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### ON THE COVER

The City of South Milwaukee is pleased to introduce its official new mascot, Sam, to the community! Sam is a Sasquatch who lives in Grant Park, and can be seen at most of the City's special events. He is the "talk of the town" and South Milwaukee's biggest cheerleader! Read more about Sam on page 6 and follow him on Facebook and Instagram.

# BRIDGES

CONNECTING OUR CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY

*Bridges* is the official magazine of the City of South Milwaukee and the School District of South Milwaukee. *Bridges* provides news and feature stories about the people, businesses, places and events that make our community a very special place to live, work, visit and invest in.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR, CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

### Stay Informed – and Thanks for Your Commitment to our City!

**Dear South Milwaukee Residents,**

As your Mayor, I am thrilled to welcome you to our vibrant community through our official magazine *Bridges*, produced by the City in partnership with the School District of South Milwaukee. Our City is where tradition meets progress, and our beautiful neighborhoods, dedicated residents and strong sense of unity make South Milwaukee a special place to call home.



I hope you had a fantastic summer and enjoyed the many events South Milwaukee had to offer, such as the Downtown Market, the DARE Golf Outing, South Milwaukee Lionsfest, the Friends of Mill Pond Duck Race, Community Night Out, the Friends of Grant Park Art Fair, Suburban Soles, and, of course, Heritage Days and the South Milwaukee Heritage Day Parade! These events are made possible by the hard work of our volunteers and supporters, so let's continue to support them throughout the year. If you're interested, we welcome your help and participation in these wonderful community activities.

In this issue of *Bridges*, you will find updates on our City's initiatives, upcoming events, and opportunities for community engagement. We value your input and encourage you to get involved, share your ideas and participate in local activities. Our calendar of upcoming events can be found on page 29.

Stay informed about City Council meetings and other local developments by signing up for our monthly City Hall Update newsletter. Scan the QR code here or visit [southmilwaukee.gov/546/City-Hall-Update](http://southmilwaukee.gov/546/City-Hall-Update).

Together, let's continue to build a South Milwaukee that is welcoming, thriving and an exceptional place to live. And remember to support our local businesses when you're out shopping!

Thank you for your commitment to our community's growth and well-being. Happy autumn and holidays from the Shelenske family to yours. May 2025 be our best year yet!



**Warm regards,  
Jim Shelenske, Mayor  
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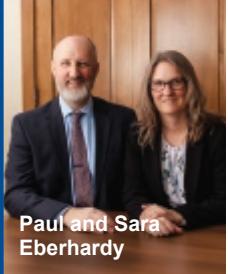
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## ▶ Meet Sam: South Milwaukee's Number-One Fan And Official Mascot!

### *Hi there, fellow South Milwaukeeans!*

My name is Sam. After trekking across the continent for more than a century, I am so happy to call South Milwaukee my new, permanent home. This City has everything - the natural beauty is abundant, the people are welcoming, and the local businesses are booming with midwestern charm. Living here has truly been the best thing that has ever happened to me!

You see, for as long as I can remember, I have lived a very lonely life. As a Sasquatch, people judged me before even getting to know me. I was constantly tracked, traced and feared. In reality, all I wanted was a friend or two.

Everywhere I traveled – from mountains, to forests, to wetlands and more – people always ran away in fear when they saw me. I spent most of my days alone in the woods. I had to face my reality: no matter what I did, I was seen as a monster. Until one day...

I stumbled upon Grant Park. Surrounded by gorgeous trees and located right along Lake Michigan's shoreline, I was content with my new spot. It didn't take long for a group of local South Milwaukeeans to see me. I braced myself, ready for them to flee in fear. To my surprise, they didn't scream. They didn't run. In fact, they said hi!, and offered to show me around their amazing community.

South Milwaukee has welcomed me with open arms and accepted me for who I am. Gone are the days of hiding behind trees and secreting myself in caves. I get to enjoy South Milwaukee for what it is - a town of friendly people and good old-fashioned fun. Not to mention the big, beautiful park I get to call home!

Some of my favorite memories have been at community events – like shredding it on guitar at the Downtown Market and riding down the street at the Heritage Day Parade. The best part? Meeting all of my new friends! South Milwaukeeans have taught me what it means to be appreciated for the Sasquatch I am. After 107 years, I have finally found my home in a community that treats me like family.

I am honored to be named South Milwaukee's new spokesperson! As a self-proclaimed foodie and fun-seeker, I know all the best hidden gems the City has to offer. Check out my blog at [smkesam.com](http://smkesam.com), where I rave about all of my favorite 'Sam-Approved' spots around town. That's the beauty of South Milwaukee – there's always something new to discover!

While you're on my site, check out the "Sam Tracker" to see where you can find me next! And if we run into each other while out and about, post a photo with the hashtag #SMKESam.

## HAVE YOU SEEN SAM OUT AND ABOUT TOWN?

From parades to community events to our businesses to welcoming our students back for the new school year, this adorable Sasquatch is making the rounds in South Milwaukee. Watch for a "Sam sighting" of your own – you never know when Sam will be venturing out of his home in Grant Park to take in the sights of the City!

Don't forget to follow me on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok to stay up to date on the latest South Milwaukee happenin's!

And you can see me at this upcoming South Milwaukee event this fall!

- **Christmas at the Commons, Dec. 7, from 3-6 p.m.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON! ... Sam**



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# ► University of Wisconsin-Madison Installs High-Tech Weather Station in South Milwaukee



**W**isconet monitoring informs meteorologists, emergency managers, growers and other Wisconsinites of real-time changes to local weather conditions. As a part of the Wisconsin Environmental Mesonet (Wisconet) Program, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the City of South Milwaukee are partnering to install a new research-grade weather station at the South Milwaukee Wastewater Treatment Facility. It will be the first Wisconet weather station located in Milwaukee County.

