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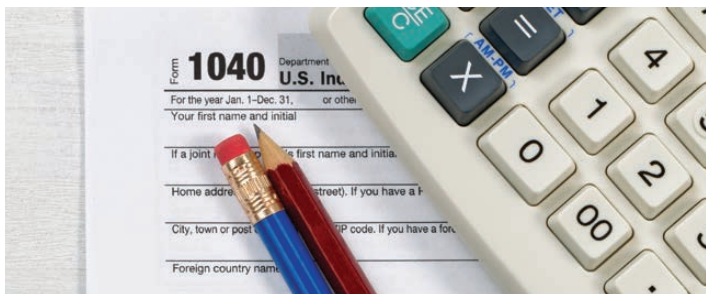
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**Important Property Tax Payment Information:**

Final installment for taxes due May 31, 2021 (May 31 is a Village Holiday—please plan accordingly.)



**WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT PAY ON TIME?**

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August 20	October
September 20	November
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November 20	January

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Smiling with Chip when he was just turning one!

**DEAR RESIDENTS,**

Throughout my life I have held many different roles. From being the director of marketing, a spin instructor, a writer, and wife just to name a few. Like many mothers, the role I cherish the most is that of being a mother. My son, Chip, was born in 2011. While the sleepless nights were a huge adjustment, the giggles, hugs, and endless love are simply the best. Our feature family, the Paulsons, are filled with lots of love from three children. Megan is forever thankful for the gift of being able to adopt her two daughters to complete her family. Enjoy reading their story and learning about why Megan is a huge advocate for adoption.



*Christine McBride*



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# From Kuwait to Whitefish Bay

## The Paulson Family Feels At Home Here



They say it takes a village to raise a child, and having lived all over the world, Megan Paulson can attest to Whitefish Bay being a great village to help her raise her three young children. Prior to living here, Megan experienced Whitefish Bay firsthand while attending law school at Marquette University and would often visit her sister's family living in Whitefish Bay.

"I would tag along to all the community events — 4th of July festivities, holiday parades, and lots of sporting events for my niece and nephews. I remember always thinking what an incredible place it was to raise kids because it was right alongside beautiful Lake Michigan and safe enough for kids to be independent and ride their bikes to friends houses," said Megan.

In 2005, Megan and her former husband, bought a house on Kent Avenue with newborn son Luke, who is now 15 and a freshman at Whitefish Bay High School. Some of their good friends were made because Megan would throw down a blanket in the front yard and chat with the neighbors while playing with Luke as a baby. Megan worked in the District Attorney's office and was exposed to many heartbreaking stories since she was assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit and Assault Unit. These experiences made her want to adopt a child through Child Protective Services (CPS) of Milwaukee.

"Through my casework, I observed so many children without a chance to thrive," said Megan. "It was due to things or issues that were out of their control and I felt like their path could change with a lot of consistent and healthy love. I was compelled to give the gift of lots of love to a child."

In 2008 on Megan's birthday she brought home the best birthday present, being her adopted daughter, two-week-old, Lucy. A healthy loving bond was formed and Lucy is now 13 and attends Whitefish Bay Middle School.

Shortly after Lucy's adoption, Megan was offered the position as a federal prosecutor in Texas. The family relocated to Brownsville, Texas which is located right on the border of Mexico and Texas. "The city is 90 percent Hispanic so we used this time



to learn about new cultures and celebrating events like Charro Days with our welcoming neighbors," said Megan.

In 2013, they completed their family with the adoption of Harper done through Child Protective Services of Houston. Harper always has a smile on her face and joined the Paulson family when she was seven months old. Today Harper is in first grade and is still smiling, giggling and loving life. While Megan admits that the adoption process can be uncertain and confusing, she is thrilled to have her two beautiful daughters thanks to adoption.

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"I just really wanted to adopt a child and give them a loving home," Megan said while smiling. "People turn to adoption for many reasons. CPS is an avenue to adopt a child that oftentimes gets overlooked due to misconceptions. While there are steps to follow to insure a lasting home for a child, the process is not always as difficult as one might think. When going through CPS to adopt they send out a survey where you are able to be honest with both yourself and the system over what possible issues you could or could not manage. There are tons of children in Milwaukee that need loving homes."

