



The West Milwaukee

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# Village News

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## 2021 West Milwaukee Spring Clean-Up

Want to make a difference in the Village? Join our Spring Clean-Up! [See Page 9.](#)

April is Active Dog Month. Check out MADACC's tips on keeping your pet healthy on [Page 3.](#)

Vote in the 2021 Spring Election! For more information see [page 8.](#)

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# Village News Brief

## President's Message

Welcome to the Spring issue of the Village Newsletter.

The past few months continued to present challenges in what we do and how we do it. Hopefully the next few months will bring us closer to normalcy in our lives and interactions. Please keep an eye on the Village Web Site for links to the Health Department for COVID Updates, Business Reopening Guidelines, and Vaccine registration for West Milwaukee residents.

April 6th marks the General Election in the Village where we all have the opportunity to participate in the selection of our neighbors to represent our interests on the Village Board and the WAWM School Board. Our local candidates have the opportunity to direct and affect our quality of life and the quality education of our children. Please Vote!

April 17th would be our annual Village Clean-up project date. Please watch the website for updates on whether we will be able to do it this year.

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. If you would like to be considered to serve in some capacity, please contact me. We have openings now.

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. The Board Room is open and masks and distancing are required, you can also observe the meetings via Zoom if you prefer. There is always an opportunity for public comments at the start of these meetings. Hope to see you.

Sincerely,

John Stalewski  
Village President  
645-1530 ext. 126

[John.stalewski@westmilwaukee.org](mailto: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](http://www.westmilwaukee.org)**  
**[www.visitwestmilwaukee.org](http://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](mailto:enrollment@wawmsd.org) or telephone at**  
**(414) 604-3014**

**Village Assessor**  
**Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.**

P.O. Box 440  
Greenville, WI 54942-0440

**Assessment Questions: 1 (800) 721-4157**

Fax: (920) 731-4158

Email: [info@apraz.com](mailto:info@apraz.com)

Property Info: [www.apraz.com](http://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.)

# APRIL IS ACTIVE DOG MONTH

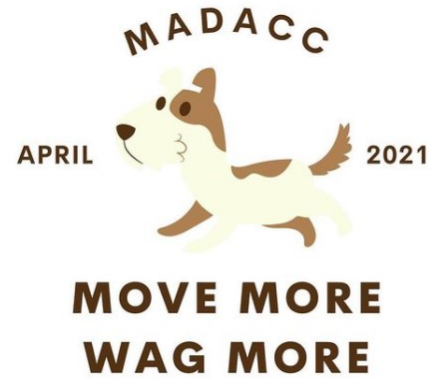
By Karen Sparapani, Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC)

Like many owners, dogs are experiencing bigger waistlines. Maybe it is because of the cold and snowy winter? Maybe it is because we shared our comfort food? Whatever the reason, just like in humans, extra pounds on a dog can lead to health issues, including joint issues, respiratory issues, diabetes and even a shorter lifespan.

As we celebrate Active Dog Month, it is the perfect time to commit to better health for your canine best friend moving forward by adopting better habits for them:

1. Daily exercise – like humans, dogs need at least 30 minutes of cardio. A brisk walk is great. Start slow and work up to a run by playing fetch or other games to have them work up a sweat.
2. Measure their meals. Make sure you are not overfeeding and avoid table scraps (as hard as it is to resist those eyes!).
3. Use veggies as a treat instead of higher calorie dog treats. Ice cubes can be fun treats, too.
4. Interactive toys – giving your dog mental stimulation can be as effective as physical exercise on a cold or rainy day. There are many toys you can use to give your pup a workout, like using a treat ball to feed a meal of kibble.
5. Training your dog some new tricks or brushing up on old ones to get them moving.

Your dog counts on you to make the best decisions for them. These small changes can mean a longer life together.



*Photo courtesy of MADACC*



# NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

By VIA

Want to make a positive impact in your community?

Join Neighbors in Action! It is a 6-week leadership program that prepares neighbors to make an impact in their community. Every session is facilitated by an expert in that topic and designed to transfer their knowledge and skills to neighbors. To learn more about the program and to apply please visit our website, [viacdc.org/community-involvement/#nia](http://viacdc.org/community-involvement/#nia).



Photo courtesy of VIA

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## WEST MILWAUKEE PARK HISTORY

By Janet Omick

The Dickson family, have you ever heard of them? Maybe not, but you've probably been on what used to be their land and didn't know it. Part of their land is now West Milwaukee Park. It is 21.1 acres in size and located at 5000 W. Burnham Street. The Dickson's donated the land to the Village of West Milwaukee and it was later turned over to Milwaukee County.

Andrew & Marcia Dickson owned 150 acres of farmland which is now partly occupied by Rexnord Corp. The Dickson home stood west of the present Village Hall, on 47<sup>th</sup> St. & Beloit Rd. Andrew Dickson died in 1900 & Marcia Dickson in 1932.