The station will constantly collect data on weather parameters such as temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and direction, rainfall, soil moisture, leaf wetness, solar radiation, and dew point. This will enhance weather monitoring in Milwaukee County and will help influence better decisions for outdoor activities. Weather data will be publicly available to all residents in real-time through the Wisconet website, helping them stay aware of weather changes.

According to Mayor Jim Shelenske, "We are pleased to assist UW-Madison with this project. This initiative exemplifies the innovation and cooperation we have embraced in South Milwaukee."

**"The safety and well-being of our community remains our top priority, and this reinforces our commitment to ensuring preparedness and resilience in the face of emergencies."**

**— John Litchford,  
Fire Chief/Emergency  
Management Director**

"The installation of the Wisconet weather station will enhance our ability to monitor and respond to weather events swiftly and effectively," reports Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director John Litchford. "The safety and well-being of our community remains our top priority, and this reinforces our commitment to ensuring preparedness and resilience in the face of emergencies."

"We are excited to partner with the City of South Milwaukee to install the new Wisconet station. The South Milwaukee station will help us better measure the lake breeze and other weather conditions that impact this part of the state, including high heat, severe weather, and precursors to bad air quality," says Chris Vagasky, research program manager for Wisconet.

Real-time data from local, high-quality weather stations give decision makers the information needed to make better forecasts and warnings of hazardous events.

There are 39 Wisconet stations throughout Wisconsin. The program is expected to expand to 90 stations by 2026.

For more information, please visit [https://wisconet.wisc.edu/stations/south\\_milwaukee/index.html](https://wisconet.wisc.edu/stations/south_milwaukee/index.html).

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# ► Economic Development Month Promotes S.M.ALL Business Program



*The staff of Azteca Restaurant, here seen with Mayor Jim Shelveske (center) and City Administrator Patrick Brever (far right), were pleased to receive a 2024 Business of the Year Honorable Mention designation.*



*Moran's Pub also received a 2024 of the Year Honorable Mention designation.*

**S**outh Milwaukee is committed to supporting our local businesses, driving job creation, and fortifying the economic foundations of the City. For the first time, the City of South Milwaukee celebrated June as Economic Development Month. As a part of the S.M.ALL Business Program, the first business retention and expansion (BRE) program administered by a city or village in Milwaukee County, 25 businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries received recognition, three Bucyrus Business Retention Grants were distributed, and Bucyrus Business of the Year Awards were presented. The award winners were determined through a public nomination and voting process.

## 2024 Bucyrus Business of the Year

- Better Together Café, 1301 N. Chicago Ave.

## 2024 Bucyrus New Business of the Year

- Bakehouse 23 MKE, 1309 Milwaukee Ave.

## 2024 Bucyrus Business of the Year Honorable Mentions

- Moran's Pub and Azteca Restaurant MKE

## 2024 Bucyrus New Business of the Year Honorable Mentions

- The Chi Shed and ChowChow Treats & Accessories

**The businesses listed below were randomly chosen among our 2024 business milestone anniversaries list to receive a \$500 Bucyrus Business Retention Grant:**

- Golden Lion Sports Bar: Celebrating 40 years in business
- Grays, Inc.: Celebrating 30 years in business
- Sorce Martial Arts: Celebrating 20 years in business

The S.M.ALL Business Program is completely funded with the generous support of the Bucyrus Foundation. The program's primary goal is to encourage South Milwaukee businesses to stay and grow in South Milwaukee.

# ► Welcome These New Businesses to South Milwaukee

## JOINING OUR VIBRANT BUSINESS DISTRICT EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE WELCOME THESE NEW BUSINESSES TO SOUTH MILWAUKEE!

- **414autosports**, 1216 Missouri Ave., Classic/high-end car repairs
- **Yellow Door Bargain Boutique**, 916 Milwaukee Ave.
- **South Milwaukee Tattoo**, 1218 Milwaukee Ave.
- **GG's Grooming Salon**, 1633 Rawson Ave. Dog grooming
- **3PL Prep Center**, 213 N. Chicago Ave., Third-party provider for online sales
- **Smke Express Mart**, 1231 Milwaukee Ave. Convenience/vape store
- **South Milwaukee Liquor**, 309 N. Chicago Ave. New owner/new name
- **Drop the Mic MKE**, 1211 N. Chicago Ave. Podcast recording studio
- **Nellie's Dream Cache**, 924 Milwaukee Ave.
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# ▶ Meet the Members of the City of South Milwaukee Common Council



*Members of the South Milwaukee Common Council are (back row left to right): Ald. David Bartoshevich, Ald. Craig Maass, Ald. Michael Olechowski, Council President Brett Briesemeister, Ald. Joe Bukowski, Ald. Peggy Clark.*

*Front row (from left to right): Ald. Tim Backes, Mayor Jim Shelveske, Ald. Lisa Pieper*

Politically, I served as an alderperson for the 3rd District from 2006 to 2010 before being elected city clerk. After retiring in 2019, I became the mayor of South Milwaukee in 2022. Over the past 29 years, I've dedicated myself to serving the South Milwaukee community as a commissioner and elected official.

#### ***What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?***

Whether it's the community vibe, recreational opportunities, our charming surroundings, or the restaurants, South Milwaukee has something special for everyone!

#### ***What do you enjoy most about serving as the Mayor?***

Community Impact: Supporting the growth of our community, including the business sector, and finding fulfillment in making a positive difference in the lives of its constituents

#### ***Describe South Milwaukee in three words:***

The People • Supportive • Safe

#### ***What was your very first job?***

I was a cook at Big Boys where I met my wife, Jill.

## **COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRETT BRIESEMEISTER**

#### ***A brief background about yourself:***

Born and raised in South Milwaukee. Initially purchased a home in Cudahy after college, but moved back to South Milwaukee to raise a family.

#### ***What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?***

My neighbors.

#### ***What do you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?***

I enjoy working with a dedicated group of people toward a common goal. Despite differing opinions, I believe we all put South Milwaukee first.

