

Bay Leaves

Spring 2010

The Official Newsletter of
the Village of Whitefish Bay

Greetings from the Village President

Silver Spring Drive continues to blossom and with each day that goes by I am pleased to hear positive comments about the street improvements. Residents who waited patiently, merchants who are seeing the difference in their sales, and people who travel through or stop to shop on our streets go out of their way to note the changes in the business district. Kudos to the staff, businesses, and volunteer boards and commissions that made this happen. Please continue to support our businesses and watch for exciting new additions.



Kathleen J.
Pritchard

While Wisconsin weather is beyond all of our control, the Department of Public Works, has worked with the board and volunteers to install two ice rinks again this year. It is a real treat to see parents at Klode and Cahill, many of whom skated on those very rinks when they were younger, now sharing that experience with their young children.

As the ice melts and the weather warms, April will bring the 2010 Census, a spring election and the appointment of residents to boards and commissions. You will be receiving census forms in the mail in late March. Our population, according to the 2000 census, was 14,163, down from a high of 17,402 in the 1970 census. An accurate count is essential to the Village for funding and for planning purposes so please be sure to participate. We have a local election on Tuesday, April 6. Two seats on the Village Board, those of incumbents Jay Miller and Jim Roemer, are uncontested. If you are interested in participating in Village government, there are still many ways to contribute. Each year in April, we appoint new members to the many boards and commissions that serve on a voluntary basis. If you have an interest in serving in this way, please go to the village website, review the range of opportunities, and submit an application for consideration.

Spring also brings construction and we have an ambitious schedule this year. To advance our needed capital improvements, the Village embarked on strategic borrowing to finance our sewerage system, water

system and street improvements. New bonding requires a rigorous review of our financial situation and budgeting process. I am happy to report that Moody's Investment Services reviewed and assigned an Aa2 rating to the Village of Whitefish Bay. This "very high" rating reflects our fully developed tax base and allows us to borrow at lower rates of interest.

In the review, Whitefish Bay is described as an "affluent community located directly north of the City of Milwaukee [that] benefits from a long stretch of lake front property. The tax base is heavily residential (94%) with a modest (6%) commercial sector. Over the last 5 years, the tax base, currently two billion in full valuation, has averaged a moderate rate of 4.7% annual growth." Our growth as a community is mostly due to property appreciation and remodeling of the current housing stock. Credited in the review were the Village's structurally balanced budget and the commitment to adhere to a General Fund balance policy. Since 2005 we have had a strong focus on a detailed and accurate budgeting process. We have been able to increase General Fund reserves with the infusion of several one-time revenue sources and used a portion to reduce principle owed on prior debt. The high rating allows the village to take advantage of lower interest rates and is a credit to the staff and our trustees. It also helps to bring you better service at lower costs.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie".

Kathleen J. Pritchard
Village President

Holiday Trash Waste Collection

Spring Break (Good Friday) collection for residents who normally get their trash and recycling picked up on Friday (April 10) will have it picked up on Thursday, April 9.

Memorial Day collection for residents who normally get their trash and recycling picked up on Monday (May 25) will have it picked up on Tuesday, May 26.



WFB Police Department

Traffic Safety is a Two-Way Street

Have you been frustrated when you and your children are standing at a crosswalk trying to cross, but all of the cars go whizzing by without stopping for you? How many times have you wagged a finger at a clueless pedestrian who darted out in front of your car, with hardly a glance your way to see if any traffic was coming? Both of these scenarios happen every day, and the consequences can be deadly. But, motorists and pedestrians can learn to live together in peace and safety – all they have to do is follow the following simple rules:

Driver Responsibilities:

- **Stop For Pedestrians In Crosswalks** – The in-street signs on Silver Spring are intended as a reminder for motorists to yield to pedestrians. Remember that Wisconsin law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians “who are crossing a highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk” at all intersections, even if there is no sign and even if there is no crosswalk markings on the street.
- **Never Pass A Stopped Car** – It is illegal, and very dangerous, to pass a car that has stopped to let a pedestrian cross in front of it.
- **Be On The Lookout For Pedestrians** – Get in the habit of scanning the sides of the road for pedestrians trying to cross.
- **Obey Speed Limits** – Particularly by schools and on streets where children play.
- **Look For Pedestrians Before Turning** – Especially when turning on a red light.

