



The West Milwaukee

Fall 2021

# Village News

Official Publication of the Village of West Milwaukee

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021



## WEST MILWAUKEE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Interested in making West Milwaukee an even more beautiful place to live? Find out more on [page 4](#).

Looking for fun holiday plans?  
Find out more information on  
the West Allis Christmas Parade  
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Do your part to keep our rivers  
and Lake Michigan clean this  
Fall. Learn more on [page 5](#).

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National Night Out held  
by the West Milwaukee  
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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. There continues to be development activity and positive changes to the Village landscape. Your Village Board is committed to maintaining and improving infrastructure, services, and public safety. Please watch the Village website for the dates and times of November Public Involvement Meetings related to the planned reconstruction of Greenfield Avenue!

Our Police department is doing an outstanding job in responding to calls for service, but they cannot be everywhere. If you see something happening or something unusual, please make the call to our dispatchers. This is your Village, let's take care of it! Remember to light up your yard or garage area with motion lights or other security lights, petty criminals are afraid of the light.

Another way to take care of our Village and show pride is to pay closer attention to keeping your grass cut and your trees, bushes, and other plantings trimmed in anticipation of the coming winter. Put down an application of fall weed and feed on your grass as needed. Get rid of those weeds along the sidewalks. Please try to pick up any litter you see around your property, don't let carelessness influence perceptions.

The Covid-19 pandemic is unfortunately still in our lives due to the Delta Variant hospitalizing and sometimes killing the unvaccinated. Please do your part and get vaccinated if you can. There is a link to the Health Department on [westmilwaukee.org](http://westmilwaukee.org)... **(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](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.**

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](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.)

## President's Message Continued...

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. 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. 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 x126

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



President John Stalewski

## COVID19 VACCINES

The West Allis Health Department is offering COVID vaccines

**Tuesdays from 1-4pm**

**Wednesday 8:30-11:30am.**

Appointments required.

Call 414-302-8600 to book an appointment.

The West Allis Health Department is working to ensure a unified and coordinated effort to administer COVID-19 vaccine to all people in West Allis and West Milwaukee. If you have general COVID vaccine questions not answered here please

email: [covidvaccine@westalliswi.gov](mailto:covidvaccine@westalliswi.gov)



## WEST MILWAUKEE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

By Trustee Mariel Hildenbrand

The newly formed West Milwaukee Beautification Committee has a couple of events we are looking to plan for the Fall and Winter. Coming up in November there will be a posting for a Village wide Home Holiday Decorating Contest. Check the Village website after November 1st for details and category submissions.

Do you enjoy solving riddles and puzzles? Do you like putting together clues of a mystery with your family and friends? Do you have a Free Little Library installed on your property? The WM Beautification Committee is working to plan a village wide scavenger hunt and we are looking for locations to post clues during a one week period this fall. Anyone interested in participating as a stop along the scavenger hunt please reach out to Mariel Hildenbrand via the email below. You don't need a little library to participate. More information will be posted on the Village Website. We are still welcoming members, please feel free to also reach out to Mariel if you are interested in collaborating with us! [mariel.hildendbrand@west.milwaukee.org](mailto:mariel.hildendbrand@west.milwaukee.org)



*Photo courtesy of Mariel Hildenbrand*

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## WEST ALLIS CHRISTMAS PARADE



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021**

TIME: 4:45 PM

Enjoy marching bands and live performers, creative floats and vintage vehicles, meet elves, cartoon characters, and of course, wave to Santa Claus himself at the end of the parade!

The Parade will be marshaled at the 81st Street (Gate 2) State Fair Park entrance. And will proceed east on Greenfield Avenue to 70th Street, then south to Orchard Avenue.

Visit Allis in Winterland prior to the parade and enjoy tea, hot chocolate, cookies and more beginning at 3:30 p.m. The annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. at the West Allis Centennial Park Plaza on 76th and Greenfield Avenue.

## LIBRARY ACCESS

West Milwaukee residents have access to The Milwaukee County Federated Library System Over Drive, OverDrive Magazines, hoopla and Gale Courses. This service allows you to access ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, comics, movies, music, TV and educational trainings FREE of charge! For more information on how to access the service please visit:



<https://countycat.mcfls.org/screens/overdrive.html>

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

# RESPECT OUR WATERS

By Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust, Inc

It's that time of year again! While appreciating the fall colors, make a plan for dealing with those leaves once they drop. Here's a step-by-step guide for making your plan:

1. Check out West Milwaukee's yard waste pick up schedule at [www.westmilwaukee.org](http://www.westmilwaukee.org).
2. Check the forecast in the days leading up to your collection date. Especially if it might rain before that date, try to rake any leaves off the street beforehand to make sure they don't contribute to stormwater pollution.