#### ***Describe South Milwaukee in three words.***

Safe • Friendly • Unpretentious



## **MAYOR JIM SHELENSKE**

#### ***A brief background about yourself:***

I'm a lifelong resident of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I attended St. John's Catholic Grade School and graduated from South Milwaukee High School, class of 1974. I furthered my education by earning an associate's degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and completing studies at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Clerks & Treasurers Institute.

Throughout my life, I've been actively involved in various community organizations. I served as the president of the South Milwaukee Lions Club for two terms, and held board positions at both the district and state levels. Additionally, I contributed as the webmaster and IT support. I also served as the treasurer and webmaster for the 128th Air Refueling Wing Community Council.

One of my notable achievements is founding the South Milwaukee Downtown Market, which has been a popular destination for locals and visitors since 2009.



### **What was your very first job?**

Service station attendant

## **ALDERPERSON TIM BACKES**

### **A brief background about yourself:**

grew up in South Milwaukee and graduated from South Milwaukee High School with the class of 2006. After being away for a decade, my wife and I bought our house in 2016. Now I have three sons and two cats, and I teach English and direct the theatre program at South Milwaukee High School.

### **What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?**

There's a lot of small-town pride and tradition that is all very genuine and without pretension. I also love our schools and parks!

### **What do you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?**

I enjoy representing an otherwise underrepresented group in our community (younger families), and being able to help people get solutions to their problems, large and small!

### **Describe South Milwaukee in three words:**

Underrated • Genuine • Proud

### **What was your very first job?**

I worked manual labor jobs during summers, doing everything from painting to cleaning floors, to moving furniture and more!

## **ALDERPERSON DAVID BARTOSHEVICH**

### **A brief background about yourself:**

Born in North Dakota, I moved with my family to Milwaukee, where we settled in Bay View. I attended Trowbridge Grade School and graduated from Bay View High School. Continuing my education, I pursued a two-year course at MIT.

In June 1965, I married my wife Vicki (Victoria) at St. Mary's Church in South Milwaukee. We purchased our first home in 1972, where we've lived for the past 52 years and raised our two sons, Todd and Troy, both South Milwaukee High School graduates.

Our family are members of Divine Mercy Church, where I am involved in the parish as a minister, usher and operator of the video screens at the 4 p.m. mass. Plus, I'm a member of the Holy Name Society, and annually make Christmas and Easter Polish and Hungarian sausage.

Throughout my tenure as alderperson for the fourth district, my experience has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the City's workings, highlighting the importance of thorough research and thoughtful questioning before casting my vote on Common Council nights. I am committed to being an accessible and experienced representative who listens to, and engages with our community.

### **What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?**

When entering South Milwaukee, you will feel right at home.

### **What do you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?**

Finding fulfillment in successfully addressing and resolving community issues.

### **Describe South Milwaukee in three words:**

Past • Present • Future

### **What was your very first job?**

I joined the Grunau team in 1968, assisting project managers in the engineering and construction teams with maintaining project schedules. After 40 years of experience, I retired in 2009.

## **ALDERPERSON JOE BUKOWSKI**

### **A brief background about yourself**

I've lived in South Milwaukee for 23 years, with my wife of 33 years, Coreen. I have two children, John and Joe. I hold a bachelor's and master's degree in finance and management and have worked in the financial service industry for the past 38 years. I was an elected official in Cudahy as clerk/treasurer/controller from 1990 until 1997. I'm currently the president and CEO of Northwestern Mutual Credit Union.

### **What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?**

The people: Hardworking and down to earth.

### **What do you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?**

For the past 14 years, I have enjoyed working to move the City forward with a resolute staff and other elected officials. This has been challenging with an aging infrastructure and being a landlocked community.

### **Describe South Milwaukee in three words:**

Generations of Pride!

### **What was your very first job?**

Had a Milwaukee Journal paper route 50 years ago.

## **ALDERPERSON PEGGY CLARK**

### **A brief background about yourself:**

I have lived in South Milwaukee for the past 27 years. My children went to Rawson Elementary, the middle school and then the high school. My oldest son was in the first freshman class to start in the new high school. I've been married to my husband, Steve, for 39 years. We have two children, Bryan (34) and Jordin (29). I have an awesome son-in-law, Joe, and two beautiful grandsons. I own a childcare center in South Milwaukee and have the entire time we've lived here. We decided to expand in 2015 to our current site on College Ave., and now serve 67 families!

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# Meet the City of South Milwaukee Common Council (cont.)

## **What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?**

I love the history and pride that people have in living here! I also love that even though we are a few minutes away from a large city, we experience such peace here. On any given day I can see deer, turkeys, raccoons and other wildlife right in my own backyard!

## **What you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?**

When I joined the council over 20 years ago, I felt that my voice wasn't being heard within the city and wanted to become part of the solution rather than part of the problem. I wasn't content just to sit back and complain, I wanted to help our city become a better place to live, work, and play. I love being involved with our citizens, being that someone they can come to for help. I also love being involved in the community – as those are the times our community really comes together and shines!

## **Describe South Milwaukee in three words.**

Beautiful, proud community!

## **What was your very first job?**

I babysat as we all did back in the mid-seventies! But, my first job on payroll was a clerk at Olson's Ace Hardware in Waukesha where I grew up.

## **ALDERPERSON CRAIG MAASS**

### **A brief background about yourself**

I have lived here all my life, soon to be 70 years. Married to Judy since 1991, with three children and seven grandkids. In my early twenties, I did a fascinating six-month road trip in an old Volkswagen Squareback to Mexico with a friend. We each had \$500 in our pockets on the way in and \$50 dollars on the way out. I never worked more than a few miles from home: Appleton foundry, Bucyrus and then Appleton Lighting in SM before settling in at Ace World Wide Moving and Storage in Cudahy. I worked there for 35 years as a driver, warehouse supervisor and logistics specialist. As a driver, I got to 48 states and the lower Canadian provinces. So, along with Mexico, I have a large portion of the continent covered.

