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Election Information:

Spring 2021 Election April 6, 2021

- ▶ **Election Day:** Polls will be open on April 6, 2021. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please use the Ward Map (PDF) link to see where your polling place is: <http://www.wfbvillage.org/DocumentCenter/View/508/>.
- ▶ **Offices to be elected for the April 6, 2021 election include:** State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Village Trustee

How to Request an Absentee Ballot:

- ▶ You may request a ballot online at www.myvote.wi.gov.
- ▶ You also may request a ballot be mailed to you by emailing the Village: elections@wfbvillage.org.
- ▶ Your request must include a copy of WI photo ID and be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2021.

Your options to return your ballot:

- ▶ Place your ballot in the mail. The U.S. Postal Service sorts and delivers official election mail in an expedited fashion.
- ▶ Use the dropbox just inside the Village Hall vestibule door. The box is checked regularly during the day.
- ▶ Drop your ballot off at the Village Hall front desk during regular business hours.
- ▶ Please remember that your ballot must be received at Village Hall (not postmarked) by 8:00 p.m. on April 6, 2021.
- ▶ **In-Person Absentee Voting:** In-Person Absentee Voting will occur on weekdays from Tuesday, March 23 – Friday, April 2, 2021, during regular business hours (until 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2021).

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DEAR RESIDENTS,

While the Covid 19 situation has certainly altered life in a number of ways, one positive, is that many of us have more time to read books. My book club has been together for over fifteen years and have shared many group adventures together. Some favorites include a weekend in Lake Geneva, our annual Christmas ornament exchange, and a private tour of the Milwaukee Public Library.

When I found out about a local book club that has been together for over 40 years, I was interested in diverting away from our regular family feature, instead featuring them for the month. In my six years working for the magazine, I have yet to feature anything but a family, so this was a fun way to mix it up. Enjoy reading their joint story, and to the side are my personal favorite reads if you are looking for a good book.



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Christine McBride



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LOCAL BOOK CLUB CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF READING TOGETHER



Pezzino, Jean Pierre, Kate Sponholz, Jane Thoma and Joanne Turk.

Being together for over 40 years has made the group of friends consider themselves a family. They have been through the cycles of life, both the good and bad times. Sharing in the happiness of a new grandchild or discussing travel plans always lifts their spirits up. They have also supported each other through difficult times including divorce, mental illness and cancer. "We have gone through everything you can imagine, but we are a great support system for each other," said Joanne Turk. The group takes the first hour of each meeting to talk about life issues. After that, the host suggests they begin discussing the book so the group does stay on task.

The Muses look for any occasion to celebrate and for milestone birthdays, such as a member turning 50, 60, or 70. They typically buy the birthday member a gift card to Boswell Book Company and have a little party. When the book club celebrated their 25th anniversary they took a trip to the Bahamas together for some fun in the sun. When they returned they also had a party at Pandl's restaurant. This past fall they celebrated their 40th anniversary with a socially distant gathering at The Bay restaurant.

Another annual tradition for The Muses is a holiday party every December. They exchange paperback books and Joanne Turk gives everyone one of her famous homemade gingerbread cookies. The group enjoys sipping on hot apple cider while looking at the beautiful Christmas tree adorned with ornaments made by members.



While there are countless options of books to read, The Muses have come up with a genius way to decide which books to discuss. Once a year the group gathers with everyone coming with two books they have already read and feel would facilitate a good discussion. Everyone votes on one of the two books presented for each month. They have their books picked out for the entire year, along with who is hosting which month, which secretary Maryanne Niesen types up. This system means everyone has one of their books chosen, and leads to a wide variety in reading for the year. It should also be noted that the group insists on having some type of chocolate at every meeting, with bridge mix from Winkie's being the favorite sweet treat served. Wine is also a prerequisite for each meeting.

The Muses are proud of the fact that they have never had to cancel a book club throughout their 40 years together. At times they have had to rotate who hosts for various life reasons, but even when the pandemic began they switched right to gather outdoors for meetings or via Zoom.

