

Fall 2020



The West Milwaukee Village News

Official Publication of the Village of West Milwaukee



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Thinking about adopting? Find out why senior pets are great on [Page 3.](#)

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Village News Brief

President's Message

Welcome to the Fall issue of the Village Newsletter.

Your Village Board, Plan Commission, and CDA have been very busy, along with our administrative team, working on several projects to improve and enhance our Village. Our Village Clerk and her office have been extremely busy keeping up with the incredible increase in Absentee Ballot requests for the November 3rd national election.

Speaking of our administrative team, please welcome Kayla Fitzgerald as our new Administrative Assistant/Executive Secretary. Kayla has just moved into the position and is making a positive contribution to the team.

The Covid19 pandemic has presented serious challenges for the past several months for our administrative team, police department, and DPW. They have all risen to the challenge to maintain essential services to our residents with little to no interruption.

Public Service opportunities come up from time to time to participate as a citizen commissioner on our Plan Commission, Community Development Authority, Tourism Commission, Board of Review, or other positions in local government. We currently need volunteers for the Plan Commission. If you would like to be considered to serve in some capacity, please contact me.

Please remember that you are always welcome to attend our Village Board meetings on the first and third Monday of the month at 7 PM. We have taken steps to safeguard visitors to the Boardroom and have added the option of Zoom participation. There is always an opportunity for public comments at the start of these meetings. Hope to see or hear from you.

Sincerely,

John Stalewski
Village President
645-1530 ext 126

John.stalewski@westmilwaukee.org

 President John Stalewski



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

Student 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 54912-2111

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.)

NOVEMBER IS SENIOR PET MONTH

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

Every November we celebrate the senior pets out there, both those who have a home and those who need a home. Just like in people, older pets can be in great health or suffer from traditional age-related illnesses that many humans will also have as they age. They are just as robust and entertaining as any puppy or kitten out there.

Senior pets, usually those over 7-years-old, need to have special attention when they get older. Watch for changes in behavior that can be indicative of pain. Older pets can gain weight due to lack of exercise, so it is important to watch their diet and activity level. Regular vet care becomes essential at this age, meaning no skipping the annual exam, and consulting your vet more frequently for age related issues as they may develop.

That said, senior pets frequently end up in shelters due to family changes, divorce or kids moving away, or downsizing of homes. They make EXCELLENT adoption candidates! They are trained, more mellow and less destructive than younger pets. They adapt easily to our lifestyle and just want to be close to you, and ask extraordinarily little from us in return timewise, which for many busy people is a wonderful trade off.



Photo courtesy of Judy Johnson

LBWN CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

By Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN)

This year LBWN is celebrating our **25th anniversary**. That's 25 years of working in partnership with you - the neighbors, business owners and stakeholders of Silver City, Layton Park and Burnham Park - to build strong and healthy neighborhoods. Since our founding in 1995 by the School Sisters of St. Francis, LBWN has flourished through these partnerships and evolved to become the organization we are today.

We are excited to announce that we are in the process of another evolution - a **rebranding**. This month we will be sharing a **new name**. This new name will not change the mission or programs that we have developed over the past 25 years, but it will be easier to remember, pronounce, and more clearly reflect our work of **connecting** neighbors and supporting our community! After we share our new name, you'll start to see changes to our logo, website, and social media profiles.

As we begin this process, we'd like to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support and for your investment in our staff, mission, and organization. As a community, we have accomplished so much, and we look forward to many more years of **connecting** and flourishing together.



Photo courtesy of LBWN

PET OBESITY EPIDEMIC

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

Pet obesity is becoming more prevalent. This is an incredibly important issue because pets with obesity are at increased risk for developing serious weight related disorders such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, kidney disease, cancer, and more. We must do better. How do you know if your pet is overweight? First, you should be able to easily feel – and count – your dog's ribs when you lightly run your fingers across the side.

