

Bay Leaves

Winter 2011

The Official Newsletter of
the Village of Whitefish Bay

Greetings from the Village President

Fall is typically a very busy time for the Village Board. We recently passed the 2012 budget, are working on ways to plan and implement the report from our consultant, Donahue and Associates, regarding the storm water and sanitary sewer analysis, and are getting ready for the upcoming winter weather.



Julie Siegel

The budget is online for your review. Together, the staff and the board spent many hours putting together a budget that is conservative in its approach, yet maintains the services that residents come to expect. With the changes in state aid to local governments, Whitefish Bay lost significant revenue, yet I believe that the 2012 budget will maintain services with a minimum of a tax increase. It is important that Whitefish Bay offer its residents excellent service at a fair price, something the Board feels we accomplished. The 2010 Audit was recently completed and WFB ended the year in the black, with our finances in good shape. Our new Finance Director is working hard to improve the way the financial reporting is done and this will be increasingly easier as we move to forward with new tools for this type of reporting.

Donahue and Associates spent the past nine months analyzing the storm water and sanitary sewers and presented their final report to the board in November. They had many recommendations for improvements and the board and staff need to spend time thoroughly going through the report. Determinations need to be made as to what improvements will be implemented first, with priority given to those projects that provide the most benefit in the shortest amount of time. Remember that both sanitary and storm water, plus street maintenance will all be considered when coordinating any upcoming projects. Trustee Jim Roemer is heading the Private Property Inflow and Infiltration committee, which continues to meet and will bring forth recommendations regarding the private property issues associated with any upcoming recommendations. Please keep in mind that the Village understands the problems some homeowners face with flooding, but it is crucial that the Donahue report is reviewed completely and implemented

appropriately so that the end results have a positive outcome for everyone living in the Village. This includes not only how things are constructed and engineered, but also how they are paid for and managed as well. This report is available online.

With winter fast approaching, we are reminded that the DPW staff works hard to remove snow on a timely basis. Please be courteous to them as you go about your business. On that note, please also keep in mind that when you are shoveling your own snow, put in a place that is on your property, not your neighbors.

Finally, Silver Spring is looking great these days. The store fronts and streets are decorated for the holidays, and merchants are ready for your business. Please support our local business when doing your holiday shopping this year.

Happy Holidays.

Julie Siegel
Village President

Holiday Garbage/Recycling Pick-Up

The Department of Public Works will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 as well as Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday Jan. 2. Garbage and recycling will be picked up on the following schedule:

Normal Garbage- Recycling Pickup Date	Please put out on:
Fri., Dec. 23	Thurs., Dec. 22
Mon., Dec. 26	Tues., Dec. 27
Fri., Dec. 30	Thurs., Dec. 29
Mon., Jan. 2	Tues., Jan. 3



WFB Police Department

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.

Snow Emergencies: When there is a significant accumulation of snow, the Village may declare a snow emergency to allow for snow plowing operations. During a declared snow emergency, no parking is allowed on any Village street. Snow emergency announcements are made via the Village web-site as well as through public service announcements on local media outlets.

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.

Recent WI Election Laws Changes Effective 2012

Photo Identification Changes:

Beginning in 2012, you cannot receive a ballot until you have met Photo ID requirements. Your photo ID does not need to show a current address. The most common acceptable forms of Photo ID include:

- Wisconsin Driver License
- U.S. passport
- WI DOT issued photo ID card
- Military ID card

The above documents may not have an expiration date earlier than the date of the last November election. If you are eligible to vote but do not have an acceptable ID, you may obtain a free ID for purposes of voting. For more information on photo ID requirements as well as a complete listing of acceptable forms of Photo ID, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS.

Absentee Voting Changes:

Absentee voting in the clerk's office is now restricted to the two weeks before an election, and ends at 5:00pm the

Friday before the election. Absentee voters in the clerk's office must present the same type of photo ID required at the polls. Absentee requests for ballots sent by mail must be accompanied by a photocopy of an acceptable form of voter ID. If submitting an absentee request via fax or email, you must either include a photocopy of acceptable ID with your request or in your absentee ballot envelope.