Charter member Rochelle Layde sums it up best, "Meeting once a month for 40 years has allowed us to journey together through careers, marriages, children, divorces, struggles, joys and finally retirement. We have developed deep friendships as we've celebrated birthdays, book club anniversaries and other milestones in life. The Muses book club has fostered not only regular reading habits, but cherished, lifelong bonds."

BY CHRISTINE MCBRIDE PHOTOS BY BOUTIQUE PHOTOGRAPHER

Many people have the aspiration to read more books each year, but the goal is more easily achieved when part of a supportive book club. For over 40 years, a group of women have been in the same book club, fondly calling themselves, The Muses. The name came from the Greek goddesses who were thought to inspire poetry, art, and writing.

The Muses book club first formed in 1979 through Holy Family Parish. At the time the church was forming small groups which included a seniors group, a couples group, so a book club seemed like a natural one to include. The original mission behind the small groups was to build community and fellowship among the parishioners. Originally anyone was invited to join the new book club. They started off with twelve women signing up and found that was the perfect number.

"We really like keeping the group to twelve members for a few reasons," said charter member Maryanne Niesen. "We typically meet in member's living rooms and if we had more people, we probably wouldn't fit in each other's houses. Also with 12 women there is a great variety in ideas, opinions and experiences." The group jokingly says that someone now has to die for a spot in the group to open up.

Since Holy Family is located in Whitefish Bay, it is no surprise that a majority of the group lives in Whitefish Bay. When they began in 1979 almost all of the members were Whitefish Bay residents. Over the years a few have moved, but currently seven of the twelve members still live in Whitefish Bay. The current members include: Mary B., Ann Hains, Rosie Hoffmann, Marge Layde, Rochelle Layde, Anne McMahon, Maryanne Niesen, Sonny Ost, Stacey

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Located at 6333 N. Green Bay Avenue in Glendale, Senior Helpers Milwaukee has been a premier provider of in-home senior care since 2007. "We offer tailored home care services ranging from companion care for seniors who need daily assistance to in-depth specialized care for those with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, Parkinson's disease and other chronic illnesses," explains Chief Operating Officer Kristina Ehnert.

Jamie and Felicia Miller discovered the need for a quality in-home care provider in Milwaukee after dealing with the challenges of taking care of Jamie's parents long distance. "We lived in

Milwaukee, Jamie's parents lived in Ohio and were both in poor health," recalls Felicia. "Taking care of them long distance without the support of a quality home care assistance partner revealed the need for quality businesses like Senior Helpers."

Getting started is often the most difficult step for families. "Often, we are in touch with the children of our clients and they don't know what their mom or dad wants or what the personal needs of their parent might be," says Jamie. "For this reason, our trained professional consultants create a safe and honest space where families can comfortably discuss their needs. We will then provide a plan that meets those needs."

To help reduce the stress and anxiety of their clients, Senior Helpers exclusively offers a Life Profile Assessment, a data driven assessment tool that provides a holistic view of the risks and factors that influence a loved one's ability to age in their own

home. The goal with Life Profile is to improve overall quality of life, reduce hospitalization risk and support successful aging at home.

"We are a family run business and treat all of our employees and staff as if they are one of our family," says Jamie. "We get to know our employees and staff and what is happening in their lives. We celebrate the hard work of our caregivers every month. In the past, we have had clients who have needed last minute care, and our caregivers have gone above and beyond to ensure we can help them." Over this past holiday season, Senior Helpers had a client who called in a panic. Her family was planning a virtual family get together and she had no idea how to use the software. When it was time, the caregiver made sure the client was looking her best and able to get on camera with her family to make her holiday a little brighter.

Jamie partners with Kristina Ehnert, chief operating officer, in running Senior Helpers having worked alongside one another for over four years. Kristina has been a caregiver for her grandparents and worked closely with other caregivers to provide care for her extended family. "The Senior Helpers office is fortunate to have a dedicated team helping all our clients and being able to relate with them on a personal level," says Kristina. Many of Senior Helpers' staff have all been caregivers themselves.