If drivers and pedestrians follow these rules, everyone can have a safe trip, whether on foot or wheels. *Remember that traffic safety is a two-way street!*

Pedestrian Responsibilities:

- **Use Crosswalks** - Always cross at corners and within marked crosswalks where available. Avoid crosswalks with lots of turning traffic, like Silver Spring at Hollywood in front of Sendik’s. Please DO NOT J-walk.
- **Do Not Dart Out** – Do not suddenly enter the street if a car is so close that it is difficult for the driver to yield to you (this has less to do with speed than it does with the distance between you and the car). Remember that Wisconsin law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians “who are crossing a highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk” at all intersections, even if there is no sign and even if there is no crosswalk markings on the street. The law does not require drivers to stop for pedestrians, standing on the curb, or preparing to cross a roadway.
- **Clearly Indicate That You Want To Cross** – Look drivers in the eye, do not assume cars see you or are going to stop, even if the car has a red light or a sign telling them to yield to pedestrians. Try to make eye contact with the driver before you step in front of an oncoming car and hold up your hand to signal you intend to cross.
- **Use Crossing Guards** – School children should always cross at intersections with crossing guards when available. Plan a safe route to school for your child and use the same route every day. As a general rule, kids should not cross streets by themselves until they are eight or older.
- **Look Both Ways** – Look left, right, and left again before crossing. Watch for turning cars. Walk, do not run across the street.

Crime Prevention Reminders

Please remember the following crime prevention tips:

1. Lock your doors and windows; this includes the vehicles in the driveway, the service and overhead door to your garage and the doors and windows to your residence. In the majority of thefts and burglaries investigated by the Police Department the items taken are from unlocked homes, vehicles and garages.
2. Report suspicious activity immediately. Citizens frequently report suspicious activity long after it has occurred. If that information is reported immediately, squads can be dispatched while the suspect is still in the area.
3. If you observe a crime in progress, be a good witness and call 911 immediately. Try to get a description of

the persons involved including approximate age, race, height, weight, clothing description as well as color, make and license plate of any vehicle they might be driving.

4. Take efforts to safeguard your property. Criminals target properties where they can commit their crimes undetected. Trimming overgrown shrubbery and installing motion sensing outdoor lights can do a lot to take away the places where criminals prefer to lurk.

If you would like suggestions on crime prevention tips or advice on how to safeguard your property contact the Police Department at (414) 962-3830 and our Crime Prevention Officer can help address your concerns.

WFB Public Works

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection begins the week of April 12 as follows:

- North of and including Henry Clay – On Monday, crews will begin collecting yard waste on all streets north of and including Henry Clay. Please have all yard waste out by 7 am on Monday.
- South of Henry Clay – On Tuesday, crews will collect south of Henry Clay. Please have all yard waste out by 7 am on Tuesday.

While the DPW attempts to maintain this schedule, it is subject to change due to factors beyond our control.

Yard Waste is considered garden plants, tiny branches and thatch. Crews cannot accept grass clippings due to State regulations. Yard waste should be placed in a reusable 30 gallon or less container or paper bag adjacent to the street between the public sidewalk and street curb. Do not place material in plastic bags. Yard waste placed in container greater than 30 gallons or yard waste weighing more than 50 lbs will not be taken. Please contact the Village Hall to arrange for a special pickup if your yard waste will exceed the normal collection.

Waste generated by private contractors will not be picked-up and arrangements should be made with your contractor to dispose of this material properly.

Snow Plow Damage

Every spring DPW receives calls about grass areas that were accidentally plowed by Village snowplows. Although the plow driver does not intentionally plow grass areas, it does happen from time to time. DPW makes every effort to patch these areas as soon as possible in spring; however, we usually cannot make repairs until late May. If your lawn was damaged by the snowplow and it has not been fixed by June, please call the Public Works garage at (414) 967-5128.

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 March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 19. The sessions are held from 9 to 11 am in the lower level Historical Room of the Village Hall.

Chipping

The Village will begin collecting and chipping branches the week of April 19. Chipping material should be placed in the parkway between the curb and sidewalk. It is against Village Ordinance to place this material on the sidewalk or in the street. **Contractor waste is not accepted.** Please make prior arrangements to remove the material with your contractor or individual you pay to do the work.

Special pick-ups are also available for those whose amount of material is more than four feet high and covers more than 70% of the parkway. Payment for special pick-up is required prior to conducting the work and the minimum charge is \$45. To schedule a special pick-up or for general questions, please call the Village Hall at (414) 962-6690.

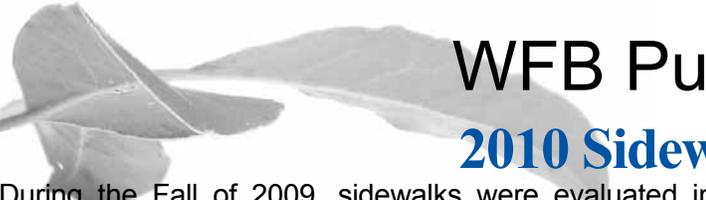
Electronics Collection

Due to Wisconsin's new Electronics Waste Law, our Garbage Collectors can no longer collect computers, computer peripherals, televisions and other video display devices, fax machines, VCR's, DVD players, printers, and/or phones with video display (cell phones). The following options are available for disposal of these items:

1. MMSD (www.mmsd.com) Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites, call 414-225-2066 for information.
2. Annual "Green Day in The Bay" electronics collection day typically occurring the Saturday following "Earth Day" in late April. Refer to the village website for more information (www.wfbvillage.org).
3. WFB Library collects unwanted cell phones, small inkjet cartridges, laptop computers, MP3 players, digital cameras, digital video cameras, and handheld game systems. This program is held throughout the year and more information can be found by calling (414) 964-4380.
4. Retailers or other private disposal companies.