Being ready for adventure, Megan jumped at the career opportunity to relocate their family to Kuwait for two years. There she was employed by the Department of Justice and working for the Counterterrorism Bureau. While living in Kuwait, the children attended a British school system and had classmates from all over the world included France, Germany, and Turkey. "We tried to soak up all the culture that we were being exposed to from desert camping parties, flying to Dubai for baseball tournaments, and the vastly different but delicious food," said Megan.

For both personal and professional reasons, the Paulson family moved back to Whitefish Bay in 2016. As a single mother, Megan knew that moving back to Whitefish Bay would mean having extra sets of kind eyes watching over her children. "Whitefish Bay was very welcoming of my family as a nontraditional family. The community welcomed me as a single parent with open arms." Megan's goal and hope is that Whitefish Bay can feel like home to everyone. With two African American daughters, it's critical to Megan that we work together as a community to eliminate any type of bias or prejudice.

The Paulson family loves spending time together and staying active with sports. Luke and Lucy are avid basketball players, and Megan who plays a lot of tennis, enjoys hitting at the Cahill courts. Harper loves dancing, drawing and playing with neighborhood friends. Megan also volunteers on the board at Sojourner Truth House-The Family Peace Center which serves over 11,000 women a year who are victims of Domestic Violence.



Megan is passionate about sharing how thankful she is for the adoption process bringing Lucy and Harper into their family. "Every family puts themselves together differently and for different reasons. It doesn't have to fit for everyone or in a typical story, it just has to fit for you," said Megan while hugging her three children.

BY CHRISTINE MCBRIDE, PHOTOS BY BOUTIQUE PHOTOGRAPHER

### New Accessible Pedestrian Traffic Signal Coming to the Intersection of Santa Monica and Silver Spring

What began as a local high schooler's class project will soon become a reality, making one of the Village's busiest crosswalks more accessible for pedestrians with disabilities.

For the final project in her Leadership for Social Justice class, Whitefish Bay High School student Olivia Maillet was tasked with forming a plan to make a positive change in her community. She was inspired by her mother, who is visually impaired, to focus on improvements that would benefit those with disabilities.

Though she had witnessed some of the challenges her mom faces, Maillet's class introduced her to the concept of ableism. Plus, she said, "Taking the class opened my eyes to the everyday things that able-bodied people take for granted. For example, able-bodied people cross the street without a second thought while this task could be potentially life-threatening to people who are disabled." For her project, Maillet dreamed up a plan to install an Accessible Pedestrian Signal in the Village.

But, as the school year ended, Maillet sought to extend her work beyond the classroom.

With the help of her teacher, Mr. Johnson, and John Edlebeck, P.E., Director of Public Works, Maillet put together an estimate, and she presented her project to the Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation. They, along with the Business Improvement District and the Village (TID#1), agreed to fund a new Accessible Pedestrian Signal at the intersection of Santa Monica and Silver Spring Drives (see a breakdown of funding below).

#### Project Funding

- ▶ Civic Foundation **\$2,000**
- ▶ BID (Merchants of Whitefish Bay) **\$2,000**
- ▶ Village (TID#1) **\$3,970**
- ▶ **TOTAL \$7,970**

Maillet's mother, Peggy, looks forward to utilizing this new system. "I am vigilant about maintaining as much autonomy as I can, [and] this light is a perfect example of needed assistance that helps me remain independent," she said. "The APS system will allow me to cross the street safely, and it means a lot to me that my daughter recognizes and respects this need."

The Accessible Traffic Signal, which will be able to detect motion, allow pedestrians to actuate the crosswalk button on their phone via Bluetooth and provide audible crossing information, will be installed in late spring/early summer 2021.

Maillet is happy to be helping her mom—and many others in the Village. "For me, making a physical change in the community that will also benefit the disabled community is a dream come true. An APS system means that I won't have to be worried during the nice days when my mom decides to run errands on Silver Spring, and it will hopefully allow more members of the disabled community to cross the street independently and feel like their community recognizes and adapts to their needs, as all communities should. I hope that as Whitefish Bay advances and betters the community, they will not forget about the disabled community's needs, and will keep adapting and adjusting to fit those needs," she said.