Client Service Manager Lisa Zampino, Care Team Coordinator Olivia Blacks, and Care Team Director Sourina Rajaphoumi are all Community-Based Residential Facility (CBRF) certified. Community Resource Coordinator Erin Brannan is deeply passionate about Alzheimer's care and veteran's assistance. Erin is active with the Alzheimer's Association and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Milwaukee residents, Jamie and Felicia Miller have two daughters; Hilary lives in New York City and Erin, who will be getting married in October of this year, resides in Chicago.

Jamie and Felicia are highly active volunteers in the greater Milwaukee community. Jamie is past president of the Harry and Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center and Felicia is past president of the Milwaukee Jewish Day School. Felicia currently works outside of Senior Helpers as the director of development for the Milwaukee Jewish Free Loan Association. Jamie is a past board member of Operation Dream, an organization that provides developmental opportunities and mentoring support for young men in Milwaukee's inner-city area.

For more information about Senior Helpers, visit www.seniorhelpers.com/wi/milwaukee or contact Erin Brannan at 414-228-4600 or email shintake@seniorhelpers.com.

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Bay Day Modifies Plans for 2021

While it is going to look a little different than in year's past, Bay "Day" is one event that is sure to happen in 2021. In a display of true community spirit, the Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation, Merchants of Whitefish Bay, Whitefish Bay Public Education Foundation and the Village of Whitefish Bay have again teamed up for this eco-themed event.

The events will take place from Saturday, April 24, to Sunday, May 2. Leading up to the event, information will be shared about things residents can do to be a bit greener, including composting, recycling during the pandemic, medication disposal and more! Events will include:

Recycle Day: Watch the Village newsletter for ways to support sustainability in our community. Information will be provided about small-group, socially distant, masked, clean-up activities taking place during the week. **Note: The traditional recycling drop-off will not take place in 2021.** Also, visit the MMSD Home HazMat collection page for information on how to recycle hazardous waste: <https://www.mmsd.com/what-you-can-do/home-haz-mat-collection>.



Run the Bay: Lace up your sneakers and enjoy this virtual run/walk race. We encourage you to put the headphones down and enjoy the natural beauty of the Bay, whether it is solo or with your family. All proceeds go back to the Whitefish Bay Public Education Foundation. Register today at <http://www.runthebay.org>.

Music Day in the Bay: Local musicians will delight residents and neighbors with a three-hour, roving concert. Enjoy the music while you #ShopLocal and support one of our great local Merchants of Whitefish Bay. The Merchants welcome all Bay Day participants and their families to shop Silver Spring Drive for some great Bay Day promotions!

Members of all four organizations continue the planning process to make this an impactful, and safe, community event. Watch for information on how you can win valuable prizes from our Merchants! Please read the Village newsletter, the Civic Foundation's website and the various groups' Facebook pages for more information. Any local businesses interested in sponsorships may contact the Civic Foundation at board@wfbcivicfoundation.org.



The Civic Foundation also asks that you mark your calendar for its annual **Memorial Day Ceremony** on Monday, May 31, 2021, at 11 a.m., at Armory Park. The community organization provided a \$10,000 grant last year for the

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BY KATIE COMMER



NATIONAL Library Week



APRIL 4 THROUGH APRIL 10 is National Library Week! This is a chance for the community to recognize the value of libraries and to support the library to assure our continued success. There are so many ways to love your library, but here are a few ways to celebrate.

- ▶ Consider paying off your fines either by paying online through CountyCat or you can also drop off or send a check.
- ▶ Become a Friend of the Whitefish Bay Library. Friends are a group who provide supplemental funding to the library through fundraising efforts from used book sales. Sign up to be a Friend on our website.
- ▶ Write an email or letter to your local legislators or Village Board. Support the library by reminding your local legislators of the importance of the library as a necessary public service and a vital community resource.
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19 and non-residents can begin to register on April 20. After non-resident registration starts, programs are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Many of our summer programs do fill up; please do not hesitate to register.

