

The West Milwaukee

Village News

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Congrats to Cristo Rey's Class of 2020!

Read more on Cristo Rey's bright and talented class of students on page 10.

Vote in the 2020 Elections!

We have included the Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot applications in this newsletter!

Please see <u>pages 7-8</u> for Voter Registration, <u>pages 11-12</u> for the Absentee Ballot, and <u>page 6</u> for additional voting information.

Keep your pet safe from the summer heat! Check out MADACC's helpful tips and tricks on <u>page 5</u>.

Learn how the WAWM School District is shifting to online learning on <u>page 13</u>.

Check out our 2020 National Night Out plans on page 4.

Village News Brief President's Message

Welcome to the Summer issue of the Village newsletter.

These past five months have been a period of unprecedented changes and challenges in our community, across the nation and across the world. Nearly everything that had been planned for and anticipated has been dramatically changed or canceled. Our personal and work lives have changed in ways we could not have imagined at the start of 2020. Now that the virus that has caused so much disruption and suffering is beginning to loosen its grip, we are faced with another challenge in the form of widespread civil unrest. I offer you my sincere concern that all of you are well and coping with the challenges we all face.

As your Village President, I have been in almost daily virtual meetings with the municipal leaders and health department officials in our region. Together, we are working to ensure the health of our communities while balancing the needs of our citizens and our business community. I am committed to ensuring that the voice of West Milwaukee is represented in all decisions impacting our region.

I commend our Village Department of Public Works for adjusting work schedules and ensuring employee health and wellness while maintaining services to our citizens with minimal disruption. The staff and administration of the Village have also continued to provide the work needed to support our Village operations, including the spring election and routine Village business. Your Village Board has transitioned to virtual meetings, keeping the health and safety of our employees and citizens as a primary goal.

The Villaae of West Milwaukee Police Department, under the guidance of Chief Dennis Nasci, has excelled in supporting our citizens and keeping our Village a safe and desirable place to live. Some policies were relaxed to allow all of us to manage changes in our work and personal lives while maintaining a... (continued on page 3)



Village Hall (414) 645-1530

4755 W. Beloit Rd. 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday www.westmilwaukee.org www.visitwestmilwaukee.org

> Police Non-Emergency (414) 645-2151

Enrollment and Address Changes? Has your address changed?

Visit our Enrollment Center! West Allis - West Milwaukee School District **Administration Building** 1205 S. 70th St., 5th Floor Monday — Friday, 7:30 am — 4:30pm

Proof of Residency is required. Visit the district website for more information.

Contact the Enrollment Center via email enrollment@wawmsd.org or telephone at (414) 604-3014

Village Assessor

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.

1314 W. College Ave. P.O. Box 2111 Appleton, WI 54912-21111

Assessment Questions: 1 (800) 721-4157

Fax: (920) 731-4158 Email: info@apraz.com Property Info: www.apraz.com

(You can access Real Estate property information, current owner addresses, and more. For residential parcels more detailed information is available: styles, stories, year built, assessments, legal descriptions and more.)

President's Message continued...

... careful vigilance of issues that might impact our quality of life. We are fortunate to have a police force that is so closely connected with our community and our residents.

When you have a chance, please, thank our police, DPW, and municipal staff for the outstanding effort they have shown to support all of us and keep our Village a great place to live.

As is true for many events this summer, the West Milwaukee National Night Out will be different this year. We have enjoyed the opportunity to come together as a community for an enjoyable evening of community togetherness, and I am confident we will have this again. Read about the details from our police department in this newsletter.

Please know that the Village Board and I are committed to our Village, our future, and making West Milwaukee a community where we are proud to say, "We live here." You can be a part of this future, we have an opening on the Plan Commission. If you are interested, please contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

John Stalewski

Village President

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President John Stalewski

Silver City International Festival

By Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN)

Traditionally, this fun festival celebrates the cultural diversity of the Silver City neighborhood through food, the arts, and music!

