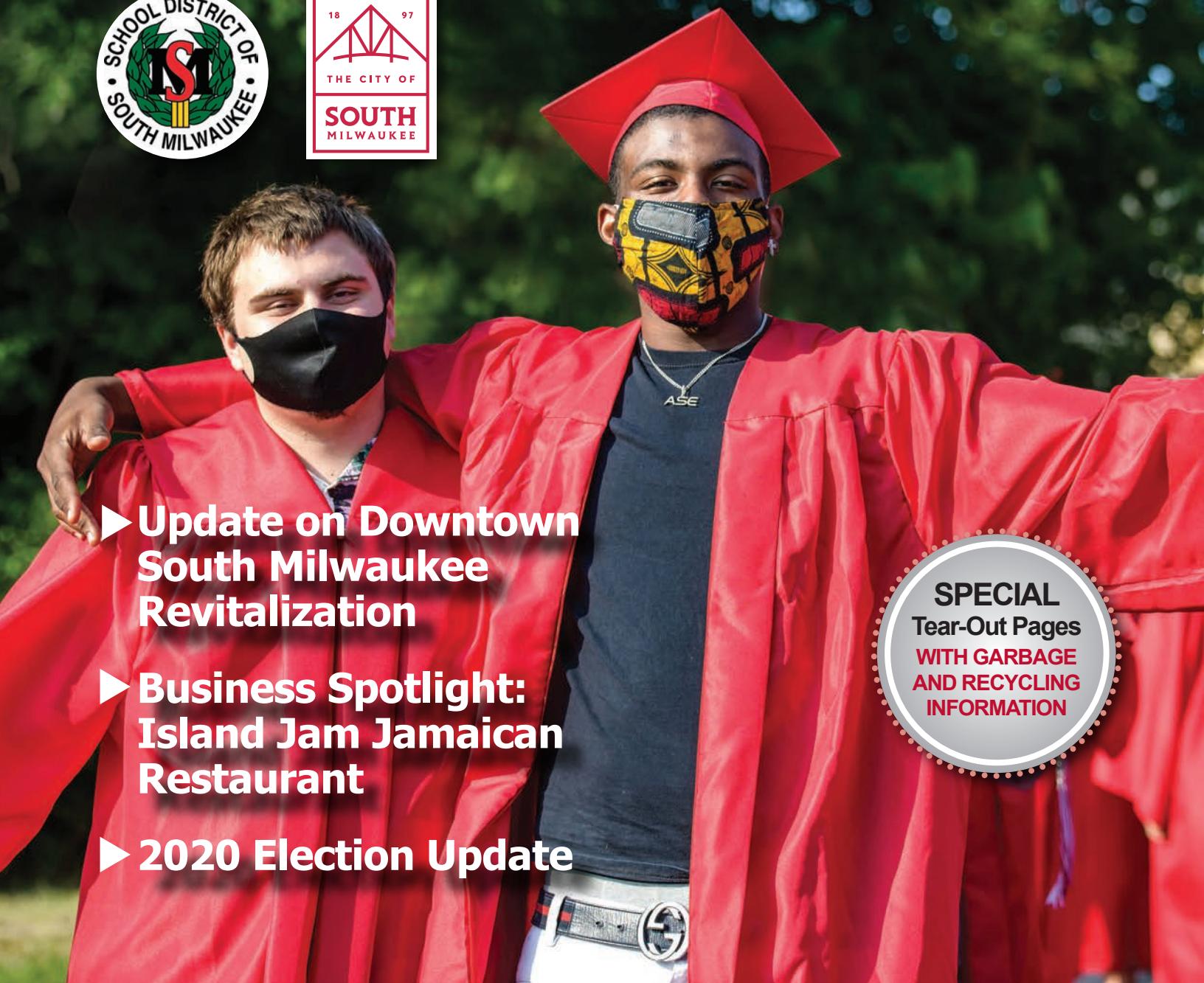


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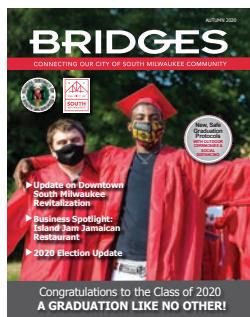
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## ON THE COVER

What an interesting school year for our 2020 graduates, who met the challenges of the COVID-19 environment head on. After some adjustments to the standard graduating ceremony this summer to ensure the health and safety of all participants, South Milwaukee graduates are ready for the next chapter in their lives (see more on pg. 6).

*Photo by J and J Doubletake Photography*

## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

### Treating Each Other With Respect and Kindness

Dear South Milwaukeeans,

Here at the South District of South Milwaukee, we have set of beliefs that we call #SMWay. The #SMWay emphasizes respect, responsibility, honesty, kindness and perseverance.

It is easy to demonstrate these traits when times are good. The true test is when times get tough. During these past six months or so, I think it is safe to say that times have gotten tough.



**Dr. Jeff Weiss**

However, these characteristics are providing us with the compass needed to navigate through challenging times. We found ways to safely conduct our high school graduation ceremonies. We developed plans to keep learning no matter what the environment. We continued to stay connected to students and families even when our buildings were closed. All of this took perseverance and honest communication.