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- ▶ **Registration packets** may be picked up at Richards and Cumberland Schools, the Lydell Community Center or downloaded from our website: www.wfbschools.com

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Recreation Department Spring Program Highlights

- ▶ **ADI Open Water Scuba Certification:** Join us as we partner with Aquatic Adventures Inc. to offer PADI Open Water Scuba Certification. This fun class will teach you the basics of how to dive safely and cover local spots and wrecks you can explore right off the coast of Whitefish Bay in Lake Michigan.
 - ▶ *Sat/Sun, April 17-25, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.*



- ▶ **Geocaching 101:** Join us virtually to learn about this global game of treasure hunting using longitude and latitude—perfect for the whole family to learn about as the weather warms up and the opportunities to get outside increase.
 - ▶ *Monday, April 19*



- ▶ **Youth Sports Camps:** Many youth sports camps are up and running through the month of April. Be sure to check the Youth Sports Section of our Winter/Spring guide, on pages 15-22, for basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, soccer, baseball and more!

Whitefish Bay Senior "55 and Better" Programs
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- ▶ **Pick-up Time:** 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** Lydell Community Center Parking Lot
- ▶ **Cost:** \$6.50 per meal
- ▶ **April 21, 2021 - Celebrate Spring**
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5844 N Shoreland Ave.	\$369,900	\$400,000	731 E Lake View Ave.	\$725,000	\$725,000
4814 N Hollywood Ave.	\$374,000	\$330,000	5412 N Shoreland Ave.	\$900,000	\$900,000
5775 N Lake Dr.	\$385,000	\$385,000	122 W Devon St.	\$1,300,000	\$1,240,000
5348 N Bay Ridge Ave.	\$399,000	\$399,000	5506 N Lake Dr.	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

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Address	List Price	Address	List Price
5854 N Bay Ridge Ave.	\$209,900	5232 N Shoreland Ave.	\$439,000
4937 N Woodburn St.	\$409,500	4646 N Wilshire Rd.	\$1,100,000

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Like many owners, dogs are experiencing bigger waistlines. Maybe it is because of the cold and snowy winter? Maybe it is because we shared our comfort food? Whatever the reason, just like in humans, extra pounds on a dog can lead to health issues, including joint issues, respiratory issues, diabetes and even a shorter lifespan. As we celebrate Active Dog Month, it is the perfect time to commit to better health for your canine best friend moving forward by adopting better habits for them:



► **Daily exercise**—like humans, dogs need at least 30 minutes of cardio. A brisk walk is great. Start slow and build up to a run by playing fetch or other games to have them work up a sweat.



► **Measure their meals.** Make sure you are not overfeeding and avoid table scraps (as hard as it is to resist those eyes!).

► **Use veggies** as a treat instead of higher calorie dog treats. **Ice cubes** can be fun treats, too.



► **Interactive toys**—giving your dog mental stimulation can be as effective as physical exercise on a cold or rainy day. There are many toys you can use to give your pup a workout, like using a treat ball to feed a meal of kibble.



► **Training** your dog some new tricks or brushing up on old ones to get them moving

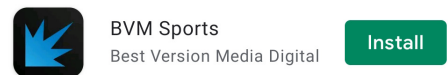
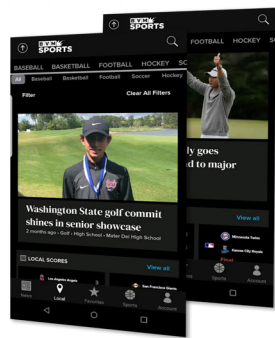
Your dog counts on you to make the best decisions for them. These small changes can mean a longer life together.