Voter Registration Changes:

You can register to vote up until the Friday before the election or on Election Day. You must reside at your address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote, and you may no longer use a corroborating witness as proof of residence. Proof of residence is required when registering less than 20 days before an election, on Election Day, and for first time Wisconsin voters registering by mail.

Signing the Poll Book:

Voters must sign the poll book to obtain a ballot. The poll book now contains a signature block for each voter. Only voters unable to sign the poll book because of a physical disability are exempt from this requirement.

Property Tax Payment Info

Village Hall will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

- Friday, December 23rd
- Monday, December 26th
- Monday, January 2nd

In addition, Village Hall will be **CLOSED on Saturday, December 31st**. The Village has a lock box located in the entryway of Village Hall for the convenience of property owners wishing to pay their property tax bill on December 31st. Tax payments received in the lock box before midnight on December 31st will be processed as paid in 2011. Tax payments received after midnight will be processed in 2012.

Property tax bills will be mailed to property owners in mid-December. If paying in full, full payment is due no later than January 31, 2012. Taxes may be paid in installments by the following statutory due dates:

- 50% due by Jan. 31*
- 25% due by March 31
- 25% due by May 31

All special assessments, delinquencies and/or other charges on the tax bill are due with the first installment payment by January 31st. The Village Hall is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Tax payments will be processed regularly with updates and printable receipts available on the Village website at www.wfbvillage.org.

Winter & Holiday Reminders

Holiday Tree Disposal

Village crews will collect Christmas trees placed at the curb from Jan. 2 through 20. 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

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.



WFB Public Works

Recycling Collection Guidelines

Beginning in December 2008, the Village conducted an experiment by picking up recycled material using a single stream co-mingled process. This experiment demonstrated the ability for DPW to pick up additional recyclable material, while lowering the capital cost of a new recycling truck and lowering the cost for disposal.

Recycled material is collected using a single compartment truck and does not require residents to separate their recyclable material. This material is then transported to a transfer center in Germantown owned by Veolia Environmental Services where it is separated and shipped for processing. As part of the 2009 budget, a new recycling truck has been purchased that will be operational in the fall that will help meet the demand of these new procedures.

State and local laws require everyone in Wisconsin to recycle. Please visit the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website for more information. Based on these laws set by the State of Wisconsin, the garbage and recycling collectors may leave a notice that you need to recycle or that they are unable to accept something as recycling. Do not place acceptable recycling items in plastic bags. Please review the list below regarding proper recycling procedures and materials.

Paper Products

Corrugated boxes should be flattened and cut to a 2 ft x 2 ft size. Please remove plastic food liners from boxes. The following Paper Products are **ACCEPTABLE**:

- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Books
- Junk Mail & Envelopes
- Phone Books & Catalogs
- Office Paper (any color)
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paper Grocery Bag

The following Paper Products are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:

- Tissue Products and Paper Toweling
- Frozen Food Boxes
- Dairy Carton Boxes
- Paper Contaminated with Food Residue or Other Debris
- Pizza Boxes or Carryout Food Wrappers

Glass Materials

Recycle clear, green, brown, and/or tinted glass.

Please rinse out and remove lids and caps. It is not necessary to remove paper labels. The following Glass Materials are **ACCEPTABLE**:

- Any color glass bottles, jug's, or jars
- Glass Beverage & Glass Food Containers

The following Glass Materials are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:

- Ceramic Items (dishes, vases, cups)
- Drinking Glasses or Crystal
- Light Bulbs
- Window or Auto Glass

Plastic Materials

Please rinse and remove lids and caps. It is not necessary to remove paper labels. As long as the material falls under the acceptable category, plastic with numbers 1 - 7 may be recycled. The following Plastic Materials are **ACCEPTABLE**:

- Soda Bottles
- Milk & Water Jugs
- Laundry Bottles
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, & Cosmetic Bottles