We joined together with families and our community partners to do what is best for our students and community. We didn't always agree with one another on the best way to meet our goals. However, we did treat each other with respect and kindness.

Unfortunately, our journey through COVID-19 is not over. We will continue to face more challenges, more disagreements, and need answers to questions we never before had to ask. As long as we keep to the values of #SMWay, we will certainly emerge as a stronger school district and community.

In Kindness,  
Dr. Jeff Weiss, Superintendent-  
City of South Milwaukee  
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# ► “Even a Pandemic Cannot Stop Innovation and Learning”



## 2020-2021 Instruction During COVID-19

**T**he start of the 2020-2021 school year was unlike any other. COVID-19 may have caused learning to begin in a virtual setting, but it certainly did not stop learning. The students, families, teachers, principals and staff of the School District of South Milwaukee (SDSM) demonstrated that even a pandemic cannot stop innovation and learning.

Our commitment to learning and growth of our students remains strong, whether we are in a virtual, hybrid or in-person learning environment. We know that our students benefit the most when they are in front of their teachers. However, we will adjust our mode of teaching and learning based on the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community.

From the onset of the pandemic in March, four belief statements guided the District's instructional planning.

### These principles are:

- 1 Each and every student deserves high-quality teaching and learning (academic and social emotional), regardless of the physical environment.
- 2 Every family situation is different, and SDSM strives to provide universal learning opportunities that are cognizant of various needs and situations, while upholding high standards for teaching and learning as the responsibility of educators in the system.
- 3 Availability and on-going connections with students and families are invaluable, and we commit to being available for our students and families.
- 4 The collective voice from students, staff, and the community promotes a positive learning experience during a changing learning environment.

Out of these belief statements, we created three commitments that we pledge to our school community:

- 1 Safety** The safety of our students and staff remains our number one priority. Our plans reflect federal, state, and local safety guidance and the most current data available.
- 2 Responsiveness** Our plans will be flexible based on new and revised information. We will thoughtfully consider opinions of families and staff members and changing data points as we move forward.

► **“Our commitment to learning and growth of our students remains strong, whether we are in a virtual, hybrid or in-person learning environment.”** ◀

**3 Student Learning** The importance of student learning is at the heart of all decisions, whether it be virtual or in person. We will create instructional models that meet the needs of all students.

We use data and science to inform instructional plans during this school year. Based on the data, we move among three different modes of instruction. The modes of instruction are described below beginning with the safest mode of instruction:

- Virtual** All students learn virtually. This is different from the emergency remote learning we experienced in

the spring. Students will have schedules and a mix of live and off-line learning activities.

- Hybrid** This involves running both the virtual and in-person models at the same time. While the students are in person all of the safety guidelines would be followed. Students will be assigned to one of two cohorts. Each cohort will have 2 days of in-person instruction and 3 days of virtual instruction. Reducing the number of students in person at one time allows for greater degrees of physical distancing.

- In-Person** Our goal at all times is to have in person instruction 5 days. All of the safety guidelines would be followed (wearing of masks, designated hand-washing times, different locations for lunch).

On August 5, the School District South Milwaukee School Board made the difficult decision to take administration's recommendation to start school in a virtual format for the first six weeks of the school year. The rationale for this decision is based on SDSM's priority to make the safety of our students and staff our highest priority. This decision is based on the prevalence of the virus in our community, as well as the ability of the community to use testing to identify and isolate those infected with COVID-19.

There are three important factors that we are taking into account to determine the appropriate mode of instruction:

- Burden Rate in South Milwaukee:** Number of new COVID-19 cases reported in a 14-day period divided by the population of South Milwaukee then multiplied by 100,000.

TABLE 1

| COVID19 Burden Level   | COVID-19 Burden Thresholds Per 100,000) | Virtual                        | Hybrid                    | Fully In-Person  |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| LOW Green              | ≤ 10 cases                              |                                |                           | X  |
| MODERATE Yellow        | 10 ≤ 50 cases                           |                                | X<br>Physically distanced | X<br>Physically distanced  |
| MODERATELY HIGH Orange | 50 ≤ 100 cases                          |                                | X<br>Physically distanced | Assumes Table 2 metrics are met<br>X<br>Physically distanced, cohorts            |
| HIGH Red               | 100 ≤ 350 cases                         | X<br>Minimally offered for all |                           | Assumes Table 2 metrics are met<br>X<br>Physically distanced<br>Exercise caution |
| Critical Purple        | > 350 cases                             | X                              |                           |  |

- Burden Rate in Milwaukee County:** Number of new COVID-19 cases reported in a 14-day period divided by the population of South Milwaukee then multiplied by 100,000.

- Percentage of Positive Tests in South Milwaukee and Milwaukee County**

The District will continually monitor these data points and consult with our local health department in order to make the determination as to when it is safe to transition to the hybrid and in-person instructional modes. Ideally, we are looking for burden rates between 100 and 350 for the City of South Milwaukee and Milwaukee County for hybrid instruction, and under 100 for in-person. We will also monitor the trends of these data to make our decision. In addition, we are watching for the percentage of positive tests in South Milwaukee to be 5% or less for in-person instruction.

