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Refuse and Recycling Holiday Schedule Change:

Refuse and recycling normally collected on Monday, May 30, 2022, will be collected on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Important Property Tax Payment Information:

Final installment for taxes due May 31, 2022. (May 30 is a Village Holiday – please plan accordingly)

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT PAY ON TIME?

For any property tax bill where payment is not made timely, the bill is considered delinquent and the remaining balance is subject to interest and penalty. When paying in installments, if a payment is missed, the installment plan is no longer available and the balance is due in full. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes and Village of Whitefish Bay Municipal Code, delinquent property tax bills are charged 1.5% interest and penalty per month (in the calculation of interest and penalty, a partial month is considered a full month). Interest and penalties are charged retroactive to February 1, 2022.

HOW DO I MAKE A PAYMENT?

- ▶ **By Mail:** Make check payable to the Village of Whitefish Bay Send check to Village of Whitefish Bay, 5300 N. Marlborough Drive, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217
- ▶ **On the Village Website,** www.wfbvillage.org: Click "Pay Property Tax Bill Online" on the bottom of page or visit: <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/VillageofWhitefishBayWI>

User Fees Do Apply:

- ▷ Credit/Debit Cards – 2.39% per Transaction, \$1.50 minimum
- ▷ Electronic Check – \$1.50 flat fee

- ▶ **Village Hall 24-Hour Night Depository,** located in entrance of Village Hall: Deposits made prior to midnight will be processed using that day's date.

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SO... WHAT EXACTLY IS A STYLIST?
IT'S THE PERFECT TIME IN YOUR FASHION LIFETIME TO FIND OUT

By definition, a stylist is an experienced professional who provides fashion advice, helps to choose & coordinate outfits.

During the pandemic, our lifestyles changed drastically, and some of us lost touch with our closets.

The GOOD NEWS is we're open to more experimentation, making it the perfect time to evolve our fashion sense and style. Visit your favorite boutique and ask a stylist whose "look" you admire to help.

She/he/they are the experts – you honor them when you let them do their job. Some of the most gratifying moments of my 30+ year fashion career have been helping clients step out of their box and exercise their fashion muscle (yes, you have one!). Step-by-step, little-by-little, a sense of style emerges. Experimentation with your wardrobe and improved self-esteem can lead to changes in other areas of your life.

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DEAR RESIDENTS,

Years ago when my husband and I were planning our wedding, we wanted our first dance to have simple but elegant choreographed moves. We signed up for a few dance classes, created a routine and had a blast showing off our new dance moves at the reception. For our feature family, the Cigelskes, have such a love of dancing and movement, that they created their own dance studio on Silver Spring this past year. Enjoy reading about what motivated them to open a studio here and maybe I'll see you at a future dance class!



CHEERS,

Christine McBride



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Dancing With The Cigelske Family



Living in Whitefish Bay allows many residents to remain local with where they shop, play and schools for their children. For dance families, there wasn't a local children's dance studio, until this past fall when Jess and Tim Cigelske opened up Fresh Coast Dance on Silver Spring.

How Jess and Tim landed there steams from a boomerang move back to Whitefish Bay after a quick move to another community. In 2006 they bought their first home on Woodruff and it was the perfect size and location for the couple at the time. However after the arrival of their two children, Clara and Xavier, the two bedroom house was feeling very cramped. "We needed more space and thought being near grandparents would help us with raising two young children," Tim said. "We bought a house in Hales Corners and within a month missed the walkable lifestyle Whitefish Bay offered. Everything was just so different - there was nowhere to walk our dogs, playdates were a hassle to organize, and we were always driving to go anywhere. Originally we thought we would stick it out until the kids hit high school, but after just three years we put our house on the market and moved back to Whitefish Bay."

They found their forever home centrally located near both the middle and high school. "What's amazing is Clara is able to come home for lunch and we catch up during that time since we both work so close from home, we just head home for our lunch hours," Tim noted.

While being back in Whitefish Bay was the life decision the family was happy with, being a self-proclaimed, 'Dance Mom' meant Jess was always in the car driving the children to dance classes. There aren't dance studios that are nearby so depending on the studio they were driving to that day, Jess would be in the car 30 to 45 minutes one-way, multiple days per week.

