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DEAR RESIDENTS,

We all know the power that hearing an old song can have over our emotions. The melody is able to magically transport us back in time and bring back vivid memories. In June I took my son, Chip, to his first ever real concert, being Shawn Mendes. He has been a big fan of Shawn Mendes songs for awhile and we brought along a friend of his who is also a huge fan. The boys had a wonderful time and it was amazing as a parent to see how excited Chip was to experience live music. Our feature family, the Singhs, are a musical family and I hope you enjoy reading their story and learning how the mom was inspired by her son to chase her own dreams.



What songs bring back emotional memories from your past? The songs we love become woven into a neural tapestry entwined with the people, seasons, and locations throughout our lifespan. Here are a few that mean a great deal to me:

- 🎵 **Michael Buble** - *Everything* - our wedding song
- 🎵 **One Republic** - *Good Life* - the song we "gave" Chip when he was born
- 🎵 **James Taylor** - *How Sweet It Is* - prom theme



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Often times parents will encourage their children to chase their dreams whether it be in sports, music, or any other area the child shows interest in. For Suzanne Singh, the situation was reverse, with her children being the inspiration she needed to chase her dream of having a musical career.

From an early age, Suzanne always loved to sing and viewed music as her greatest passion. While having a role in the musical world was always a thought in the back of her mind, she took a 25 year hiatus from singing while she added the role of wife and mother to her life. "I came from a very traditional family where being in a band was never even a consideration," said Suzanne. "The plan my parents had for me was that I would go to college, get a job, get married, have kids...and that's where the story basically ends. While I always had the dream of singing and performing, my reality was to focus on my career and family."

For years, Suzanne followed the plan laid out by her parents and in 2001, met her husband, Anoop, while he was completing his medical training in Kentucky. Anoop was born in England and his parents are from India. When Anoop was three, his family moved to the United States, with both of his parents also being doctors. Anoop is in a specialized field of medicine which resulted in numerous cross-country moves for the couple while he was training. "When it came time to settle down for my career, I realized that Suzanne had given up a lot over the years with all of our moves so I asked her what city would she

like to raise our family in," said Anoop. "She listed out 10 cities that she would enjoy living in with Milwaukee being one of them. There was a great job opening here so we took the leap of faith and moved here."

For over a decade Anoop has been a pediatric cardiologist at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, where he has both a clinical and educational role. He also serves as the medical director for Project ADAM, which aims to implement awareness, training and effective emergency response when a cardiac arrest takes place in a school. Project ADAM was started in memory of Adam Lemel, who was a WFB high school student who tragi-



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cally passed away in 1999 after going into cardiac arrest while playing basketball. Anoop is also the board president of the Metro Milwaukee American Heart Association.

The couple's three children, Julian (16), Ajay (14) and Sunita (11) all attend the public schools and enjoy growing up in Whitefish Bay. While Suzanne was enjoying her role as homemaker, the dream of being a singer started to resurface in 2015 when Julian began a band with some friends at the age of 11. "Their band was extremely successful performing at Summerfest, local venues and winning music contests," said Suzanne. "Watching my son perform on stage was the spark that made me realize it's never too late to follow your passion and do the things in life that make you happy and bring joy."

Motivated to get back into singing, Suzanne began working with a vocal coach to prepare for a yearly fundraising singing event held by Radio Milwaukee. After a year of hard work, Suzanne made her big debut, throwing aside her self-doubt wondering how she could go from being a stay-at-home mom to a singer in a rock band.

Fast-forward to present day and Suzanne is now the singer of two bands. The first is an original alternative rock group called Rocket Cat. This group performs all new music that the band creates and generates themselves. They recently released their second album titled *Little Lights*. The second band, Mixtape, is an 80's tribute band that plays all cover songs from that time period. Both bands have been extremely successful and have numerous gigs lined up the next few months. The lineups can be found at their websites but nearby shows include Mixtape playing at Shorewood's Summer Sounds on August 14th and Bayshore Mall on August 15th.

When asked about the best and worst part of being in a band, Suzanne had a straight-forward answer. "The best part is the guys who make up the band and the fun we all have together, we wouldn't do it if wasn't fun. I also love our fans and they make the shows fun. The worst part is seeing images of our band pop up on social media that we have no control over. It's difficult being an aging woman in a youthful industry that emphasizes appearance and image. With everyone having a cell phone, all bands just have no control over what images are taken and put on social media."