TABLE 2

| Metric                              | Threshold for Criteria Being Met   |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Percent Positivity Milwaukee County | Ideal = at or below 5% positivity rate<br>Proceed with caution = at 5-10 positivity rate and trending downward |
| Care in Milwaukee County            | Percent of hospital NOT in crisis and hospital beds NOT near capacity  |

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## ► South Milwaukee School District Graduation 2020

### Wishing Our Graduates the Very Best in Their Future Careers

**W**hat a unique year for our graduating seniors! On August 8, the 2020 senior class received its diplomas during two outdoor graduation ceremonies on Spatholtz Field. This was done in order to adhere to physical distancing by limiting the number of students and family sitting in the chairs and bleachers. Our South Milwaukee high school seniors walked across the stage to accept their diplomas, give an air “high five,” and pose for pictures before replacing their facemasks and returning to their chairs.

The class of 2020 consisted of 253 graduates – 15 of those attained the outstanding distinction of valedictorian or salutatorian. The valedictorians for the class of 2020 were Madysen Emer, Corrin Kuettel, Anna Lorino, Jasmine Molus,

Madelyn Oemig, Hannah Poff, Nicole Schilder, Alexander Tang, Madison Thayer, Serene Tomaszewski, Jasmine Wieliczko – followed by Natasha Bernovich, Laura Bolhuis, Heather Klucszykowski, and Kayla Tiemey as the salutatorians.

Before the graduates walked across the stage, Natasha Bernovich and Ben Punzel provided a trip down memory lane on what made the Class of 2020 special. Additionally, Mr. Grassl was selected by the Class of 2020 as the faculty speaker.

A special thank you goes to the graduation committee: Ms. Biskobing, Mr. Grassl, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Udovicic and Ms. Roszak for their outstanding work in planning the graduation ceremony.



# ► South Milwaukee School District Partners with SaintA

## Partnership Provides a Vital Service to SM Students and Families

**A** year ago the School Board approved a partnership with SaintA to provide mental-health services to students. This partnership was developed to provide on-site mental health services, and has included school mental health training, consultations, individual therapy services, mental health consultation, family therapy in the school and home, and small group sessions. There are currently two full-time therapists working to serve South Milwaukee students and collaborate with staff at all six schools.

The SaintA organization has served the community for 170 years. Its mission is to facilitate equity, learning, healing and wellness by restoring connections that help children and families thrive. SaintA strives to address the impact of trauma, prevent adversity and promote resilience – empowering people to overcome barriers to well-being, poverty, poor education outcomes, unemployment and discrimination.

The foundation of the partnership with SaintA is the School District of South Milwaukee's commitment to help provide services to support students' social, emotional and behavioral health. The SDSM partnership with SaintA is also part of a statewide movement to provide services to school-aged children through mental health clinics located on-site at school.

SaintA has been a leader in this movement and has a 168-year history of serving children and families in Wisconsin. As an organization, SaintA has more than 10 years of leading the way in trauma-informed care both at the state and national level. SaintA is a flagship organization for the Child Trauma Academy's Neurosequential Model that was developed by Dr. Bruce Perry, M.D., Ph.D.

SaintA has developed the 7 Essential Ingredients of Trauma Informed Care (7ei), a training curriculum and implementation framework grounded in the Neurosequential Model. The 7ei framework helps participants move from trauma awareness to action steps for organizational change and implementation of trauma informed practices. SaintA has worked with countless organizations, including more than 75 school districts in Wisconsin, to provide training and consultation.

**► "The foundation of the partnership with SaintA is the School District of South Milwaukee's commitment to help provide services to support students' social, emotional and behavioral health."**

The 2019-20 school year was a start-up year for the program. During the year the SaintA therapists provided clinic-based services to 33 unique individual students. These services started late in October and early November, and then school was closed abruptly in March due to the pandemic. The switch to virtual services was fairly seamless, and both therapists have maintained a nearly full caseload of 16-18 clients. In addition, there have been 10 new referrals processed since the Safer at Home order was issued in March. Both therapists continue to meet virtually with school teams on a weekly basis.

In addition, consultation with school student services teams and other school staff has been an important part of the program. A total of 304 hours of consultation time have been provided to all six of the South Milwaukee schools.

These services have included collaboration meetings with school administration, pupil services teams, teachers' teams and individual staff members. Consultations have also involved individual students and classroom needs as

well as leading Mindfulness moments.

Overall, the 2019-20 school year has been a very positive first step for the partnership. Success started with the appreciation and welcoming attitudes of the school community, as well as the District's commitment to a partnership based on collaboration. Looking ahead to next year, SaintA plans to add a third therapist to the program, in order to meet the needs of schools, allow for more focused work and to increase the number of students seen for therapy services. Therapy services will continue through the summer and SaintA will be providing the therapists with advanced training in Trauma Focused - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics.

