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Family**

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EVERYTHING IN-BETWEEN*

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## HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE AND WATER COVERAGE

**1 IN 50 HOMEOWNERS EACH YEAR** will suffer water damage to their home or personal property and file an insurance claim according to Insurance Institute Information.

Finding out that you have water damage in your house is bad news. Hearing that your homeowners insurance policy doesn't cover it can be even worse...

Determining coverage for water damage can be complicated. Identifying where the water came from and determining if it was sudden and accidental is key when considering coverage.

### DAMAGE FROM UNRESOLVED MAINTENANCE ISSUES

While your homeowners insurance will probably help cover the cost of replacing or repairing a damaged floor if your dishwasher suddenly leaks, coverage may not be offered if the damage results from an unresolved maintenance issue, such as continuous leaking near a faucet or other plumbing fixture. Coverage is triggered by a sudden and accidental loss, not an ongoing maintenance issue.

### DAMAGE FROM WATER BACKING UP IN OUR BASEMENT OR YOUR SUMP-PUMP OVERFLOWING

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### DAMAGE FROM WATER SEEPING INTO THE BASEMENT OR FLOODING

Damage from flooding or seepage, no matter the source of the water, is not covered by standard homeowners policies. Flooding, for example, can occur from storms, over-saturated ground, overflowing or surging bodies of water such as rivers, ponds, lakes and oceans. You may be able to purchase a separate flood insurance policy through the National Flood Insurance

Program but unfortunately this coverage is not offered through a homeowners insurance policy.

Homeowners insurance and water coverage doesn't have to be overwhelming or confusing. Working with a local, licensed agent will not only give you an opportunity to review your needs with someone that understands your community, it will also provide peace of mind knowing you have the coverage you really need at an affordable price. Please feel free to give us a call at 414-961-1166 or stop by our Shorewood office. We are happy to review options with you!



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## DEAR RESIDENTS,

To be honest, I wasn't sure which direction to take this letter. The publication will reach mailboxes mid-May and we will still be under the Safer At Home order. Since everyone is missing friends, family, and gathering together I thought I would share about how our feature family, the Mehringers, and my family became friends.

Their son, Jake, and my son Chip, were in the same class the last two years. The boys quickly became fast friends and love playing together. Over time we got to know Jake's parents. My husband and Dan share a passion for motorcycles, while Claire and I both enjoy spin classes. Back in January we set up a group gathering with a few other couples, going to the Lux Domes and then dinner and drinks elsewhere. The evening lasted over six hours but we were having so much fun that the



time had just flown by. We will get back to these type of events, but until we do, I've personally found that looking at past photos to be therapeutic. Hang in there Whitefish Bay.

**CHRISTINE MCBRIDE**



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**Mehringer Family**

**BRITISH, BIKES AND EVERYTHING IN-BETWEEN**

**G**rowing up in England, Claire Mehringer always envisioned the movie version of how neighborhoods and life in the United States would be. In 2015, when she and her husband Dan moved from England to New Jersey, the picturesque towns she had in mind were the complete opposite of their reality. However, in 2018 when Dan was offered his dream job at Harley-Davidson, Claire's visions for life in the States came to fruition after purchasing their house in Whitefish Bay.

The jet-setting couple first met when both were living in England in 2008. Since they were both up for adventure, after only dating for a few weeks, they went on a three-week long motorcycle trip across the coast of Australia. "We rented a massive Harley and stayed in all these shanty-town motels while riding around in the Blue Mountains of Australia," said Claire. "Dan has always been a biker so I was able just enjoy the ride from the saddle seat."

While Claire was originally from England, she spent many of her adult years living in other countries including Sweden, Japan and China. Claire worked in communications for corporate IKEA and jokes that while living in Sweden, the town she lived in for five years was referred to as "Ikeaville." Dan spent his youth in Pittsburgh, and after graduating from Schreyer Honors College at Penn State, worked in investment banking for BarCap and Citi. These roles gave Dan a chance to work internationally and as a result Dan often lived abroad, spending almost a year in Amsterdam and more than ten in London.