Next, when you look down on your pet from above, you should see an hourglass figure or an indentation near the midsection. If your pet looks like a blimp from above, it's likely overweight. Finally, when you observe your pet from the side as it stands, you should see a slight tuck or upward slope of the tummy. If the abdomen hangs low and drags near the ground that

indicates the most dangerous and biologically active form of fat, abdominal fat, is present. Feeding your pet the proper amount of proper food and avoiding lots of treats and human food is key to keeping their caloric intake in check. The general recommendation is that dogs need at least 30-minutes of physical activity a day and cats should strive for three 5-minute intense play periods. Make your outings enjoyable, entertaining, and interactive. The few minutes you spend on diet and weight could be the difference between two additional years of high-quality life or a shortened, suffering final stage of life.

WEST ALLIS/WEST MILWAUKEE BREASTFEEDING COALITION

By West Allis/West Milwaukee Health Department

The West Allis/West Milwaukee Breastfeeding Coalition brings together members whose aim is to support breastfeeding mothers in our community. Our goal is to make breastmilk available to every baby in our community and make breastfeeding the norm for infant feeding. We do this through education, advocacy, and collaboration with other healthcare systems and agencies involved in the care of pregnant and breastfeeding women,

One of the big activities of our coalition is being a host site for the Big Latch On. As part of supporting and normalizing breast feeding, mothers come together and all feed their babies at the same time. This is a global event and numbers of those breastfeeding babies along with breastfeeding supporters are counted. Moms in our

community learn about other resources around infant feeding and parenting at this event as well. We are looking for a community member to join our coalition to provide your community voice. We meet monthly to discuss and plan our activities. **If you are interested, please contact Hiba Ullie at**



Photo courtesy of WAWM Health Dept.

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:

1. 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).

DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY

Choose From:

Fried Cod with Fries or
Parsley-Buttered Potatoes

Baked Cod with Fries or
Parsley-Buttered Potatoes

Chicken Tenders with Fries &
BBQ Sauce

No Substitutions

Dinners will include:

Cole Slaw
Apple Sauce
Rye Bread
Tartar Sauce
Dessert

Clam Chowder will also be
available

St. Florian Parish/School
Parking Lot
1215 S. 45th Street
(414) 383-3565
www.stflorian.org

Friday, November 6
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
&

Friday, December 4
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PRICE: \$10.00

**Please follow signs and
remain in your car, we will
come to you!**

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN

5 pieces of chicken
(breast, 2 wings, leg &
thigh)

No Substitutions

Choose From:

Fried Chicken
Baked Chicken
BBQ-Baked Chicken

Dinners will include:

Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Butter

Dessert

St. Florian Parish/
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4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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News from Your West Allis-West Milwaukee School District

Learning that Works!

Together or Apart Deeper Learning Continues in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District



This year the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District revised its five-year strategic plan with a continued commitment to Deeper Learning and Equity.

"We are working to develop school cultures where all students, teachers, and families are valued and empowered to learn and grow," said Superintendent, Dr. Marty Lexmond. "Apart or together, we are working to provide high quality education with a focus on equity."

Deeper Learning

No matter where students are (learning from home or back in the classroom), teaching and learning in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District centers on empowering students to live life on their own terms.

"We're focused on helping students develop competencies in six critical areas; content mastery, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, becoming self-directed, and developing an academic mind-set," said Director of Leadership and Learning, Deidre Roemer. "Each of our learning communities is centered on learner-driven, evidenced informed practice that embeds the [Deeper Learning Competencies](#) across all subject areas."

Each day, teaching and learning is centered around:

- Providing meaningful and equitable learning experiences for all students.
- Monitoring progress towards the deeper learning competencies.
- Cultivating a sense of belonging, of being connected, and well-being.
- Creating simple and predictable schedules for families and learners that include opportunities to access new learning and participate in the courses when school is not in session.
- Providing support to students, staff, and families with access to technology, food program, home support, and accommodations as needed.
- Providing access to mental health care for students and staff.

Equity

This summer, Deidre Roemer, Director of Leadership and Learning, her team-members, and Student Service personnel implemented a Professional Development program centered on the District's Equity Non-negotiables.

We offered a summer workshop to a combined team of our student services staff (counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers) and our leadership team (principals, district office staff, instructional coaches, assistant principals and deans)," explained Roemer. "We met weekly around a book study; with presentations and discussions about race, equity, and social justice standards.