No Contractor Waste

The Village does not accept contractor material for any construction project in our refuse, recycling, yard waste, or chipping collection services. Please make arrangements with your contractor for waste removal prior to beginning the project. In addition, if you are doing demolition work that generates significant waste please get a dumpster. If the dumpster needs to be placed in Village right of way, please contact Village Hall for a permit at (414) 962-6690.



WFB Public Works

2010 Sidewalk Program

During the Fall of 2009, sidewalks were evaluated in the southwest section of the Village and white paint marks were applied to areas in need of improvement. This includes the sidewalks between Lexington to the southern border of the Village, and in between Idlewild and the western border of the Village. The walks in the program area will be evaluated once again this Spring with construction scheduled to be performed during the Summer school break. In order to sustain and improve safety, the Village has formulated a policy regarding sidewalk replacement. Sidewalks are determined to be problematic based on the following criteria:

1. Uneven Squares – An offset in the surface has developed that is $\frac{1}{4}$ " or greater.
2. Cracks – A crack greater of $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide or greater exists.
3. Spalled Surface – The surface has decayed creating an unsafe condition.
4. Deteriorated Joints – The joints have an eroded condition and are $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide or greater.
5. Holes – Holes in the surface.

Unless the sidewalk is considered a severe hazard, the Village typically replaces problematic sidewalks in a specific area in a five-year rotation. A contractor who submits the lowest qualified bid under a public bid process will do the work. The cost of the sidewalk

replacement is 100% assessable to the affected property owner. The actual cost is based on competitive bids received, and for 2009 the cost was approximately \$113 per 5'x5'x5" sidewalk slab. Formal notification of sidewalk assessments will be sent to the affected property owners sometime in the Spring of 2010. The project will involve the replacement of problematic sidewalks, carriage walks, driveway approaches, and some curb within the Village Right of Way. The adjacent map outlines the area of the 2010 Sidewalk Improvement Program.

Driveway Approach Replacement

Driveway aprons (the driveway area between the street and sidewalk) can be replaced either by request of the resident or by determination of the Engineering Technician that the apron is either hazardous or in an otherwise detrimental condition. The Engineering Technician will provide an estimate for the work in either scenario, and if acceptable, the apron replacement will be added to the sidewalk program. As an alternative, the property owner can choose to hire a contractor to replace the apron. Should a property owner choose this option please note that the contractor is required to take out a right of way permit and follow specific criteria established by the Village. You can notify the engineering department by email at engtech@wfbvillage.org or by phone at (414) 962-6690.

2010 Capital Improvement Program

The following is an update on the capital improvement projects scheduled for 2010 throughout the Village:

- Fairmount Avenue – This is a full reconstruction project that includes sanitary, water, storm sewer, and street that will take place May through October.
- Lake Drive Water Main – New water main will replace deteriorated dual mains with a common main and new service laterals on Lake Drive from Silver Spring to Woodburn scheduled for May through October.
- Alley Project – Alley reconstructions in the following locations 5300/5400 block between Santa Monica and Berkeley, 5200 block between Berkeley and Diversey, and the 4600 block between Newhall and Larkin have yet to be scheduled.

- "O" Series Lighting – Street and parking lighting improvements have yet to be scheduled.
- Mill and Overlay – Various streets will have a few inches of the top asphalt removed (mill) and replaced with new asphalt (overlay) during the Summer.
- Playground Improvements – CDBG funds will again be used to improve the playground structure at Klode Park in the Fall.
- Sanitary Sewer Work – Additional sanitary sewer replacement, lining, and other spot repairs will be completed March through August.

Please contact the Engineering Department with any questions at (414) 962-6690.

Anticipated Water Rate Adjustment

The Village Water Utility recently made an application with the Public Service Commission (PSC) for a water rate increase. The PSC will hold a public hearing regarding the application and make the final determination on what the water rate increase should be. An increase in water rates is expected due to the Village's improvements

to the water system over the last 5 years, which was the last time a full water rate increase was set by the PSC. More information to follow either via the website or Summer newsletter. Contact the Village Hall at (414) 962-6690 with any questions.