Their 50 acre dairy farm covered much of the Southwest portion of the village. Their son, Edgar, constructed a malleable iron foundry on the property which later became the Chain Belt Co.

Their homes were located on Dickson Lane, which was located South of present day, Beloit Rd. & Greenfield Ave. One house belonged to Edward Richards, a Civil War Veteran who often fired a cannon east of his home at sunrise & sunset.

4739 W. Beloit Rd. located East of the Dickson farmhouse was built by Andrew Dickson for his son, Edgar, and was later occupied by E. J. Meisenheimer, the second village president & his son, Gilles. Today, it's rented out as an apartment.

When it was the Dickson Farm acreage there was a pond where kids swam & fished. Many events were held there such as, the West Milwaukee 4th of July celebration, PRIDE & Labor Day picnics & St. Florian's Mass in the Grass. Many have spent a day at West Milwaukee Park as it has many attractions. It is a gift from one family that gets used & appreciated a lot.

Courtesy of the West Milwaukee Historical Society and Janet Omick.



These houses are located on Dickson Lane, south of Beloit Road and Greenfield Avenue. A horse barn can be seen in the background. The house on the right belonged to Edward Richards, a Civil War veteran who regularly fired a cannon east of the Soldiers' Home main building at sunrise and sunset.



The Meisenheimer home stands at 4739 West Beloit Road, east of the Dickson farmhouse. Built for Andrew Dickson's son Edgar, the house was later occupied by E. J. Meisenheimer, the second village president, and his aviator son Gilles. The house remains today and is rented out as apartments.

# REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

**Taxes, assessment and owner information is available online at [www.westmilwaukee.org](http://www.westmilwaukee.org)**

## **Real Estate Tax Payments**

Your second tax payment installment is due on April 30 and the final tax payment installment is due on July 31. Please make sure that your tax payment is either in our office by this date, or postmarked by the post office by this date.

Please make checks payable to: Village of West Milwaukee

Please write your parcel/key number in the memo section on your check. If you would like a receipt mailed to you, you must send the original, or a copy of your bill and we will mark the payment and return your bill to you.

After the July 31 due date, the tax bills will be turned over to Milwaukee County and you will have to make payments to Milwaukee County (414) 278-4033.

## **Tax payments by credit and debit cards**

Payments are accepted in our office or online at [allpaid.com](http://allpaid.com)

## **Personal Property Tax Payments**

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

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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

Smelt with Fries

### No Substitutions

### Dinners will include:

Cole Slaw  
Apple Sauce  
Rye Bread  
Tartar Sauce  
Dessert

Clam Chowder will also be  
available

4:30-7:00pm

Fridays during Lent

Regular Fish Fry Menu on  
Friday, May 7 ( Offering  
Chicken Tenders instead of  
Smelt)

PRICE: \$10.00

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

St. Florian Parish/School  
Parking Lot

1215 S. 45<sup>th</sup> St.

(414) 383-3565  
[www.stflorian.org](http://www.stflorian.org)

## St. Florian MASS SCHEDULE

1233 S. 45<sup>th</sup> Street

West Milwaukee, WI 53214

Handicap Accessible, Elevator Available

414-383-3565

[www.stflorian.org](http://www.stflorian.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE: (All Masses are celebrated  
in the Main Church)**

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at  
5:00 pm**

**Wednesdays at 8:00 am**

**Saturdays at 8:00 am & 4:00 pm**

**Sundays at 8:00 am**

**Holy Week Services:**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday 1:00 pm**



# News from Your West Allis-West Milwaukee School District

*Learning That Works*

## *Students Return to School for Phase 2 & 3: Distance Learning*



On Monday, February 1, 2021, families who selected to send their children to school for two days per week were able to do so bringing the start of a return to school. "We have been planning for this since March of 2020," said Superintendent, Marty Lexmond. "It's been a lot of collaboration, problem-solving, and making sure things were in place. We are very thankful to our families and staff for their flexibility, cooperation, and positivity."

"It's been a bit emotional too," adds Director of Leadership and Learning, Deidre Roemer. "We missed our students and we know they missed each other. We got lots of feedback from our teachers about happy homecomings and special moments."

Over the past several months, a safety plan to limit the spread of COVID-19 has been put in place. Like every district, plexiglass, sanitizer, masks, school isolation rooms, contact tracing and numerous safety considerations have been put in place. A health metric dashboard is used to monitor the data related to COVID.

"While the spread hasn't been linked to schools as much as we thought, it does continue to spread from social gatherings such as family parties and events. We must remain vigilant – practicing social distancing, wearing face masks and still singing that old 'Birthday Song' when washing our hands," said Lexmond. "No plan that returns students and employees to schools can fully eliminate potential exposure to COVID-19 but we have been doing our very best to get to this moment and it feels good to see kids in classrooms again."

