



## Development Continues

As winter fast approaches, developers in West Milwaukee are trying to get in their last “digs” before the snow comes. The outside work on the **Office Max** store on Miller Park Way is nearing completion, outside lighting has been installed and the parking lot has its first layer of asphalt. Work will continue inside over the winter for a planned spring opening.

Just a few doors to the North the first **Sonic Drive-in** of the Milwaukee area has begun work towards an anticipated late spring opening. The foundations have been poured and work will soon commence on the building and parking lot structure needed for car hop service. Welcome to West Milwaukee.



## December's Holiday Happenings

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Pershing Elementary K5 Winter Sing & Chorus Concert, 6:30 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> - WAWM Chamber of Commerce Holiday Charity Benefit, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> - West Milwaukee Historical Society, Holiday Meeting, 4:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> - West Milwaukee I.S. Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Florian Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 am
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Pershing Elementary Band/Orchestra/Suzuki Concert, 1:30 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Suburban Singers Concert, West Milwaukee I.S., 7:30 pm

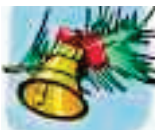
# Village News Briefs

## West Milwaukee Historical Society

By: Karen Hayward, Historical Society President

A special thanks to member and world traveler, Jean Parteka. Her presentation on her trip to Beijing at our September meeting enabled us to share in the sights and sounds of that exotic city (so appropriate with the Olympics having been in Beijing this past summer).

The December meeting is in the Community Centre' on **Saturday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m.** (Note the later than usual starting time). Traditionally this meeting is for the fun of it, a perfect time to come and check it out and get in the holiday spirit. Whatever plans you may have for the day or evening, we are hoping you can still join us. There will be a light lunch and a cookie exchange for those who wish to participate. Call Karen (321-9059) or Edie (384-6856) with any questions.



## Join the Chamber for Holiday Charity Benefit

The West Allis – West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce presents its annual Holiday Charity Benefit at Antigua Latin Restaurant, 5823 W. Burnham, on **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Every year the Chamber partners with a local establishment, sponsors and the West Allis Health Department to raise money that goes back to our residents. In the past years, we have raised nearly \$5,000 for less fortunate families in our community. Specifically, the money raised buys food from local stores and toys for the children from Target, who has always helped by providing a discount on the toys we buy. The event itself promises to be a great time again this year. *Antigua Latin Restaurant* will provide great Latin and Mexican food and a warm atmosphere. Attendees will have a chance to meet and mingle with local officials, business owners and other local residents. There will be some great prizes available including gift certificates from some of Milwaukee's best restaurants and retail stores. The cost of admission is \$25 per person. Please contact the Chamber by phone (414) 302-9901 or visit our website for more details. [www.wawmchamber.com](http://www.wawmchamber.com)

## Breakfast with Santa!

Sunday, December 14, 2008

St. Florian Cafeteria 8:00 - 1:00

1215 South 45th Street

Handicap accessible



## President's Message

*Ron Hayward*

As I write this letter, it is starting to rain and it looks like it may snow and our residents are scrambling to rake the rest of their leaves into the gutter so our DPW crews can collect them. It looks like winter is right around the corner. We have a lot to share with you in this issue, so please read all of its contents.

Our WA/WM Chamber of Commerce has historically had a dinner meeting at which time "Business of the Year" as well as "Citizen of the Year" was announced. When our Village became part of the Chamber we lobbied to have our own selection for both awards; last year was the first time we were able to do that. As many of you may not know, Culver's won Business of the Year and Tom and Judy Fell won for outstanding citizens ("Citizens of the Year"). This year I want all residents to tell me who they think might qualify for those awards. Call me at the Village Hall (645-1530 ext 126), email me at [Ronald.Hayward@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:Ronald.Hayward@westmilwaukee.org) or drop your vote in the mail (addressed to me at Village Hall). I'll be anxious to hear from you.

We will be having Christmas decorations up this year at our Centennial Park (clock). Trustee Ritzka was nice enough to see that we have an electric outlet at the clock, and we will now be in a position to put up some Christmas holiday lighting. This will be the first time we have been able to do this.

If you have not noticed, we have five new West Milwaukee signs that have been installed at the entrances to the Village. The signs have been funded by local businesses and their



names are attached to the signs. Locations are 40th and National Avenue (P&H Mining), Miller Park Way and National Avenue (P&H Mining), 50th and Lincoln (GE), Miller Park Way and Lincoln Avenue (Masterson Company) and National Avenue and 55th Street (Best Western). Thanks to everyone!