## **What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?**

My favorite things include South Milwaukee stories that conjure up interesting historical moments of the generations before us. Also, Grant Park, which as a child I came to know like the back of my hand. We, as a community, are blessed with some pretty good geography.

## **What do you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?**

As a council member, I enjoy the discussion on agenda issues and having a small part in the community's ongoing success. I thoroughly enjoy the interaction with the

hard-working people who maintain the town and keep it flourishing, who are the City staff and department heads.

## **Describe South Milwaukee in three words:**

Historic • Interesting • Good-natured

## **What was your very first job?**

I was a busboy at Hewitt's Gourmet House.

## **ALDERPERSON MICHAL OLECHOWSKI**

### **A brief background about yourself:**

My wife and I have lived in South Milwaukee for more than 15 years. I currently work as a senior design engineer for Harley-Davidson on new product development. Prior to that, I spent more than 10 years working at Bucyrus/Caterpillar.

## **What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?**

How close we get to live to the lake.

## **What do you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?**

Learning what the job actually entails.

## **Describe South Milwaukee in three words.**

Resilient • Proud • Caring

## **What was your very first job?**

Telemarketing: trying to sell windows and siding. Lasted long enough to get the bonus for memorizing the script.

## **ALDERPERSON LISA PIEPER**

### **A brief background about yourself**

My grandparents immigrated to South Milwaukee from Italy back in the 1930s. Both my grandfather and my father were Bucyrus retirees. My mom is a Rocket, I'm a Rocket and my two sons are Rockets for life. I worked as the activity director for the South Milwaukee Community Center before becoming an alderperson.

## **What is your favorite thing about South Milwaukee?**

I love that South Milwaukee continues to give the small-town community vibe, but yet it comes with big ideas for the future.

## **What do you enjoy most about serving on the Common Council?**

I have always enjoyed helping people and that's what I enjoy most about being on the Common Council.

## **Describe South Milwaukee in three words:**

Quiet • Fun • Friendly

## **What was your very first job?**

I babysat for a family from our church.





# ► South Milwaukee Public Library: Autumn Programming

## **ADULT**

### **Banned Books Club**

**Second Monday of the Month • 5:30 p.m.**

In the past year, there have been over 4,000 attempted book bans in United States schools and libraries. Join us to read and discuss some of the titles. Copies of the book available for checkout three weeks prior to the meeting. This book club is for middle school through adult.

### **Barreless Barre Beginners**

**Tuesdays • 9:30 a.m. through October 28**

An adult fitness class using chairs, resistance bands, Pilates balls and optional weights to aid in movement that is based in Pilates, yoga and dance exercises.

### **Craft Supply Swap**

**Monday, November 11 • 5 p.m.**

Bring in your new or gently used art and craft supplies from home and swap them for some that are new/different to you! New or gently used craft supplies will be accepted for donation Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9, or Monday at the event.

### **Antique Appraisals with Mark Moran**

**Saturday, December 14 • 11 a.m.**

South Milwaukee Public Library presents an antiques and collectibles appraisal event featuring author and antique expert Mark F. Moran, former senior editor of *Antiques and Collectibles Books* for Krause Publications and guest expert on Antiques Roadshow. Registration is required to bring in an item for appraisal and is limited to 40 people. Sign up at the Library starting November 18.

### **Blood Drive with Versiti Wisconsin**

**Friday, December 20 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Check back with the Library to sign up!

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for information on upcoming teen  
programs and other events!  
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## **All Knotted Up: Fiber Arts Club**

**First and Third Monday of the Month**

**5-6:45 p.m.**

Bring your fiber arts projects and work with other crafters. All experience levels welcome. Teacher not always available. Ages 10+ welcome; ages 10-12, please bring a parent or guardian.

## **KIDS**

### **Storytime & Crafts**

**Tuesdays • 10 a.m. through December 17**

**(No storytime on November 5)**

Join us for stories, music, activities, and a simple craft! For kids 6 and under and their caregivers.

### **Music & Movement**

**Wednesdays • 10 a.m. through December 18**

Join us for music, dancing, flannel board activities, and a story! For ages 0-3 and their caregivers.

### **LEGO Club**

**Third Thursday of the Month • 4 p.m.**

For kids ages 5-12.

### **Barre & Babies**

**Fridays • 10:30 a.m. through October 25**

Join Sandy Moen for a fun workout program geared toward parents with young children.

### **Halloween Party**

**Thursday, October 24 • 4-5:30 p.m.**

For families and kids of all ages. No registration required.

### **Gingerbread Houses**

**Thursday, December 5 • 4 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.**

For kids ages 0-12 and their families. Registration is required and limited.

### **Holiday Party**

**Thursday, December 12 • 4-5:30 p.m.**

For families and kids of all ages. No registration required.



## Business Spotlight: Acetime Disc Golf JOIN THE GROWING DISC GOLF MOVEMENT!

Looking for a new sport to master, one that will provide you with great exercise and hours of enjoyment, without you having to invest a significant start-up cost? Then look no further than the increasingly popular game of disc golf!

This exciting game has been garnering players and fans from all walks of life, gender and economic status – anyone can throw a plastic disc through the air, right? For those of us old enough to remember the name “Frisbee” (the patented designation for the original disc), this recreational golf disc was created in the ‘60s by the manufacturer Wham-O in California. The premise is simple: throw a flying disc at a target (the “hole”), and use rules similar to golf. The sport is usually played on a course with 9 or 18 holes.

In those early days, disc golf easily took hold on the west coast, especially due to the warmer weather that is conducive to outdoor play year-round! Disc golf then gained a loyal fan base across the U.S., adding clubs and tournaments in major cities. Even after more than 60 years since its inception, the disc golf craze has never lost its momentum. And today, a business in downtown South Milwaukee is doing its part to keep it that way!