WFB Library

Announcements

Library Long Range Plan

The Library Board and Director have been busy gathering input and comments from a Library user survey to help formulate the Library's long-range service plan. We would like to thank you if you filled out a survey and your comments are appreciated. If you did not get an opportunity to fill out the survey but would still like to relay your comments contact Library Director Linda Pierschalla at (414) 755-6551 or email at l.pierschalla@wfblibrary.org. As always, we welcome your input throughout the year.

Library in the News

The Library was recently featured on Fox 6 news for the recycling program we have for consumer electronic items. You can bring in your unwanted cell phones, small inkjet cartridges, laptop computers, MP3 Players, digital cameras, digital video cameras, and handheld game systems for safe recycling and the library receives a payment for the proceeds. You can also claim your donation as a charitable deduction on

your taxes. Some restrictions apply to the items that are accepted for recycling so stop in the Library to see the list of accepted items. The recycling box is located on the self-checkout counter next to the public fax machine and self-checkout terminal.

Celebrate National Library Week April 11 – 17

Be sure to stop in the library during National Library Week and check out what's happening. A contest for adults gives you the chance to win prizes while getting acquainted with the Library and our services. There's sure to be something special going on in the kids' area, too. Watch for more details on the library's website.

Indian Cooking with Alamelu – starting in April

WFB resident and nationally renowned cookbook author Alamelu Vairavan will take you on an exciting culinary journey. Alamelu will prepare a dish or two each night - tasty samples are included. Come join us for enjoyable and educational evenings. Older children and teens are welcome.

Unraveling Social Media

Facebook, Twitter, Linked-In, blogs, Friendster, DIGGS, Wikipedia are not just for your kids and grandkids anymore. There are 250 million Facebook users, two thirds of the users are outside college, and the fastest growing user demographic is 35+. 700,000 businesses have active pages on Facebook. Businesses, non-profits, organizations and individuals are exploring how and why to consider using social media.

If you are new to these ideas or even somewhat reluctant to explore them, then this talk may be just what you need. Tim Cigelske of Marquette University's Social

Media Department will suggest ways to use social media in your personal and/or professional life at the Library on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 pm.

It is not just about "collecting friends" or "tweeting minutiae". Think about how you can share trip photos, find lost connections, solve problems, share knowledge, and promote organizational events just for starters. This free program is sponsored by Friends of the WFB Library. If you would like to attend, please pre-register at the Library's circulation desk or call 964-4380.

Kindergarten Registration

Cumberland & Richards School

For children whose birthdays fall into the following ranges:

- Junior Kindergarten – 4 years old between Sep. 1, 2005 and Aug. 31, 2006
- Senior Kindergarten – 5 years old between Sep. 1, 2004 and Aug. 31, 2005

Register your child now for attendance in the Fall at Cumberland or Richards School. Please call Cumberland School at (414) 963-3943 or Richards School at (414) 963-3951 with any questions.

Spring Book Sale

Your contributions of CD's, DVD's, and books, especially children's books, are needed to round-out the recycled merchandise you will find when you attend Friends' used book sale on Saturday, May 1, from 10 am to 3:30 pm in the book cellar (lower level) of the Library. Between now and then, please take your donation of books to the circulation desk where you'll receive a receipt for tax purposes. Proceeds from this popular annual event will help support library projects.



WFB Library

Youth Services Programming

Spring Storytimes

Spring Storytimes are 6-week sessions from March 15 through April 22. Registration begins March 1. Call the Youth Services Desk at 755-6555 to sign up or stop in at the Library.

- Buddies and Books – Mondays from 10:15-11:15 am, ages birth to 4 years.
- Preschool Stories – Mondays from 1:30-2 pm, ages 3 to 5 years.
- Twos Step – Tuesdays from 10:15-10:45 am, ages 24 to 35 months.
- Family Time – Wednesdays from 6:30-7pm, ages 12 months to 5 years.
- Ones Step – Thursdays from 10:15-10:35 am, ages 12 to 23 months.
- Preschool Stories – Thursdays from 10:45-11:15 am, ages 3 to 5 years.

Spring Break Week

- Warm Weather Craft, April 5-9 – Does Spring Break remind you of the warm breezes of Summer? Celebrate the fact that Summer is almost here with a craft. Stop by the Youth Services Department.
- Spring Break Movie, April 6 – Hanging around town? Watch the Library website, or call the Youth Services Desk to find out what movie is playing. Tickets are available in Youth Services and please feel free to bring a snack. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent.