Finally, this is probably the only time that I can do this except for the folks I see at the Golden Agers Christmas Party, but from Karen and me the very best of Holiday greetings to you and your loved ones.

# News Briefs

## Christmas Fire Safety



We would like to offer some fire safety precautions for the upcoming Holiday Season.

1. Natural trees should be obtained as fresh as possible. Fresh trees will retain some natural fire resistance.
2. Christmas trees should be held upright with a sturdy stand and set up in an area as to not block any exits.
3. Trees and decorations should be located a safe distance from ignition sources such as heaters, lights, fireplaces, stoves and candles.
4. All lighting should be tested, labeled and listed for the application and should be in good condition. Miniature lights are cooler than standard sized lights and, therefore, do not dry out needles as quickly.
5. All lighting should be disconnected when the area is unattended.
6. The U.S. Forestry Products Laboratory has stated that products currently available for flame proofing are ineffective on natural cut trees. Coating needles prevents the tree from breathing, reducing water up-take and actually enhances the tree's drying out. When a pine needle is ex-

West Milwaukee Lions Club  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
 Sunday, February 1st  
 St. Florian Cafeteria  
 All you can eat!

posed to heat, a gas build up occurs in the needle. The needle explodes with the pressure build up, the gas ignites and the fire rapidly builds.

7. Natural cut trees should have the trunk sawed off at least one inch above the original cut and should be cut immediately before being placed in a water bearing stand. Water level should always be above the cut to prevent a seal from forming on the cut that would prevent the tree from taking up water.

8. Natural cut trees will begin to reduce water intake within a couple weeks, thus increasing the fire hazard. A quick check for freshness us to bend a single needle. If the needle snaps, the tree is excessively dry. Changing color (brown) and excessive needle drop off are also signs of dryness.

*NEW* **Stay in Touch via Email** *NEW*

Communities increasingly rely on computers to disseminate important announcements to their residents. Therefore, West Milwaukee is initiating an email program that updates residents by email of events that are occurring in the community. This will help improve the way that information is currently delivered to the residents. This program will include the Village newsletter, public service updates and community information. If you are interested in being included in this program, please fill out the information below and return it to the Village Hall – 4755 West Beloit Road, West Milwaukee, WI 53214 or send the information via email to [news@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:news@westmilwaukee.org). When you are added to the email list you will only receive an electronic version of the newsletter.

Note: The information you provide here is for Village use only. This information will be treated as confidential in nature and WILL NOT BE RELEASED INTENTIONALLY TO ANYONE.

Please complete the following form or email this information to [news@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:news@westmilwaukee.org) to be included on the Village of West Milwaukee email list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We will be sending periodic emails including the Village newsletter and police and community news updates. If you sign up for email, you will only receive the electronic version of the newsletter. Any questions should be directed to Kim Egan Mueller at 645-1530 ext 131.

# For Your Information

## Winter Parking Regulations

As a reminder, overnight parking is prohibited on the following streets beginning **December 1st** and continuing until **April 1st** on these main streets:

- West National Avenue
- West Greenfield Avenue
- West Beloit Rd west of the Greenfield Ave intersection
- West Mitchell Street
- West Burnham Street
- West Lincoln Avenue

The even-odd night parking rule remains in effect on the remainder of the Village streets every day of the week.

## On-Street Night Parking Permit Options

For those residents who park their vehicle on the street during the over-night hours, the village offers three different permit options.

- Monthly permit for \$12.00 plus tax (\$144.00 annual cost).
- Quarter permit for \$30.00 plus tax, (\$120.00 annual cost).
- Half Year permit for \$55.00 plus tax, (\$110.00 annual cost).

Permits are available at the customer service window of the West Milwaukee Police Department.

## Snow Removal Guidelines

With winter right around the corner we wanted to refresh everyone about rules to follow during winter. It is the responsibility of every owner, resident or person in charge of a residence to clear snow and ice from adjoining sidewalks and street openings within 12 hours after the snow stops falling. It is unlawful to shovel, blow or push snow from your property into a street or alleyway.

Alley parking is not allowed in the Village of West Milwaukee. If your alley approach allows enough room so that no part of your vehicle hangs over into the alley right of way, there is not a problem. Vehicles that hang over the alley right of way pose a problem for garbage trucks and the ability for snowplows to properly clear snow from alleys. If you have any questions, call the inspection office at 645-1530 ext 129.