Acetime Disc Golf was founded in April 2012 by Matt Pitchford. After a long stint in the corporate world, Matt stumbled on disc golf by accident when a friend asked him to join him in play. He was immediately hooked! His store at 916 Milwaukee Avenue is stocked to the brim with every type of disc available, plus baskets and carry bags, and plenty of tees and other accessories to support one’s love of the game. No matter if you are a novice player or someone with

plenty of experience, Matt can set you up with the appropriate equipment to play the game.

According to Pitchford, “Our store is super unique, and we attract players from all over the Milwaukee area. If you are looking for a sport that gets you outside in the fresh air, and has a very low investment cost to play, disc golf is the perfect choice.” He continues, “If you are just starting out, you can purchase a used disc or an inexpensive starter set – used discs range in price from \$2-\$15.”

From there, disc prices can go up to more than \$25 each. And Pitchford can help you select the right disc for your level of play. He even offers private lessons for the serious disc player.

“Our store is uniquely positioned in South Milwaukee so that we are situated between a lot of quality disc golf courses. And those courses continue to grow in number. In 2006, there were only 74 courses in Wisconsin, and now there are more than 400,” says Pitchford. “In recent years, COVID really helped grow the sport when folks were spending much more time outside and looking to participate in safer activities,” he explains.

You can find many disc golf courses close to South Milwaukee, e.g., Whitnall Park, Abendschein Disc Golf Course, Root River Disc Golf Course, and Valley View in New Berlin. Pitchford prefers Johnson Park in Racine and Parkside, and also likes playing at Silver Lake and Grey Fox in Kenosha.

Players are always buying replacement discs as over time they do get beat up and lose their original flight



The shelves at Acetime Disc Golf, located at 916 Milwaukee Ave., are stocked with a variety of disc golf equipment and accessories.

paths. Acetime has cornered the market as their competitors like Dick's Sporting Goods and Play It Again Sports do not specialize in disc golf equipment like Acetime does. Acetime represents some of the biggest disc manufacturers including Innova, Discraft, MVP and House of Discs.

Pitchford suggests that interested players check out Acetime on social media such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Another way to get involved in the game is by joining the PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association). This organization was founded in 1976, and connects players from around the world. Its permanent home, the International Disc Golf Center, is located in Augusta, Ga., and the facility boasts three championship disc golf courses, a pro shop, office space, the Disc Golf Hall of Fame, picnic pavilions and more.

Since its early days more than 60 years ago, the sport of disc golf has

undergone explosive growth. Today, there are close to 100,000 members participating in thousands of events each year. The organization puts out a quarterly publication, *Disc Golfer* magazine, which is one of the benefits of membership (starting at only \$50/year for the amateur player).

So if you are looking for a way to enjoy the outdoors with the camaraderie of friends (or just to play catch with your dog!), and get some great exercise, then disc golf might be for YOU! Stop in Acetime Disc Golf soon and talk to Matt Pitchford. He will get you all set up for this fun and engaging sport. One day your name might even be added to the Disc Golf Hall of Fame.

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## Welcome to the New 2024-25 School Year!

Superintendent Deidre Roemer welcomed back teachers and staff in August after summer break and reminded them of how their dedication to students led to some great results last year. She included a student panel with representatives from most of our schools that was met with a standing ovation by our staff. Students shared that they love it when teachers show they care and when the activities are meaningful and hands-on. Students recognized some of our incredible educators who have had an impact on them, and gave advice to really get to know students and offer more recess.

Roemer spent some time sharing some excellent accomplishments from 2023-24, including 135 industry credentials for the senior class, a National Merit semi-finalist and a Questbridge scholarship winner. Plus, the District had 10 state-certified youth apprentices, and a significant increase in students

earning 3 or higher in AP exams, including 67% of students taking the AP psychology exam earning a 4 or 5. In addition, our middle and elementary schools saw an increase in the opportunities for students to share and apply their learning and academic growth in reading and math.

Even TMJ4 and other news outlets helped to celebrate some amazing work in 2023-24 around community projects and new grants and options for our students to explore, be curious and achieve at high levels. Roemer ended the day with an inspiring speech from LeDerick Horne that was met with another standing ovation. His story of being a student with dyslexia in school who is now a published poet and author was a reminder to our staff of the work they do each day on behalf of all students and the importance of supporting students in a variety of ways to achieve their goals.

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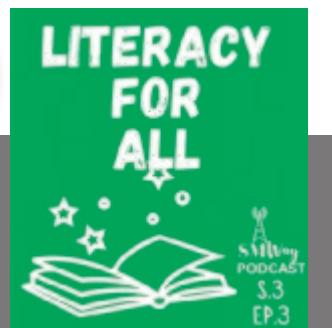
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# South Milwaukee School District Implements Resources To Meet Requirements of Act 20

**R**eading is the most important skill students will learn in South Milwaukee elementary classrooms. This year, however, it will look a little different as the District adjusts its practices to comply with Act 20, legislation passed in 2023 to boost Wisconsin's reading proficiency.

"(Act 20) is early reading legislation that has us making some changes with early literacy programming, such as curricular resources, assessment requirements, and professional development for educators and principals," explains Christie Gajewski, director of curriculum and instruction for the School District of South Milwaukee. "It also includes things like what we do if kids aren't progressing, and some steps and stages that we have to take if students are gaining proficiency in reading by third grade."

Gajewski says SDSM has been doing much of what Act 20 requires because it's good practice, but it also requires the District to look at the old curriculum. "We had a literacy curriculum that everyone was using," she says. "We've come to find out that it wasn't quite as useful or meeting the mark as we thought it would initially six or seven years ago when it was brought to the District. We would have reviewed it anyway."

The legislation calls for districts to test twice yearly to measure students' strengths and weaknesses. Gajewski says South Milwaukee already does that and creates plans and instructional changes. While much of it already happens in South Milwaukee, the law clearly shows that all districts must institute these practices.