The couple had a destination wedding in the Florida Keys. While it was a small wedding, a love connection was still made amongst the guests with Claire's brother,

Mark, and Carrie, a family friend of Dan. Those two began dating and are now married and ironically also living in Wisconsin. The Mehringers have two sons, Jake (9) and Logan (6), both born in England. "We were originally planning to raise our family on the English countryside," said Claire. "When Dan was offered a great job opportunity we moved to New Jersey and began a whole new life."

The family lived in New Jersey for three years and while they did enjoy their time there, it never felt quite like home. In 2018 Dan was offered his dream job as the head of corporate development for Harley-Davidson. "I've been a bike guy my whole life and couldn't possibly pass up the opportunity to work for Harley-Davidson," said Dan. "The process went so fast that I purchased our house in Whitefish Bay with Claire only having seen it from a FaceTime call. She really trusted me on this and thus far, it's worked out for our family."

"When you've gone most of your adult life constantly living in new places, you have

this feeling of uncertainty with how long you'll stay in one spot. With that in mind we try to make the most of everything that each location offers," said Claire. "When we lived in New Jersey we were constantly going into NYC for a show, or to take the kids to museums there. We have always just tried to explore the current area we are living in as much as possible. For Wisconsin, that means we have taken a lot of trips to Door County, weekends down in Chicago, and soaking up all that this area offers."

They have felt like Whitefish Bay has become home for them and love how welcoming the community has been. "Whitefish Bay reminded us of a small English town with the main street and the shops all lined up along it," said Claire. "The added bonus has been the great friendships both the kids and we have made here."

Every November they host a 'fire party' which is an English tradition they enjoy sharing with friends. "It's called Guy Fawkes day because on November 5th, 1605 a gentleman named Guy Fawkes

tried to blow up the House of Parliament as an act of rebellion against persecution. While he failed and was eventually hung for his crimes, the UK has made a tradition of celebrating Guy Fawkes. We celebrate with an outdoor bonfire, fireworks, and some people even burn an effigy of Guy Fawkes, or other political figures they aren't keen on that year! It's one of our favorite traditions and rather cozy with all the neighborhood



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bonfires and special food that we try to recreate in Whitefish Bay."

Aside from riding motorcycles, Dan also has become an avid triathlete. He went from his first triathlon four years ago to seriously competing in his age group at the Olympic distance. "I love going on long bicycle rides or swimming in open water like Lake Michigan. It's a passion that recently started but I joke has kept me young," said Dan with a grin.

Their boys are following in their dad's footsteps and also love all things motorcycles. They both ride the Harley IronE, which Dan hopes will be the start of a lifelong love of two wheels. "The electric motorcycles are incredibly safe but also so much fun for them," said Dan. Jake also plays lacrosse and swims competitively and Logan loves hockey. Claire enjoys biking with the family, working out at the gym with friends, and walking Ella, their rescue dog.

"We feel really fortunate that life has placed us in Whitefish Bay," said Claire. "I know everyone else says this, but truly things like the ice cream socials, pumpkin festival, all of these local events are amazing. It's like Main Street USA here! Most cities are not like this and residents should know what a special place Whitefish Bay is."



## Backyard Safety During A Pandemic



BY  
CAPTAIN  
DAN TYK



AS RESIDENTS LOOK for ways to stay safe at home under the Governor's order, we are all also clamoring to find ways to get outside and get some fresh air. Over the past few weeks, we have received many questions about the rules surrounding fire pit use across our communities. While we provided a similar article in Bay Leaves last June, we figured it was a good reminder to quickly revisit the rules surrounding open burning:

The "burning" question: are fire pits or bonfires allowed in the village?

The short answer is, no; however, village ordinances do permit the use of completely encapsulated portable fire pits as long as some strict criteria are met.

**In general, open burning is prohibited in the Village of Whitefish Bay with two exceptions:**

- ▶ A charcoal or gas grill used in the cooking of food
- ▶ A device for the burning of wood that is equipped with a metal hood and screen that completely encloses the area where the wood is burned, so as to prevent embers or sparks from exiting the device.