BY KAREN SPARAPANI

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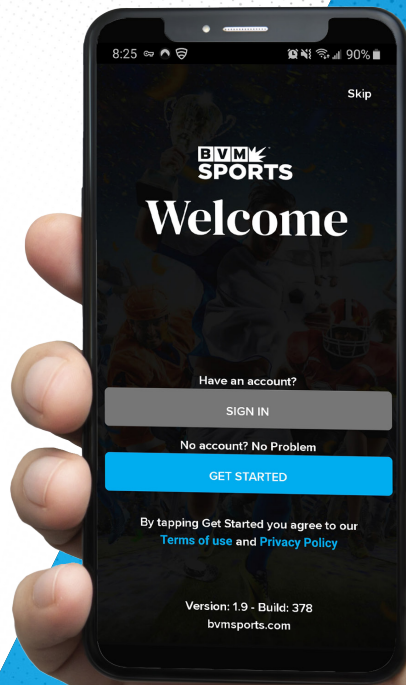
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Memorial Gardens

A MEMORIAL GARDEN provides a symbolic place to reflect on a special person's memory. My friend Lori passed in October, and I planted 350 spring bulbs in her honor before the first snow fell.

Lori Ahrenhoerster lived in Whitefish Bay, and she often contributed to *Bay Leaves* on the Health Department's behalf.

Among her many other hobbies, Lori loved to garden. She approached it with a scientific curiosity. Lori compared the timing of her first emerging bulbs to past years on Facebook. I loved the way she married science and storytelling.

I hung on every word of her blog for years. Called "Mammary Irony," the blog detailed her experiences with breast cancer and later treatment-induced leukemia. I considered Lori a Mommy Mentor. She would have loved my little boys dropping bulb after bulb into the holes I dug.

The pandemic magnifies grief's loneliness. Without a funeral, I missed an opportunity to connect with those who knew Lori in

the circles we shared. Instead, I reflected alone as I planted 350 spring bulbs—daffodils, tulips and muscari.

I thought of how Lori lived. She cared for her family and mentored countless new mothers. She enjoyed the outdoors in all seasons. She taught others, using her special talent of mixing engaging storytelling with notable facts and observations. I am grateful to have known Lori, and I will think of her each year when the first spring bulb pokes through my garden soil.



BY DARCIE WARREN

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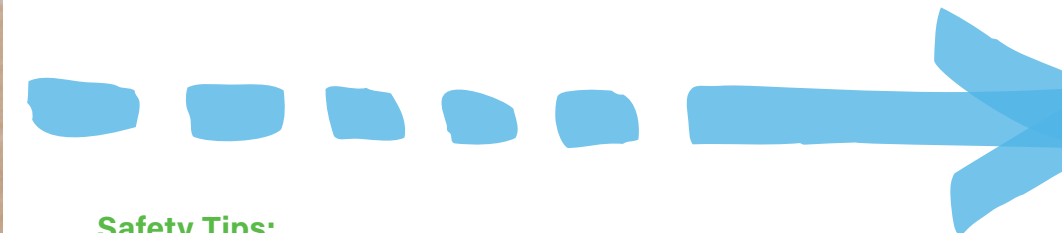
Lithium-Ion Battery Safety and Recycling

AS WE MOVE INTO SPRING, many in the community will take some time to conduct their annual spring cleaning at home. It is incredible what we may come across as we sift through things we no longer need. Many of these items can go into the regular garbage or recycling if they are not of any value at a donation center for those in need. However, some items, including lithium-ion batteries like those found in most smartphones and small consumer electronics must be recycled properly and should be handled with care.

While they provide extended use and quick and easy recharge, they can also be incredibly dangerous if improperly charged or damaged.

The problem:

- ▶ These batteries store a large amount of energy in a very small amount of space.
- ▶ Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- ▶ Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire or explode.



Safety Tips:

- ▶ Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- ▶ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ▶ Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- ▶ Put batteries in the device right away.
- ▶ Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- ▶ Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
- ▶ Keep batteries at room temperature.
- ▶ Do not place batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot vehicles.
- ▶ Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Battery Disposal:

- ▶ Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- ▶ Do not put discarded batteries of any type into piles.
- ▶ Lithium-ion batteries should be placed in a sealed metal container.
- ▶ Recycling is always the best option. Take them to a battery recycling location. A list of local hazardous waste disposal and recycling can be found at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Website: <http://www.mmsd.com/household-hazardous-waste>.