Last year, nearly 2,000 people celebrated along West National Avenue (between 33rd and 35th street) and sampled ethnic cuisine while enjoying live art performances, free live music, free activities for kids, and displays from local businesses.

This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th. In lieu of a big street festival, we're bringing the festival to the people.

We are reworking the festival into a parade of small floats traveling a set path in the Silver City neighborhood, each with live music from past festival acts.

To incorporate the multicultural aspect of the festival, we plan to work with local businesses to create Silver



Photo courtesy of LBWN

City International takeout specials at various locations throughout the near south side.

Plans for the festival are subject to change in accordance with community health and safety regulations in Milwaukee.

For the most up-to-date information on the festival. please visit www.lbwn.org/ internationalfestival.

National Night Out 2020

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and pandemic, the West Milwaukee Police Department will unfortunately not be organizing a traditional National Night Out celebration for the summer of 2020. Instead, we hope to involve the community by organizing a back-to-school donation drive.

Starting Monday, June 8th, the West Milwaukee Police Department will be collecting new school supplies



Photo courtesy of Village of West Milwaukee

at the West Milwaukee police station. The supplies, along with those supplied by the police department, will be donated to students attending local schools in our community.

West Milwaukee residents are also encouraged to contact the police department if interested in receiving a care package/gift for their child. In addition, the police department will be raffling off several prize packages, including TVs, bikes, and more!

For more information, please contact Officer Taquet, Officer Roth, or Officer Preisler by emailing general@westmilwaukee.org or by calling (414) 645-2151, providing a name, phone number, and address. Donations for the back-to-school drive can be dropped off at the station (4755 W. Beloit Rd.). Raffle tickets will be free of charge and available to anyone interested (limit one per person).

The drawing and last day of donation drop-offs will be August 12th. The raffle drawing will take place on August 19th.

Summer Pet Precautions

By Karen Sparapani, Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC)

Your annual reminder for summertime pet care:

- 1. If it is sunny and 70 degrees (or more), your car becomes an oven. If you have to go somewhere 4. where your pet will need to be left alone in a car, leave them at home. Every year we tell people not to leave animals in hot cars, and every year people continue to do it with fatal results.
- 2. Fleas and ticks can be picked up by dogs, cats, and humans and brought into your home. If you walk on grass, you are just as able to get a flea or a tick on you as your pet. Best thing to do is make sure that your pets are treated for fleas and ticks so they do not begin breeding in your home. Do not use human flea- and tick-repellent on your pets!
- 3. Do your dog walking early in the morning or later in the evening after the ground has cooled. If it is too hot for you to walk barefoot outside, it is too hot for

- your dog. Best time for them to get exercise or visit dog parks is outside of the high heat of day.
- Make sure your pet has fresh water at all times, whether they are inside or outside. They can dehydrate easily in heat. Dogs kept outside need to have access to shade at all times. We see many dogs suffering from heatstroke each year which can be fatal.



Photo courtesy of PNGPLUS

2020 Elections

For any election questions, please call the Clerk's office at (414) 645-1530, extension 0.

VOTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE ABSENTEE FOR THE REMAINING 2020 ELECTIONS

Fall Partisan Primary – Tuesday, August 11th Fall General – Tuesday, November 3rd



Poll hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, and the polling location is the West Community Milwaukee Centre' (1345 S. 47th St).

Register to Vote:

Please note, a voter registration application is included in this newsletter.

If you wish to register to vote, complete the form, including proof of residency, and submit your application by mail, fax, email, or the drop-box inside the Village Hall.

You must re-register to vote if and when there is a name and/or address change.

You can register to vote in the Clerk's office up through the Friday before election or at the polls on the day of election.

To avoid lines or possible lack of required documentation by those who have not previously registered and are registering at the polling locations on Election Day, eligible voters are encouraged to register to vote prior to the election. This will shorten the wait time on the day of the election.