"After Covid hit, we re-evaluated our life plan and what we really wanted to place our time and effort into, and spending hours each week in a car wasn't in that plan," joked Jess. Having a dance background, Jess was motivated to explore opening her own dance studio. Starting off small, they subleased a space and when it was obvious the demand was there, the Cigelskes took the leap and signed a lease for a space on Silver Spring.

The opening goal was September 2021, and with no margin for error on the contractor timeline, they magically made it happen. "Immediately we were embraced by the community and had over 100 families sign up for our first dance season," and Jess. They offer classes six days a week which includes jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, contemporary, musical theatre and have expanded to offer adult classes as well. They will have their first recital this Spring and for those families who wish to be more competitive they have a traveling program.

"One of our main goals with Fresh Coast Dance was that families can pick how involved and competitive they are with dance," Tim said. "Oftentimes children have to focus on one specific sport very early-on and we take the opposite approach. We want children to experiment with different sports without the pressure of





feeling like they need to specialize in a sport at a young age. For those that want to be competitive, we also offer that option, but we view our studio as a middle-ground where families can pick their own path."

Jess can often be found teaching at the dance studio and Tim is beyond proud of his wife's efforts to make this dream a reality. "I'll happily brag about what an amazing job she did, from being the general contractor having the studio done in time for classes to start, to now choreographing and teaching 20 classes a week. It's been amazing to watch her work so hard for the studio that brings our whole family so much joy."

Both of their children dance at the studio and a highlight for them is participating in classes with friends from school and their neighborhood. When not busy dancing, the Cigelskes make time to shop or dine along Silver Spring together. "Now being a business owner on Silver Spring, I realize what a great local business community we have," said Jess. "There is so much pride from the storefront owners and we love supporting anyone we can because we know how invested we all are in Whitefish Bay."

BY CHRISTINE MCBRIDE, PHOTOS BY BOUTIQUE PHOTOGRAPHER



ONE OF BAY'S Oldest Farms

One cannot imagine Whitefish Bay today as farmland, but there are hints throughout the Village that 187 years ago that is exactly what it was.

The home at 5051 N. Santa Monica Blvd—the Gustav and Ida Runge Mittelstaedt House—marks the spot where the Bay's first farm might have been cultivated. The house was built in 1913, but the property's history goes back even before Wisconsin became a U.S. territory. In October 1835, eight months after Native Americans had vacated lands west of Lake Michigan as agreed in the 1833 Treaty of Chicago, Joel Buttles became possibly Whitefish Bay's first white settler, purchasing 80 acres, including this parcel, from the U.S. government. Buttles would come to own 240 acres bounded by what is today Silver Spring Dr, Hampton Rd, Lydell Ave and Idlewild Ave. In a property transaction in 1843, Increase A. Lapham, one of America's foremost naturalists and father of the U.S. Weather Service, is shown as "attorney-in-fact" for Buttles and his wife, Lauritta.

The land passed through several hands until Gustav and Ida, immigrants from Pomerania, Prussia, Germany purchased five acres in 1909. Gustav is identified in census records as a truck farmer, producing vegetables for local markets. In 1913 they completed construction of the red brick residence for themselves and five children. Their son William served for a time as a constable in Whitefish Bay. Like many surviving farmhouses in the Bay, the house is set forward on the lot before setbacks were regulated by

the Village. Gustav sold the property in 1920. Gustav would have been among the last to earn his living as a farmer. Land in that area was platted in 1925 and by 1930 nearly 100 homes had been built.

Robert and Anna Kruecke purchased the residence and lived in it until Anna's death in March 1932. The home has been lovingly maintained by successive owners ever since.

The Gustave and Ida Runge Mittelstaedt House was placed on the Whitefish Bay Architecture and History Inventory in November 2021 by the Historic Preservation Commission.

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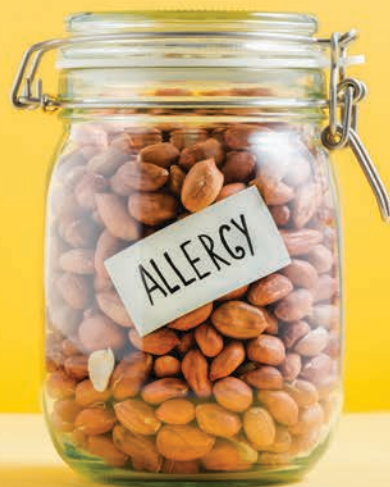
MAY IS FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH. As the sun shines brighter and weather gets warmer, more people get together and cookout. It's important to remember when hosting others that many food allergies are common.

