older, but under 48" in height, must prove their swimming ability to the satisfaction of the lifeguards. Open swim payments are collected at the door of the field house pool prior to pool use, exact change is appreciated. Students and children ages 4-18 cost \$2.50, adults cost \$3, and the family maximum charge is \$6. Children under 3 years old are free. Contact the department at (414) 963-3947 with any questions.

WFB Recreation Free Throw Contest

Open to both boys and girls in Grades 3 – 8 on Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Cumberland School Gym. The winner of each of the grade divisions will receive a trophy and compete in a County Free Throw Contest to register or for more information please call the Whitefish Bay Recreation Department and ask for George Hansen 414-963-3947.

Free Holiday Family Open Gym

Open Gym has been scheduled for Dec. 28, 29, and 30 in the Lydell Community Center Gym from 10 – 10:45 am. This event is being provided free of charge for ages 1.5 to 5 years old. Open Gym is a fun time for children and their guardians to participate in gym activities. Parents must remain with their children.

Annual Spring WFB Community Diaper to Duds Resale

Saturday, March 26 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Lydell Community Center. Get your child's wardrobe-ready for the upcoming season with our Diapers to Duds clothing sale. Buy or sell gently used clothing for infant through school-aged children. Toys and bay items are welcome. To Buy: Doors will open at 9 am. There is no admission fee. Be prepared to find great bargains for your baby, toddler or school-aged child. To Sell: Register by March 11 or until spaces are filled. Fee is \$30 resident and \$40 non-resident for a 6 ft table. Additional tables may be rented for \$5 each. Sellers may begin setting up at 8 am Saturday and must have their space cleared by 1 pm. Sellers have the option of taking their unsold items home or having them picked up from Lydell by a local charity as a donation. Tax-deductible forms will be available.

Programs for Older Adults

3F (Friends, Fellowship, Food) Luncheons – 11:30 am registration, 12 pm lunch, and 1 pm program. Cost is \$5.25 held in the gym of the Lydell Community Center located at 5205 N. Lydell Ave. Registration required one week in advance.

- Tuesday, Dec. 7 – WWII Veteran Ed De Preter, *My Experiences on Pearl Harbor Day and After*
- Tuesday, Jan. 4 – Author/Historian Tom Fehring, *MA Pictorial View of the History of Whitefish Bay*
- Tuesday, Feb. 1 – Patrick Brown, Executive Director for BadgerAssoc. Of the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Tuesday, March 1 – Kristine Pluskota, Executive

Director of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center

Upcoming Tours

- *Discover Croatia, the Dalmatian Coast, and Slovenia* – March 14-24, 2011 from Collette Vacations Tour, \$2,799 for double occupancy.
 - *New York City* – March 15-20, 2011 from Diamond Tour, \$515 double occupancy.
 - *Milwaukee to Muskegon* – June 8, 2011 via Lake Express, a collaborative trip with Shorewood, Fox Point/Bayside, and Glendale Senior Centers.
- Please contact Joan Brenk at 963-3992 with any questions.



Health Department

Clinics

The Health Department is currently offering the following:

- Adult Health Risk Screening (\$25) – 8 am-noon on Jan. 25 and Feb. 22.
- Blood Pressure Clinic (free) – 4-6 pm on Dec. 1, Jan. 26, and Feb. 23.
- Blood Lead Screening (\$5) – By appointment only for uninsured ages 1-5 years.
- Immunization Clinics (cost varies) – Mondays from 2-4 pm on Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14. Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 am on Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15.
- Hepa-Vac Rental (\$25 deposit, \$10 per day) – Available for public rental to be used to cleanup fine,

lead-laden particles.

- Wisconsin Well-Woman Program – Providing free health screenings and diagnostic tests for several conditions for those individuals who are applicable.
- Lead Testing – Collection kits available with results sent directly to your home.
- Radon Testing (\$5) – Collection kits available with results sent directly to your home.

The Health Department is located in the lower level of the Shorewood Village Hall. Please contact us at (414) 847-2710 for more information and to schedule appointments.

North Shore Fire Department

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

As winter approaches, help the Fire Department by adopting the fire hydrant closest to your home or business and keep it free of snow during the winter. At a fire, the Fire Department must quickly locate and gain a water supply source from the closest fire hydrant. A fire engine carries enough water on board for approximately 3 ½ minutes of firefighting. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it is difficult to find and valuable time must be spent digging it out. Keep the snow clear from around

the fire hydrant and shovel a path from the street or roadway up to the fire hydrant. These actions will allow the Fire Department to quickly locate a fire hydrant and obtain a water supply for firefighting activities. The North Shore Fire Department Public Education Office can be contacted at 414-228-0292 or jglanz@nsfire.org, should you have any questions about these winter season fire and safety hints.

Christmas Tree Safety

A few quick tips will have you on your way to enjoying a safe and beautiful Christmas tree!

- Consider an artificial tree, they are much safer and cleaner.
- Look for manufacturer labels or other markings indicating that artificial vegetation and Christmas trees are fire retardant.
- If you use a real tree, it should not lose green needles when you tap it on the ground.
- Cut 1 inch off the trunk prior to raising to help absorb water.
- Leave the tree outside until ready to decorate.
- The stand should hold at least one (1) gallon of water.
- A 6' tree will use 1 gallon of water every two (2) days.
- Mix a commercial preservative with the water.
- Check the water level every day.
- Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping.

- Keep tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources.
- Use only ULC-approved lights, and no more than 3 strands linked together.
- Use miniature lights - which have cool-burning bulbs.
- Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep and when you leave your home.
- NEVER use candles, even on artificial trees. Fires related to candles increase fourfold during the Christmas season.
- NEVER use electrical lights on metal artificial trees.
- Clean the tree stand to improve the tree's water intake (use one capful of bleach to a cup of water.)
- Christmas tree, and other decorations, should not obstruct corridors, exit ways or paths of egress.
- Remove real trees upon evidence of dryness.
- Dispose of the tree properly. Do not burn the tree in the fire place or wood stove.