3. Rake to curb for disposal from October 15th thru November 15th. *Photo courtesy of Respect Our Waters*

Leaves left on paved surfaces can lead to "Phosphorus Tea", a nutrient-rich liquid brewed from stormwater and leaves, which can lead to scummy lakes and rivers. Our DPW crew works hard in the autumn to deal with leaves so that they can't pollute our water!

In addition to following our collection policies, there are ways you can help us with this effort! Consider mulching your leaves-chopping them up or running them over with your lawn mower-and putting the debris around your trees and gardens for the winter. Nutrients in the leaves can then return to the soil and plants instead of waterbodies.

For more ideas on how to prevent stormwater pollution, visit <https://bit.ly/manage-leaves>!

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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).

## ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY

**Friday, October 1**

**Friday, November 5**

**Friday, December 3**

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

ADULTS \$13.00, CHILDREN (3-10) \$8.00

Homemade Clam Chowder

Baked or Beer-Battered Fried Cod

Chicken Tenders

French Fries

Parsley Buttered Potatoes

Coleslaw

Rye Bread

Dessert

Coffee, Milk

Beer and Soda sold separately

**TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE**

## ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICKEN DINNER

**Saturday, November 13**

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ADULTS \$11.00, CHILDREN (3-10) \$6.00

Baked, Fried or Baked-BBQ Chicken

Dinner Includes:

Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

Vegetable

Dinner Roll

Dessert

Coffee and Milk

Beer & Soda are sold separately.

**TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE**

***Events subject to change.***

St. Florian Parish/Cristo Rey School Cafeteria

1215 South 45<sup>th</sup> Street

West Milwaukee, WI 53214

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

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE, ELEVATOR AVAILABLE**



# WEST ALLIS–WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Learning That Works*

## New Look for a New Year

You may have noticed that we have a new logo and new district colors.

Along with the launch of our new school year, we are formally launching our new look. Our look is designed to better represent our forward thinking, innovative approach to teaching and learning, and our commitment to connecting all of our communities and students we serve.

**The orange represents the City of West Allis.**

**The blue represents the Village of West Milwaukee.**

**And the bridge represents New Berlin, Greenfield and the 1,000 students and families we serve through openenrollment.**

Please help us spread the word about the exciting things we are doing in our schools every day.

## Be Our Guest Senior Community Member Pass



This pass is a small "Thank You" to our senior community members who have provided tremendous support for our schools. Passes for our Senior Community Members are available for West Allis-West Milwaukee School District residents who are at least 60 years of age. The pass entitles the holder and a companion to be admitted, without charge, to all athletic events (except WIAA tournament games) and school drama productions. Get your pass today at the West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation & Community Services Department located at 2450 S 68th St, West Allis, WI 53219.

## Social Media

You are going to be seeing a lot of us on social media as we kick off a new school year! If you're not already, make sure you're connected with us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook! **#WAWMproud**

## Enrollment

West Allis-West Milwaukee schools provide engaging learning experiences in classrooms where students are welcomed, challenged, and supported. Instruction is personalized, engaging, and focuses on college/career readiness and 21st century skill development. We develop school cultures where students, teachers, and families form strong relationships to support learning. Go to [wawmsd.org](http://wawmsd.org) > Enroll for more information!



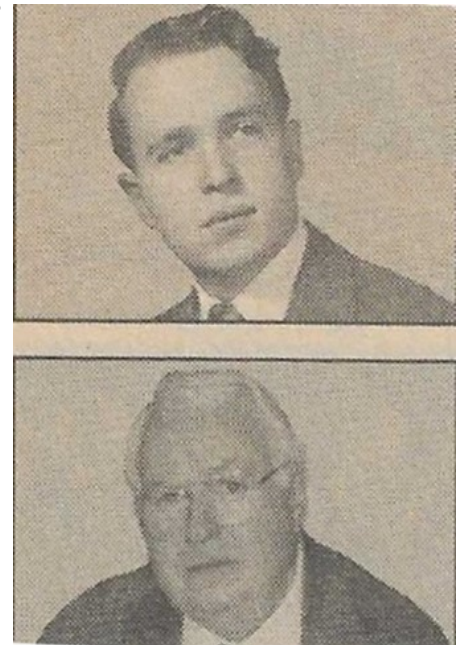
## WEST MILWAUKEE HISTORY By Trustee Jane Edgar

Besides Liberace, West Milwaukee has another historic resident: James G. Baker. Mr. Baker lived on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street (then called Daggett Avenue) and was known as "Little Jimmy" as a kid. But as an adult he was an entrepreneur and developed many important things. The first was probably inspired by his father being an orchestra leader: he founded the FM radio channel 96.5 Classical Music station. James and his brother Clifford purchased Curtis Ambulance which is still located on 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Lincoln and is the oldest private ambulance service in the country. On February 6, 1970, James Baker provided the first civilian medical transport via helicopter in Wisconsin which led to the current Flight for Life. He also initiated the first on-field Advanced Life Support response team in the NFL...for the Green Bay Packers, of course. On top of that he was a pioneer of the high-risk neonatal transfers for Wisconsin and the Midwest which remains today.