As the program prepares for Fall 2020, the focus will be on health and wellness, and dealing with the impact of COVID-19 on student, parent and teacher mental health. The SDSM partnership with SaintA provides a vital service for the students and families in South Milwaukee.



# ► Report from the 2020-2021 School District of South Milwaukee Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the School District of South Milwaukee was held on September 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting included a presentation of the current fiscal state of the District, and provided detail around the revenue limits that challenge the District's ability to educate our students (documents can be found at the SDSM Business Office website).

The total levy projected for the Annual Meeting was \$13,524,025, which was a slight decrease from the prior year. The successful referendum in 2018 has started to show growth in our revenue limit per pupil. However, it will take another year or two before we see increases in our per-pupil expenditures that are in line with our neighboring communities (see chart to the right). The successful referendum leveraged a phased-in approach to the funding so that our taxpayers would not be negatively impacted.

Our charge is to make sure that the funding from the referendum continues to provide our students with expanded opportunities (some of which were outlined in the previous issue of *Bridges*).

Thank you, South Milwaukee stakeholders, for your ongoing support and commitment to South Milwaukee School District schools!

## Per Pupil Expenditures by District

| School District        | 2019-2020 RANK | 2019-2020 RL/MEMBER |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Brown Deer             | 1              | \$12,065            |
| Elmbrook               | 2              | \$11,844            |
| Shorewood              | 3              | \$11,798            |
| New Berlin             | 4              | \$11,480            |
| Whitefish Bay          | 5              | \$11,452            |
| Franklin               | 6              | \$11,309            |
| Menomonee Falls        | 7              | \$11,252            |
| Greendale              | 8              | \$11,202            |
| Mequon-Thiensville     | 9              | \$10,915            |
| Whitnall               | 10             | \$10,820            |
| Pewaukee               | 11             | \$10,623            |
| Cudahy                 | 12             | \$10,560            |
| Hamilton               | 13             | \$10,552            |
| Wauwatosa              | 14             | \$10,495            |
| Greenfield             | 15             | \$10,364            |
| Germantown             | 16             | \$10,314            |
| Milwaukee              | 17             | \$10,297            |
| West Allis             | 18             | \$10,240            |
| Saint Francis          | 19             | \$10,217            |
| <b>SOUTH MILWAUKEE</b> | <b>20</b>      | <b>\$10,083</b>     |
| Oak Creek              | 21             | \$ 9,700            |



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Pete Dufek, with student Joey Dufek, is the new football coach at South Milwaukee High School.



## Welcome to New High School Head Coaches

### New Leadership for Football and Boys' Basketball Programs

This year, the South Milwaukee High School football and boys' basketball programs will both be introducing new head coaches. To carry on the great traditions of our championship teams, the new boys' basketball coach is **Lance Marifke** and the new football coach is **Pete Dufek**.

South Milwaukee High School has had a tremendous amount of success in football and boys' basketball throughout its history. Rocket boys' basketball coaches Larry Jansky and Jerry Sullivan both won a WIAA State Championship. Coach Jansky won his in 1952, and Coach Sullivan in 1976, and both have been inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The Rockets have won 13 conference championships. Rocket football has four coaches in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame: William Spaltholz, Brad Knoche, Clark Van Galder and John Richmond. While Rocket football has not won a state championship, they have had a tremendous amount of success winning 12 conference championships and, more recently, qualifying for the WIAA payoffs in nine of the last 12 seasons.

**Coach Lance Marifke** brings a significant amount of experience to the

Rocket program. He played basketball at Thomas More High School and in college at Viterbo University and Mount St. Claire College. Coach Marifke was the varsity assistant for the Rockets under Coach John Riggins in the 2004-05 season before moving on to run his own program as the head coach for The Prairie School in Racine for six years, until taking the head coaching position at St. Francis High School in 2011, a position he held for eight years.

Coach Marifke is very well-respected by his peers. He was chosen to coach the WBCA All-Star Team as a head coach and as an assistant coach. He has coached at countless camps and clinics over the years. However, the Milwaukee Bucks' camps he attended as a young player (that were run by Coach Sullivan and SM Coach Don Karnowski) helped him become the coach he is today. In addition, both his father and uncle were good players for the Rockets in the '60s and '70s. His uncle Jerry (the all-time scoring leader for SMHS) is considered one of the top two or three players in the history of the school.

High school sports are more than just wins and losses. Our student athletes not only learn a lot about the sport of basketball, but also life. Coach Marifke will concentrate on supporting players

to become well-rounded young adults with an emphasis on their academic progress and team-first concepts.

These are qualities that lead to learning lifelong lessons and extend far beyond the court.

South Milwaukee's new football coach, **Pete Dufek** has great football coaching experience being promoted from within the Rocket coaching ranks. He was an assistant coach for South Milwaukee for the past eight years – first at the youth level and then moving up to head junior varsity coach and as a varsity assistant.

Coach Dufek played high school football at Milwaukee Tech. and has been an indispensable part of the Rocket football team for the last several years. He is a key cog in the consistency the Rockets have displayed since their revival that began under Coach Galewski in 2005.