Summer Library Club

The Summer Library Club will be held June 14 through July 24. Join this 6-week celebration as the Youth Services Department says thank you for using the Library. Prizes, coupons, performances, and programs will be distributed and held. We look forward to seeing you there. Any teen in grades 6-12 that is interested in serving as a volunteer

for the Summer Library Club can sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

Teen Book Swap

Tired of looking at the same paperback books on your bookshelf day after day? The Library will host a Teen Book Swap on Saturday, March 13 from 1-3 pm for teens in grades 6-12. Bring your gently read paperback books to the Teen Zone on the day of the event. You'll swap paperbacks with someone else and have a brand new used book to read. This event is for teens only to participate and paperbacks only to swap.

Teen Tech Week March 8-13

Let's celebrate technology! Complete an online scavenger hunt and put your name in for a special prize drawing in honor of Teen Tech Week. Please check the website teen page for more information.

Korean Drumming with Saehee

On Tuesday, April 13 from 7-8:15 pm, please visit the Library to learn about Korean culture, festivals, and music with a Korean drumming performance by Saehee Chang. Audience participation will make this a memorable event for everyone in your family. To attend this event, please pick up a ticket at either the Youth or Adult Services Desks.

Other Clubs

- WFB Library Manga Club – Mondays, March 29 through April 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm for grades 4-6. Watch the Library website for a schedule of manga to be discussed every month. Registration is required. Program is held in the upstairs program room.
- Middle School Book Club (MSBC) – Thursdays, March 25, April 29, and May 20 from 6:30-7:30 pm for grades 6-8. Watch the Library website for a schedule of books to be read for discussion each month. Registration is required.

Bay Players *Lend Me a Tenor*

The Bay Players close their 60th season with the rollicking comedy, *Lend Me a Tenor*. The play, written by Ken Ludwig, directed by Raymond Bradford, is a comedy/farce, a tale of hilarious mishaps, and mistaken identity. World famous tenor, Tito Morelli, is performing his greatest role as Othello at the Gala Season Opener, the biggest production in history for the Cleveland Grand Opera. The craziness begins as Tito arrives too late to rehearse with the company, and suddenly there are two Othellos performing. Performances are set on April 9, 10, 16, and 17 with all shows at 8 pm. The theatre is located at the WFB High School Auditorium, 1200 E. Fairmount

Ave. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors/students. Contact the Bay Players for more information at (414) 299-9040 or www.thebayplayers.com.

The Bay Players are looking for persons interested in being part of the Technical Crew for this and other Bay plays. The Tech Crew is an important and integral part of every production. "Behind the scenes" is what makes it possible for actors to be in front of an audience, and is most important to every production. Contact Dennis Daniels by email dennistouhi@aol.com or phone (414) 351-0535 for more information.

Historic Preservation Commission

Noble Victorian Extends Welcome

Perhaps no other building or landmark has put out the welcome mat for the Village like the Richard Seifert residence, the distinguished Victorian at the northeast corner of Silver Spring Dr. and Lydell Ave. The 19th century Queen Anne style building at 130 W. Silver Spring Dr. has greeted visitors to the Village's downtown shopping district for more than 100 years. But with a change in ownership possible, those iconic days may soon be over.

The three-story house was built in 1893 as a single-family residence for the Richard Seifert family. It was originally sided with clapboard with shingles in the gables, but the clapboard later was covered with aluminum siding. The outside stairway was built in 1931. Richard Seifert owned a soda water factory, located in the block between Lydell and Bay Ridge, near the east-west alley that now runs north of the residence. The WFB Resort operated by the Pabst Brewing Company was his main customer. Seifert sold the home and business to Conrad Cassel in April 1897. Cassel and his wife, Emile, lived downstairs while their son, George, and his wife, Jennie, and son, Ray, lived upstairs.

Cassel's company delighted local residents, especially children, who would bring empty soda bottles that they found on the resort grounds after Sunday picnics and return them for free soda. However, by 1916 the soda factory was closed, apparently as a result of the closure of the Pabst resort. The factory was later razed and the site is now used



by the funeral home (which was originally known as the O'Boyle-O'Brien Lakeshore Funeral Home before being purchased by Schmidt & Bartelt in 1968).

The residence traded hands over the years. It was converted into shops in the 1950s, at which time it was painted red with white trim around the windows. The golden yellow aluminum siding and the railings to the front door and upstairs porch were added in 1988. Its most recent owner was attorney Thomas Bailey, who operated his family law practice there for several years. The entire ¾-acre, one-block long parcel on Silver Spring between Lydell and Bay Ridge—which includes both the Richard Seifert house and the Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home – is being marketed by Mid-America Real Estate-Wisconsin, LLC as a “development site” on which it will “build to suit” for retail, office, bank, or medical uses.

Programs for Older Adults

3F (Friends, Fellowship, Food) Luncheons

11:30 am sign in, 11:45 am announcements, 12 pm lunch, and 1 pm program. Cost is \$5 and is held in the gym of the Lydell Community Center located at 5205 N. Lydell Ave. Registration required one week in advance.