James Baker was elected to be the first charter member of the Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services Committee which in 1978 formulated the 911 emergency call system we still use today. He was appointed by Governor Anthony Earl as chairman of a special subcommittee to evaluate HMO practices regarding medical transport management.

Finally, Mr. Baker was devoted to photography and some of his photos were published in the Milwaukee Journal. This newspaper, now the Journal/Sentinel, provided most of the information here in his obituary dated June 24, 2012. The other source is a neighbor who was 3 years older than Little Jimmy and recalls when the Baker home was first built in the late 1920's!

*Photo courtesy of Jane Edgar*



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RECAP

**National Night Out was another successful event! There was a good turn out and a lot of fun was had by our community! Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers for making this an enjoyable event!**



*Photo courtesy of WMPD*

## TRICK OR TREAT

**The Village of West Milwaukee's Trick or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 31st 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.

*Event subject to change.*





## FLU SHOT CLINIC

October 14, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

West Milwaukee Community Centre

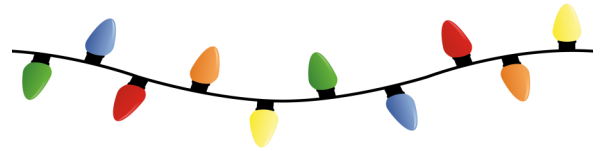
1345 S. 47th St. West Milwaukee, WI 53214

***The flu clinic is open to the public and does not require an appointment.***

## VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Security surveillance cameras are being installed at strategic locations throughout the village as an added safety measure and crime deterrent. To date, eleven cameras have been purchased/installed to help streamline criminal investigations and deter criminals in the area.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

***Featured at this event are Raffles, Bake Sale & Kids Games***

St. Florian Parish (Cristo Rey School Cafeteria)

1215 South 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Milwaukee, WI 53214

For more information, please call 414-383-3565

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

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE, ELEVATOR AVAILABLE**

**\*\*Event subject to change**

# ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM



As the snow begins to fall, please help the Fire Department by adopting the fire hydrant closest to your home or business and keep it free of snow.

Please make it a point to uncover your fire hydrant after each and every snowfall. Clear a path approximately 3 feet around the hydrant and shovel a 3-foot path from the road to the fire hydrant. Should the need arise, these actions will allow the Fire Department to quickly locate the fire hydrant, obtain a water supply for firefighting activities, and give the Fire Department room to work around the hydrant.

Please consider helping a neighbor in need of assistance by shoveling out a hydrant in front of their home. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood that the hydrant services.

A fire engine/pumper carries enough water on board for approximately 2 to 3 minutes of firefighting. In the event of a fire, the Fire Department must quickly locate and gain a water supply from the closest fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, valuable time must be spent locating the hydrant and digging it out. It may take from 4 to 6 minutes to dig out a fire hydrant buried by snow. The delay in gaining a water supply from a fire hydrant may disrupt the timely manner in which firefighters are able to fight the fire and may allow a fire to grow. Fire doubles in size approximately every 18 seconds.

The Adopt-A-Hydrant Program is an informal program; therefore, it is not necessary to advise the Fire Department which hydrants you will be clearing snow from.

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**Open Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

**We will be closed:**

Thursday, November 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving)

Friday, November 26, 2021

Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas)

Monday, December 27, 2021

Friday, December 31, 2021

Monday, January 3, 2022

**Elections**

There are no more Elections in 2021

**2022 (Regularly Scheduled Elections in Even Numbered Years)**

Third Tuesday in February (2/15/2022)

First Tuesday in April (4/5/2022)

Second Tuesday in August (8/9/2022)

First Tuesday following the first Monday in November (11/8/2022)

## REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

*Each year, the tax bills are mailed out in December. To have your 2021 taxes marked paid in 2021, they must be received in our office on or before December 30, 2021. 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 CARD**

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

**VILLAGE ASSESSOR INFO**

For Assessment questions contact  
**Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc.**

Phone: 1-800-721-4157

Fax: 920-731-4158

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

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

**Office Telephone: 414-278-4033**

**Office Fax: 414-223-1383**

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





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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 Rick Durica	(414) 645-1530 ext. 129
Municipal Court Room	1345 S. 47th St.	(414) 645-5411		
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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These mailboxes are not continuously monitored

www.westmilwaukee.org