

Fall 2019



The West Milwaukee

# Village News

Official Publication of the Village of West Milwaukee



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019 RECAP

Check out photos from the successful event held by the West Milwaukee Police Department on [page 8](#).

Looking for some fun holiday plans? West Milwaukee will once again be having the Golden Agers Holiday Party! For more information, see [page 5](#).

Election time is right around the corner, and it's time to exercise your right to vote! For all of your voting information, check out [page 6](#).

Check out our calendar of events on [page 11](#).

## 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. We are currently reviewing and updating the master plan document used to assist in the overall development and zoning of our community. This document is required by the state to be updated every 10 years.

Speaking of our administrative team, please welcome Maggie Vlaj as our new Administrative Assistant/Executive Secretary. Maggie has moved into the position following the retirement of Judy Johnson and is making a positive contribution to the team.

The Golden Agers Christmas Party is making a comeback! Please look for the details in this newsletter.

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.

Please remember that you are always welcome to attend our Village Board meetings on the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. There is always an opportunity for public comments at the start of these meetings. Hope to see you.

Sincerely,

John Stalewski

Village President

(414) 645-1530 ext. 126

[John.Stalewski@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:John.Stalewski@westmilwaukee.org)



President John Stalewski



**Village Hall**  
**(414) 645-1530**

**4755 W. Beloit Road**  
**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**

**Enrollment and Address Changes?**  
**Has your address changed?**

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

Proof of Residency is required. Visit our 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.**

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](mailto:info@apraz.com)

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

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

# TRICK OR TREAT

The Village of West Milwaukee's Trick or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to light their porch/post light if participating.

Please remember to supervise your children's activities, inspect all treats carefully, and take precaution in areas of vehicular traffic.



## Breakfast With Santa Sunday, December 15th 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

*Mark your calendar for this popular holiday event featuring the guest of honor, Santa, who arrives at 9:00 a.m.*

**ADULTS: \$10.00**

**CHILDREN (3-10): \$5.00**

Price includes 1 free photo per family with Santa. Additional photos available for a donation.

**Also featured: raffles, bake sale, and games**

### Menu Includes:

Scrambled Eggs, Cheese Omelets, French Toast Sticks, Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Muffins, Donuts, Bagels, Cinnamon Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Milk, and Fruit Juices

**St. Florian Parish/Cristo Rey School Cafeteria  
1215 S. 45th Street**

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

# Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Payments

***Each year, the tax bills are mailed out in December. To have your 2019 taxes marked paid in 2019, they must be received in our office on or before December 30, 2019. Make sure you are aware of the holidays that we are closed for business, so as to alleviate any problems when paying your taxes.***

**Note: 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**

The Village accepts credit card payments in our office or online at [www.GovPayNow.com](http://www.GovPayNow.com) (PLC #8020).

## **TAX AND ASSESSMENT INFO**

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

## **PROPERTY INFO**

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

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

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Friday, November 29, 2019

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

**SAVE THE DATE...**

# **Golden Ager's Holiday Party**

**\*\*For residents aged 60 and over \*\***

**Friday, December 20, 2019**

**Arrival: 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch: 11:30 a.m.**

**Location: Pershing School (1330 S. 47th St.)**

**Cost: \$8.00**

Tickets will be on sale Monday, November 4th through Friday, November 22nd at the Clerk/Treasurer's Office of the Village Hall (4755 W. Beloit Rd.). The Clerk/Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# 2020 Elections

**Spring Primary – Tuesday, February 18th**

**Presidential Preference Primary & Spring Election –  
Tuesday, April 7th**

**Fall Partisan Primary – Tuesday, August 11th**

**Fall General – Tuesday, November 3rd**



## 1. Register to vote or make updates to your registration online at MyVote.Wi.Gov.

MyVote.Wi.Gov is easy to use. Online registration requires your Wisconsin driver's license or state ID number. If you have not updated your address yet with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) you can complete the update online during the registration process. **Online registration ends three weeks before Election Day.** You may still register in person in the Clerk's office during absentee voting or at your polling place on Election Day.

## 2. Vote on election day!

Bring your Wisconsin driver's license or state ID with you to meet the voting photo ID requirement. The address on your ID or license does not need to be current.

### Additional Information:

- ♦ If you do not have a Wisconsin driver's license or state ID, you can get one for free at any DMV location. Please call (844) 588-1069.
- ♦ For information about registering to vote by mail or on Election Day, call (414) 645-1530 ext. 0.
- ♦ Other forms of photo ID can be used to meet the photo ID requirement. For a full list, visit [BringItWisconsin.com](http://BringItWisconsin.com).