What is a food allergy? Food allergy is when your immune system overreacts to an allergen (harmless food protein). Any food can cause an allergy, and reactions vary from mild (mild hives or minor abdominal pain) to severe anaphylaxis (low blood pressure and loss of consciousness).

- ▶ Food allergies can start in childhood or as an adult. 32 million Americans have food allergies with 1 in 13 children having food allergies.
- ▶ In the U.S., the most common food allergens are milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS TIPS

- ▶ Communicate! Let others know, including restaurant staff, of your food allergies. Some restaurants have allergy free menus.



- ▶ When in doubt, skip the food in question.
- ▶ Pre-plan and consider bringing prepackaged foods or eating prior to the event.
- ▶ Planning an event or celebration? Ask your guests if they have food allergies.
- ▶ Label and segregate food items to help reduce cross-contamination.

EXAMPLES OF CROSS-CONTAMINATION TO AVOID:

- ▶ Picking nuts off a salad
- ▶ Using the same fryer oil for fish and French fries
- ▶ Using the same serving utensils to serve multiple dishes
- ▶ Using the same block to cut fish, nuts and/or vegetables or meat
- ▶ Sharing mixers, pans, etc., in preparation of multiple foods

BY TANYA BOHACHEFF, PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANT

M&M TREE CARE

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From left Bob Jr, Zach, Bob senior
Inset photo from left Bob Sr, Zach, Bob Jr.

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Robert's son, nicknamed Bob Jr. was motivated to join the family business and growing it to become a recognized name with tree care services. Determined to bring their tree knowledge to the highest standard, Bob Jr. became a Certified Arborist and created a team of Arborists for their clients needs. Bob Jr. gained accreditation status with the highly respected Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) and continues to keep professional standards in all areas of tree care.

"We take pride in how many repeat clients and customer referrals we have had over

the decades, that is what motivated me to join the family business," said Zach Miller, Bob Jr.'s son and third generation owner. For over a decade, Zach has been a crew leader, climber, and plant health care tech. He spent his youth learning all facets of the business and followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a Certified Arborist. He is very proud to be the third generation Miller to take the helm of the business. "Being involved in a multi-generational business is a great honor and privilege. M&M Tree Care has been a cornerstone of the Miller family and was built from the ground up starting with my grandfather, who made it through many difficult times but his perseverance has impacted the lives of many," Zach shared.

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~Jim Stockwell, Whitefish Bay Resident