- Tuesday, March 2 – Whitefish Bay High School band under the direction of Mark MacRae, filling in for Stan Luth.
- Tuesday, April 6 – Mark Konewko, All About Marquette's Carillon
- Tuesday, May 4 – Jeanne McCue R.N., Bosnia Relief

Upcoming Local Tours and Out of State Trips

- Palermo's Pizza – On Wednesday, April 14, a tour of Palermo's Pizza will be conducted. The cost is \$13 and includes transportation, tour, and lunch.
- Urban Ecology Center – Monday, May 17 located at 1500 E. Park Place. Details to be announced.
- Cape Cod – Sept. 18-26, the cost is \$689 for a double occupancy with a deposit of \$75 due by May 1.
- Please contact Joan Brenk at 963-3992 with any questions.

WFB Garden Club Says Hello

The WFB Garden Club, founded in 1958, has an active membership, which is involved in service and social projects in the Village. We are a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Wisconsin State Federation, Central Region. Our Club's Objectives are: to stimulate an interest in gardening and the development of home grounds; to aid in civic beautification and the protection of natural surroundings. To fulfill these two objectives we

have organized fundraisers, have helped to maintain the Klode path to the beach and recently we've participated in the Milwaukee Art Museum's "Art in Bloom" activity. We are always looking for new projects as well as new members. If you would be interested in joining the WFB Garden Club, please call Missy Cookson at 962-3757 for more information. You are invited to preview the club by attending one of our meetings.



North Shore Fire Department

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 NSFD would like to remind you of the following “Spring Tips”:

- Try to reduce and eliminate clutter and unused items. The basement, attic, and garage are popular spots for accumulating items. These are also common areas in which fires originate due to items being placed too close to electric and gas appliances.
- Limit the amount of gas that 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.
- For Household Hazard Waste Disposal information you may wish to visit the MMSD website at www.mmsd.com or call (414) 225-2066. This hazardous waste program is listed for Milwaukee County residents.
- Clean out the lint trap and vent pipe on your clothes dryer. Periodically clean the back of your dryer as

well. Always remember to clean the lint filter after each load.

- Make sure your address is clearly visible on your mailbox. Also, make sure your address clearly marked and visible on your home from the street.
- 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.
- Design a fire escape plan with your family. Practice your plan at least twice each year.

Please contact our Public Education Office at jglanz@nsfire.org or (414) 228-0292 for further information on these safety tips. Additional fire and life safety information, as well as program information, can be found on our website at www.nsfire.org. The NSFD wishes you and your family a safe spring!

Grilling Safety

According to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), in 2003 – 2006, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an average of 7,900 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, including an average of 2,900 structure fires and 5,000 outside fires. These 7,900 fires caused annual average of 10 civilian deaths, 120 reported injuries, and \$80 million in direct property damage. The following safety tips will help you and your family enjoy a safe, memorable grilling season:

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot “safe zone” around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill.
- Grill should be positioned 10 ft from roadway and building/house structures.
- Do not grill underneath tarps or tents.

Pet Reminders

Village ordinances require the following:

- Dogs Not Allowed in Public Areas – This includes Village Parks, all school grounds, and any other public areas.
- Dogs Not Allowed to Run at Large – A dog is considered to be at large when it is off the premises of its owner or caretaker and not controlled by the owner, caretaker, or some other person by a leash not longer than 6 feet.
- Valid License Required – Dogs and cats are required to have a valid license attached to a collar whenever the animal is outdoors. Residents are allowed up to 2 dogs and 2 cats. The fees for licenses are \$24 per animal, if the animal is not spayed or neutered; and \$12 per animal, if the animal is spayed or neutered. The deadline for licensing for both animals is March 31. After that time the fees will double for late licenses. Pet licenses are good for the year of issue only. Untagged dogs are transported to the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control.
- Waste Removal - 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. Dog owners are required to immediately remove fecal matter deposits.

Recreation Department

Programming

Late Spring/Summer Recreation Guide

The Late Spring/Summer Recreation Guide should be available to residents mid to late March. Please reference our website www.wfbschools.com for further information on upcoming Summer programs and registration dates.

Aquatic Programming

The WFB High School Field House and Auxiliary Pools will be closed for annual spring-cleaning and maintenance from April 2-11. All Recreation Department Aquatic programming will be postponed during this time. Open swim is available on the first and third Sunday of each month from 1-3:30 pm Jan. 17 through May 16 excluding April 4. The cost is \$2.50 for students and \$3 for adults. Seniors and children under 3 years of age are admitted for free. A parent or guardian must accompany all children under 7 year of age. Any child under 7 years or older, but under 48" in height, must prove their swimming ability to the satisfaction of the lifeguards. The pool will be cleared 10 minutes prior to closing.