## How do I vote by Absentee Ballot?

Absentee voting is casting your vote prior to Election Day, either through the mail or in-person at the Clerk's office. Any registered voter can vote absentee in Wisconsin — no reason is necessary.

**To absentee vote by mail:** Request to vote through the mail by going to [MyVote.Wi.Gov](http://MyVote.Wi.Gov) or call (414) 645-1530 to be mailed an application.

**To absentee vote in-person:** Visit the Clerk's Office (4755 W. Beloit Rd.).

### What are the qualifications to register to vote?

- U.S. citizen
- 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- A resident of Wisconsin and have lived at your current address at least 10 days prior to the next election
- Not currently serving a sentence, including probation, parole, or extended supervision for a felony conviction  
Note: Misdemeanor convictions do not affect voting rights!
- Not otherwise disqualified from voting

### When should I register or update my voter registration?

You will need to register to vote or update your voter registration if you:

- Have not previously registered to vote in Wisconsin
- Have had any change to your address since last voting
- Have had a name change since last voting
- Have not voted in over four years

**To check or confirm your voter registration status, visit [MyVote.Wi.Gov](http://MyVote.Wi.Gov).**

### Where and when can I register to vote?

**Until 20 days before each election:**

- By mail
- Online at [MyVote.Wi.Gov](http://MyVote.Wi.Gov)

**Until Friday at 5:00 p.m. before an election:**

- In-person at Village Hall (4755 W. Beloit Rd.)

**On Election Day:**

- At your polling place (West Milwaukee Community Centre', 1345 S. 47th St.)

### What documents do I need to register to vote?

**Online registration:** If you have a Wisconsin driver's license or Wisconsin state ID, no other documentation is necessary. If the address on your license or ID is not current, you may update it on the DMV website when completing the voter registration process. Go to [MyVote.Wi.Gov](http://MyVote.Wi.Gov) for instructions.

**All other registration methods:** If you are registering by mail or in-person, you are required to provide a **proof of residence document** that includes your name and current address. Examples of this document include a driver's license or state ID, a cell phone or utility bill, or bank statement or paycheck. A full list of accepted documents is available at [www.WestMilwaukee.org](http://www.WestMilwaukee.org).

**Do I need a photo ID?** Yes. Unless you are voting through the mail and certify that you are indefinitely confined or are a military or permanent overseas voter, you must present an ID.

**Will my ballot be counted?** Yes. All absentee ballots are processed on Election Day at the polls if received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**For more information, visit [MyVote.Wi.Gov](http://MyVote.Wi.Gov) or [BringItWisconsin.com](http://BringItWisconsin.com). You may also call (866) 868-3947 or (844) 588-1069.**

## Fall Hazard for Dogs, Cats, and Predatory Mammals and Birds: Rodenticide

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

When the weather starts to get chilly mice and other rodents will seek a nice warm place to spend the winter. That usually means in and around our homes.

Naturally, humans are not as excited to share their homes with these destructive freeloaders and will put out poisons to control the population. Thousands of unintended rodenticide victims succumb to these poisons every year, so we want to urge caution when using these products and remove deceased rodents from your property as soon as possible.

In order to attract rodents to these poisons they are manufactured to smell good and be tasty. Unfortunately, that means they are also tasty to pets and a dog can ingest an entire bait in seconds. It will

take days for symptoms to appear and by then it could be too late. Make sure that your pets cannot get anywhere near rodent bait traps and check them often.

Leaving dead rodents outside or throwing them into wooded areas puts cats, dogs, coyotes, fox, hawks, eagles and other predators at risk for ingesting these remains and succumbing to the poison in their meal's digestive system. Please dispose of deceased small animals sealed in a bag in your sealed trashcan.

Live trapping is a humane option for both indoor and outdoor rodent control. Releasing trapped rodents far from residential properties is the best option to prevent them from another attempt at becoming an unwanted houseguest.

## SHOP WITH A COP Friday, December 13, 2019

The purpose of this event is to foster positive relationships between the underprivileged youth in our community and the police officers who serve in their community. Young children, K-12th grade, are selected each year for the holiday season to shop at local stores to purchase gifts for themselves and their families. Children are typically provided with \$100-\$150 gift cards to purchase these gifts. Each child is assigned to a Police Officer, or Police Personnel, who will assist them in selecting gifts. After shopping, the children and their families are invited to join the police volunteers for a free dinner, snacks, and candy at the West Milwaukee Community Center in order to continue the building of a great relationship. Each child is provided with a free gift bag and are welcome to talk to Santa Claus and take pictures with him.