The following Plastic Materials are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:

- Motor Oil & Antifreeze Bottles
- Styrofoam or Microwave Containers
- Plastic Bags Including Grocery Bags
- Medical Supplies
- Plastic Toys, Flower Pots, Garden Plastics
- Pesticide or Herbicide Containers

Metal Materials

Please rinse all cans. It is not necessary to remove paper labels. The following Metal Materials are **ACCEPTABLE**:

- All Aluminum Cans
- All Steel or Bi-Metal Cans

The following Metal Materials are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:

- Aluminum Foil & Pie Tins
- Paint Cans & Aerosol Cans
- Car Parts, Nails, & Screws
- Pots & Pans
- Gasoline Cans & Scrap Metal.

Please use paper bag containers or boxes for extra recycling. Contact the Public Works Department at (414) 967-5128 on the availability of an additional container. All items that are NOT ACCEPTABLE should be placed in the garbage.

Historic Preservation Commission

Online Resources for Historical Whitefish Bay

Have you ever wondered when your home was built or who were the original owners? Did your ancestors once live in the Bay and you wish you knew more about them? And while we're asking, are there really whitefish in Whitefish Bay? The answer to these and many other historical questions about our community can now be found online, thanks to recent projects by the State of Wisconsin, the Whitefish Bay Public Library, and the Whitefish Bay Historical Society. Here is what you will find at each site, and how to locate them on the web.

The Whitefish Bay Architectural and Historical Intensive Survey Report – Recently completed by the State Historical Society this summer, the report is a comprehensive treatise of the Village's 176-year history, including architectural and original ownership information on nearly 3,000 homes, churches, and businesses in Whitefish Bay. You will learn that explorer Pere Jacques Marquette camped on Whitefish Bay's shores in 1674; the first land purchase in the Bay was in 1835 (240 acres east of present-day Lydell School); the first homestead was built in 1842 near today's Fairmount and Lydell Avenues' and; yes, whitefish were harvested commercially in the waters off the Bay. Hauls of up to 600 pounds of whitefish a week graced the dining room tables of the former Pabst Resort from the 1889 to 1915.

Getting there: At www.wfbvillage.org, click "Village Government" in the column on the left, then "Boards and Commissions," then "Historic Preservation Commission." A link to the report is on the HP Commission's home page.

The Mimi Bird Historical Collection Online – This is perhaps the most complete collection of photos, news stories, maps, census data, letters, family histories, and other historical records of Whitefish Bay and the North Shore. The life work of the late Mimi Bird, Whitefish Bay's



Whitefish Bay Historical Society

Exploring Our History

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WELCOME!

The Village of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin today is a quiet community of 14,000 people located about five miles north of downtown Milwaukee on bluffs above Lake Michigan. It is primarily residential, with a retail strip located on Silver Spring Drive. Over one hundred years ago, however, the village was much different. It was a mostly rural farming community in which its residents grow and sold produce to meet the needs the growing City of Milwaukee. Over time, these rural families also set up a commercial enterprise, fishing the waters of the Bay.

Eventually, the Bay also became a leisure destination for Milwaukeeans seeking to escape from the noise, heat and smoke of the City's downtown. In the 1880s, Captain Frederick Pabst of brewery fame decided that Whitefish Bay would be an ideal location for a grand beer garden, hotel and amusement park. Land was acquired in the area that is today Lake Drive just North of Henry Clay Street. Lake steamers, such as the "Bloomer Girl," made regular trips from the City to Pabst's dock below the bluff, where a series of switchback paths led up to the resort. The resort consisted of a hotel (the "Bellevue"), a restaurant, band shell and other amusements, and enough beer to satisfy the thirsts of all excursionists. Later on, a Ferris wheel was added, to be eventually replaced by a merry-go-round. The park operated until about 1914.