## Parking Is Illegal in Alley

Parking in alleys in the Village is **ILLEGAL!** Ordinance 82-194 prohibits parking at any time in an alley. The Police Department receives numerous complaints throughout the year. We ask for your compliance so we are not forced to issue a \$20 parking citation.

## What a Night!!!

*Were you able to soak **Officer Murphy** in the dunk tank at this year's National Night??*

Well, almost 300 hundred people turned out at this year's event and tried. The weather was spectacular and the event was a success on **Tuesday, August 5th**. It was great to see so many families in attendance. Kids were busy playing games, winning prizes, going down the giant slide and riding the train while adults enjoyed the fine music from Mark Steele's band, The Steele Heads. The quality and choices of food were again outstanding this year. There was ice cream from Culvers, hamburgers from Culvers and roasted corn from the Lions Club. A special thanks to all those who helped make the event a success.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Chili's</b>               | <b>P &amp; H Mining Equipment</b> | <b>Pick N Save</b>  |
| <b>Target</b>                | <b>Masterson Company</b>          | <b>Best Western</b> |
| <b>Cost Cutters</b>          | <b>Hal's Harley Davidson</b>      | <b>Mark Steele</b>  |
| <b>Rocky Rococo's</b>        | <b>West Milwaukee</b>             | <b>Lions Club</b>   |
| <b>Sydney Van der Linden</b> | <b>Jan Fugger</b>                 | <b>4th Base</b>     |
| <b>Guardian Credit Union</b> |                                   |                     |

Let's build on this success and make next year even better. Be part of it!! Call West Milwaukee Police if you or your business would like to be involved.



## For Your Information

### Tax Information

If you would like your tax bill to be marked paid in 2008, we must receive your payment in our office no later than **Tuesday, December 30, 2008.**

This is not a payment date; **postmarks will not be used.** Please **write your parcel number** on the memo part of your check stub.

Make sure your check is made out to the **Village of West Milwaukee.** If it is made out to another municipality, you will have to return it and have a new check made out to replace it. Also, if the check is made out to you the homeowner and the Village, you must sign the back of the check.

### Tax Refunds

The Village will not issue immediate refunds for overpayments of tax bills in excess of \$100.00. Refund checks will be issued with the next accounts payable run. There is a minimum fifteen (15) day waiting period for a refund check over \$100.00 to make sure your escrow check clears the bank. Should you wish to have a refund in a more expedient manner, you may request that your financial institute issue one check for the actual amount due for taxes and another check to you for the remaining balance. Immediate refunds of amounts less than \$100.00 will only be given if the funds are available. Any refunds under \$10.00 will have to be picked up in person.

### Tax Payment Installment Plan

If you wish to utilize the installment plan for your taxes, your payments for one-half of your tax bill are due on or before **January 31st.** The next installment of one-quarter is due on or before **April 30th** and the final one-quarter installment is due **July 31st.**

Once you receive your original bill, reminder notices are not mailed out for each installment payment.

### Mortgage Company Information

**Please make sure you keep in contact with your mortgage company** to see when they will make your payment. Find out if the check will be sent directly to the Village on your behalf or if the check will come to you the homeowner. We have had problems in the past with the mortgage companies not paying in a timely manner or saying it was paid, when in fact the check was never sent out. Please check this out ahead of time to be prepared.

### Payment Options

The Village does have a night deposit box. This may be used for any payments, mail, etc. that need to be delivered to the Clerk/Treasurer's Department after business hours. However, once the office is closed and payments are dropped in the box, they will have a payment or received date of the next business day. *Payments must be dropped in the night deposit the night before they are due to be considered timely.*

**You must have all your bills attached to the check. We will return your tax bill with the payment showing. Do not tear a portion of your bill off. Mail the entire bill. We will no longer mail you a receipt if you do not have your tax bill enclosed with your payment. If a bill is not attached, please write what type of payment this is and an account number or parcel number on the memo part of your check.**

### Pet Licenses

**The Village of West Milwaukee requires that all dogs and cats be licensed!**

The **Renewal Notices** will be mailed out by Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC). Please watch for the postcard in December. The renewal notice along with the payment should be mailed or hand delivered to MADACC located at 3839 West Burnham Street. The phone number is 414-649-8640. You also have the option to license your pet online and pay with a credit card. [www.madacc.com](http://www.madacc.com)