The family loves to give back to the community with both Suzanne and Anoop taking on a number of volunteer roles. Suzanne produced the Variety Show at Cumberland for the past 8 years and also started the annual "Voice of the Bay" vocal competition in conjunction with Green Day in the Bay. Anoop was a board member of the WFB Civic Foundation for the past 6 years and thoroughly enjoyed his time serving on that committee.

With music in their blood, it comes as no surprise that all three of their children play an instrument. Sunita plays the upright and electric bass, Ajay the drums and trumpet, and Julian plays drums and trombone. Sunita and Ajay also are active soccer players and Julian enjoys his part-time job at Brass Bell. All three children have also done modeling over the years. "Julian's most exciting shoot was with Aaron Rodgers, Sunita loved doing photos for the American Girl catalogue, and Ajay had fun with ads for Lands' End," said Anoop.

For now Suzanne continues to enjoy being a mom by day and rockstar by night.

BY CHRISTINE MCBRIDE  
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While the North Shore Health Department has recognized breastfeeding friendly workplaces for several years, they recently added a program to help child care centers receive the certification. Becoming recognized as breastfeeding friendly allows sites to develop good rapport with clients and employees who desire to breastfeed by providing resources and space to do so within the facility. It encourages all staff to be up-to-date with research pertaining to the benefits of breastfeeding, further building a supportive environment, which should lead to healthier children, better attendance, and greater public recognition. After having successfully completed the necessary training, the child care center will be recognized as breastfeeding friendly and able to share this designation with current and potential client families.


See <https://worldbreastfeedingweek.org>, <https://www.wibreastfeeding.com>, and <https://gonapsacc.org> for more information on giving children a healthy start.

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Saturday, August 17th

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**Connects Before and After School Program is Currently Accepting Registration for the 2019-2020 school year.**

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**Fall Flag Football Leagues Deadline is August 9th**

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**Community Garden Still Needs You!**

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For additional program and registration information, Contact Carolyn Noori, WFB Senior Program Coordinator at 963-3992.



BY CARIN KELAND,  
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Tuesday, September 17th

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- Cheesecloth
- Rubber band
- Fine mesh strainer

**Directions:**

Add the beans to the grinder and process to a coarse grind (like that of raw sugar). It’s okay to do this step in batches.

Mix the water and coffee grounds together in the food storage container, then place the lid on top.

Store in the refrigerator for 18-24 hours.

Line the strainer with cheesecloth, and place it over a large pitcher. Strain the coffee, working in batches if needed.

Transfer cold brew to pitchers. You can store it in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.

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## Thinking About Fostering a Rescue Dog?

When I was a teenager, my family spent a year as a foster family for local rescue dogs. They ranged in age from puppy to senior dog, and we would keep them until they were adopted, be it a single night or as long as three weeks.

The purpose of fostering is to acclimate homeless dogs to life with humans. Most of the dogs we took on had been neglected. Many had spent at least some time fending for themselves on the streets, but they were never aggressive. All of them loved people. In fact, they were affectionate to the point of being needy, and it actually became a bit tiresome. They were like babies: someone always had to be in the room with them. Left to her own devices, one particularly enterprising chewer managed to make her way through her plastic kennel, a football tee, a library book, and a cactus.

My family's foster duties included everything from house-training to teaching them to walk up and down stairs and eat from a bowl. Most of the dogs weren't used to being fed. Several ate like their food was

about to be taken away from them—which, in their experience, it probably had been. All of them needed heavy-duty baths and treatments for fleas and worms, but they were all so happy and grateful to have a home (even a temporary one) that it was easy to look past the occasional mess.

Like many first-time foster families, we absolutely fell in love with our first dog, Lucy. We seriously considered keeping her. (As the foster family, you generally get first dibs if you want to adopt.) It was a very difficult decision to let her go, but ultimately, it was for the best. We were never meant to be full-time pet owners. For one thing, if we'd kept Lucy, we certainly wouldn't have been able to help any of the next nine dogs we ended up fostering over the course of the following year. It was also nice to get a break once in a while: we were only sent new dogs when we asked for them, and if we ever wanted to go on a vacation (and we did for one week), the team would arrange for another family to watch the dogs while we were gone.

Fostering is a great way to test whether your family is ready to own a dog. The rescues we fostered were all high-maintenance (and they tried our patience at times). But it really gave us a sense of what it would be like to be a pet family—especially in the early stages. If you're concerned about cost, most organizations will cover everything involved in fostering: from food, toys, supplies, neutering and spaying, and other medical expenses.