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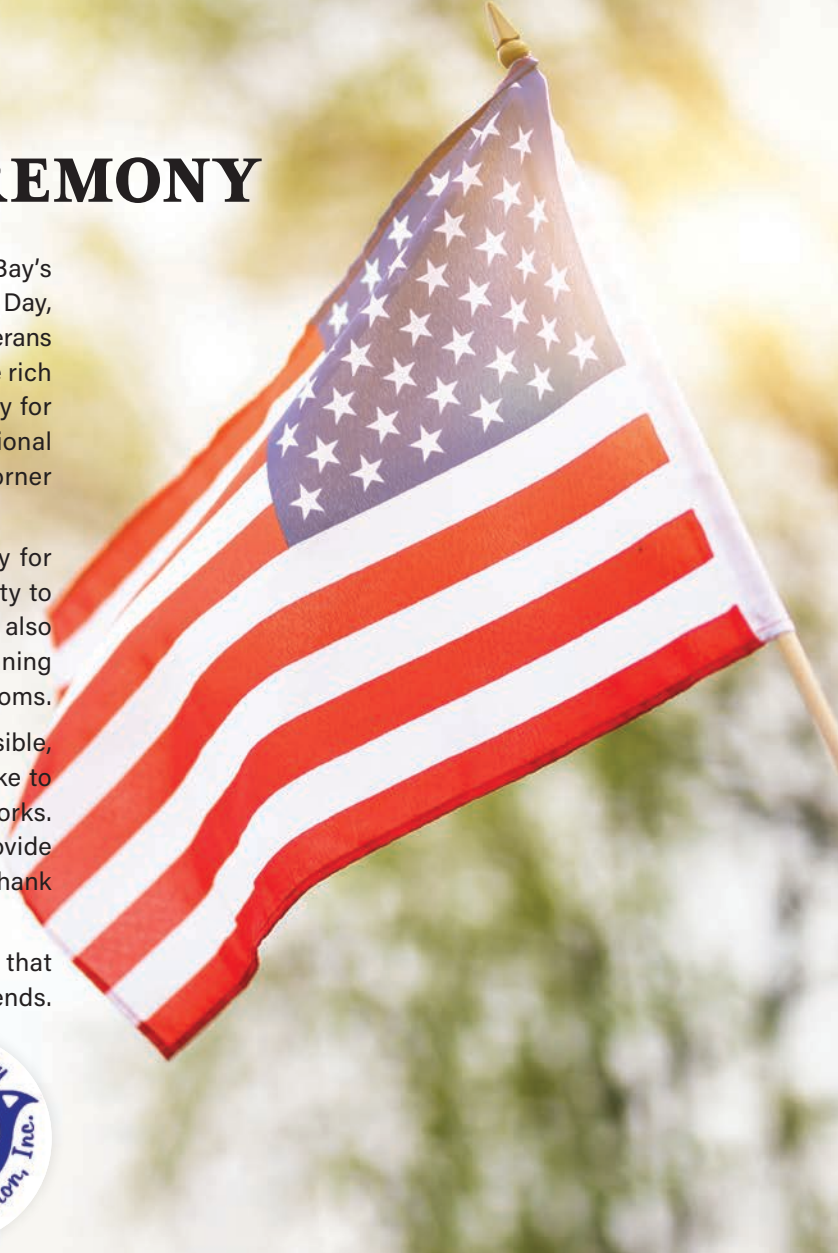
Similar to past years, the ceremony will be an opportunity for Veterans to connect with one another and for the community to honor our country's fallen service members. The event will also give Whitefish Bay families a way to teach children the meaning behind Memorial Day and to witness traditional military 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 put on events that encourage our Village to come together as neighbors and friends. Please visit our website and Facebook page to learn about other upcoming events.

See you around the Bay!

BY ERIC BUNKE, PRESIDENT



LOCAL CHINESE RESTAURANT EXPANDED MENU OPTIONS TO INCLUDE NEPALESE MENU

A Chhantyal family from the remote mountain region of Nepal is serving their traditional Nepalese cuisine from the kitchen of Royal Garden Chinese Restaurant in Glendale.

It was a long journey to Milwaukee from the Himalayan mountains of Nepal. Managing partner Ram, a member of Chhantyal ethnic group, grew up in a remote mountain village of Kuine-Mangale in the Western region of Nepal. After an adventurous life journey from leaving his village at age 18 to go to Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal, to studying in the Western world - Switzerland and London, he came to Milwaukee over 30 years ago. Ram, his wife Om, and extended family members all work together at Royal Garden restaurant serving traditional Chinese favorites.

They recently have introduced an authentic Nepalese menu under a new brand as Everest Cafe.

Ram and his wife's family farmed and made the arduous trek from the mountains to the nearest market place, carrying food grains and other daily necessities like salt, oil and sugar, on their back walking up and down the mountains for days. The items on Nepalese menu are from the generational recipes from their villages that Ram's wife

Om has scaled for a busy restaurant while maintaining authenticity.

ABOUT THE MENU

Because Nepal shares borders with Tibet in the North and India in the South, diners will see and taste similarities on the menu - and you can also expect similarities to Midwestern comfort foods. For those who are new to Nepalese cuisine, you'll find that the ingredients and flavors are familiar. Potatoes, lentils, cauliflower and chicken are common ingredients. Seasonings include cumin, coriander, chili peppers, garlic and ginger. Dishes include Momo (a steamed dumpling), Samosa (a savory fried pastry), Pakora (a spiced fritter), Daal (similar to a soup or stew), Takari (a vegetable curry) and Kukhura-ko Masu (a chicken curry).

SHAREABLE

The meeting of the two cuisines means that diners can try something new from the Nepalese menu along with a longtime favorite from the Chinese menu. Both menus are perfect for sharing when dining with family, friends and co-workers.

MADE FROM SCRATCH EVERY DAY BY FAMILY

The family oversees every aspect of the restaurant; the kitchen, the dining room and operations. Food is what brings peo-

ple together and because of that sentiment, the family take pride in house made, from scratch dishes on the traditional menu of Chinese favorites and the Nepalese menu. For more information please visit their websites at: www.everestcafetogo.com or www.royalgardentogo.com.