Coach Dufek brings a wide array of skills to the table as a head coach. His most notable trait is his positive demeanor. He will not be rattled by



Lance Marifke has been named the new boys' basketball coach.

the daunting tasks required of a head football coach. During his experiences over the years, he has proven time and time again that he will go the extra mile to make sure things that need to be done are done. He will do whatever he can to help his players out. Coach Dufek understands the importance of starting out a school year right with a fall sport that has a high profile and sets the tone for the typical school year.

► "Life lessons such as respect, integrity, responsibility, honor, resilience and the remainder of our SM Way traits will be paramount . . . to instill in student-athletes." ◀

He will also follow our long tradition of promoting multi-sport participation and, most importantly, teach far more to the players than the Xs and Os of football. Life lessons such as respect, integrity, responsibility, honor, resilience and the remainder of our SM Way traits will be paramount for Coach Dufek and his coaching staff to instill in student-athletes.

We are very proud to turn the Rocket basketball and football programs over to these respected individuals who understand the importance and responsibility of their positions. We are lucky to have them leading our outstanding group of young student-athletes – not only for the successes they will steer our teams to achieve, but the lifelong traits they will help instill that will linger far beyond their high school playing days.

**Best of luck, Coach Marifke and Coach Dufek. . . and Go Rockets!**



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**Congratulations to the faculty, staff and students at E.W. Luther Elementary for being chosen as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.**

## ► E.W. Luther Elementary Recognized as 2020 National Blue Ribbon School

**O**n September 24, the South Milwaukee School District was notified by the U.S. Department of Education that E. W. Luther Elementary School had been recognized as an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2020 by U. S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos.

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Now in its 38th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed almost 10,000 awards to more than 9,000 schools, with some schools winning multiple awards. Schools are eligible for nomination after five years.

The Education Department recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, student subgroup scores and graduation rates:

### • Exemplary High Performing Schools

These are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

### • Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools

These are among their state's highest performing in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The U.S. Department of Education invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

The 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on November 12 and 13. At this ceremony, all 317 public and 50 non-public school honorees will be celebrated in the ways that we are able, and they will each receive their plaques and flags via mail.

Congratulations to E.W. Luther, one of only eight schools in Wisconsin to be recognized for this Blue Ribbon honor. And thanks to our parents and community you for your commitment to excellence in education for all children.

**School profiles of all 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools can be found at [nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners](http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners).**



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*Each MATC campus offers child care for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years, from early morning through late afternoon.*

## ► MATC Offers Flexible Educational Options To Help You Reach Your Goals

**W**hile the world can seem to be at a standstill through these uncertain times, Milwaukee Area Technical College has remained dedicated to keeping its students' education in forward motion, while prioritizing health and safety.

For the Spring 2021 semester, MATC will offer more flexible course options to meet students' needs. The college is giving students different ways to either start or continue their education. Options include:

- 16-week courses starting in January
- 12-week courses starting in February
- Eight-week courses starting in January and March

Offerings for these sessions include online classes, in-person classes and hybrid classes, which are presented with a mix of online and in-person instruction.

The fully in-person courses are offered for programs that require this approach, focusing on teaching career-specific, hands-on skills. Safety measures are in place that exceed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) standards.

Some classes, such as apprenticeships and clinicals, take place off campus and may occur in person or online based on program requirements.

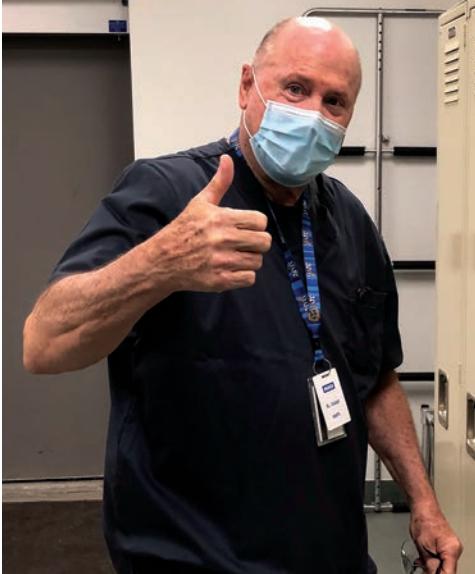
Any course requiring a physical presence is structured to accommodate students' needs and limit exposure to COVID-19.

"First and foremost, the emphasis has been on the safety of our students, staff and faculty," says Dr. Mark Felsheim, MATC's Oak Creek Campus executive director. "The majority of our courses are fully online and our faculty has gone through extensive training for how to teach online. We've provided eligible students with laptops if they don't have a computer and expanded our Wi-Fi networks, so students don't have to enter the building."

MATC also has implemented rigorous COVID-19 safety protocols and a contact investigation procedure. Classrooms, labs and offices were evaluated to ensure social distancing. All students and employees complete a health form and training before coming to campus. Identification is required for students and faculty as they go through a temperature screening each time they enter a campus building.



Child care is a critical issue for students and MATC operates four high-quality, five-star rated Children's Centers. Each MATC campus offers child care for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years, from early morning through late afternoon. Child care tuition rates for students are calculated at a discounted rate.