It was an extremely rewarding experience, and I still miss Lucy, Tasha, Bear, Rider, Sadie, Jessie, Oliver, Travis, Elroy and Amy. On the other hand, I'm so glad I got to help them on the road to healing, recovery and their forever families.

If you would like to get involved with animal fostering, your local shelters and adoption agencies are always happy to hear from you.

BY MADISON FARKAS



**Back to School**

- ▶ First day of school Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- ▶ High School: September 3rd – Freshmen are in school all day. Grades 10-12 will begin at noon
- ▶ Cumberland & Richards: Junior Kindergarten (K4) has a staggered schedule the first week of school.



**August Back to School Details:**

- ▶ Remember to do registration online through Family Access.
  - ▷ **Cumberland & Richards**
    - » Monday, August 19 -- 7:00 am-6:00 pm, registration and student picture day
    - » Thursday, August 29 -- 4:00-5:00 pm Meet and Greet/ PTO Social -- 4:30-5:30 pm
  - ▷ **Middle School**
    - » Thursday, August 15 -- 7:00 am-4:00 pm, registration & student picture day
  - ▷ **High School**
    - » Picture Day & pick up textbooks:
    - » Monday, August 19 – 8:00 – 12:00 pm
    - » Monday, August 26 – 10:00 – 2:00 pm
    - » Wednesday, August 21 – New Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
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**The Whitefish Bay Community Garden:**

The Community Garden, located at the WFB High School, is up and running at full speed! Our main priority right now is building a sound infrastructure to enable us to utilize the garden at full capacity in the years ahead. We are in the process of building raised beds for our vegetable gardens and providing our pollinators with beautiful flower beds. Please stop in at the Recreation Department to find out ways you can get involved or email [Miriam.gerrietts@wfbsschools.com](mailto:Miriam.gerrietts@wfbsschools.com).

SUBMITTED BY MIRIAM GERRIETTS

**The Whitefish Bay Middle School Green Team:**

The Whitefish Bay Middle School Green Team has been landscaping the front and back garden to include native species, pollinators and plants that provide food such as hazelnut bushes. We are currently clearing weeds and invasives and plan to plant a prairie and butterfly garden in the front of the school. We also started a lunchroom composting program for raw fruits and vegetables.

SUBMITTED BY DEMARIS KENWOOD

**Richards Elementary PTO:**

The native plant pollinator garden at Richards is growing happily and seems to be enjoying all the rain we've been getting. The goal this summer is to create matching plant identification signage for the new additions to the garden last summer for the bed on the left of the main entrance. For the bed on the right we're hoping to create a few pieces of garden art to provide some color and year-round interest.

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN STADTMUELLER

**Cumberland Elementary PTO:**

In May, the Cumberland School PTO hosted a cleanup for families to weed the front walk, south parking field, and east building edge. Volunteers overhauled the raised garden bed, removing weeds and centralizing the scattered cup plant. Donuts and coffee were enjoyed by many amidst warm weather! Our focus is to remove invasive species and utilize our budget to plant natives over the summer. The plan is also to test the soil in the raised bed to see if it's viable for vegetables, per approval by Buildings & Grounds.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE R.A. HACKER AND KATHLEEN LUCIER

**Butterfly Garden at Cahill Park:**

The Whitefish Bay Garden Club redeveloped a once neglected garden and created an educational space for children and adults to appreciate butterflies. Here, you can learn about the life cycle of monarch butterflies on the beautiful diorama installed by the club. Feel free to drop a friendly hello to any of our members working hard to maintain this special garden. If you have any interest in joining our efforts to keep the village green, please email us at [wfbgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:wfbgardenclub@gmail.com) to learn more.

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Summer is flying by, but there's still a little time left to sign up for summer reading. Kids and teens, if you haven't started the program or misplaced your reading log, stop by the Youth Services Desk to get going. Adults have through August 8 to get all their entries in for the prize drawings on August 9. You can submit entries online through our website under the "At the Library" section.

We have our 4th Annual Lock-In happening for teens entering 7th grade and up on Friday, August 9 at 5pm. There will be games, an escape room, food and crafts! Registration and a waiver form are required. Stop by Youth Services or sign up on our website.

The library is hosting our 4th annual photography contest! This contest is open to any amateur photographer of any age. Did I mention there is over \$800 in cash prizes, including a Best in Show prize of \$250?

We will have three professional, highly acclaimed photographers review all submissions for judging. Judges will be looking for impact, composition, and quality of lighting.