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Address	List Price	Address	List Price
5136 N Shoreland Ave.	\$374,900	5463 N Lake Dr.	\$799,900
1505 E Hampton Ave.	\$399,000	1056 E Circle Dr.	\$899,900
5569 N Shoreland Ave.	\$399,900	5400 N Berkeley Blvd.	\$1,100,000
5251 N Kent Ave.	\$425,000	5955 N Berkeley Blvd.	\$1,250,000
5006 N Woodruff Ave.	\$469,900	4617 N Wilshire Rd.	\$1,395,000
4921 N Bartlett Ave.	\$549,900	4720 N Cramer St.	\$1,690,000

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Address	List Price	Sold Price	Address	List Price	Sold Price
4832 N Cumberland Blvd.	\$300,000	\$300,000	6225 N Lake Dr.	\$529,900	\$512,000
728 E Silver Spring Dr.	\$325,000	\$325,000	5816 N Kent Ave.	\$670,000	\$680,000
5928 N Bay Ridge Ave.	\$330,000	\$365,600	5123 N Lake Dr.	\$689,900	\$705,000
4751 N Hollywood Ave.	\$349,900	\$360,000	4635 N Ardmore Ave.	\$899,900	\$911,000
5031 N Woodruff Ave.	\$355,000	\$390,000	4641 N Lake Dr.	\$899,900	\$951,000
5401 N Bay Ridge Ave.	\$367,500	\$362,000	1570 E Blackthorne Pl.	\$1,190,000	\$1,100,000
5065 N Berkeley Blvd.	\$370,000	\$370,000	4676 N Lake Dr.	\$2,199,000	\$2,000,000
5561 N Berkeley Blvd.	\$389,900	\$425,000			


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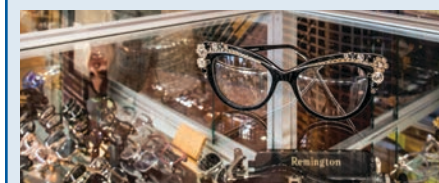


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WE OFTEN HEAR GLOWING STORIES from people who grew up in Whitefish Bay and used the "old" library when they were children. A favorite was a former resident who told about gluing a quarter to the floor under the pay phone. He would sit at a table and watch for someone to try to pick it up, and then laugh himself silly. From 1937-1955, the Library was in the Village Hall basement. You might be wondering why the Village needed a dedicated library space by the mid-50s. According to "Mrs. Mary Bowen, librarian, (the library) had reached a point where books are 'purchased by pages instead of desirability. There is no room for more thick tomes.'"

In March 1952, the WFB Village Board decided to "erect a village library within two years." At the same meeting, they "turned down

an offer to lease 3,000 square feet of space in the post office." Initial plans were estimated at \$25,000 for the building and furnishings. The cornerstone of the Library was laid April 30, 1955, with plans to complete the project by the end of the year. As we all know, things do not always go according to plans. The Library opened November 28, 1957, and cost \$140,000.

A news article described the new building as "light and cheerful, and it also seems restful and warm." Students came back to the building to help move books from Village Hall to the new library, using their study hour during the school day to help out.



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Community Open Swim is BACK

Tues, Wed and Thurs, June 21-Aug 11, 1:45-3:30 p.m.
WFB High School, Field House Pool

Note: Cancellations might happen during the season with limited notice.

Fee: At The Door: \$3.00 per child (children 3 years and under are FREE!) \$4.00 per adult (adults 55 and over are FREE!) or \$75.00 Family Open Swim Discount Card*

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Discount Card for admission. Please make sure the pool is open before you drop off your children. Spectators are allowed in the pool area by permission of lifeguards only. Children under 7 must be accompanied in the pool by a parent or guardian. Participants 17 years of age and below must pass a swim test to utilize the diving well.

- ▶ **Family Open Swim Discount Card:** Entitles the holder and family to reduced admission to Open Swim. Valid for 30 Open Swim sessions (one punch per person per visit), the card may be used by all family members. Stop by the Recreation Department office and get your card today. You must register in-person to receive the card. Discount cards will not be mailed.

Tennis Anyone?