The burning of leaves, garbage, garden refuse, or other combustible materials other than burning wood are strictly prohibited under all circumstances. In addition, the Fire Chief reserves the right to ban open burning under all circumstances due to dry conditions.

**Finally, permitted burning as outline above must also meet the following conditions:**

- ▶ Devices cannot be used on porches, decks, or within ten feet of a dwelling, garage, or other accessory structure. Generally speaking, the close proximity of residences and other structures in the village makes accommodating this very challenging. It is best to err on the side of safety and refrain from any open burning.
- ▶ Devices cannot be used between the hours of 11pm-8am.
- ▶ Devices must be tended by a competent person at all times that combustion is occurring. To constitute being "tended", the device must be within direct observation of the competent person taking care of the fire.

We continue to extend our best wishes for health and safety during this unprecedented time. While many of our face to face outreach programs remain suspended, our crews remain on duty and ready to respond to your calls for emergency assistance. For more information on the status of programs or services; or to contact our staff, please visit our website, [www.nsfire.org](http://www.nsfire.org) or email [info@nsfire.org](mailto:info@nsfire.org).

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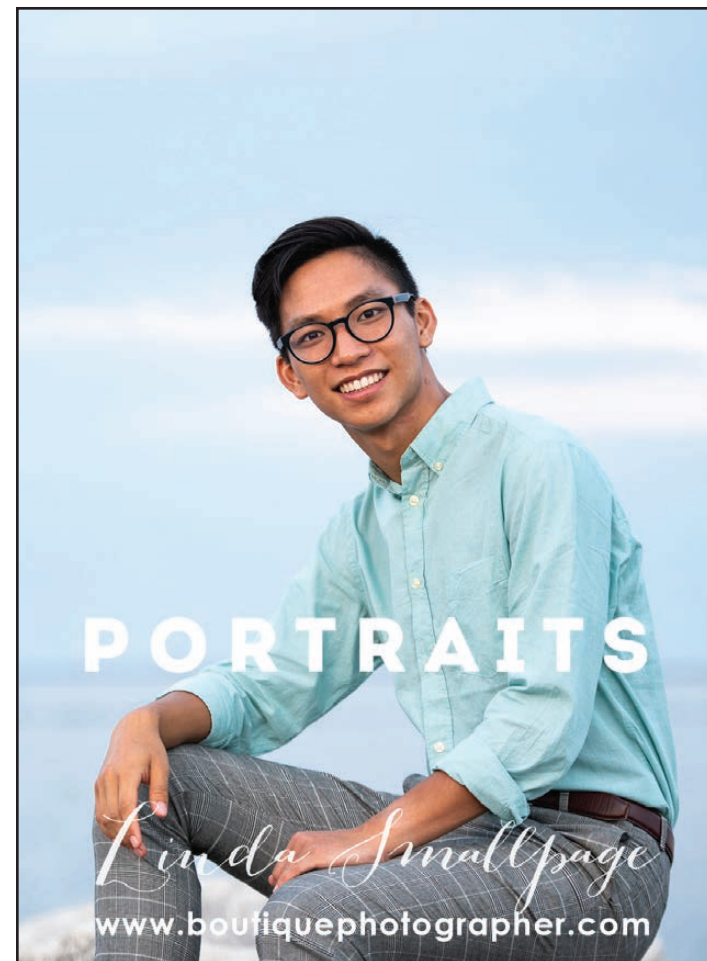


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Refuse and Recycling Spring Schedule Change:

**Memorial Day:** Refuse and recycling normally picked up on Monday, May 25 will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26.