Last year we had over 400 entries, so there is some tough competition. New this year: kids can either compete in a separate kid's category or they compete against photographers of any age in all categories. Check our website for all the rules.

The contest is open until September 6, so be sure to snap those photos as you travel around the world, or even just the neighborhood this summer.



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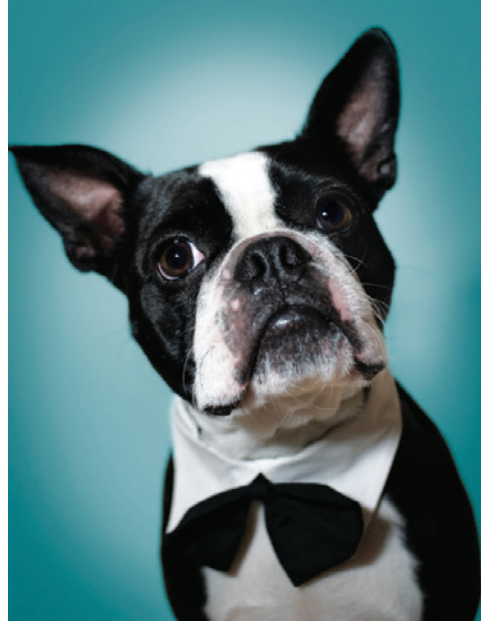
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**Use Natural Light**

This is my #1 tip! Going outside and using some natural light for your pet's photos is the easiest way to have consistently well-lit pictures. Artificial lighting can be harsh, and it can create unwanted shadows. Natural light also helps you avoid that pesky red eye, a result of using the flash on your camera or phone. If you have an indoor animal like a cat, you can still use natural lighting by taking your photos next to a window! Make sure your animal is facing the window. If the window is behind the subject, you'll end up with some very dark photos.



**How to Take Great Pictures of Your Pet**

**Play First**

This tip is targeted slightly more towards dog owners. Imagine arriving at the park and immediately trying to get your puppy to sit still for more than a few seconds at a time. Chances are your dog is very excited to be out and about and just wants to play! Instead, take them out to where you want to take some photos and bring something to play with. A dog or puppy who has been tired out a little will be much more likely to sit still for you while you get the perfect shot. A game of fetch or tug-of-war can be enough to get that initial excitement and energy out of most dogs.

**Get Their Attention**

Getting your pet to cooperate can be a huge task in itself. Using their favorite toy or a treat and holding it up near your camera or phone is a great way to get their attention and keep them looking in the right direction. They even make attachments for phones that can hold a tennis ball! Find an object that will keep their interest for as long as possible. Don't forget to reward them for their good behavior from time to time, as well.

**Use 'Burst Mode' (If You Have It)**

Most cameras and phones are equipped with a mode that takes multiple photos with one click. This setting (also called continuous shooting mode) spares you the effort of out of timing the perfect shot, so you can instead focus on getting your pet's attention. If you have this setting, I definitely recommend using it. It's also great for action shots of your pet running, jumping or playing. Let the camera do the work, and choose which photo you like best from the sequence!

**Be Patient and Make It Fun**

When it comes to taking pet photos, patience is key. Keep in mind that your pet may not understand what you are asking of them or what is going on. It may take a few attempts to get the photo you had in mind. Making the situation fun and exciting can help relax your pet and get them more comfortable with having their photo taken. If your pet is happy, your photos will reflect that!

BY KAILEE CAPELA



*The Day the FBI Busted Bays' Newsboys*

I HAVE ENJOYED READING THE STORIES in Bay Leaves about Joe Booz, The Milwaukee Journal's Whitefish Bay circulation manager. I got my Journal route in 1962 on my 12th birthday. Joe was my first real boss. He provided constructive criticism on our performance and coaching on how to be a team member. His calmness, maturity, leadership, and patience became the standard by which I measured all future bosses. Joe loved us kids, but we were prone to mischief, and one day he taught us a lesson we never forgot.

The Journal station house was alongside the Chicago & Northwestern railroad tracks near Hampton Rd. and Wilson Dr. One of our favorite pranks was to place a penny on the track and wait until the train came and flattened the coin to a disk with the faint outline of Lincoln. This was dangerous

and Joe admonished us to stop. Of course his warnings were ignored.

One Saturday morning when all the newsboys were at the station to pay their weekly bills a black sedan rolled up. Out stepped two large men in dark suits, sunglasses, and fedoras. They strode into the station and ordered us to sit down.