This summer, the Whitefish Bay Recreation Program offers youth (starting at age 4) through adult lessons with tennis pro Phil Kelbe and Staff. Sessions start June 13. Have a more advanced player? The Recreation Department also offers a youth league program where players will play in competitive matches. All players must be pre-registered. Summer tennis lesson do fill quickly so don't wait to sign up.

T-Ball and Coaches Pitch Leagues

Registration Deadline May 20
Dust off your mitts and start practicing your swing—Tee and Coach Pitch Leagues are open for registration.

Tee-Pitch League

Instructor: Volunteer Parent Coaches
Cumberland, Armory and Richards fields
Grades K4 and K5 as of 2022/2023 school year

- ▶ June 18-July 30 (skip July 2)
Wed 6:15 p.m. / Sat 9:00 a.m.
Thurs 6:15 p.m. / Sat 10:30 a.m.

This program is designed to help boys and girls develop basic baseball fundamentals in a less competitive atmosphere. Each player will have three chances to hit a ball pitched by coaches before placing the ball on a tee. A softer ball will be used to help players catch and throw without the fear of injury. Players must provide their own glove. Volunteer parent coaches are needed.

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Designed for children who are not quite ready to play Little League. A softer ball is used to help players catch and throw without fear of injury. Emphasis is on skill development and sportsmanship. Players must provide their own glove. Volunteer parent coaches are needed.

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Whitefish Bay Senior "55 and Better" Programs...In the Community for the Community

Pre-registration is required for all senior programs; call our main office at 414-963-3947 to get registered.

Senior Coffee Talk: Fall Risk Prevention Seminar

- ▶ Presenter: Shawn McComb, Executive Director of Right at Home
- ▶ Thursday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- ▶ Lydell Community Center, Room 15
- ▶ FREE - coffee and donuts will be provided.

The goal of this session is to help seniors reduce their risk of taking falls. Falls are a leading cause of life-changing injuries, higher medical costs and a loss of independent living. The objectives of this session are to provide practical information and guidance that seniors can use in their residence and community on a daily basis. Participants will learn about a wide range of tips and risk factors to help improve their safety. The session

includes video and other content from the National Council on Aging, the Milwaukee County Fall Prevention Coalition and other nationally recognized organizations. Video, fun interactive questionnaires, a Fall Risk Prevention Checklist and individualized assessment for each participant.

Senior Outing: Brewers Game

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Thursday, June 9
Registration Deadline: Thursday, June 2
Bus Departs at 12:00 p.m. from Glen Hills Middle School (2600 W. Mill Road, Glendale, WI 53209)
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Spring & Summer Events

Mark your calendars as The Merchants of Whitefish Bay will have another Summer of great 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. Plus, we have many of your favorite annual events coming up on Silver Spring Drive!

AGAIN THIS YEAR

BAY DAY
Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at Bay Day! The Merchants of WFB, WFB Civic Foundation, WFB Public Education Foundation, the Village of WFB and Dominican High School all teamed up to bring you a day of eco-themed activities. Check out each group's website and Facebook pages for more details. Special thanks to the Merchants on Silver Spring who provided all the awesome prizes for some lucky runners, recyclers, Bay Day participants and WFB residents!

THE WHITEFISH BAY FARMERS' MARKET
Saturdays, June 11-October 15, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The open-air market returns to 325 E. Silver Spring Drive, in the Aurora Health parking lot, starting mid-June. Various vendors will sell fresh and organic produce, meats, breads, flowers, honey, vegan and gluten free sweets, coffee, eggs and more. For more information, visit <https://www.whitefishbayfarmersmarket.com>

SIP*SHOP* SUPPORT LOCAL—FIRST THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH
Thursdays, June 2, July 7, August 4 & September 1

Join us on Silver Spring Drive on the first Thursday of the month for a few extra hours of shopping—and sipping! Participating stores will be open from 5:00–7:00 p.m., and will offer free sam-

ples of wine (June and August) or beer (July and September). Plus, you can enjoy live music on the street.

Check-in under the clock to get your wristband and map of participating merchants. A fun night out with friends while supporting local businesses? It doesn't get better than that!

WFB ART FESTIVAL
Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10, 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, so that 100+ artists from the Milwaukee area and all over the country can set-up tier booths in the street. The juried artists, entertainment and food vendors will prove to make this a wonderful event for the whole family.