**Industry-expert instructors lead  
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Providing an array of on-campus and online services, the college emphasizes supporting students to help them achieve their academic goals. MATC's Academic Support Centers (ASC) and Tutoring Services are open at each campus and virtually. Students can get free assistance with math, science, writing and other subjects, and work at campus computers and printers.

### **Distance Learning for the Not-So-Distant Future**

With a long history of distance learning, MATC's commitment to education has never been limited to the classroom, which is now more critical than ever before. MATC has been refining its remote lessons for more than 60 years.

It was in 1958 that the college gave its first live broadcast to Milwaukee Public Schools. In 1972, the school created the College of the Air, a program to broadcast classes on public television. It was phased out in favor of modern online platforms like Blackboard and Google Classroom. The College of the Air is still used via satellite within the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and six other state prisons, providing education to inmates who don't have internet access.

The college's proficiency with remote education proved invaluable during the Spring 2020 semester, when thousands of MATC students shifted to online learning with great success.

To implement the changes required when campuses closed due to the state's Safer at Home order, faculty quickly increased their knowledge and gained the skills needed to present high-quality, online classes. That experience has helped ensure instructors are adept at making the remote learning process seamless for students in the upcoming semester.

***"The majority of our courses are fully online and our faculty has gone through extensive training for how to teach online."***

— Dr. Mark Felsheim, Campus Executive Director



**Things may look different, but MATC maintains its dedication to transforming lives, industry and community.** Industry-expert instructors still lead MATC classes. Tuition is affordable and even free for eligible MATC Promise students. And graduates are always ready to enter the workforce on day one, transfer to a four-year institution – or do both.

By completing an MATC program, students are prepared to join the 94% of associate degree and technical diploma graduates who are employed within six months. The college offers students and alumni career-planning services.

MATC makes it easy for students to start a bachelor's degree at the college. Students can seamlessly transfer MATC credits to more than 35 four-year college or university partners in Wisconsin and other states. MATC also offers guaranteed transfer options to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Marquette University.

To get started at MATC, students can visit [matc.edu/apply](http://matc.edu/apply).



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## ► 2020 Election Updates: Be Sure To Vote on Nov. 3

### Making the Voting Experience Smooth, Stress-Free and SAFE!

**T**he City Clerk's Office has been dealing with many changes in the administration of our elections this year due to COVID-19. Beginning with the April election, we took steps to keep our voters and poll workers in as safe of an environment as possible. We did this by purchasing plexiglass barriers for all of the work stations to keep a barrier between the voter and worker, supplied masks, hand sanitizer and surface cleaners for use in the polling place. Social distancing was in place and monitored by staff.

One big change in April was the number of voters who decided to vote absentee, which kept our in-person voter numbers down. The same safety measures were in place for the August Primary Election, and absentee voting continued to rise with more than 68% of voters casting ballots this way. We increased the number of machines available to process the absentee ballots, which was a huge benefit in time management on Election Day.

For the August Primary, still stretched very thin for poll workers available to work, we were very fortunate to have 10 National Guardsmen deployed to the City to assist at the polls. We utilized them in helping with the detailed and labor intensive process of counting the absentee ballots in our central count. Their assistance allowed us to process all of the ballots in a timely matter and the close of the polling places went very smoothly. We are thankful for their willing assistance on that day!

#### **Looking to November, there are some things you should be aware of when planning your voting:**

- If you requested a ballot in April, and requested for the calendar year, you will automatically be sent an absentee ballot for November, and should have received it by now. If that was not your intention, you can change that by contacting the City Clerk's office. If a ballot was issued to you, you should **not** go to the polls.
- When you receive your ballot, be sure to read all the instructions on the ballot and enclosed with the ballot.

Failure to follow the proper requirements could cause your vote to not be counted.

- You can check that you are registered at your current address by going to [MyVote.wi.gov](http://MyVote.wi.gov). If you are registered at your current address, there is no need to re-register.
- Many special interest groups are sending out mailings with registration forms or requests for ballots that appear to have been sent by the Clerk's office. **They are not from us – please disregard these.** If you believe that you are registered or already requested a ballot, you can check the status of both by going to [MyVote.wi.gov](http://MyVote.wi.gov).



There is a lot of information in the media regarding mail delivery of ballots not being timely. Mail your ballot early, allow 5-7 days for it to get to us. There is pre-paid postage on the envelope. The City of South Milwaukee has not experienced the types of situations that are being discussed in the media. If you feel there isn't sufficient time to mail your ballot, you can bring it to the Clerk's Office, or there is a drop box in the front of the building if it's after hours.

We have all experienced unprecedented elections this year. The City of South Milwaukee's staff, especially those in the City Clerk's Office and those from other departments that spend long hours assisting on Election Day, and all of our poll workers (whether they are at the polling place or central count) have gone above and beyond to ensure that the voting process is a safe experience. Since this is a situation that no one could have predicted, we have been fortunate to have community members that have expressed gratitude for our hard work and efforts, and support for what we have accomplished.