Civic Foundation

Spring 2011 Rain Barrel Display

Did you have a chance to see the pumpkin themed rain barrel in front of the Library this autumn? That barrel was the predecessor of 30 decorated rain barrels that will be coming to WFB next spring. Rain barrels will be part of a street art project designed to enliven the streetscape while providing information related to the two important watersheds bordering the Village: the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan. Educational fact sheets regarding water conservation and usage will be attached to each barrel. Thirty barrels will be on display on the streets for a month



in the spring of 2011 and at Green Day in the Bay in Cahill Park. A “meet the artist” reception will be held in conjunction with the project. The WFB Rain Barrel Street Art Project is co-sponsored by the Civic Foundation, Sweetwater – the Southeast Wisc. Watersheds Trust, local businesses, and community groups. At the end of the spring display period, the decorated barrels will be made available for purchase via silent auction. For additional information on the program, please e-mail anneoconnor@wfbcivicfoundation.org.

WFB Business Improvement District

Holiday Stroll



The WFB Business Improvement District would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting

“Holiday in Lights”, the 2010 Holiday Stroll:

- Presenting Sponsors - M&I Bank and Sendik’s Food Market
- Major Sponsors - Elements Therapeutic Massage, Johnson Bank, Sport N Cuts, Schwanke-Kasten Jewelers, and Winkie’s
- Community Sponsors - Bay Ridge Consulting, Breadsmith, Connelly Interiors, El Guapo, Elements East, Fitness Together, Fox Bay Cinema Grill, Gallery

505, Herslof Opticians, Hounds Around Town, James Hoffman Builders, New Options Salon, Placesetters, RedCap Luggage & Gifts, Regina’s Bay Bakery, Schmidt Bartelt Funeral Services, Simon Oliver, Three Wishes and The Great Frame-Up.

- Community Partners - The Civic Foundation and Village of Whitefish Bay

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the residents of WFB who come out to enjoy this great event and support our local businesses. The WFB Business Improvement District is pleased to have brought you this special annual tradition.

Civic Organization

North Shore Junior Women’s Club

Help NSJWC to provide size appropriate pediatric equipment for rescue squads throughout the state. A generous donor has offered a \$100,000 dollar matching grant that expires April 1, 2011. In 2009 NSJWC provided EMSC pediatric bags to each of the Rescue Squads in the North Shore area and to one in Milwaukee County. We are raising funds this year to complete the work in Milwaukee County and throughout the state. Donations can be mailed to NSJWC, PO Box 170352, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217. NSJWC is a 501(c)3 organization.



and enjoy the company of other woman as you work to improve your community. Our members enjoy regular social gatherings including dinner parties, holiday parties, girl’s overnights, brunches, picnics and our annual fundraising event. Even our committee meetings are fun. Since 2001, NSJWC has donated, through their annual major fundraisers, nearly \$50,000 to area non profits. Overall, since 2000, the women of NSJWC have supported more than 75 non-profit organizations through cash donations, special collections and their time. For more information visit www.nsjwc.org or contact Steph at (414) 967-9904 or nsjwc@yahoo.com for membership information.

Elections

The Spring Primary Election will be held Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Spring Local Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5. If you are not registered to vote you may do so at the Village Hall, Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. There will be the Village President, two Village Trustees, and Municipal Judge up for election all on a three-year term.

As a reminder, handicap voting machines are available at every polling place to assist disabled voters mark their ballot. These machines help disabled voters with sight or sound impairment to vote. If you are interested in serving as an election worker or for general inquiries, please contact the Village Hall at (414) 962-6690 or visit www.wfbvillage.org.

WFB Garden Club

It is cold, snowy, and probably drab outside, but spring will come. We can help you start planning. The WFB Garden Club is sponsoring a presentation by UW Extension Master Gardener Sharon Morrisey who will speak on creating and maintaining rain gardens and the use of rain barrels. Both can help alleviate excess water flow into the sewer system, as well as being water conservation tools. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7 pm in the lower level of the Village Hall. This meeting is open to the public at no cost. Please call (414) 962-3757 with any questions.



Run the Bay

Mark your calendar for the Run the Bay 5k Run/Walk. The event will be held on Saturday May 21, 2010 and benefits the WFB Public Education Foundation. To register and form information please go to www.wfbschools.com/community/.

Property Tax Information

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23 and 24. Village Hall will be open for tax collections ONLY on Friday, Dec. 31 from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The 2010 Real Estate Tax Bills will be mailed to property owners before Dec. 10. Tax bills are due and payable no later than Jan. 31. Taxes may be paid in installments with the following schedule:

50% Due by Jan. 31
25% Due by March 31
25% Due by May 31

All special assessments and/or delinquencies are payable with the first installments of taxes by Jan. 31. The Village Hall is open Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. If taxes are paid by mail a receipt will be returned to you.

Whitefish Bay Numbers

Village Hall, www.wfbvillage.org	962-6690
Public Library, www.wfblibrary.org	964-4380
Public Works Garage	967-5128
EMERGENCY – Police, Fire, Ambulance	911
Police Administration	962-3830
Police (non-emergency) - Northshore Dispatch	962-4619
North Shore Fire Dept (non-emergency)	357-0113
Whitefish Bay/Shorewood Health Director	847-2710
Village Information	962-2158
Whitefish Bay School District	963-3921
Dept of Recreation & Community Education	963-3947
Overnight Parking	431-9060