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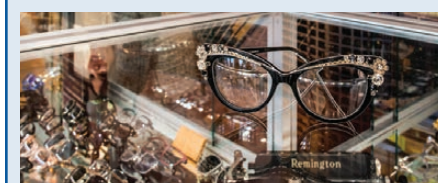


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The Green Team of Wisconsin provides full-service sustainable landscape maintenance, design and installation, and a unique all-natural lawn care program. In 2013, Bradley teamed up with his longtime friend Matt Astbury to grow the business to the next level. Together they have been able to quadruple their business and officially move out of Bradley's driveway.

"When I first started the business I would have to back my truck and trailer into our extremely narrow East Side driveway," said Bradley Blaeser. "I promised my wife that I would only monopolize the driveway for one year. While it took slightly longer than a year to relocate the business from the driveway, I eventually did fulfill that promise. We now have a great business facility on the border of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa."

The mission behind The Green Team of Wisconsin is to reduce the footprint of chemicals, fuel and water use. Through eco-minded maintenance and thoughtful designs they are able to create beautiful spaces using low-to-no chemicals. "We design spaces that help manage water onsite, before it flows into the stormwater systems," Matt Astbury notes. "We operate our business to take advantage of lower traffic volumes and we use innovative green tools and equipment whenever possible, which cuts down on gasoline fuel usage."

Since both Bradley and Matt live and work in the Milwaukee area they are committed to reducing chemicals and contaminants that enter the soil and waterways. One of their company goals is to create a next generation of leaders that look at the green industry as a meaningful career path, which also can positively impact the local environment.

The Green Team of Wisconsin enjoys giving back to the community and have partnered with a number of schools and non-profits to help them achieve their goals of environmental initiatives in their landscapes. "We have collaborated in areas that are traditionally underserved to help them set up successful landscapes and training programs," said Bradley. "It is very rewarding coming back the following year and seeing how these schools or non-profits have carried on with the landscaping and training we provided for them."



The entire team believes in the mission of The Green Team and is committed to improve Southeastern Wisconsin in a meaningful way both environmentally and socially. Mentoring is one of the cornerstones of the company because Bradley and Matt both enjoy learning from industry leaders but also giving back to the greater community.



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BY MCKENNA SHAFFER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR & BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping people from getting sick with COVID-19, but exercising caution is still recommended until additional research reveals how well vaccines prevent someone from spreading the virus, even if they are not actively sick. Experts believe that COVID-19 vaccines may prevent serious

illness with COVID-19 infection, which helps to reduce morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 and decrease the burden on our hospital systems. If you were recently vaccinated or expect to be soon, remember that it takes time for your body to build up antibodies after any vaccination, and it is estimated to take approximately two weeks after immunization for adequate protection to develop.

The benefits to the vaccinated individual are great, but lots more people need to be vaccinated for the community as a whole to move beyond this pandemic. Eventually, the goal of vaccination is to achieve herd immunity, meaning enough people have protection (through vaccination and natural infection) so it is more difficult for the virus to spread from person to person. The percentage of people who need to have protection to reach herd immunity varies by disease, and at this time scientists do not know what percentage of people would need to get vaccinated for COVID-19 to achieve herd immunity.

If you have not yet received your COVID-19 vaccine or are not yet eligible, know that production and distribution of the vaccine continue to improve and that public health officials are working at the federal, state and local levels to equitably make the vaccine available to all who want receive it.



BY KAYLA BONACK,  
PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANT

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5145 N Kent Ave.	\$356,000	\$380,000	5232 N Shoreland Ave.	\$439,000	\$451,000
5850 N Shoreland Ave.	\$369,900	\$370,000	5030 N Kent Ave.	\$499,900	\$493,000
5220 N Diversey Blvd.	\$385,000	\$380,000	800 E Glen Ave.	\$529,900	\$530,000
4949 N Hollywood Ave.	\$393,500	\$422,000	4961 N Woodburn St.	\$674,900	\$675,000
4769 N Sheffield Ave.	\$399,000	\$417,000	731 E Lake View Ave.	\$725,000	\$725,000

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**FOR WHITEFISH BAY'S MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

**AFTER A HIATUS IN 2020**, the community is invited to Whitefish Bay's Memorial Day Ceremony in 2021. This year's event will take place on Memorial Day, May 31, at 11:00 a.m., at Armory Park. Attendees are encouraged to keep themselves and community members healthy during the ceremony, which includes remaining a safe physical distance from others and following any other CDC guidelines recommended for outdoor events.