Voters already registered in the Village of West Milwaukee are also encouraged to contact the Village Clerk's office if your name has changed or if you have moved within West Milwaukee since you last voted.

MyVote Wisconsin Website: At

myvote.wi.gov, you can register to vote (including name and/or address changes), check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see your sample ballot, request an absentee ballot (military and permanent overseas voters only), and check provisional ballot status.

Application for Absentee Ballot:

Please note, an absentee ballot application is included in this newsletter.

If you wish to vote absentee and are already registered to vote, please complete the form, including a copy of your photo ID, and submit your application by mail, fax, email, or the dropbox inside the Village Hall.

If you request to receive your absentee ballot by mail and have not previously provided a copy of acceptable photo ID with a prior by-mail absentee ballot request, a copy of photo ID must accompany the application.

Following submittal to the Clerk's office of a completed application for an Absentee Ballot, registered voters can receive a ballot in the mail or can vote in person at the Village Clerk's office.

Voting in-person at the Village Clerk's office is restricted to the 2 weeks before an election and ends at the close of business the Friday before an election.

In-person voters must always show acceptable photo ID.

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Signature and Certification		By signing below, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at the above residential address for at least 10 consecutive days immediately preceding this election, that I have no present intent to move, and I have not voted in this election. I also certify that I am not otherwise disqualified from voting and that all statements on this form are true and correct. If I have provided false information, I may be subject to fine or imprisonment under State and Federal laws X Voter Signature Today's Date									
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being a poll worker

It is the policy of the Village of West Milwaukee to assure equal opportunity to live in adequate housing facilities regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, handicap, sexual preference, marital status of persons maintaining a household, lawful source of income, place of birth. or age, and to prohibit discrimination in housing by any persons.

In connection with any real estate transaction which affects any housing accommodation on the open market, or in connection with any public sale, purchase, rental or lease of any accommodation, it is illegal within West Milwaukee for a person, owner, financial institution, real estate broker or sales representative to:

- Refuse to sell, purchase, rent or lease to a person because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, handicap, marital status, sexual preference, sex, age, or place of birth.
- 2. To discriminate against a person in the terms, conditions or privileges on the sale, purchase, rental or lease of any housing accommodation.

Any person who has a complaint, or who may be aggrieved by any unlawful practice which is prohibited by the Village ordinance (50-30) or State Statute (106.50), may file a complaint after the alleged unlawful practice has occurred. In addition to the local Code of Ordinances, an individual can pursue complaints under both state and federal fair housing laws. If a person chooses to pursue a complaint through a federal administrative agency the complaint must be filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) within one year of the last act of discrimination under the 1968 Federal Fair Housing Act (FFHA). To file a federal court action under the FFHA one must file the complaint within two years of the act of discrimination. In addition, under the Civil Rights Act of 1866. which only applies to racial discrimination. a person has up to three years to file a judicial complaint. Additional contact telephone numbers for complaints include the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (414-278-1240), the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (414-297-3214, Ext. 8300 or 8301), or the State of Wisconsin Equal Rights Division (414-227-4384).

VILLAGE OF WEST MILWAUKEE **CLERK/TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT**

We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Village of West Milwaukee's Clerk's/ Treasurer Department will be closed the following days:

Friday, July 3, 2020 (Independence Day) Monday, September 7, 2020 (Labor Day) Thursday, November 26, 2020 (Thanksgiving) Friday, November 27, 2020 Thursday, December 24, 2020 Friday, December 25, 2020 (Christmas Day) Thursday, December 31, 2020 Friday, January 1, 2021 (New Year's Eve)

Celebrating the Cristo Rey **Jesuit High School Class of 2020**

By Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

A senior year like no other, 94 trailblazing students from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School will don their cap and gown only after gracefully shifting to online learning earlier this spring, as they maintained an attendance rate of 95% during a global pandemic.