What wasn't clear when the law was passed in July 2023 was what resources needed to be made available. "There is a part in the law that banned certain practices and expected us to make sure that whatever resources we choose, they are developed through our body of research that's called the 'science of reading,'" Gagewski notes.

"The Science of Reading is really a conglomeration or a bunch of different research from different areas like psychology, biology, and then also in education, literacy development, and brain development that gives us an insight into how kids and people learn how to read, especially reading English. And so the law requires that we pay attention to that now."



Finding and reviewing curriculum materials was the heavy lifting. During the 2023-24 school year, Gajewski held listening sessions to learn about what resources they really wanted to ensure were included.

Then she formed a team of about 25 educators, teachers, special education teachers, administrators and reading specialists to choose the resources SDSM teachers would use.

"Our team spent nights after school, and they spent weekends diving into these resources and really evaluating them. We had a very comprehensive evaluation tool to make sure that we were

looking for all of the right pieces. That process took three or four months," Gajewski reports.

**Above:** E.W. Luther Elementary 4th grade teacher Lorin Renzi discusses a lesson on quotations and asks students to identify figurative and literal language.

**See more photos on pg. 28.**

*Hear teachers discussing the new curriculum and how we're changing how we teach children to read by scanning the QR code with your phone. You can also find this podcast on the District website at [sdsm.k12.wi.us](http://sdsm.k12.wi.us).*





*Mike Arendt, who is the new South Milwaukee High School principal, has a diverse background and believes in building strong community relationships, bringing everyone together collaboratively, moving in the same direction.*



► **South Milwaukee High School Welcomes New Principal Mike Arendt**

**B**eing a principal wasn't a career goal for South Milwaukee High School Principal Mike Arendt until a unique set of circumstances forced him into the role. Indeed, the new principal of South Milwaukee High School was happy being the athletic director at St. Catherine's High School in Racine four years ago when it all happened.

"The principal resigned two weeks before the school year started, and the assistant principal had left for a different job," Arendt remembers. "I was the only administrator in the building that had a principal license, so they came to me and said, 'hey, by the way, you're going to be the principal.'" That less-than-ideal start sparked something in Arendt and set him on a new career path.

"It wasn't something I necessarily had thought of at the time, but I started to enjoy it because I was starting to see the bigger picture – things that could be done and that I could be more active and involved in."

In a survey of parents and staff, they shared that they wanted a principal who is a strong communicator, has high school experience, is student-centered and is supportive of staff. Arendt demonstrated those skills and many more during the interview process. Students, staff and parents were impressed by Mike's background and passion for education in the interviews.

In total, Arendt has spent 17 years in education, teaching social studies, coaching football and baseball, and serving as an athletic director. He attended the University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee, for both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He went into the field of education because he had a connection with a teacher. "I had a teacher in high school with whom I had a great relationship. I was like, okay, I can teach history. I enjoy the stories."

In addition to teaching, Arendt was a baseball coach for 16 years, a football coach for nine years, and officiates football and wrestling. (Fun fact: Arendt was an official at the first varsity home game on South Milwaukee's new football field in 2023.)

"For me, students who are active and involved, they get the most out of their school – whether it's athletics or activities," he says.

That curiosity about people and their stories and his development of relationships with students and staff drove Arendt beyond the classroom and athletic fields. "At a private school and or public school, I think community relationships, and how you build them is such an important role, really making sure that we're carrying on traditions and putting people in good positions to be successful," Arendt says.

"If you're in charge of a group of people, they have to know that you care about them and you care about their well-being, not just at the superficial level."

Arendt sees his role as part human resources professional, part counselor, part teacher and part administrator. "As far as an administrator, you're a helper. You can be a custodian at times. You can literally be in any

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In September, a new \$29,789 TRAK CNC knee mill was delivered to the Technology & Engineering Program at South Milwaukee High School. Students will use this machine to develop the skills needed to earn industry certifications and pursue skilled trades. The new mill will modernize the School District's manufacturing lab, and offer students experience working with cutting-edge manufacturing technology.

The mill was paid for by a Department of Workforce Development grant awarded to the school. Only seven other schools shared in the more than \$200,000 grant designed to help schools prepare for careers after high school and address the skilled workforce shortage.

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## ► **Celebrating Retirements and New Hires in the South Milwaukee School District**

In the summer, the School District welcomed more than three dozen new teachers and staff (above) who spent a week getting to know each other and South Milwaukee before the start of the new school year. Welcome aboard!

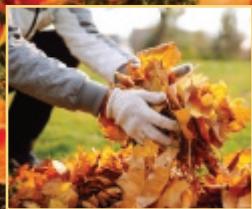
The School District also celebrated the retirement of more than a dozen employees (below) with a collective 238 years of service to the community. Forty-four of those years were given by just one employee! Retirees were treated to a luncheon and a personalized, handcrafted gift created by Career and Technology students. Best wishes to these dedicated staff members in the next chapter of their lives!

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*Students in Jolene Wasilewski's STEM class learn how to apply STEM principles to their learning. Here they are making three-dimensional models of two-dimensional images, and using worksheets to map out how they would program a computer or robot*



## ► Elementary Students Get Focused STEM Starting This Year

**W**e all remember the days of physical education, art and music. Those "specials" are still in our schools today, but this year South Milwaukee has added to them to expand the student experience to the technology of today. And that makes South Milwaukee very special indeed.

"STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in the elementary setting is so exciting, and South Milwaukee is really the first district in this area to be piloting a program like this, starting as young as kindergarten," says Katy Caselton, one of the three newly dedicated STEM teachers the District has added.

"Some of the things I'm excited for them to jump into are starting to learn some block coding and really approaching coding as a second language. Just like students' skills in many other courses and areas, we're going to be teaching them coding as another language." Her colleagues, Jennifer Haynor and Jolene Wasilewski, nod in agreement.