The Veterans Monument and Memorial Garden at Armory Park honors the rich history of men and women who served and fought valiantly for our nation. Located on the original site of Whitefish Bay National Guard Armory, the monument is located at the southwest corner of Henry Clay Street and Ardmore Avenue. Thank you to John Kearns for his ongoing work to maintain the Veterans Monument and Memorial Garden, including the use of a \$10,000 grant from the Civic Foundation to beautify and better the park last year.

Similar to past years, the ceremony will be an opportunity for Veterans to connect with one another and for the community to honor our country's fallen service members. The event will also

give Whitefish Bay families a way to teach children the meaning behind Memorial Day and to witness traditional military customs.

Many volunteers are involved in making this ceremony possible, and we are grateful for their continued efforts. We would like to especially thank our friends at the Department of Public Works. Our events take a village, or in this case, the Village, to provide additional labor, permitting, policing and other support. We thank the DPW for its continued partnership.

Your Civic Foundation continues its work to modify the events you've come to know and love in a way that safely allows us to come together as a Village. Please visit our website and Facebook page to learn about other upcoming events. See you around the Bay!



BY TOM GLEASON,  
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AS THE WEATHER GETS NICER and more people clamor to get outside and cure those winter blues, both drivers and pedestrians need to take time to brush up on some simple safety tips that can help ensure everyone gets to their destination without injury. The National Safety Council estimates that nearly 80 million bicyclists share the road with motorized vehicles annually. That, coupled with the significant increase in pedestrian traffic due to nicer weather, can be a recipe for disaster if we are not careful. Trauma Centers across the country report a significant increase in traumatic injuries during the spring and summer months. In fact, deaths from bicycle injuries have risen nearly 29 percent over the last eight years. Following these steps can help keep you safe:

### Cyclists:

- ▶ Adjust your seat to the proper height and lock it in place.
- ▶ Make sure all parts are secure and working properly. Consider having your bike checked annually at a local repair shop.
- ▶ Ensure your tires are inflated properly.
- ▶ Make sure the bike is equipped with reflectors on the front, rear and inside the spokes of the wheels. Try to ride during daylight hours only, but if you must ride at night, ensure you have a working front headlight and rear taillight that are illuminated and flashing, and wear brightly colored/fluorescent clothing or a traffic vest to make yourself more visible.
- ▶ ALWAYS wear a helmet. As adults, wearing a helmet not only sets a good example for children, but it can also save your life in the event of a crash. Ensure your helmet is properly fitted. Most bike shops have individuals certified to perform bike helmet fitting.
- ▶ Be familiar with local traffic laws and always ride single file in the same direction as traffic.

### Pedestrians:

- ▶ Whenever possible, walk during daylight hours. If you must travel out after dusk, ensure you are wearing brightly colored or reflective clothing.
- ▶ Stay alert—avoid using a cell phone or wearing ear buds when approaching or crossing an intersection.
- ▶ Obey all traffic laws and pedestrian crosswalk signage.
- ▶ Always cross at a crosswalk or designated pedestrian crossing.



Safety on the road is the responsibility of EVERYONE. If we work together and all do our part, we can ensure that the outdoors are safe for all, no matter the modality used for travel. For more safety tips and information on the programs and services offered by North Shore Fire/Rescue, visit our website [www.nsfire.org](http://www.nsfire.org) or follow us on social media.



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## FROM Faye's FASHION FILES

### My Staff's Predictions, Opinions, & Advice for Post-Pandemic Fashion

"Weed out all your 'so-so' pieces. Only wear what you love!" *Angie*

"Sweatpants and leisurewear will stay, but add statement pieces, prints, & color!" *Eleonora*

"Less is more. Interest continues to grow in small, independent designers; female-owned & black-and-brown owned businesses." *Jen*

"Time to get our s\*\*t together. Get dressed, people!" *Linda*

"Thoughtfully choose new pieces because things are beginning to open up, and you need to be ready: comfortable & cute!" *LZ*

"Add some excitement to your wardrobe: fun footwear...a message tee...polish it up with a blazer...a soft pretty blouse." *Lisa*

"Let's get back to some GLAMOUR: bold prints & bright colors. You want to be comfortable, but don't let go of your love of fashion & style." *Mindy*

And Tiffany laments what she misses most about pre-pandemic fashion: LIPSTICK!"