Only the second class to graduate from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School located in West Milwaukee, this graduating class boasts 100% acceptance to at least one four-year college or university. Seniors received a combined total of 680 college acceptances nationwide — roughly seven college acceptances per student! They also received over \$2.3 million in grants, scholarships, and other financial aid packages to support their higher-education financial investment.

95% of the class of 2020 will become the first in their families to attend college. Senior Marycruz Valdivia said, "As a Mexican woman with a diploma in my hand, I am my ancestors' wildest dream." Additionally, many of these students have become caretakers for younger siblings while their parents continued to work during the pandemic. They've become an inspiration to multiple generations of their family and are

equipped to succeed in college and life through their Cristo Rey Jesuit education and experiences.

Staff and faculty members teamed up to handdeliver graduation gifts, yard signs, caps, and gowns to these 94 resilient seniors. Even in this time of social distancing, there's always a way to find connections. This time it was through handdelivered mementos and gifts to mark this important educational milestone. Students will participate in small-group diploma ceremonies in early July with a virtual ceremony to follow later in the month, allowing all family and friends to celebrate their many accomplishments and bright futures.









Photos courtesy of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

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Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot Instructions

General Instructions: This form should be submitted to your municipal clerk, unless directed otherwise.

This form should only be completed by registered voters; if you are not a registered voter or military elector, please submit a Voter Registration Application (EL-131) with this form.

Photo ID requirement: If you will receive your absentee ballot by mail, and have not previously provided a copy of acceptable photo ID with a prior by-mail absentee ballot request, a copy of photo ID must accompany this application. You may submit your application and a copy of your ID by mail, fax or email. In-person voters must always show acceptable photo ID.

The following documents are acceptable Photo ID (For specific information regarding expired documents visit http://bringit.wi.gov.)

State of WI driver license or ID card Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service Photo ID issued by the federal Dept. of Veterans Affairs University, college or tech college ID and enrollment verification U.S. passport booklet or card

Certificate of Naturalization WI DOT DL or ID card receipt Citation/Notice to revoke or suspend WI DL ID card issued by federally recognized WI tribe

In lieu of photo ID, the voters listed below may satisfy the voter ID requirement by the following means:

- Electors who are indefinitely confined (see Section 6) the signature of a witness on the Absentee Certificate Envelope.
- · Electors residing in care facilities served by Special Voting Deputies the signatures of both deputies on the envelope.
- · Electors residing in care facilities not served by Special Voting Deputies the signature of an authorized representative of the facility. If the elector is also indefinitely confined, the elector does not need a representative of the facility to sign.
- Military, Permanent Overseas and Confidential Electors Exempt from the photo ID requirement.
- Indicate the municipality and county of residence. Use the municipality's formal name (for example: City of Ashland, Village of Greendale, or Town of Albion).
- · Provide your name as you are registered to vote in Wisconsin. If applicable, please provide your suffix (Jr, Sr, etc.) and/or middle name. If your current name is different than how you are registered to vote, please submit a Voter Registration Application (EL-131) with this form to update your information.
 - Provide your month, day and year of birth. Remember to use your birth year, not the current year.
- Provide your home address (legal voting residence) with full house number (including fractions, if any).
- Provide your full street name, including the type (eg., Ave.) and any pre– and/or post-directional (N, S, etc.).
- Provide the city name and ZIP code as it would appear on mail delivered to the home address.
- You may not enter a PO Box as a voting residence. A rural route box without a number may not be used.
- A "Military elector" is a person, or the spouse or dependent of a person who is a member of a uniformed service or the merchant marines, a civilian employee of the United States, a civilian officially attached to a uniformed service and serving outside the United States, or a Peace Corp volunteer. Military electors do not need to register to vote.
- A "Permanent Overseas elector" is a person who is a United States citizen. 18 years old or older, who resided in Wisconsin immediately prior to leaving the United States, who is now living outside the United States and has no present intent to return. who is not registered in any other location, or who is an adult child of a United States citizen who resided in this state prior to establishing residency abroad. Permanent Overseas electors will receive ballots for federal offices only and must be registered to vote prior to receiving a ballot.
- · A "Temporary Overseas elector" is a person who is a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, a resident of Wisconsin and is overseas for a temporary purpose and intends to return to their Wisconsin residence.
- Fill in the circle to indicate your preferred method of receiving your absentee ballot.
- Military and Permanent Overseas voters may request and access their ballot directly at https://myvote.wi.gov.
- If no preference is indicated, your absentee ballot will be mailed to your residence address listed in Box 3.
- You are encouraged to provide a physical mailing address as backup in case of electronic transmission difficulties. Please only fill the circle for your preferred means of transmission.
- . If you are living in a care facility, please provide the name of the facility.
- If someone will be receiving the ballot on your behalf, please list them after C/O. Please note: The absentee elector is still required to vote their own ballot, although they may request assistance in physically marking the ballot.
- · Select the first option if you would like to receive a ballot for a single election or a specific set of elections.
- · Select the second option if you would like to have a standing absentee request for any and all elections that may occur in a calendar year (ending December 31).
- Select the third option only if you are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity or disability and wish to request absentee ballots for all elections until you are no longer confined or fail to return a ballot for an election.
- This section is only to be completed by an elector or the agent of an elector who is currently hospitalized.
- An agent completing this form for a hospitalized elector must provide his/her name, signature and address on this application.