"I'm looking forward to having a very student-driven classroom. They're going to drive the train on what it is we explore and really dive deep and learn what they're passionate about," Wasilewski states.

"Yeah, I'm really excited for all of the pieces to come together and this to be a very integrated curriculum," Haynor says. "I'm excited for students to be able to see how they can apply ELA and science and math and technology into one problem, which is the real world, that is hands-on."

In the same way schools have a music room or library, Each school building has a newly refreshed STEM Lab, complete with tables on wheels (easy to move so the class can be reconfigured around big projects), and racks of STEM kits that will be used during instruction.

Creating the labs and hiring the teachers is largely due to the community's approval of the April 2024 Safe, Supported and Successful referendum. The STEM program was imagined as part of the "successful" piece of the referendum because in addition to the troubleshooting, collaboration, and practical use of what students are learning, the concept of articulated K-12 career pathways is being applied. That wonky phrase means students will be exposed to career options throughout their educational journey, not just in high school.

"I think that the goal not only is to have them do these projects like within the class, but to support them in lifelong learning of things that they're passionate about – and then start to even look at a young age for career paths, things that open new doors for them," Wasilewski explains.

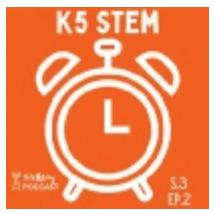
The Elementary STEM program results from the District leveraging three things: a grant from the Bucyrus Foundation for renovating and purchasing equipment in each school, referendum dollars that help fund the teachers in the rooms, and the five-year strategic plan the School Board adopted in March.

"We set out big goals in that plan and gave ourselves and

the community ways to measure our progress," Superintendent Deidre Roemer states. "We're being open and upfront with how we're spending the referendum dollars we've been given. With the strategic plan, we're saying exactly what we plan to do for our students and employees with our funds and facilities, and how we want to engage the community. But through programs like STEM and the others that we want to develop, I hope people are going to see it in their children's accomplishments."

Roemer says the STEM Labs help accomplish another goal: providing more planning time for elementary teachers – another goal of the referendum's "supported" part.

"We're doing that in a way that actually provides a cool opportunity for students and has this other benefit to it. It seemed like a win-win," Roemer continues. "I'm really excited about what we're going to be able to offer our elementary students this year."



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## ► South Milwaukee Teacher Inducted Into National Teacher Hall of Fame

This past summer, SMHS English teacher Shelly Moore Krajacic was formally inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame. Krajacic was surprised with the news of her pending induction in the spring in the high school library by the National Teacher Hall of Fame. Krajacic was one of five teachers nationwide who were selected for the honor.

She's now part of a rare club. Since its founding, only about 160 teachers have been honored in the hall at Emporia State University in Kansas. Krajacic is only the second teacher from Wisconsin ever honored in the hall.



## COMMUNITY NARCAN TRAININGS



November 13th at 5:30pm

St. Francis Civic Center  
(3400 E Howard Ave.)



December 11th at 5:30pm

South Milwaukee Council Chambers  
(2424 15th Ave.)

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# OUT AND ABOUT IN THE

## Happy Fall ... and Getting Ready for the Holidays!

Shorter days and longer nights ... as temperatures drop and we get ready for the new fall and winter seasons! Our City continues to be packed with plenty of special events and activities to keep us busy, have fun, learn and grow. While you read about what's been going on in South Milwaukee, be sure to refer to the calendar on page 30 and save the dates of your favorite upcoming events, so you won't miss out on anything!

**1.** Students from Lakeview Elementary are excited to celebrate the first day of the new 2024-25 school year. **2.** Katy Casleton, Jolene Wasilewski and Jennifer Haynor are the STEM teachers in South Milwaukee Elementary Schools. The K-5 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program is new for the 2024-25 school year thanks to community support of the 2024 Safe, Supported and Successful referendum (see pg. 26). **3 and 4.** Homecoming Week is a much-anticipated event for students, here seen enjoying



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the camaraderie of friends at the annual bonfire, and then prepping for another Homecoming event where the color PURPLE reigns! **5 and**

**6.** Meet Sam, South Milwaukee's new official mascot, seen here "hamming it up" as he makes his rounds of the City, where he hugged the much-loved statue of "Da Crusher" on display downtown. Read more about this loveable Sasquatch on page 6. **7.** Members of the South Milwaukee Common Council are elected officials who represent our residents in all matters of government and formalize plans for the City's operations and future growth (get to know each of these individuals starting on page 12). **8.** Acetime Disc Golf in downtown South Milwaukee offers a medley of products for both the novice and the experienced disc golf player. Learn more about the sport in our business spotlight article on page 16. **9 and 10.** E.W. Luther Elementary teacher Lorin Renzi is one of many South Milwaukee teachers adapting to the requirements of Act 20, a law that seeks to address Wisconsin's literacy rates. Many of the requirements were already part of South Milwaukee's curriculum, and recently teachers and administrators spent the last year ensuring the curriculum fits the law (see page 21 for more information).





# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Special events and activities are subject to change.  
Please call ahead or visit digital platforms to confirm dates and times.

## OCTOBER

- Fri., Oct. 25: "Piano Men Generations," 8 p.m. PAC
- Sat., Oct. 26: South Milwaukee Trick or Treat, 5-7 p.m. Throughout the City
- Wed., Oct. 30: SMHS Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m. PAC

## NOVEMBER

- Fri., Nov. 1: Winter Parking Pass Sales Begin
- Tues., Nov. 5: General Election
- Wed., Nov. 6: Grand Kyiv Ballet presents "The Nutcracker," 7 p.m. PAC
- Fri., Nov. 15: Fall Leaf Collection Ends
- Fri., Nov. 15: SMHS Theatre Co. presents "Little Women," 7:30 p.m. PAC
- Sat, Nov. 16: "Little Women," 7:30 p.m. PAC
- Sun., Nov. 17: "Little Women," 2 p.m. PAC
- Fri., Nov. 22: SMPAC presents "Sista Strings," 7 p.m. PAC
- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 27-29 and Mon., Dec. 1: South Milwaukee Schools Closed
- Thur., Nov. 28: Thanksgiving
- Thur.-Fri., Nov. 28-29: City Hall Offices Closed
- Sat., Nov. 30: Shop Small World Tour II, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Support your local businesses and shop the stores of South Milwaukee!