Annual Spring WFB Community Diaper to Duds Resale

Saturday, March 20 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 12 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.

Veteran's Monument and Memorial Garden at Armory Park

Thank you to those who have generously responded to the request for financial assistance to help construct and maintain a veteran's memorial and garden at Armory Park, located at the southwest corner of Lake Drive and Henry Clay. "The project is being constructed and we are encouraged by the continued enthusiastic community response we have received to date," said John Kearns, spokesperson for Friends of Armory Park.

According to Kearns, the project is in the process of construction. Landscaping and setting of the plaques

Lydell Preschool Enrolling For the 2010-2011 School Year

Lydell Preschool's high quality staff challenges students to reach their full potential while providing an environment that is balanced between recreation, socialization and academics. Lydell Preschool believes that children are unique, creative individuals that have the ability to influence their own learning. Our environment allows children to experience the excitement of learning while developing self-confidence, social skills and independent thinking. The Lydell Preschool follows the WFB School District Calendar and is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays or Tuesdays, Thursdays from 9 am – 11:30 am. Class size is limited to 16. Enrollment packets are available at the Recreation and Community Education Department or online at www.wfbschools.com/recreation/lydell_preschool.cfm for further information please call (414) 963-3888.

The WFB Recreation and Community Education Department is Going Green!

We are introducing three new environmentally friendly programs for adults and youth. If interested in participating please reference the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide for program cost and registration materials. The guide can be found online at www.wfbschools.com.

- *Natural Lawn Care 101* by Amy Joyce, Healthy Communities Project – Adult class, March 9 from 7-8:30 pm in the Richards Elementary School Cafeteria.
- *Tree Keeper Kids* by Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Staff – March 20, Grades K4/K5 9:15-10:45 am, Grades 1 & 2 10:45 am-12:15 pm in the Lydell Community Center, Room 15.
- *Green Ambassador Club* by Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Staff – Wednesdays, April 14 – May 19 from 3:45-5 pm for Grades 5-8 in the Lydell Community Center, Room 22.

will be this Spring 2010. We are still fundraising and looking for one or more major donors. Donations to bring a water source close by for watering the garden(s) is an example. Memorial plaque space is available now and after construction. The dedication will be Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2010. Please visit our website at www.armorypark.org for more information regarding the project and upcoming dedication. For information please leave a message for John Kearns at (414) 962-6690 or email him directly at ArmoryPark@sbcglobal.net.



Health Department

Clinics

The Health Department is currently offering the following:

- Adult Health Risk Screening (\$25) – 8 am-noon on March 23, April 27, and May 19.
- Blood Pressure Clinic (free) – 4-6 pm on March 24, April 28, and May 19.
- Blood Lead Screening (\$5) – By appointment only for uninsured ages 1-5 years.
- Immunization Clinics (cost varies) – Mondays from 2-4 pm on March 8, April 12, and May 10. Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 am on March 16, April 20, and May 18.
- H1N1 Vaccine – Contact the Health Department if you would like the vaccine.

- 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 (\$42 per sample) – 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.

Radon Awareness: Is Your House Making You Sick?

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that enters buildings from the soil and is known to cause cancer. The U.S. Surgeon General and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommend that all homes be tested, since 1 in 15 homes in the U.S. have elevated radon levels. Radon can enter a home through any opening between the building and soil, such as openings around water pipes, sump pumps and drains, as well as visible cracks. The only way to know if your home has a high level of radon is to test for it, since radon is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. The EPA recommends that homes have a radon level less than 4 pCi/L, however no level of radon is considered safe.

Radon is a Class A carcinogen which means it is known to cause cancer in humans. Radon is the first leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. Radon enters the lungs and decays into radioactive particles that can get

trapped, damaging lung tissue and leading to lung cancer over the course of life.

Testing for radon is not difficult or expensive. The Shorewood/Whitefish Bay Health Department is selling short-term radon test kits for \$5 as part of a radon grant. Test kits can also be purchased at local home improvement stores for a slightly higher cost. Each house should be tested as the outcome is not determined by a neighbor's results. If the result is high, steps can be taken to fix the problem. Please contact the Health Department at 847-2710 if you would like to pick up a test kit or for further information on radon. Additional radon information can be found through the State of Wisconsin and the EPA. Remember, unless you test for it, there is no way of knowing the level of radon in your house. Its presence in your home can pose a danger to you and your family's health. Take action now to reduce your family's risk of lung cancer from radon!

WFB Women's Club Spring Programs

Many fun and returning events are planned for this spring. Women of all ages are invited to join us for these gatherings and are welcome to become members. This spring we will be sponsoring two WFB students at Badger Girls State. For the past 50 years, we have awarded scholarships and we will be honoring area students in the spring.