In the situation where the elector is unable to sign the Voter Declaration / Certification due to a physical Assistant Signature: disability, the elector may authorize another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing an application on another elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the application due to physical disability. By signing and dating this form, you certify that you are a qualified elector, a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years Voter Signature: old, having resided at your residential address for at least 10 consecutive days immediately preceding this election, not currently serving a sentence including probation or parole for a felony conviction, and not otherwise disqualified from voting.

Learning that Works West Allis-West Milwaukee School District

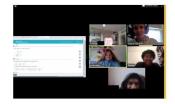
District Makes Seamless Shift to Online Learning



Reports of a new virus emerging in China, spreading through Europe, eventually hitting home in Wisconsin seemed like a distant bell that soon became a gong. "It was St. Patrick's Day and we were faced with closing schools until further notice. So, we ran a drive-up service for families to collect needed materials and our students were logged in and learning from home the very next day," explains Dr. Marty Lexmond, Superintendent of the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District. "We started our planning in January. It was amazing teamwork by our teachers, staff, students, and families."

To start, the District surveyed families to ensure that everyone had the technology they needed for online learning. "Our elementary students use iPads and our secondary students use Chromebooks," said Director of Leadership and Learning, Deidre Roemer. "Although some families have computer devices at home, many did not. We made sure everyone that needed technology was able to get it. We even provided hot spots for families that did not have internet."

"Students already use several online platforms in the classroom. Our goal was to enhance that. Teachers created some amazing resources for our families and have quickly learned how to use Zoom and Google Apps to connect with our learners each day. From there, kindergarten classes were conducting their morning meetings, orchestras were rehearsing, and learners in our schools were logging in for instruction throughout the day."



As many learners are helping at home or watching siblings, schools worked to be as flexible as possible during this challenging time. Teachers took attendance by sending daily "learning tasks" to students and they had until 11:59 p.m. each night to respond. School counselors and staff members conducted check-ins with students that did not login. "We provide a lot of support for our learners. We were striving to be fair, considerate and make adjustments as needed. Everyone is sensitive to physical health and mental well-being," explained Lexmond.

In May, schools introduced Passion Projects as a way to capture some of what learners had become interested in while "safe at home." The projects were seen as an important and creative way to finish out the historic school year. "Our goal was for students to apply their knowledge and skills in a way that connects to their talents and interests." said Roemer.