**4th of July:** Refuse and recycling normally picked up on Friday, July 3, will be picked up on Thursday, July 2.



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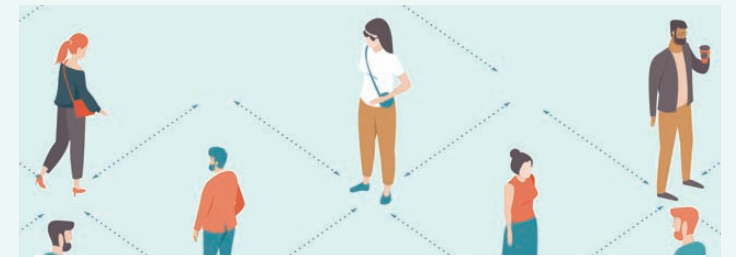
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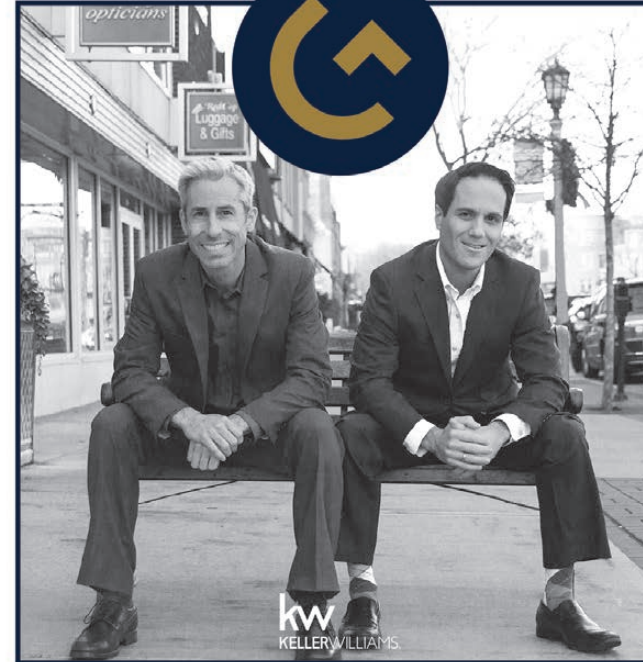
When we receive notification of a positive COVID 19 test, the contact tracing process begins. Our nurses call each positive case to provide self-isolation guidelines and to request a list of their contacts. We then ascertain the exposure risk level (low, medium or high) for each contact based on the closeness and timespan of contact with the positive case. Based on their risk level, contacts are directed to self-quarantine and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days. If they develop symptoms during this time period, they are treated as a probable case and directed to self-isolate.

Since the Safer at Home order, we have observed a reduction in the number of contacts per case, which means social distancing has been effective. As social distancing restrictions are lifted, contact tracing is imperative to keep the number of cases low and prevent the overburdening of our healthcare system. Contact tracing is only effective when people follow self-quarantine and self-isolation measures as directed. If you are asked to quarantine or isolate it is crucial to do so to prevent further transmission. As you read this, know that our team at the NSHD is still working diligently to conduct contact tracing to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to avoid a summer of strict Safer at Home measures.

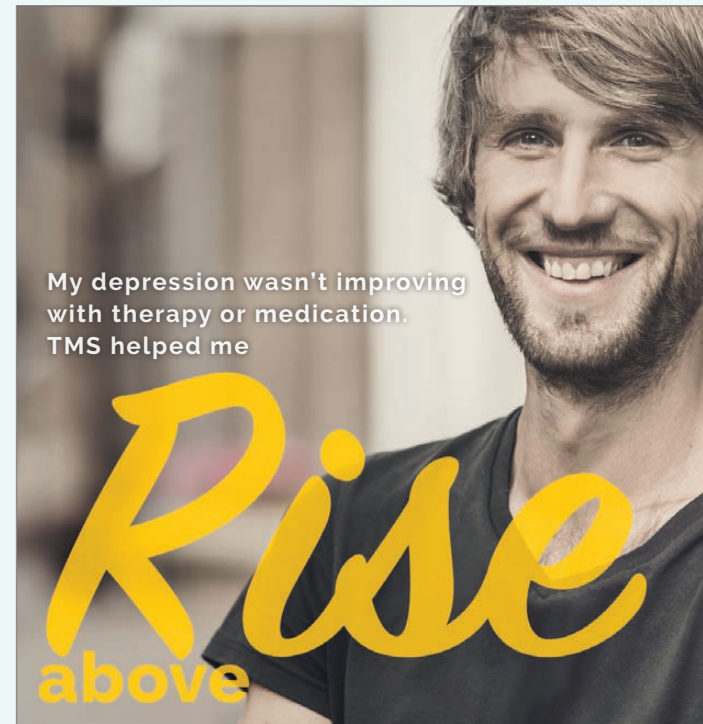


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► **The Whitefish Bay School District through its Recreation Department provides Before, After and K4 Wrap-Around Care** for its students that attend Richards and Cumberland Elementary Schools. Families looking for care in the upcoming school year are encouraged to register by June 30th to take advantage of the FREE registration period. This is a savings of up to \$50.00 per family or \$25.00 per child.