In addition to Lake steamers, visitors to the resort could take the Milwaukee & Whitefish Bay Railway to the Village. Known as the "Dummy Line", the line was eventually electrified and absorbed into the electric street railway system.

beloved historian who died in 2002, was assembled into 39 volumes and donated to the Whitefish Bay Public Library. Visitors will find records of homes, churches, and businesses; minutes from government meetings; and Mimi Bird's own notes of her observations and interviews.

Although most of the material is about Whitefish Bay, the collection also includes historical information about Glendale, Fox Point, Bayside, and River Hills.

Getting there: At www.wfblibrary.org, click

"Historical Collection" in the column on the left, then the "[Mimi Bird Historical Collection](#)" link in the first paragraph. This will take you to a listing of all the volumes in the collection with a brief description of their contents.

The Whitefish Bay Historical Society – One of the largest collections of historical photos, as well as other records, articles, and artifacts that preserve the history of Whitefish Bay are maintained by the WFB Historical Society. Visitors will also find census records and village directories that list not only the names and addresses of residents, but their occupations. Also listed are the original names of village streets.

The site will also take you to the Whitefish Bay Architectural and Historical Inventory, a detailed description with photos of more than 120 properties that have been identified by the Whitefish Bay Historical Preservation Commission, the State Historical Society, and the Milwaukee County Landmark Commission as historic. You will also find tips on how to research the history of your own home.

Getting there: Go to www.wfbhistoricalsociety.com. The links across the top will take you to photos, stories, and other topics about the village.



WFB Library

Youth Programming

Register for all storytimes and fall programs beginning Aug. 29. Call the Youth Services Desk at (414) 755-6555 or stop in. Space is limited and for more information, go to www.wfblibrary.org and click on Kids.

Storytimes

- *Buddies and Books* – Mondays, Jan. 16-Feb. 20, 10:15-11:15 am (ages 1-4). Celebrate Mondays and your love of the library with an unstructured playtime. Drop in and meet new friends! No registration required.
- *Ones Step* – Tuesdays, Jan. 17-Feb. 21, 10:15-10:35 am (12-23 months). This special 20-minute lapsit program features songs and rhymes perfect for the 1 year old and caregiver. Registration is required.
- *Preschool Stories* – Tuesdays, Jan. 17-Feb 21, 10:45-11:15 am (ages 3-5). This child-only ½ hour storytime includes stories, fingerplays, and dance. Registration is required. Parent or caregiver must remain in the Youth Services Department during storytime.
- *Family Time* – Wednesdays, Jan. 18-Feb 22, 6:30-7 pm (12 months - 5 yrs). Bring mom and dad, or other caregiver and enjoy songs, stories, and some jumping around right before bedtime! Registration is required. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.
- *Twos Step* – Thursdays, Jan. 19-Feb 23, 10:15-10:45 am (24-35 months). Learn rhymes and songs, listen to short stories, and dance with this storytime that is perfect for energetic 2 year olds. Registration is required. Child must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Clubs

- *Rubber Ducky Club* – (Birth to 11 months). This great club is perfect for parent and new baby. Come in to the Youth Services Department to sign up. After 6 visits you earn a board book courtesy of the Library.
- *Jr. Adventure Club* – Mondays, 4:00-4:45 pm (Grades K-2). Learn about books, DVD's and websites that explore the theme of the month. Enjoy a craft or game as well! Registration is required and please note the following dates:
 - o Jan. 9 – Penguins
 - o Feb 6 – Magic Treehouse
 - o March 5 – Games
 - o April 2 – Nate the Great

- *Bay Kids Book Club* – (Grades 2-5). This book club is perfect for busy, on-the-go kids. Read 8 books and get a prize. There are no meetings with this book club. Stop at the Youth Services Desk to sign up!

Programs

- *Read to Achieve with the Milwaukee Bucks* – Jan. 2-Feb 25 (grades 3-10). When you participate in this reading challenge reading 500 pages or more, you get a free ticket to a home Bucks game. Ask at the Youth Services Desk for details and sign up!

Crafts!