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## Whitefish Bay Library



This past year we've seen a lot of changes to library services, hours, digital resources, programs and more due to the pandemic. How can you keep up with all these changes and stay in the know with library announcements and news, learn about programs and even get some book and movie recommendations? We've got a variety of places to check out library news.

**LIBRARY NEWSLETTER**—We moved our newsletter to a new platform. With this new service, we will be able to bring you the news that you want to hear based on your interests. To get signed up, visit this page on our website [bit.ly/3lk6uJo](http://bit.ly/3lk6uJo), fill out the form with name and email address and then select which emails you'd like to receive.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**—Check out Whitefish Bay Library on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Pinterest! We'll keep you in the loop on upcoming programs and events, as well as other library resources. We also post some fun book-related memes and other book news.

**LIBRARY WEBSITE & BLOG**—This is the place to get the most updated library news and info. Check out our homepage, at [www.wfblibrary.org](http://www.wfblibrary.org), for the most important news. While you are there, visit our blog where we give you book recommendations for all ages, highlight digital resources, upcoming programs, crafts, storytimes and more.

**VILLAGE WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER**—Hear about library news as well as other Village of Whitefish Bay news in the village weekly e-newsletter. Sign up at [bit.ly/3tlWYBN](http://bit.ly/3tlWYBN)

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# Celebrate

## World Migratory Bird Day

World Migratory Bird Day celebrates the beauty, song, flight and intrigue of migratory birds. This year's theme is "Sing, Fly, Soar Like a Bird." World Migratory Bird Day is the only education program that celebrates the migration of hundreds of bird species between their summer nesting habitats in North America and wintering grounds in Latin America, Mexico and the Caribbean.

From sandpipers and cranes to vultures and hummingbirds, this year's World Migratory Bird Day will explore what makes birds unique. With approximately 10,400 bird species globally and approximately 900 bird species in the United States, birds are ambassadors of the natural world. You can support and protect birds by growing native pollinator plants in your yard, reducing plastic use, picking up plastic waste, keeping your cat indoors or putting a bell on its collar and more.

Participate in World Migratory Bird Day Live Programs from April 23-May 8 (birddaylive.com) on Facebook and Instagram at Environment for the Americas and at World Migratory Bird Day.

To help locally, visit whitefishbaygardenclub.com, follow us on Facebook: Whitefish Bay Garden Club, and on Instagram @wfbgardenclub.



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Other folks feed outdoor feral cats because of kind hearts. When any cat that is not sterilized is permitted to go or live outside with plenty of resources to raise a new family, you are contributing to the thousands of kittens that are born every year in Milwaukee County.

Every spring, summer and fall, when the conditions can support it, kittens are constantly born and brought into shelters—some taken from mothers soon after being born outdoors, others captured too old to be tamed and adopted out. These kittens require dozens, if not hundreds, of foster homes willing to care for and socialize these kittens, and many do not make it. Many other kittens and cats become part of the food chain for wild animals or get sick and die.

If your pet cat is not sterilized, we urge you to get it done as soon as possible. We ask that you not feed outdoor cats which encourages them to reproduce. Please help us get a handle on the outdoor cat population by keeping your kitty inside and making sure they are sterilized. Call MADACC for low-cost feline spay/neuter appointments at 414-649-8640.

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## Summer Means Swimming and Tennis in the Bay!

### Splish, Splash!

Want your child to learn how to swim? Well, you are in luck! Beginners to more advance swimmers looking to perfect their skills are encouraged to register for Recreation Swim Lessons. Lessons are certified by the Red Cross and take place in the two Whitefish Bay High School indoor pools. Private swim lessons are also available for swimmers ages 5 and older. All registration materials and a full lesson schedule can be found in the Summer 2021 Recreation Guide.

### NEW! Family Fun Swim

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer our traditional summer Open Swim program at the High School pool, due to COVID-19 restrictions. The NEW Family Fun Swim program is an opportunity for families to cool down as the days heat up. Registration will get you and your family an hour-long pool time on a Saturday or Sunday for up to 15 of your family members. The swim time includes access to fun pool noodles, toys and the diving well for swimmers who pass the swim test. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Please don't wait to register; these times will go quickly.