"It has come to our attention that some of you have been putting pennies on the track where they are smashed by trains," one man said loudly. "This is the property of the US government and it tracks every dollar, every coin, EVERY PENNY. When you do that, you are damaging federal property."

Then the second man leaned in menacingly. "If we ever hear of you doing that again, we will find out who you are and where you live, we will come to your house, and we will

prosecute you to the full extent of the law. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?" he bellowed. We all sat stone stiff and nodded yes vigorously. They told us to obey our parents, teachers, coaches, and most of all, Joe. Then they got in the sedan and left.

Years later it dawned on me that the FBI would never send out agents to investigate this "crime." I learned that Joe had gotten a couple guys in advertising to dress up as G-men, It worked. As far as I know, no newsboy ever put a penny on the track again. I know I didn't.



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Over time, the red rotating light became a sort of “safety signal” to the community, signifying a safe spot that community

members could go when they were in need. Eventually, as the Whitefish Bay Fire Department transitioned to a career department, the light was used as a warning light to let drivers know that an emergency vehicle was exiting or entering the apparatus floor.

Aging electrical equipment had rendered the sign unusable. We are happy to announce that as part of the renovation, a sign company was consulted, and the light and sign are being restored. While the light will not be used for any specific warning, it is certainly a piece of history that we are happy to be able to preserve as a part of our history and the history of our predecessor department. On your walks or drives past the station this Summer and Fall, be sure to check it out!

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**T**he end of summer is unavoidable. Even though we know it's coming, it never fails to be a bit of a buzzkill. Soon, school will be in session, and families everywhere will get back into their routines. This year, why not punctuate the end of summer by throwing an end of summer block party? Here's how:

**Get a Permit**

Depending on where you live and the size of party you're planning, you may need a permit to throw a neighborhood or block party. Barricading streets, serving alcohol and amplified music could all require permission. Call around and do some checking so you're not taken by surprise or forced to curtail your celebration on the day of the event. And don't forget to ask your neighbors to move their cars out of the street so you have room to groove. There may be some hoops to jump through up front, but once you have a plan in place, it's on to the fun!

**Send Invitations**

If your neighborhood or community has a social media page or email group, you can invite guests that way, but old-fashioned invites are fun to receive, too. You could even go door to door or put up flyers to get the word out.

**Recruit a Small Group of Volunteers**

See if anyone is interested in giving you a helping hand to ensure the party comes off

without a hitch. It will be nice not to have to do all the planning, setting up and cleaning on your own. Plus, half the excitement comes from getting together beforehand to talk about all the fun you're going to have.

**Plan the Food**

A potluck would be the easiest way to go. It's a chance for your neighbors to contribute to the shindig. As the organizer, you can offer to provide the main course (burgers, hot dogs, barbecue, party sub) and assign sides, chips, drinks and desserts to those attending. Don't forget to consider all dietary options when menu planning. And stock up on plenty of bags of ice. You will need more than you think to keep all the food and drinks nice and cold.

**Tables, Chairs and Coolers**

The best tables for a block party are the long, banquet-style kind. Food and drinks can be set on top, with extras stored underneath. You'll also want to have a couple of those huge drink coolers—you know, the ones used to douse a coach after their team wins the championship. You can save some cash on drinks by filling these with water, lemonade and iced tea. As for chairs, everyone can bring their own or maybe someone on the street or a local community center has a bunch they wouldn't mind putting on loan. If you get stuck, rental companies stock all of these items, too.

**Music**

Again, do some checking in your locale to see if there are any noise and music ordinances you should be aware of. Music can be low key—a couple of Bluetooth speakers synced to a summer playlist on your phone—or you can go for coolest party in town by having a local band come and play.

**Activities and Games**

With any luck, lots of kids will be in attendance, which makes any party more fun. Set out pails of sidewalk chalk, tubes of bubble solution and wands, sparklers (to be used with adult supervision, of course!) and water balloons for them to play with. Heck, any adult will love these, too. Have a football, frisbee or jump rope out for anyone who's so inclined. You could even play a round of cornhole or croquet. The sky is the limit. If a neighbor has a fun yard game in a box in their garage that's collecting dust, this is the time to break it out.

**Clean Up**

The last thing you want to do is leave your block in a state of disarray. Before everyone heads back home, make sure everything is picked up and put away.

The next day, you can share pictures of the party with all your neighbors and start planning next year's blowout!

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