- *Valentine's Day Craft* – Friday, Feb. 10, 10 am – 2 pm (all ages).

Teen Stuff

- *Lord of the Rings Movie-at-thon* – Ready for Winter Break? We'll be showing the Lord of the Rings Trilogy (extended version) in the Upstairs Program Room for the holidays. For more information, check the Village website. Please note the following dates:
 - o Dec. 26, 1-5 pm – Fellowship of the Ring.
 - o Dec. 27, 1-5 pm – Two Towers.
 - o Dec. 28, 1-5:30 pm – Return of the King.
- *Teen Wii* – 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 5 pm (Grades 6-12).
 - o Jan. 19 – Wii Play
 - o Feb. 16 – Super Smash Bros. Brawl
- *Young Adult Book Club* – Tuesdays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 28, 7-8 pm (grades 6-12). Connect with friends that are reading great books. Call the library or check on the library website for more details. Registration is required.
- *Book of the Month Club* – (grades 6-12). Check out the book, read it, and keep the bookmark. Collect 4 "Book of the Month" bookmarks and bring them to the Youth Services Desk for a prize!
- *MCTBA Teen Book Award Vote* (Grades 6-12) – Jan. 15 through March 1. Vote for the best teen book in Milwaukee County! Pick up your ballot to discover 15 titles to explore-read one or all titles to decide which one is the best.

WFB Library

Ebooks at the WFB Library

Libraries and ebooks have been in the news lately and the Library Staff has been busy assisting people with this new technology as well as learning right along with them. We have been receiving many questions about downloading ebooks from our OverDrive collection and have prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

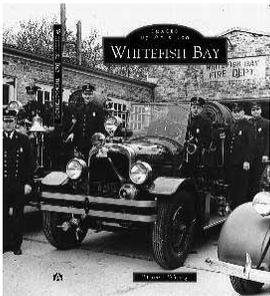
- *When will the library have more ebooks available?* The WFB Library is working with the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium to make more ebooks available. All public libraries in the State are subject to using this selection from a digital provider.
- *Why is a bestseller not available as an ebook?* At this time, publishers don't make all of their titles available as ebooks. According to Publishers Weekly, only 42% of publishers release more than 76% of their titles as ebooks.
- *Why am I on a waiting list for an ebook? Can't more than one person download the same title? Publishers and distributors have different licensing agreements*

that may allow for multiple users. The ability for multiple users should increase in the future as the service becomes more popular.

- *Can I download these books to my Kindle? Yes.*
- *Can someone help me figure out how to download ebooks to my iPad (or Kindle, Nook, laptop, smartphone, etc.)?* The Library has created several brochures with instructions on downloading digital content that can be found at www.wfblibrary.org. You can also go to CountyCat (<http://countycat.mcfls.org>) and follow the links there for instructions.
- *Can I download right from CountyCat?* No. At this time, you must go to the Digital Download Center to browse, checkout, and download digital content.

It is a lot of change in a very short time, but libraries are doing their best to adapt and provide the best service we can to our patrons. If you still have questions about ebooks and downloading through the library, feel free to stop in or call at 964-4380.

Give the Gift of Whitefish Bay



Evolving from quaint fishing and farming community in the 1800's to popular vacation destination at the turn of the century to desirable "Gold Coast" village today, Whitefish Bay has always been a place where people have wanted to be. Local author Tom Fehring has captured that history

in a 130-page book with more than 200 photos tracking the village's transformation from a lovely backwater into a vibrant and inviting community. This book will be cherished by anyone who has ever lived in Whitefish Bay.

This great holiday gift can be purchased at the Whitefish Bay Library. A portion of your \$20 cost is tax deductible, and all proceeds go to historic preservation in our community.

Public Announcement – Free Assistance with Tax Returns

Need help with filling out your tax return for this upcoming tax season? Starting on Feb. 1 and running through April 11, the TaxAide program will be helping individuals with filing their state and federal tax returns completely free of charge. They will be volunteering their time at the Whitefish Bay Library on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unusually complex tax returns will not be accepted for assistance. No appointments are necessary.