By November 3, we could be in an entirely different scenario, and rest assured, we will do all that we can to make your voting experience, however you choose to vote, as smooth and stress-free as possible.

## ► City Forms an Equity and Inclusion Commission

In August, the Common Council voted to create the South Milwaukee Equity and Inclusion Commission. As defined in the approved ordinance, the Equity and Inclusion Commission is “an advisory body to the Common Council and the mayor in providing comment and support regarding appropriate strategies to develop and implement activities, resources and services that promote a positive environment of equity, inclusion and the celebration of diverse identities in the City of South Milwaukee.”

The commission will work in the following areas to discuss and bring forth goals to ensure all citizens are represented and have the same opportunities.

- Set and achieve goals for safety, health, education, housing and economic mobility helping to ensure equity and inclusion of all who live, work, learn and play in the City of South Milwaukee.
- Serve and represent a broad spectrum of residents, business leaders, students and employees from diverse backgrounds and all geographic areas of South Milwaukee.
- Promote a vibrant business, education, and cultural community by supporting an environment that is welcoming and inclusive of diverse backgrounds.
- Recognize, promote, and celebrate efforts to further the advancement of equality and inclusion of diverse identities in the City of South Milwaukee.
- Report to the common council on the interests, needs, and recommendations concerning matters of inclusion and equity in South Milwaukee.

**Are you interested in joining this – or any of more than a dozen City boards or commissions? The application can be found on the South Milwaukee website under the government tab. Diverse candidates are encouraged to apply.**



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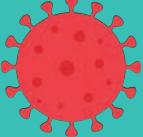
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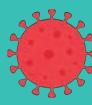


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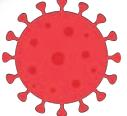
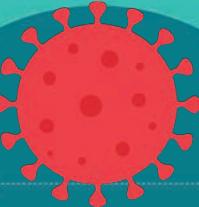
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## SOCIAL DISTANCING

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## ► Health Department COVID-19 Updates



The South Milwaukee/St. Francis Health Department continues to work on controlling the Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic. Things to remember and to keep you safe at this time:

### Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you develop signs and symptoms, self-isolate by keeping your distance from others and, if you are able, please wear a mask. Contact your healthcare provider for information on where to get a test for COVID-19.

### Physical Distancing and Protective Measures

- Maintaining physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household.
- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer.
- Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands).
- Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces.

- Not shaking hands.

- Use of a mask or cloth face covering.

### Gatherings

- The recommendation is to keep mass gatherings at less than 50 people until there is a substantial decrease in the number of people testing positive.
- If attending a small gathering, maintain physical distance and use protective measures.

### Contact Tracing

The Health Department has hired multiple contact tracers with available grant funding. When a resident of South Milwaukee or St. Francis tests positive for COVID-19, the Health Department is informed and contact tracers work with the positive individual to identify who they have been in contact with. Those individuals are then contacted and directed to quarantine for 14 days since they were last exposed to the positive individual.

### Burden Rate

All local health departments are working in coordination with the Milwaukee County Unified Emergency Operations Center (UEOC). The UEOC is partnering with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) Epidemiology Team to look at local data in Milwaukee County. This Epi Team has calculated the burden rate for each municipality. The burden rate is calculated as the total number of laboratory confirmed cases over a 14-day period by population, and then multiplied by 100,000, in an effort to compare equally with other municipalities.

**For COVID-19-related statistics, visit the City website at [smwi.org](http://smwi.org) or the City Facebook page.**

# CITY HIGHLIGHTS

## Better Telling Our Story: City of South Milwaukee Launches New Website

The City website has a new look and feel, new content, and a new friendliness for mobile devices. **Check out the new smwi.org now!** The site gets you more quickly to the information you need, and makes it easier to do business with the City. It also better tells our story as a community and what makes South Milwaukee, South Milwaukee.

Among the changes:

- Easier, one-click access to news, resources and other key information.
- An intuitive (and working) search function.
- A consistent look and feel across departments.

### PLUS . . .

- Mobile friendliness.
- The platform makes it easier to take online payments and fill out online forms. We've added the ability to take payments for Street Department special pick-ups, to start. (The Boards and Commissions volunteer application is an example of the forms being digitized.)
- We've also added a more robust South Milwaukee history story, authored by the South Milwaukee Historical Society, with contributions from the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum.

The site is an evolution, and more upgrades are coming. Please let us know what you think, and how we can improve this online experience.

We are committed to improving how we communicate with our residents, investing to better tell the unique story of South Milwaukee. With the launch of the new site, the introduction of the new **Bridges** magazine earlier this year and our expanded social presence (including a Facebook page that has blown past 5,300 likes), we are bringing that commitment to life.



## Fall Leaf Collection

- South Milwaukee residents may place leaves in the street, at the curb from Oct. through Nov. 15.
- Leaves only – no yard waste, plants, grass, branches or garden waste. This material will need to be disposed of at our Self-Deposit Station.
- Leaf collection crews will pick up piles of leaves one street at a time, in an orderly fashion.
- Residents who dispose of their leaves directly at the Self-Deposit Station will have the user fee of \$3 waived from Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. Fee is waived for leaves only.
- Do not add to any leaf piles after Nov. 15. The City may not be able to collect after that date.
- Leaf collection is weather dependent. Should snow fall before leaf season is over, City trucks will need to be outfitted with snow-removal equipment.
- Burning leaves is prohibited by local ordinance.
- Please consider mulching. It's better for the environment and your lawn, and saves us money!