### Holiday Refuse/Recycling Pickup Schedule

#### Normal Pickup Date

Tuesday, November 25, 2008  
Wednesday, November 26, 2008  
Thursday, November 27, 2008

Tuesday, December 23, 2008  
Wednesday, December 24, 2008  
Thursday, December 25, 2008

Tuesday, December 30, 2008  
Wednesday, December 31, 2008  
Thursday, January 1, 2009

#### Holiday Schedule Pickup Date

Monday, November 24, 2008  
Tuesday, November 25, 2008  
Wednesday, November 26, 2008

Monday, December 22, 2008  
Tuesday, December 23, 2008  
Wednesday, December 24, 2008

Monday, December 29, 2008  
Tuesday, December 30, 2008  
Wednesday, December 31, 2008

**VILLAGE OF WEST MILWAUKEE INFORMATION**

**West Milwaukee Village Hall - 4755 West Beloit Road, West Milwaukee, WI 53214-3517 - Phone: 414/645-1530**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Police Department Emergency     |                                   |                             | 911              |
| Police Department Non-Emergency |                                   | 24 Hours                    | 645-2151         |
| Police Night Parking Permission |                                   |                             | 671-8093         |
| Police Chief                    | Eugene Oldenburg                  |                             | 645-2151         |
| Clerk/Treasurer's Department    |                                   | 8:00am-4:30pm Mon.-Fri.     | 645-1530         |
| Village Clerk/Treasurer         | Susan M. Schupp                   |                             | 645-1530 ext 124 |
| Village President               | Ronald Hayward                    |                             | 645-1530 ext 126 |
| Village Administrator           | Pat Casey                         |                             | 645-1530 ext 130 |
| Department of Public Works      | 4517 West Burnham St.             | 7:00am-3:30pm Mon.-Fri.     | 645-6238         |
| Superintendent of Public Works  | Jim Stenzel                       |                             | 645-6238         |
| Inspection Services Secretary   | Modesta "Moe" Goodman             |                             | 645-1530 ext 128 |
| Property Maintenance Inspector  | Joel Meier/Mark Gregory           | 9:30am-4:30pm Mon.-Fri.     | 645-1530 ext 129 |
| Fire Inspector                  | Joel Meier/Mark Gregory           | No Set Hours                | 645-1530 ext 140 |
| Building Inspector              | John Tising                       | 8:30am-9.300am Tue. & Thur. | 645-1530 ext 127 |
| Court Clerk                     | 4755 West Beloit Rd.              | 9:00 am - noon M.T.W.F      | 645-5411         |
| Municipal Court Room            | 1345 South 47th St.               |                             |                  |
| Assessor                        | Keith Munson (National Appraisal) |                             | 383-2122         |
| Community Centre'               | 1345 South 47th St.               |                             | 671-8099         |
| West Milwaukee Post Office      | 43rd & Lincoln Ave.               |                             | 800-275-8777     |
| Health Department (West Allis)  | 7120 West National Ave.           |                             | 302-8600         |
| W.A.W.M. School District        | 9333 West Lincoln Ave.            |                             | 546-5500         |
| W.A.W.M. Recreation Department  | 2450 South 68th St.               |                             | 546-5570         |
| W.A.W.M. Chamber of Commerce    | 7447 West Greenfield Ave.         |                             | 302-9901         |
| West Milwaukee Park             | 5000 West Burnham St.             |                             | 647-9928         |
| Cable TV                        | Time Warner                       |                             | 259-1234         |

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| Ronald Hayward  | Village President | 321-9059 |
| Carl Grisar     | Village Trustee   | 671-6580 |
| Justin Hern     | Village Trustee   | 321-1412 |
| Sharon Kroening | Village Trustee   | 649-9410 |
| Richard Lewein  | Village Trustee   | 328-0828 |
| Kurt Ritzka     | Village Trustee   | 545-1580 |
| Frank Stoffel   | Village Trustee   | 327-4862 |

Clerk & Treasurer's Department  
Normal Hours  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Holiday Closings**  
Thanksgiving: November 27 and 28  
Christmas: December 24 and 25  
New Years: December 31 and January 1

**E-Mail Addresses:** Village [generalgovt@westmilwauke.org](mailto:generalgovt@westmilwauke.org) Police [police@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:police@westmilwaukee.org).

*These mailboxes are not continuously monitored and should never be used in emergencies.*

**DATED MATERIAL**

Village of West Milwaukee  
4755 West Beloit Road  
West Milwaukee, WI 53214