Bay Players – *Wrong Window*

The Bay Players will be presenting *Wrong Window*, the whodunit comedy spoof of Hitchcock's films will be presented on Jan. 20, 21, 27, and 28. This hilarious spoof is peppered with snappy dialogue, Hitchcock film titles, allusions, and references. Directed by Raymond Bradford, all shows at 8 pm. The theatre is located at the WFB High School Auditorium, 1200 E. Fairmount Ave., WFB. Please contact the Bay Players hotline at (414) 299-9040 for more information. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, and \$12.00 for seniors/students. Contact the Bay Players at: (414) 299-9040 or www.thebayplayers.com for more info.

North Shore Fire Department

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" 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.

“Adopt A Hydrant” Program

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.

Turkey Fryers

These turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property. NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments, such as grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants for the preparation of the dish, or consider a new type of “oil-less” turkey fryer.”

NFPA continues to believe that turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer. Consumers may find packaging of turkey fryers displaying independent product safety testing labels. NFPA is familiar with the details of these test standards and does not believe that they are sufficiently comprehensive regarding the different ways in which serious harm can occur, and, in some cases, regarding the different parts of the turkey fryer that need to be tested.

Did you Test Your Smoke Alarms and Change the Batteries when you changed Your Clocks?

As you change the batteries in your smoke alarms, test the device to make sure they work. Test your smoke alarms monthly by using the test button. If the test button does not work, replace the battery. If it still does not work, replace the smoke alarm. State law requires smoke alarms to be installed on each floor level including the basement. Smoke

alarms should be placed between each sleeping area and the rest of the home, and above the base of the stairs on each floor level. It is also recommended that smoke alarms be located in the hall outside the bedroom areas and inside each bedroom. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.

Health Department

Clinics



The Health Department is currently offering the following:

- Adult Health Risk Screening (\$25) – 8 am-noon on Nov. 22, Jan. 24, and Feb. 28.
- Blood Pressure Clinic (free) – 4-6 pm on Nov. 30, Dec. 28, Jan. 25, and Feb 22.
- Blood Lead Screening (\$5) – By appointment only for uninsured ages 1-5 years.
- Immunization Clinics (cost varies) – Mondays from 2-4 pm on Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13. Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 am on Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb 21.
- 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 women 50 – 64 years of age who meet income guidelines.
- 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.

Holiday Season

The “Holiday Season” – a time for joy, reflection, spiritual traditions and a period of time when we get to eat our favorite foods. The Health Department is pledging to “maintain and not gain” this year and hope you will join us. We simply want to weigh the same at the end of the holidays as we do at the beginning. This could be a challenging but reachable goal. The game plan is simple:

- Weigh yourself now.

- Record your weight and keep it just for you.
- Don’t overdo it and keep as active as you can. Very Important!
- Weigh-in each week to monitor progress.

Please join us. Think of how good you will feel when the New Year rolls around and you don’t have to make that annual resolution to lose some weight!

Recreation Department

Senior Events

The Whitefish Bay Recreation Department has scheduled the following luncheons/programs for older adults. Registration for events is necessary one week in advance and contains a \$6.00 fee. Lunch is served at noon and the program follows at 1:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 3 - Patrick and Patricia Lynch, “Wisconsin in the Early Days of the Civil War”.
- Tuesday, February 7 - Audrey Gloor, “All About the North Point Lighthouse”.
- Tuesday, March 6 - Doug Smith, “The Ancient Order of the Hibernians”.
- Tuesday, April 3 - Stan Luth, Director of the Whitefish

Bay High School Band and his music makers.

- Tuesday, May 1 - Dennis Buettner, “Villa Terrace, Cultural Jewel of Milwaukee”.

Trip out of the country:

- Sunny Portugal, Estoril & Algarve, March 9-18, 2012, \$2,699.00 double occupancy. A Collette Vacation Tour.
- Trip out of state
- Branson Show Extravaganza, April 15-21, 2012, \$555.00 double occupancy. A Diamond Tour.