Our clubhouse hall is available for rental for large or small groups. Hold your next business meeting, birthday party, wedding shower, reception or family gathering in our nicely furnished hall with an available kitchen. Call (414) 332-7781 for more information. Also available for lease is office space at the west end of the building.

Up Coming Events:

- *March 3:* The President of Quality Candy will give an

insight into her delicious business. No charge. Coffee, tea and light desserts served afterward.

- *April 7:* Howard Melton will give a detailed account of his four years in a German concentration Camp. No Charge. Coffee, tea and light desserts served.
- *April 23 & 24:* Quality Rummage Sale. You may come and purchase or donate quality clothing, jewelry, household items, etc.
- *April 28:* Community Blood Drive 1-5 pm. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. You may call Catherine at (414) 332-1570.
- *May 5:* Annual Spring Luncheon – reservations required.

For more information on our mission and activities, please call us at (414)332-7781 daily 8:30 am and 12 pm.

WFB Civic Foundation

3rd Annual Green Day in the Bay

The Third Annual "Green Day" in the Bay will be Saturday, April 24 from 7:30 am – 12 pm at Cahill Park. The day will be fun and informative with the following activities:

7:30-8:30 am Green Workout with Marcela Perea

Marcela Perea of M Power will teach this free workout. All fitness levels are welcome. Bring a yoga mat or towel, hand weights, water, and don't forget your tennis shoes. Please email Gwen Koscinski at gwen@koscinski.net to reserve your spot.

9-10 am Village Wide Cleanup

We need your help to beautify Whitefish Bay! We are looking for volunteers and families to form "Green Teams" to pick-up trash in our streets, parks and beaches. Prior to Green Day, you will receive a map of your team's designated area to beautify. Biodegradable garbage bags will be provided. Bring your own work gloves. To reserve a spot on a team, contact Amy Lukas at amy-lukas@wi.rr.com.

10 am-12 pm Green Gathering

Join us for a green gathering at Cahill Park! This

informative and fun eco-fair will provide many environmentally friendly ideas and will give you a chance to recycle many household items. The event will have lots of eco-friendly free items and you will be able to register to win a prize! Electronic recycling will again be available this year for the following materials: all cords, copy machines, CPUs, external/internal hard drives, keyboards, mice, mainframes, monitors (\$10 processing fee), printers, servers, routers, scanners, switches/hubs, terminals, and other peripherals. Items not accepted include air conditioners, appliances, bio-medical equipment, dehumidifiers, furniture, microwaves, televisions, telephones, fax machines, and digital cameras.



Craft Day at the Library

Stop by the WFB Library on Saturday, April 24 to make an earth friendly craft from 10 am-3 pm. Look for their display of earth friendly books.

Watch for more information at wfbcivicfoundation.org and for a flyer posted on your garbage can. Make every day a Green Day!



Attention Civic Minded High School Seniors

Each Spring, the Civic Foundation accepts applications for a scholarship that will be awarded to a Whitefish Bay student. All graduating seniors planning to attend college are eligible. Interested students must be a resident of Whitefish Bay. Go to www.wfbcivicfoundation.org for more details and to find an application. Completed applications must be returned by 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 1 to WFB Civic Foundation, c/o WFB Village Hall, 5300 N. Marlborough Dr., Whitefish Bay, WI 53217.



Consider joining Northshore Newcomers, a social group of more than 100 local young families. Our goals are to make friends, have fun, and support each other and our community. We organize a variety of activities for North Shore residents with and without children. Our events include ladies and couples nights out, weekly children's playgroups, a monthly book club, and gourmet groups. To learn more or to find a membership form, visit www.northshorenewcomers.com.

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, APRIL 17

North Shore Junior Women's Club Presents:

Win! Place! Show!

A benefit for Kyle's Korner

Enjoy an Evening of Video Horse Racing,
Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Beer, and Silent Auction

7:30 pm April 17

Sprecher Brewery

701 W. Glendale Ave.

Glendale, WI 53209



Ticket Price is \$35 per person. For tickets and information call: Sandy (414)963-4034

The North Shore Junior Women's Club is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Our monthly meetings are the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm in the lower level of the WFB Village Hall, from Sept.–May, excluding Dec. www.nsjwc.org

Historical Photographs Wanted

Trustee Tom Fehring is working on a photo book of the history of Whitefish Bay, in concert with the WFB Historical Society and Historic Preservation Commission. It will be part of the "Images of America" series, published by Arcadia Publishing. He is looking for interesting, high quality photographs taken in the Village. If you have any 'pre 1950' photographs that you would like considered for the publication, please contact Fehring at (414) 332-2182, or TrusteeFehring@wfbvillage.org. The photos will be scanned by Trustee Fehring and returned generally within a few days.

The book will be available for sale in time for the Christmas shopping season – the proceeds have been pledged to the Village's historical projects.

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)	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