The program culminated with a visit from Dr. Christopher Emdin, Associate Professor of Science Education at the Teachers College and Director of Science Education at the Center for Health Equity and Urban Science Education at Columbia University.

"Our workshop was very powerful -- we learned and grew together. We had times of discomfort as we faced the inequities we know exist within our systems and we talked about ways to dismantle them. We also had many hopeful moments as our leaders shared their stories. Now, we're making plans to mobilize our equity non-negotiables and working to embed the deeper learning competencies across all contexts...

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...We want our learners to be problem solvers and collaborators so they have all the skills needed to influence meaningful change in our world today," adds Roemer.

Like everyone, the District continues to grapple with the historic COVID-19 pandemic as safely as possible and in the best interest of our students, families and staff. "We started with Virtual Learning. Then, depending on health metrics, we will move to Distance learning and families who selected to send their children to school for two days per week will do so. Finally, In-Person learning will be available for families who have selected to send their children for five days per week (Elementary students) and four days per week (Secondary students)," said Lexmond.

"No matter where we are (learning from home or back in the classroom), we continue to focus on the goals of our Strategic Plan so that every learner has equitable access to high quality instruction. Apart or together, we're united as a learning community."

Learn more about Deeper Learning competencies at:

<http://www.deeper-learning.org/>

Why is Deeper Learning Important? Learn more here:

<https://hewlett.org/why-is-deeper-learning-important/>

For more information about the West Allis-West Milwaukee School go to:

<https://www.wawm.k12.wi.us>

Book List

How to Be An Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

So You Want To Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria by Beverly Daniel Tatum

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CANCELED

Due to COVID-19, National Night Out was canceled. The Police Department decided to put together 600 bags of school supplies for students at Pershing Elementary and West Milwaukee Intermediate School. One anonymous donator gave 88 sets of supplies in memory of their child. Target assisted with bulk purchasing at discounted prices. Thanks to all the local businesses, residents and employees that donated to fundraising efforts by the Police Department to support our community. Officers and volunteers put together the bags of supplies and they were distributed to the schools.



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Winter Regulations for night parking will go into effect on **December 1st** and will remain in effect until **April 1st** of next year.

No parking, with or without a permit, on the following streets:

Beloit Road (4900 block to village limits)

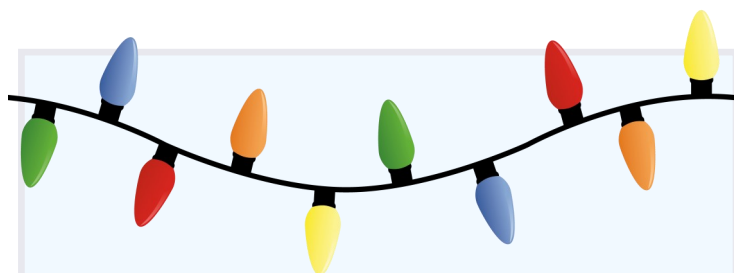
National Avenue

Greenfield Avenue

Burnham Street

Mitchell Street

Violators will be ticketed, and in the event of a snow emergency, will be towed.



**Due to COVID-19, the 2020
Golden Ager's Holiday Party has
been canceled.**

COVID-19 UPDATES

Updates regarding COVID-19, emergency and public health orders, and guidance for residences and businesses for a safer community are available on the Village web site at www.westmilwaukee.org. Slow the spread of COVID-19 by staying safer at home whenever possible, wearing a face covering and washing your hands frequently.

PARKING IN ALLEYS

Please note, there is no parking allowed in an alley unless you are completely within the garage's approach (or apron); the approach is the section of asphalt or concrete that extends outside of your garage door. Your vehicle must not extend beyond the approach onto the alley pavement or it violates the Village regulation and you may be ticketed or towed. Vehicles that extend beyond the approach make navigating the garbage and plow trucks difficult for the DPW.