- ▶ **WFB High School, Field House Pool**
- ▶ Saturdays and Sundays, June 19 – Aug 15 (skip July 3, 4), 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ▶ **Fee:** \$50/\$60 non-resident



### Tennis Anyone?

The summer Whitefish Bay Recreation Program offers youth (starting at age 4) through adult lessons with tennis pro Phil Kelbe and staff. Sessions start June 14. Have a more advanced player? The Recreation Department also offers a youth league program, JR SEPRC League, where players will compete in meets against other local Recreation Departments. All players must be pre-registered. Summer tennis lessons do fill quickly, so don't wait to sign up.

### T-Ball and Coaches Pitch Leagues Return

We are happy to announce that, after not having a season in 2020, T-Ball and Coaches Pitch Leagues are coming back in 2021 stronger than ever! Be sure to dust of your mitts and practice your swings because we are determined to make this a season to remember. Early registration deadline is May 10, with games beginning in June. Check out our Summer Guide for all details and registration information.

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### Full-Day Summer Camps Are Back

Summer is quickly approaching, and we are excited to bring back our full-day Summer Day Camps. Families will notice some fairly big changes to our camps as we work to mitigate risk for our campers and keep our community healthy. Camp Richards and Camp Cumberland will only offer full-day camp with field trips included, and our weekly camper maximums

have been lowered to 75 campers a week. K-Camp will only offer a Monday-Friday option with field trips included and camper maximums lowered to 20 per room. Camper spots are limited, so if you need full-day camp care, please do not wait to register. All summer camp offerings and registration information can be found in our Summer 2021 Recreation Guide.

### WHITEFISH BAY SENIOR "55 AND BETTER" PROGRAMS ....In the Community for the Community

#### Senior Grab N Go Dining

Grab 'n Go Dining was created to enable our seniors to stay safe while grabbing a hot meal provided by Nicolet Catering Services. Pre-registration is required. Pull into the parking lot, and our staff will ask for your name and bring the meal to your car. Lunches are served hot in a microwavable to-go container. Eat hot when you get home, or refrigerate and reheat later!

- ▶ **Pick-Up Time:** 12:00-12:45 p.m.
- ▶ **Location:** Lydell Community Center, Parking Lot
- ▶ **Cost per meal:** \$6.50
- ▶ **Sunny and Fresh - May 19, 2021:** Seasoned Lemon Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Seasoned Green Beans, Soft Roll & Butter, Creamy Coleslaw, Chocolate Cake

#### Senior Walking Tour

- ▶ Around the Ward in 90 minutes
- ▶ Thursday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ **Starting Location:** Milwaukee Public Market, 400 N. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202
- ▶ (Meet OUTSIDE the market; Meeting location is subject to change)
- ▶ **Distance:** Approximately 1.3 miles of walking
- ▶ **Fee:** \$40.00 (does not include gratuity for tour guide)

At one time an unfortunate victim to a devastating fire and some bloody history, the Historic Third Ward is now one of the most beautiful and most frequently visited neighborhoods in Milwaukee. Once-empty factories and vacant lots now house delicious restaurants, enticing boutiques and lavish condos...and an official plaque recognizing the birthplace of pizza in Milwaukee! To hear more about that great story and so many others, join us for an in-depth experience with one of our local tour guides on our Around the Ward in 90 Minutes tour!

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## BID - Mark Your Calendars for Spring and Summer Events!

**IT IS MAY**—the sun is shining, and the flowers are beginning to show themselves. It will soon be May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend and my personal favorite, No Diet Day.

Thank you to those who participated in Bay "Day," or "Bay Week" as we modified it for 2021. We are especially grateful to all the Merchants on Silver Spring who provided some awesome gift certificates for winners to enjoy, and to all who supported the Whitefish Bay Public Education Foundation through the virtual Run the Bay. As we close out the week, watch (and listen!) for the "Music Truck," which will be driving around on Saturday, May 1, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; performers 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, including the newly opened women's boutique, Artes and Ivy!