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LETTER FROM YOUR SENIOR COORDINATOR...**

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During this time of social distance, we have to remember that socialization, health, happiness is a part of our well-being. It is important for our senior community to continue to find ways to socialize. Call family and friends (don't wait for someone to call you), reminisce about great times, memorable trips, and funny episodes! Keep up your nutrition with healthy food choices and don't forget to stop moving. Movement is good for the mind and body. PBS offers free televised exercise programs for multiple levels and try to get out for fresh air as much as possible. If you have access to the internet, please check out the Whitefish Recreation Department's Facebook page for free weekly activities and fitness videos. Keep your mind active with reading, learning something new, puzzles, cards and other personal activities you enjoy. Most of all, be thankful for your safety, your home and those you love.

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It was also with great regret that we had to cancel our Memorial Day ceremony this year. We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who help stage this annual event, and we look forward to its return in 2021. Of course, we remain eternally grateful to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

In lieu of holding these events, your Civic Foundation found other ways we could provide support to the community. In April, we started a Gift Card Giveaway on Facebook in support of the Merchants of Whitefish Bay. Nearly \$1,000 in gift cards were purchased from local Merchants and gifted to lucky winners. We're so grateful to have these vendors as loyal sponsors and friends, and we hope you continue to support local businesses in all the better days ahead.

We also made a donation of \$5,000 to Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin this spring, on behalf of the doctors, nurses, caregivers and other essential workers in our community. We know many in our community with financial struggles needed the assistance of a food bank, and it was the right time to give back.

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# Artisans IN THE GARDEN



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Artisans in the Garden, a Garden Walk, featuring ten Whitefish Bay gardens, will be held Sunday, July 26, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. This walk is only the second in the 60-year history of the Whitefish Bay Garden Club. Village gardens will feature a Lake Drive estate, a Zen Retreat, an Imagination Station for children of all ages, as well as native and pollinator-friendly gardens.

The beauty and bounty of each garden will be enhanced by visual and performing artisans sharing their unique talents. One artisan featured is Diane Campion, a former resident of Whitefish



Bay. Diane is a fine art painter, she is motivated and inspired by nature's beauty, the complexities of textures and patterns, still life objects (both old and new), and collections of things. Her medium of choice is acrylics, and sometimes oil paints.

The Club is aware of the uncertainty of public events at this time, and in early June will make a final decision of whether to go forward with the walk. Please watch the Village Newsletter and check our online pages for further updates, or to purchase reduced-rate advance tickets:

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BY JILL GRIFFEE ROSS

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Each individual business on Silver Spring Drive has found ways to continue serving you. I cannot stress to you the importance of #Shop-Local. We need to come together as a community to support local businesses. Visit [www.MerchantsofWhitefishBay.com](http://www.MerchantsofWhitefishBay.com) to see what promotions and gift card opportunities each business is offering. Buy a gift certificate to use at a later date or as a future gift. Stay healthy and remember we are Silver Spring Strong!



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Fleas and ticks can be picked up by dogs, cats and humans and brought into your home. If you walk on grass, you are just as able to get a flea or a tick on you as your pet. Best thing to do is make sure that your pets are treated for fleas and ticks so that they do not begin breeding in your home. Do not use human flea and tick repellent on your pets!

Do your dog walking early in the morning or later in the evening after the ground has cooled. If it is too hot for you to walk barefoot outside, it is too hot for your dog. Best time for them to get exercise or visit dog parks is outside of the high heat of day.

Make sure your pet has fresh water at all times, whether they are inside or outside. They can dehydrate easily in heat. Dogs kept outside need to have access to shade at all times. We see many dogs suffering from heatstroke each year which can be fatal.