Signs of a Problem:

Stop using the battery if you notice any of the following problems:

- ▶ Odor
- ▶ Change in color
- ▶ Too much heat coming from the battery
- ▶ Change in shape
- ▶ Leaking
- ▶ Odd noises

If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and Call 9-1-1.

In addition to batteries, MMSD's website offers a host of other valuable information about the disposal of other hazardous household products, as well as expired fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and cleaning solutions.

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Remember When



the DPW Plowed the Sidewalks?

After digging out from some of the heavy snowfalls Whitefish Bay has endured this winter, long-time residents might have wistfully wondered: Didn't the Village do this job in the past? Indeed it did. For many years, the Department of Public Works plowed all of the sidewalks in the Bay, including those in front of residences, a responsibility now required of homeowners.

One of those workers who performed the task was Norbert Sikinger, who, in the 1970s, cleared the sidewalks in a revamped jeep (See the photo from 1958). The Village would plow anytime the snow depth exceeded three inches. It eventually discontinued the practice in the 1970s—one reason being that residents complained about their lawns getting chewed up by the blade. Norb noted

it was difficult to avoid lawns; when the snow was deep and drifting, it was hard to see exactly where the sidewalk was. Also, the blade was the width of the sidewalk so being off by just a few inches could damage the lawn. Residents were also frustrated by the delays caused by the crews having to plow the entire Village. And finally, the service became unnecessary as the back-breaking work of clearing snow with a shovel was replaced by modern snowblowers.



Until his recent retirement, Norb continued to plow Village-owned parkways and lots, park sidewalks, the civic buildings on Marlborough Drive, and certain intersections, but today's plow has much better driver sight-lines and blade controls—and it can salt simultaneously (See the second photo; Norb is in the green vest). Norb's career was part of a family tradition of service to the Village. His father, Joseph Sikinger, worked in the forestry department for 40 years.

BY THOMAS FEHRING

calendar of events APRIL 2021

Ongoing
Virtual Art Projects and Tours
Milwaukee Art Museum
All website visitors have access to tours and family project ideas.
www.mam.org

Ongoing
Social Distanced Walking
@Lynden Sculpture Garden
Enjoy a walk and art as you stroll through the sculpture garden free of charge thanks to the Herzfeld Foundation.
Time: 10am-4pm
www.lyndensculpturegarden.org

Ongoing, April 3-May 31
Seasons of Legend
@Mitchell Park Domes
A look at the ways different cultures used folklore to explain the changing of the seasons. Reserve your time slot and enjoy the domes like you've never seen before! Visit the website for details.
Time: Varies
Cost: \$8 non-members
county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Explore/The-Domes

Thurs.-Sun., April 8-11
Just Between Friends Sale
@Wisconsin State Fair Expo Center
Come shop for all you need for your child. This huge consignment sale is open to all. Sizes newborn-18/20 (juniors too), as well as toys, books, puzzles, baby equipment, and much more!
Time: Varies by day, check website
Cost: \$3
www.milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com

Sat.-Sun., April 17-18
Gallery Night Milwaukee
@Downtown
Check the website for galleries that are open and public viewing times.
Cost: Free
gallerynightmke.com/plan-your-gallery-night

Sat., April 24
Watercolor Wisconsin
@Racine Art Museum
Now in its 54th year, Watercolor Wisconsin is an annual statewide competition that has been organized by the museum since 1966.
Time: 10am-4pm
Cost: Free
www.ramart.org

Save the Date
Sat.-Sun., May 22-23
4th Annual Spring Fling Art & Craft Fair
@Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center
This indoor art, craft & vendor fair features more than 100 booths in total with approximately 80% of the booths consisting of handmade arts & crafts.
Cost: \$3 (Advance ticket sales are strongly recommended)
brewcitycrafters.com/events

Sat., Sept. 25
Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day Parade
@Downtown Milwaukee
The 54th annual Milwaukee Saint Patrick's Day parade has been rescheduled for September should public health conditions allow.
saintpatricksparade.org

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