**If you would like to nominate a child for this program, please contact Police Officer Alexandar Coralic by email at [Alexandar.Coralic@westmilwaukee.org](mailto:Alexandar.Coralic@westmilwaukee.org) or by mail at the West Milwaukee Police Department, 4755 W Beloit Rd., West Milwaukee, WI 53214.**

## Card Socials

Friday, October 25th

Friday, December 13th

Friday, January 10th

Friday, February 14th

6:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

**Donation of \$13 for a fun-filled evening!**

**Enjoy a hot, *homemade* meal featuring over a dozen items on our buffet which is served at 7:30 p.m. along with free beer, soda, coffee, and great conversation all night. Raffle tickets for prizes will be sold all night long.**

**St. Florian Parish/Cristo Rey School  
Cafeteria**

**1215 S. 45th Street**

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# FLU SHOTS

Provided by the West Allis Health Department

## COMMUNITY CLINICS

West Allis Health Department (7120 W National Ave.)

*Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. by appointment (call 414-302-8600) Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. walk-ins through November 13th*

*Thursdays 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. by appointment (call 414-302-8600)*

West Allis Senior Center (7001 W National Ave.)

*Monday, October 14th 10:00 a.m. — noon walk-ins (3 years old +)*

Nathan Hale High School Mass Clinic (11601 W Lincoln Ave.)

*Tuesday, October 22nd 4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. walk-ins (3 years old +)*

## Additional questions?

Call the Flu Hotline at (414) 302-8670 to check dates, times, and locations of clinics and other clinic options.

Please bring all insurance cards, including ForwardHealth, Medicare, and Medicare Advantage Plans!



National Night Out was another successful event! Great weather and a lot of fun for community members! Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers in making this an enjoyable event!

*By Mariel Hildenbrand*

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 of 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).



# ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

*Held on the first Friday of the month from October through May. During Lent, they are held on Ash Wednesday and every Friday.*

**4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**(Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)**

**ADULTS: \$12.00**  
**CHILDREN (3-10): \$7.50**

**St. Florian Parish/Cristo Rey  
School Cafeteria**  
**1215 S. 45<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

**Dinner Includes:**

Salad Bar  
Homemade Clam  
Chowder  
Fried or Baked Cod  
Chicken Tenders (or Smelt  
during Lent)  
French Fries  
Parsley Buttered Potatoes  
Rye Bread  
Dessert  
Coffee & Milk

Beer & Soda are sold  
separately

Take-Outs Available



# ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN

**Saturday, November**  
**2nd from 3:30 p.m. to**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**ADULTS: \$10.00**  
**CHILDREN (3-10): \$6.00**

**St. Florian Parish/Cristo**  
**Rey School Cafeteria**  
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*Also featured at this  
event is a bake sale  
and holiday basket  
raffle (each basket  
includes \$100.00 in gift  
cards!)*

**Choose from:**

Baked, Fried, or Baked-  
BBQ Chicken

**Dinner Includes:**

Mashed potatoes

Gravy

Vegetable

Dinner Roll

Dessert

Coffee & Milk

Beer & Soda are sold  
separately

Take-Outs Available

# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Village Board Meeting	8 Plan Commission Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Village Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27 Trick or Treat!	28	29	30	31 Halloween!		

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Village Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Plan Commission Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18 Village Board Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 WMCD Meeting	26	27	28 CLOSED Thanksgiving!	29 CLOSED	30

# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Village Board Meeting	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Plan Commission Meeting	11	12	13 SHOP WITH A COP!	14
15	16 Village Board Meeting	17	18	19	20 GOLDEN AGERS!	21
22	23 WMCD Meeting	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED Christmas Day!	26	27	28
29	30	31 CLOSED New Year's Eve!				



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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) 671-8093

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) 645-1530		
Community Centre'	1345 S 47th St.	(414) 645-1530	Building Inspector	(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	902-1226
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Richard Lewein	Village Trustee	328-0828
John Ragonese	Village Trustee	588-9986
Craig Schaefer	Village Trustee	645-1530
Steve Schuettke	Village Trustee	645-1530

### E-mail 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.