## *4-Year-Old Kindergarten Resident Enrollment Begins March 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 School Year*

Beginning March 1, 2021, resident families with children who will be four-years-old on or before September 1, 2021 are encouraged to enroll in 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K).

According to Director of Leadership and Learning, Deidre Roemer, "4K is the place where children start their education journey. Our primary focus is on the social and emotional growth of each learner and our curricular areas include development in language arts, mathematics, fine motor skills, large motor skills and work habits. Each area will be addressed through daily learning experiences which integrate science, social studies, art, music and health activities."



Enrollment forms are available online at [www.wawm.k12.wi.us](http://www.wawm.k12.wi.us) (Click on the Enroll button.) The Enrollment Center is located at the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Administration Office at 1205 S. 70th Street - 5th Floor in West Allis. Business hours are Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. From September through May, the Enrollment Center is closed when school is not in session. From June through August, the Enrollment Center is closed on holidays and during the week of July 4th.

"We provide developmentally appropriate activities which address the individual needs and differences of each learner. We want to engage each child in meaningful experiences that promote a love of learning," adds Roemer. "It's an exciting time and so much fun!"

# ELECTION



**Spring Election – Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

**Go to [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) to find out what offices and candidates are on the spring ballot.**

**Poll hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**



## **Register to vote:**

1. Online at MyVote Wisconsin: [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)
2. By mail (complete the voter registration form): [elections.wi.gov](https://elections.wi.gov)
  - Mail with proof of residency to: Village Clerk, 4755 West Beloit Road, West Milwaukee, WI 53214
3. In-person at your Municipal Clerk's Office: is restricted to the 2 weeks before an Election and ends at the close of business the Friday before an Election.
4. In-person at your assigned polling location on Election Day 7am-8pm

*Note: All options require acceptable proof of residency.*

## **My Vote Wisconsin Website**

At [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) you can register to vote (new voter, name change and 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:**

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. (Absentee voting in 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.)

**Any Election Questions: 645-1530 ext. 0**

## **The Village of West Milwaukee's Clerk/Treasurer's Department**

**We are open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm**

### **We will be closed:**

Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day)  
Friday, July 2, 2021 (Independence Day)  
Monday, September 6, 2021 (Labor Day)  
Thursday, November 26, 2021

Thursday, December 23, 2021  
Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas)  
Friday, December 31, 2021





## SPRING CLEANUP 2021



Want to make a difference in the Village of West Milwaukee? Care about the environment?

**JOIN US FOR THE 2021 SPRING CLEANUP!**

**TENTATIVE DATE & TIME:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

**LOCATION:** West Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW)

4517 W. Burnham St., behind the firehouse

Please see [www.westmilwaukee.org](http://www.westmilwaukee.org) for important updates and announcements regarding potential changes due to COVID

**EQUIPMENT AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

## TRAVELING BEER GARDEN

The Milwaukee County Parks Traveling Beer Garden will be making a stop in West Milwaukee!

**When:** May 19 – June 6, 2021

**Where:** West Milwaukee Park



*Photo courtesy of Milwaukee County Parks Traveling Beer Garden*

## ALARM PERMITS

Do you have an alarm system on your home or apartment?



Per Village ordinance you are required to file an Alarm Permit with the Police Department and provide a list of key holders who can be contacted to respond if there is an alarm at your residence. Please see the village web page for a quick link to the form and the ordinance language.

ADVERTISEMENT

# WEST MILWAUKEE

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

A volunteer organization committed to beautifying the Village.  
Take pride in the appearance of your property and make West  
Milwaukee an even better place to live!

**We are looking for new volunteers who share our commitment to  
beautifying our community's landscapes.**

### MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting dates and times to be determined

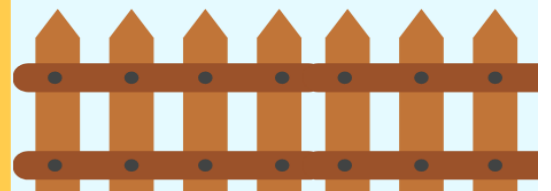
### LOCATION

West Milwaukee Community Centre: 1345 South 47th St/ via  
Zoom Platform as needed

### CONTACT

[mariel.hildenbrand@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:mariel.hildenbrand@westmilwaukee.org)

Clean Up Green Up  
Bloom Beautification Awards  
Village Gardens



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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 Rich Durica (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	
W.A.W.M. Recreation Department	1205 S. 70th St.	(414) 604-4900	

### Village Board of West Milwaukee

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John Ragonese	Village Trustee	John.Ragonese@westmilwaukee.org
Craig Schaefer	Village Trustee	Craig.Schaefer@westmilwaukee.org
Steve Schuettke	Village Trustee	Steven.Schuettke@westmilwaukee.org

### Email Addresses:

**Village:** [general@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:general@westmilwaukee.org)

**Police:** [police@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:police@westmilwaukee.org)

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