For registration forms and further information, call Joan Brenk at 963-3992.

New WFB School District E-Newsletter

Beginning in Nov. 2011 the School District will issue the first of two e-newsletters for the 2011-12 school year. The e-newsletters are part of the District’s plan to enhance and expand communications with the community. If you

do not have children attending the Whitefish Bay Schools and you are interested in receiving a copy, please send your name and e-mail address to: districtnews@wfbschools.com



Recreation Department

Community Education Events

The Whitefish Bay Recreation and Community Education Program Winter/Spring Recreation Guide will be arriving in homes mid to late November and registration will begin as soon as residents receive their guides in the mail. Additional Recreation and Community Education Recreation Guides can be found at the Library and the WFB Recreation and Community Education Department.

Mark your calendar for the following program dates; you don't want to miss these programs!

Lydell Preschool Open House Schedule

- Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 5:00-7:00pm
- Thursday, January 19, 2012, 1:00-3:00pm
- Lydell Community Center, Room 26 & 28

New for the 2012-2013 school year Lydell Preschool is expanding to serve 2-year olds in a newly developed Toddler Classroom. Interested families looking to enroll for the 2012-2013 school year are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

2012-2013 School Year Enrollment Dates

- Returning Families/Whitefish Bay Residents: January 3, 2012
- Open enrollment: January 12, 2012

Free Throw Contest - The Recreation Department in collaboration and Knights of Columbus are hosting the annual Free Throw Contest for boys and girls on Saturday, February 18. It will be hosted at the High

School Field House and starts at 11:30 a.m. Registration materials will be provided in the Recreation Guide. The winner of each of the grade divisions will receive a trophy and compete in a County Free Throw Contest.

Diapers to Duds - The Annual Spring WFB Community Diaper to Duds Resale will take place on Saturday, March 24 from 9am to noon at the Lydell Community Center. Buy or sell gently used clothing for infant through school-aged children. Toys and baby items are welcome. Shoppers will be allowed to come in at 9:00am. There is no admission fee. Sellers must register by March 16 or until spaces are filled. The fee is \$30.00 for residents and \$40.00 non-residents for a 6-foot table. Additional tables may be rented for \$5.00 each. Sellers may begin setting up at 8am Saturday and must have their space cleared by 1pm.

Holiday Open Swim - The Holiday Open Swim at the High School Field House Pool will take place on December 27, 28 and 29 from 1:00pm-3:30pm. Regular open swim fees will apply.

- \$2.50 student/\$3.00 adult/\$6.00 family maximum. Please bring exact change.

Seniors and children under the age of 3 are free. All children under 7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any child 7 years or older, but under 48" in height, must prove their swimming ability to the satisfaction of the lifeguards. The pool is cleared 10 minutes prior to closing.

WFB Assistant Manager

Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council

WFB is committed to its support of fair housing in accordance with State, Federal, and Local laws. As such, the Village will be participating in the Rental Management Training Seminar to be hosted at Village Hall on Oct. 7. As a service to the community and to assist rental property owners in understanding and complying with fair housing requirements, the Village, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, is providing a fair housing training session. This session will provide an overview of State, Federal, and Local fair housing laws as well as

discussion on how rental property practices may be implemented to be in compliance with these laws. The session is open to anyone who is interested; however, rental property owners and managers in the Village are strongly encouraged to attend. The training session will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 pm in the lower level of the Village Hall at 5300 N. Marlborough Dr. If you have any questions regarding this training session or fair housing laws, please contact the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council at (414) 278-1240 with any questions.

Civic Organization

Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation Updates

We hope you had a great time at this year's Great Pumpkin Display. Almost 1,000 pumpkins large and small were carved and put on display in Schoolhouse Park – and we have you to thank for it.

2011 was a fantastic year for the Civic Foundation. We launched the Rain Barrel Street Art Project, hosted our annual Green Day in the Bay, the July 4th Parade & Festival, Sounds of Summer, and two Ice Cream Socials, all of which were blessed with great weather and heavy attendance.