## DECEMBER

- Sun., Dec. 1: Winter Parking Regulations Begin
- Tues., Dec. 3: Self-Deposit Winter Hours Begin
- Wed., Dec. 4: SMMS Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m. PAC
- Sat., Dec., 7: Studio K Presents "Flamenco Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. PAC
- Sat., Dec. 7: "Christmas at the Commons," Bucyrus Commons, Downtown South Milwaukee Celebrate the season with plenty of fun activities for the whole family!
- Tues., Dec. 10: SMMS Band Concert, 7 p.m. PAC
- Wed., Dec. 11: SMMS Choir Concert, 7 p.m. PAC
- Tues., Dec. 17: SMHS Choir Concert, 7 p.m. PAC
- Wed., Dec. 18: SMPAC presents "Big Bad VooDoo Daddy," 7:30 p.m. PAC
- Thur., Dec. 19: SMHS Band & Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m. PAC
- Sat., Dec. 21: Entertainment Events presents "Girls Night Christmas," 8 p.m. PAC
- Mon., Dec. 23-Wed., Jan.1: Schools Closed for Winter Break
- Tues.-Wed., Dec. 24-25: City Hall Offices Closed
- Wed., Dec. 25: Christmas Day

- Tues., Dec. 31: New Year's Eve – City Hall Offices Closed (with the exception of Treasurer's Office for tax collection).

## JANUARY

- Wed., Jan. 1: New Year's Day – City Hall Offices Closed
- Sat., Jan. 11: SMPAC presents SMHS Alumni Musical Theatre "Cabaret," 7:30 p.m. PAC
- Fri., Jan. 17: SMPAC presents Youth Theatre Winterim Showcase, TBD PAC
- Sat., Jan. 18: Entertainment Events Presents Buffet's "Margaritaville," 8 p.m. PAC

## FEBRUARY

- Sun., Feb. 2: Knightwind Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m. PAC
- Tues., Feb. 4: Grand Kyiv Ballet presents "Swan Lake," 7 p.m. PAC
- Tues., Feb. 18: Wisconsin Spring Primary (if needed)
- Thur., Feb. 20: CYT presents "The Sound of Music," 9:30 a.m. PAC
- Fri., Feb. 21-Sun., Feb. 23: CYT presents "The Sound of Music" PAC
- Thur., Feb. 27: SMPAC presents Milwaukee's Top Deception Artist Luka Live in Artifice at Bucyrus Club, 5:30 p.m. PAC

## MARCH

- Sat., Mar. 1: Entertainment Events presents "Late Night Catechism Irish Show," 8 p.m. PAC
- Sun., Mar. 2: SM Band and Orchestra Showcase, 1 p.m. MS Gym
- Fri., Mar. 14 and Sat., Mar. 15: SMHS Theatre Co. presents "Chicago," 7:30 p.m. PAC
- Sat., Mar. 15: St. Patrick's Day Moran's Block Party Watch for more information soon!
- Sun., Mar. 16: SMHS Theatre Co. presents "Chicago," 2 p.m. PAC
- Mon., Mar. 31: Winter Parking Regulations End

## APRIL

- Tues., Apr. 1: Summer hours begin at Self-Deposit Station
- Tues., Apr. 1: 2025 Wisconsin Spring Election
- Fri., Apr. 18: City Hall Offices Closed
- Sun., Apr. 20: Easter

# ► 2024-2025 Holiday Garbage and Recycling Schedule

Garbage Pickup Weekly: So. Milwaukee Street Dept. 414.768.8075  
 Recycling Pickup Bi-Weekly: GFL Environmental 262.679.0860



## Garbage and Recycling Pick-Up Dates for 2024-2025 Holidays

Holiday	Regular Pick-up	Rescheduled Garbage Pick-up	Rescheduled Recycling Pick-up
Thanksgiving Day	Thur., Nov. 8, 2024	Sat., Nov. 30, 2024	Sat., Nov. 30, 2024/Yellow Week
Christmas Eve	Tues., Dec. 24, 2024	Friday, Dec. 27, 2024	Fri., Dec. 27, 2024/Yellow Week
Christmas Day	Wed., Dec. 25, 2024	Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2024	Sat., Dec 28/Yellow Week
New Year's Eve	Tues., Dec. 31, 2024	Friday, Jan. 3	Fri., Jan. 3, 2025/Orange Week
New Year's Day	Wed., Jan. 1, 2025	Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025	Sat., Jan. 4, 2025/Orange Week
Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan. 20, 2025	No schedule change	No schedule change
Memorial Day	Mon., May 26, 2025	Fridays, May 23 & May 30, 2025	Fridays, May 23 & May 30, 2025/Yellow Week
4th of July	Fri., July 4, 2025	No schedule change	No schedule change/Orange Week
Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 1, 2025	Fridays, Aug. 29 & Sept. 5, 2025	Fri., Aug. 29 & Sept. 5, 2025/Yellow Week
Thanksgiving Day	Thur., Nov. 27, 2025	Sat., Nov. 29, 2025	Sat., Nov. 29, 2024/Yellow Week
Christmas Eve	Wed., Dec. 24, 2025	Fri., Dec. 26, 2025	Friday, Dec. 26, 2025/Yellow Week
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New Year's Eve	Wed., Dec. 31, 2025	Fri., Jan. 2, 2026	Fri., Jan. 2, 2026/Orange Week
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## 2025 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

To identify the recycling week where you live, check the recycling collection map on the City's website or call the Street Department.

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