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# WFB Women's Club WINS SUFFRAGE BATTLE

When 25 Whitefish Bay women met on March 8, 1917 for the purpose of advocating for women's suffrage, little did the Wisconsin Legislature or the U.S. Congress realize with whom they would soon be dealing. One June 4, 1919, two years after its formation, the Whitefish Bay Women's Club, with other suffrage organizations, persuaded Congress to approve the 19th amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote. The bill had to be ratified by 36 of the 48 states. The WFB Women's Club, working with the Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association, made Wisconsin the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment on June 10, 1919. Finally, on August 18, 1920, Ten-

nessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, allowing women from all states to vote in the November presidential election. The bill was later ratified by the remaining states, Mississippi the last on March 22, 1984. The years 1917 and 1918 were consequential for the WFB Women's Club and suffrage. The outbreak of World War I in April 1917 diminished political momentum in Washington, but the movement continued to make progress across the nation. By 1916 Illinois and 11 western states already allowed women to vote in federal elections - Wyoming the first in 1869. Eight more states extended the franchise in 1917 and 1918, the most significant

being New York, then the largest state. These 20 states gave the suffrage movement 326 electoral votes out of 531, giving suffrage the feel of political inevitability.

World War I benefited the suffrage movement. With men at war, women took jobs that had never hired women, such as steel mills and oil refineries. In September 1918, President Wilson called for approval of the suffrage amendment as a war measure, saying "We have made partners of women in this war. Shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toil and not to a partnership of privilege and right?" The war's end also was a catalyst for change as America shook off its hidebound past and liberated women in other ways.

In January 1918, Rep. Jeanne Rankin of Montana, the first woman elected to Congress, introduced the 19th amendment. Her bill passed by one vote in both the House and Senate, and by one vote in the Tennessee House of Representatives.



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# Keep Your Family Cool at Home This Summer

**I GREW UP IN A HOUSE WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING**, and as much as I love summer, the extra hot weather could be more than a little uncomfortable at times. Here are some tried-and-true ways your family can beat the heat!

### Go for a Nighttime Walk



When it's just too hot to get out and about during the day, the best time to get outside is late evening (or early in the morning, if you can haul the kids out of bed). I have many fond memories

of family walks under the night sky. Make sure to bring an adult, and stick to well-lit paths and areas you know well.

### Take a Run Through the Sprinkler



This one is always fun, especially if you have a sprinkler that fans or rotates. Don your bathing suits and take a flying leap. Just be mindful of slippery grass.

### Make a DIY Slip 'n Slide



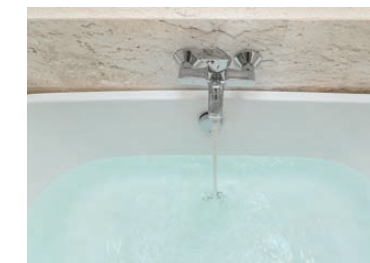
This one works best if your yard has a slight incline (and if you have some soft grass). Anchor a plastic tarp at the corners and run water from the hose down it, periodically adding a squeeze of biodegradable dishwashing liquid for a little extra slip. Take turns sliding down and see how far you can get.

### Freeze Homemade Popsicles



For this classic recipe (care of my mom), mix equal parts prepared fruit drink crystals and gelatin dessert (while the gelatin liquid is still hot). Pour this mixture into popsicle molds and freeze solid. You can use the same flavor for each mold, or you can mix and match different flavors. You can make healthier popsicles by using yogurt or juice.

### Try a Cool Bath



Sometimes, when I get really overheated, the only thing that helps is a cool bath. A brief soak in the tub really gets your core body temperature down. Add a few drops of peppermint oil for an extra cooling sensation.

### Sleep with a Window Fan



Rather than cool me down, I usually find that ceiling or floor fans just circulate hot air. Instead, I love sleeping with a window fan, which blows cool air in from the outside. Also, the white noise makes

for an extra relaxing time falling asleep. Just remember, during the heat of day, to either turn it off or reverse the direction.

BY ROSE ALEXANDER

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