Through our grant program, we supported individuals, groups and causes that fit into the WFB Civic Foundation Mission. We funded projects, such as, the Human Ecology Project, Post-Prom celebration, WFB Community Band, WFB Little League and even the benches at Cahill Park which were built by a local Eagle Scout. Over the past six years, the Civic Foundation has issued over \$67,000 in grants sponsoring dozens of community projects and

student scholarships. Each year, we donate \$1,000 to a WFB student who demonstrates a commitment to community service. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2012.

As 2011 comes to a close, the Civic Foundation would like to thank the 338 families and 20+ businesses who fund our programs and events and to the hundreds of resident volunteers who help make these events happen. This is what makes this community a special place to live. We couldn't do it without your support.

The Civic Foundation provides community events, grants and scholarships to Village residents. The foundation depends entirely on contributions from residents and businesses to fund events that have become village traditions. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has been volunteer run since 1978. For more information or to donate, go to wfbcivicfoundation.org.

WFB Business Improvement District

Upcoming Events

We are thankful for the many people that come out to enjoy the Holiday Stroll every year to make it such a great evening the Friday after Thanksgiving.

We also appreciate the many sponsors and volunteers for making it possible for this special event to become part of our holiday traditions. You may have seen some of the recent changes along Silver Spring Drive, including two new buildings at the west end of Silver Spring Drive, our gateway to the village. Recent new businesses in the shopping district include PNC Bank, ReFresh Aesthetic Center, Susan Fredman Design Group, Susan Fredman at Home, and Boutique Photographer.

Visit www.shopwhitefishbay.com to sign up for a listing of businesses in your community, details about upcoming events, and information about your BID.



Whitefish Bay
The Real Bay

Wine and Chocolate Thursday, February 9, 2012

Enjoy an indulgent evening of wine, chocolate and shopping in your favorite shops and boutiques. There will be in-store specials and live music, all while benefitting the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition (<http://www.standupandspeakout.org>). Details will be posted in the events section of www.shopwhitefishbay.com.

Civic Organizations

North Shore Junior Women’s Club

Plan to “Dance the Night Away” to benefit Girls on the Run! This is an enrichment program for young girls taking place on Saturday, March 31st. The evening event at the Whitefish Bay Women’s Club will include music, dancing, and a silent auction. This is a great chance to enjoy time with friends while supporting a great cause.



affiliated with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs and the Wisconsin Federation of Women’s Clubs.

We meet in the WFB Village Hall and offer a great chance to get to know other women in the area. Our activities include dinner parties, social outings, and hands-on service. For membership information, send an email to nsjwc@yahoo.com, or call Jen Shevey at 332-0161 to find out more. Meetings are held once a month (excluding December) on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm. Check our calendar for our next meeting location: website www.nsjwc.org.

The NSJWC is a club for women from Milwaukee’s North Shore who wish to provide service to their community and to grow culturally, intellectually, and socially. We participate in service projects, collections and fundraisers for area organizations. NSJWC is

Whitefish Bay Woman’s Club – Winter Events

Women of all ages are invited to join us as a guest.

- December 7th at 1:00p.m. Our annual Holiday Tea and Cards event will be hosted at our club house (reservation required).
- January 4th at 1:00p.m. - We will be hosting a presentation on the topic of Fair Trade.
- February 1st at 1:00p.m - The President of the Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition, Janna Nabeeb, will help to educate us about her organization.
- January 28th - Don’t miss the 28th Super Chili Bowl! There will be lots of good chili, assorted sides, drinks, desserts

and great musical entertainment (reservation required).

We contribute to multiple organizations, give out scholarships and support our Whitefish Bay girls with a payment to attend Badger Girls State.

If you are interested in more information and/or how to make a reservation for our special events, call the club house 414-332-7781 between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also rent the club house for your own event.

Whitefish Bay Numbers

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