WFB SIDEWALK SALE
Friday-Saturday, July 15-16

Join the Merchants on Silver Spring Drive for two days of special promotions and activities for the whole family! On Friday, many businesses will open their doors early and bring some of their goods out on the street to create a fun environment for shoppers. On Saturday, the sales continue through the day and, at Berkeley Boulevard, the Merchants of Whitefish Bay along with Yellow Wood set up a fun kid's adventure zone, complete with a climbing wall and more.

Watch for more details on all upcoming events at www.merchantsofwhitefishbay.com, @ShopWFB on Facebook and @wfbid on Instagram.

For more details on all upcoming events, visit www.merchantsofwhitefishbay.com and @ShopWFB on Facebook. Each month on our website, we HIGHLIGHT a business on the street. Check it out to learn more about each business and who they are!

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- ▶ Stay in the kitchen at all times while you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen for any reason, turn off the stove.
- ▶ If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and remain in the home at all times. Consider using a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- ▶ Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stovetop.
- ▶ Create a “kid-free zone” of at least three feet around the stove and wherever hot food or drink are prepared or carried.
- ▶ In the event you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to “fight” the fire:
 - ▷ On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled—don’t peek constantly to see if it is out.
 - ▷ For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed until the flames go completely out and the oven cools.



- ▶ If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...
 - ▷ Just get out! When you leave, be sure to close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
 - ▷ Call 9-1-1 from outside the home and NEVER GO BACK INSIDE before the fire department arrives.

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ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PLUNGE?



Thinking of buying a house? Welcome to the shark tank! By now I'm sure you've heard stories of homes getting multiple offers. Five, ten, or fifteen offers on a single home are not unusual. First let's understand why this is happening. Then let's consider important lessons for both buyers and sellers.

WHAT'S FUELING THE FIRE

It's not complicated. Low inventory and high demand are creating the perfect storm of competition. Compared to ten years ago, the available homes for sale in Whitefish Bay is down 16%. The complications of covid and the ability to work virtually from anywhere has people staying put. Drive around the Bay and you'll see construction projects in every neighborhood. Rather than moving, many are choosing to simply add on.

At the same time historically low interest rates, a strong stock market for most of 2021, and high incomes have created a groundswell of buyers.

LESSONS FOR BUYERS

While purchasing a home in this market is challenging. It's not impossible if you adopt the following strategies:

- ▶ **Expand Your Parameters** – the availability of homes is limited; therefore, you'll have more options by streamlining requirements. Consider adjacent communities like Fox Point and Shorewood.
- ▶ **Act Quickly** – homes are selling fast. You must get there on either the first or second day of showings. It's critical to be decisive. You have only a few hours to decide if you're willing to spend many hundreds of thousands of dollars. It's unfair – most people need more time to pick out a \$100 toaster!
- ▶ **Don't Hold Back** – present your best offer up front. The old days of back-and-forth negotiations with the seller are over. Sellers are simply accepting the best of many offers. It's important to understand all the “levers” that you can and push and pull to entice a seller. Price is the obvious one. But there are many other terms and contingencies to consider.

- ▶ **Adjust Your Mindset** – be prepared, the heat of competition is going to push you outside of your comfort zone. You're to spend more than you want and drop many of the usual contingencies. After writing an incredibly strong offer, recognize that the probably of winning might be less than 25%. It's important to not get emotionally attached and just move on to the next home.

LESSONS FOR SELLERS

The market is clearly tipped in favor of sellers. But it doesn't mean that they can be complacent. It's sellers that do the right things that are handsomely rewarded. Want to maximize the selling price of your home? Here's what you must do:

- ▶ **Prepare the Right Way** – make your home highly appealing to buyers. Streamline possessions, freshen up paint, replace dated light fixtures.
- ▶ **Price Correctly** – don't overreach on price. Yes, it's true that many homes are selling above the asking price. That only happens when the home is introduced at the correct price. Price right and trust the market to lift the price to its maximum potential.
- ▶ **Look Beyond Price** - price is just one of the important terms in the offer. Don't forget about the other terms. What's more important to you? An offer without an inspection contingency? A cash offer? How important is the closing date? Several tradeoffs must be weighed when evaluating offers. Your Realtor will help you consider the impact of each item.

It's an exciting and energetic time in the Whitefish Bay real estate market. Wishing you the best of luck and you navigate through it!



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