"Our learners have been creating things, learning skills, and deepening their own talents, interests and passions during this unusual time. Many of them learned how to cook, do art projects, play a musical instrument, become a YouTuber, make their own clothes, write stories, grow a tomato plant, or invent new products."



"The projects, along with enrichment and grade improvement opportunities, help our students develop their skills in problem-solving, communication, and collaboration -- competencies that are tied to our strategic plan goals," adds Roemer.

When asked what the future holds, Lexmond is reflective. "By May, some districts had not even started working with their students. We were connected from the start. As we move forward, we'll continue to respond to COVID-19. We're prepared to help students learn whether they're at home or at school. And we'll do everything we can to ensure our students stay on track and life ready when they graduate. We face challenges together even if we're apart."











Doing home improvement projects over the summer?

Summer is the best time to complete many home improvement projects, such as putting up a new fence, roofing your house, and more.

Prior to performing any of these projects on your residential or commercial property, please ensure that you first obtain the necessary permits with the Village of West Milwaukee's Clerk's Office. Performing work that requires a permit without first obtaining a permit may result in extra fees.

More information on permits (building, electrical, etc.) and inspections is available on the Village Website, under both the Departments tab (under "Inspections") and Information (under "Forms/Permits") tabs. For any specific questions related to permits and the permit process, please email general@westmilwaukee.org or call (414) 645-1530.

Thinking of renting out your home on Airbnb?

Did you know? The Village of West Milwaukee has introduced a permit application for short-term rentals. Before renting out your home through Airbnb, Vrbo, or other short-term rental sites, please make sure to follow West Milwaukee guidelines. Renting out your home on Airbnb is not permitted in West Milwaukee until completing the permit application.

More information on short-term rental permits is available on the Village Website, under both the News and Information (under "Forms/Permits") tabs. For any specific questions related to the short-term rental permits and the permit process, please email general@westmilwaukee.org or call (414) 645-1530.

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Payments

REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENTS

Your final tax payment installment is due on July

31, 2020. Please make sure that tax payment is either in the Clerk's office by this date or postmarked by the post office by this date.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Personal property taxes were due on January 31st. If they were not paid in full, there is a 1.5% penalty and interest that accumulates per month, until paid in full.

Please make checks payable to:

Village of West Milwaukee

Please also write your parcel/key number in the memo section on your check.

After the July 31st due date, the tax bills will be turned over to Milwaukee County and you will have to make payments to the Milwaukee County Treasurer's Office. You may contact them by phone at (414) 278-4033.

TAX PAYMENTS BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS

The Village accepts credit card payments in our office or online at www.GovPayNow.com (PLC #8020). There is a small fee charged for credit cards. For any questions on making a payment through GovPayNow, please call (888) 604-7888.

TAX AND ASSESSMENT INFO

Taxes, assessment, and owner information is available online at www.WestMilwaukee.ora. Information is under the "Taxes" tab.

Do the Doorstep Clean-up!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village of West Milwaukee's Spring Clean-up was postponed. Now, the Village needs you — and your actions — to still help us do socially distant Doorstep Clean-ups!

Spring is typically the time when the Village and many other communities in Milwaukee county initiate neighborhood clean-ups to address the litter and debris that has accumulated during winter months. Let's still address the debris, but in a way that adapts to our current situation by doing Doorstep Clean-ups!

Doorstep Clean-ups asks that Village residents pitch in to help pick up litter around their homes/ property—focusing on the front, back, and side areas of the property. Picking up nearby litter can easily be done while maintaining proper social distancina.

Please be sure to do the following:

- Wear aloves and a mask
- Avoid and do not pick up any sharp objects
- Follow social distancing

Residents can also "rep your step and your neighborhood" by posting a picture of your clean

-up to social media with the hashtaa #DoorstepCleanup. Feel free to tag your family, friends, and neighbors, and encourage them to also participate in the clean-up effort!



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