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

### ■ The Whitefish Bay Farmers Market

**Saturdays, June 12–October 16, 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.**

New dates, same location—the Farmers' Market will return to the corner of Silver Spring and Santa Monica (325 E. Silver Spring Drive, in the Aurora Parking lot) this summer. For more information, contact [info@whitefishbayfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@whitefishbayfarmersmarket.com)

### ■ WFB Art Festival

**Saturday–Sunday, July 17–July 18, 10:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.**

The Merchants along with Amdur Productions will be closing Silver Spring Drive, from Santa Monica to Lake Drive, so that 100+ artists from all over the county can set up tier booths and present artworks for visitors to browse and shop. The juried artists, entertainment, music, food and beverage will make this a wonderful event for the whole family. Watch for details at [www.merchantswhitefishbay.com](http://www.merchantswhitefishbay.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/ShopWFB/>



Each month on our website, [www.MerchantsWhitefishBay.com](http://www.MerchantsWhitefishBay.com), we HIGHLIGHT a business on the street. Check it out to learn more about our amazing local businesses!

BY KATIE COMMER

## ENTER THE FUN BLOCK PARTY CONTEST

FROM THE ELSAFY TEAM



WIN A DUNK TANK AND ICE CREAM TREATS!

**T**here is nothing better than summer in Whitefish Bay! The real estate group, the Elsafy Team loves touring Whitefish Bay with buyers and showcasing the fun traditions of each block. Neighbors help each other in countless ways and each block has their own special dynamic.

One tradition that holds strong in Whitefish Bay is having an annual block party. With most people currently feeling more comfortable gathering outside, block parties offer the perfect solution to socialize with neighbors. To add to the fun, the Elsafy Team is giving five blocks the added bonus of having both a dunk tank and ice cream cart set up at their block party!

"Everyone on the Elsafy Team loves the community and we thought this would be a great way to add a little extra fun to your block party," said Essam Elsafy. "One of our favorite things to share about Whitefish Bay when touring new buyers around town is all the summer fun. From the farmers market, to Klode Park, and the 4th of July celebrations, there is so much to love about life in the Bay. What brings it all together is the block parties - that is where lifelong bonds are formed."

To enter the contest please visit [elsafyteam.com/blockparty](http://elsafyteam.com/blockparty) to tell Essam and his team why your block should win! Remember five lucky blocks will win this amazing contest from the Elsafy Team!

Aside from planning amazing block parties, the Elsafy Team is happy to help with any real estate questions you may have. From buying to selling, staging and assessing market values, the Elsafy Team is happy to be your real estate expert. Essam and the other members of the Elsafy Team can be reached at [elsafyteam@shorewest.com](mailto:elsafyteam@shorewest.com).

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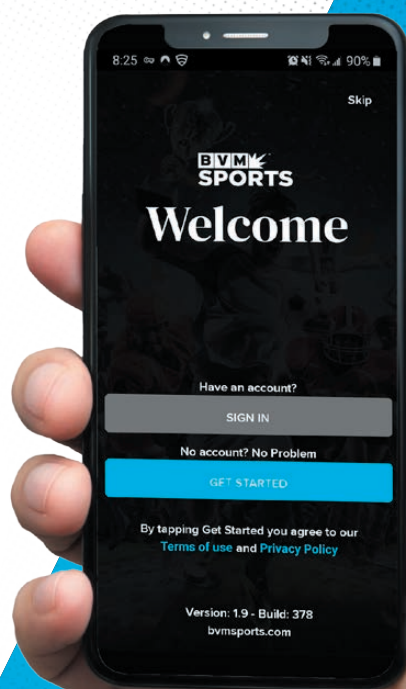
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**WHAT:** Win a dunk tank + ice-cream cart for your summer block party!

**HOW:** Go to [elsafyteam.com/blockparty](http://elsafyteam.com/blockparty) to tell us why your block should win!

**WHY:** We love our community and want to add a little extra fun to your party!

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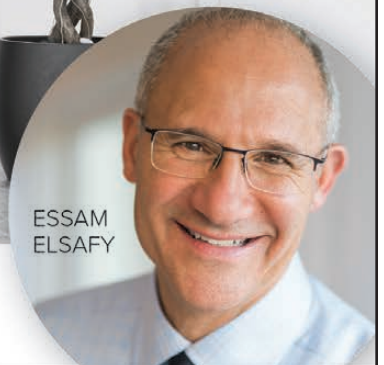
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