**VILLAGE OF WEST MILWAUKEE MUNICIPAL
CODE SEC. 74-9**

Sidewalks free of snow and ice. The owner, occupant or person in charge of each and every residence or building in the village shall remove and clear away all snow and ice from the sidewalk and curb ramps for the handicapped, in front of or adjoining such residence, building or unoccupied lot within 24 hours after the snow or ice has ceased falling.

No person shall plow or dump snow on any public street, alley or public property or upon the property of another, without the express permission of the owner of the property.

WELCOME OUR NEW EMPLOYEES

<u>DPW:</u>	<u>Police Department</u>
Eric G.	Skyler F.
<u>Clerk's Department</u>	Javier R.
Kayla F.	Carlos P.

Happy
Holidays

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Each year, the tax bills are mailed out in December. To have your 2020 taxes marked paid in 2020, they must be received in our office on or before December 30, 2020. Make sure you are aware of the holidays that we are closed for business, so as to alleviate any problems when paying your taxes.

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. 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 ensure 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.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The Village must be notified of any and all changes to businesses. We must be notified if a business moves out so we can change the name and address of the property that needs to receive the PP bills and the statement of personal property form. In January, the assessor will send out the statement of personal property form for each business to report their amount of PP. This must be completed and returned to the assessor's office by March 1st of each year. If this is not reported and we are not notified of any changes, the assessor will figure the taxes accordingly based on the prior year's taxes and you will continue to receive PP tax bills.

TAX PAYMENTS BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS

Payments are accepted in our office

or online at www.GovPayNow.com (PLC #8020).

TAX AND ASSESSMENT INFO

Taxes, assessment, and owner information is available online at www.WestMilwaukee.org.

PROPERTY INFO

You can access real estate property information, current owners, and addresses at www.Apraz.com. For residential parcels, more detailed information is available such as style, stories, year built, assessments, legal descriptions, and more.

VILLAGE ASSESSOR INFO

For Assessment questions contact

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Phone: 1-800-721-4157

Fax: 920-731-4158

Email: info@apraz.com

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Bills must be paid to Milwaukee County Treasurer's Office.

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West Milwaukee, WI 53214

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Police Department Emergency	911	Village President, John Stalewski	(414) 645-1530 ext. 126
Police Department Non-Emergency (24 hours)	(414) 645-2151	Village Administrator, Kim Egan	(414) 645-1530 ext. 131
Police Night Parking Permission	(414) 671-8093	Village Clerk/Treasurer, Susan Schupp	(414) 645-1530 ext. 124
Police Chief	(414) 645-2151	Superintendent of Public Works, Jim Stenzel	(414) 645-1530 ext. 160

Clerk/Treasurer's Department	8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday	(414) 645-1530
Department of Public Works	7:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday	(414) 645-6238

Village Hall	4755 W. Beloit Rd.	(414) 645-1530	Property Maintenance Inspectors, Joe VanDerLinden and Scott Gregory	(414) 645-1530 ext. 129
Municipal Court Room	1345 S. 47th St.	(414) 645-8162		
Community Centre'	1345 S. 47th St.	(414) 645-1530	Building Inspector (SAFEbuilt)	(414) 645-1530 ext. 127
West Milwaukee Post Office	4300 W. Lincoln Ave.	(414) 643-0443	Court Clerk	(414) 645-5411
Health Department (West Allis)	7120 W. National Ave.	(414) 302-8600	Assessor, Associated Appraisal	(920) 749-1995
W.A. W.M. School District	1205 S. 70th St.	(414) 604-3000	Cable TV, Spectrum	(414) 259-1234
W.A.W.M. Recreation Department	1205 S. 70th St.	(414) 604-4900		

Village Board of West Milwaukee

John Stalewski	Village President	(414) 902-1226
Jane Edgar	Village Trustee	(414) 645-1530
Mariel Hildenbrand	Village Trustee	(414) 645-1530
Richard Lewein	Village Trustee	(414) 328-0828
John Ragonese	Village Trustee	(414) 588-9986
Craig Schaefer	Village Trustee	(414) 645-1530
Steve Schuettke	Village Trustee	(414) 645-1530

E-mail Addresses:

Village: general@westmilwaukee.org

Police: police@westmilwaukee.org

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