## Self-Deposit Station: 1106 Blake Ave.

- **Winter hours (Dec. 1-Mar. 31):** Tue. and Fri. 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Summer hours (Apr. 1-Nov. 30):** Tue. and Fri. 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. • Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.



*The new City of South Milwaukee website is easier to navigate, contains lots of new content and is mobile-friendly. Visit smwi.org.*

*An artist's rendering of the new The Bucyrus Club, scheduled to open next summer.*



## ► Bucyrus Foundation Investments Taking Shape

### Work Moves Forward on Bucyrus Club and Downtown Public Space

**T**he Bucyrus Foundation's \$2 million investment in downtown South Milwaukee – and its partnership with the City – is already paying off.

Work at the Bucyrus Club is ramping up, and planning is nearing completion on the public space coming to the current home of the South Milwaukee Downtown Market and Da Crusher Statue.

Here are updates on both projects.

#### **BUCYRUS CLUB**

Construction on the Bucyrus Club -- the future home of Skyline Catering banquet center and the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum – begins soon, with the project expected to be completed next summer. A significant amount of work to prepare the building for construction has already begun.

In the months after the deal closed in February 2020, volunteers from the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum and Bucyrus Old Timers Association helped with the demolition work, saving tens of thousands of dollars with their sweat equity. Thanks for your hard work!

The first floor has been removed to make room for a large banquet space, and the stage on the second floor has been deconstructed for use by the South Milwaukee Industrial Museum. False ceilings have been removed, and walls have been stripped to the Cream City brick, among other changes. You can see what's next for the historic property in the renderings.

**You can help us celebrate the project!** Planning has begun for a public event on December 18, 2020, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the original Bucyrus Club. Keep an eye on the City website and Facebook page for further details.

Thank you to the Bucyrus Foundation for its \$1.5 million grant for this redevelopment.

#### **DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SPACE**

In addition to the Bucyrus Club, the Bucyrus Foundation is partnering with the City of South Milwaukee on the development of a public space at 11<sup>th</sup> and Madison Avenues.

A committee of stakeholders and other community members has been created to work with the design firm and offer ideas for the reuse.

A public survey was conducted in September, and more than 400 respondents offered some terrific ideas that may be incorporated into the final plans that will go before the Common Council this winter.

The vision is to provide a hub in the center of the City for daily use and special activities, including the farmers' market, Crusherfest, Rotary food truck festivals and much more. We are well on our way to achieving this goal. Improvements will begin in 2021, backed in part by a \$500,000 contribution from the Bucyrus Foundation.



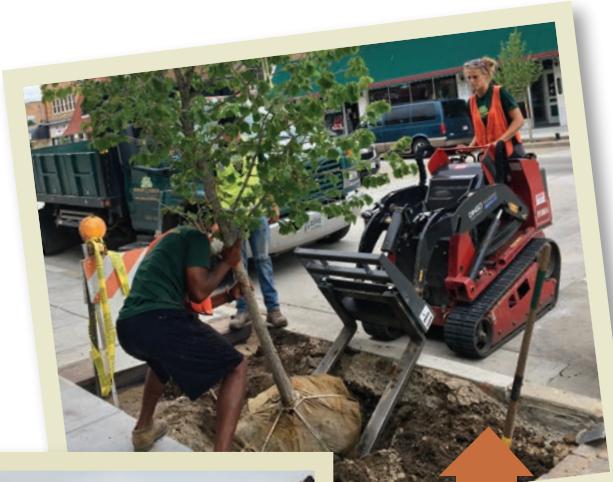
*The Bucyrus Club will feature a banquet center managed by Skyline Catering.*

**EUROPEAN GARDENS** This fall, the Downtown Market site at 11th and Madison Avenues is doubling as a beer garden, including food service and entertainment activities such as live music. Thanks to Moran's Pub and Rose Mob Grill for bringing this to our city center – open Thur., Fri., Sat. and Sun.



## ► Downtown South Milwaukee Undergoes Exciting Renovations

**The Bucyrus Club and new public space are just two of the investments happening in downtown South Milwaukee. Here is a look at some others, big and small.**



### STREETSCAPING

New sidewalk, lights, bike lanes and street trees are already in place or in progress on Milwaukee Ave. Look for planters and bike racks in 2021.



### DB TAX & WEALTH

This downtown business is investing in a \$1 million-dollar expansion project on the 1100 block of Milwaukee Ave.

### RIBBON CUTTING

Dupree's, a vintage store at 1310 Milwaukee Ave., opened recently as a spinoff of Barberella, another successful downtown business.



### MILWAUKEE SAUSAGE & MEATS

This new, downtown business at 1200 Milwaukee Ave. celebrated its grand opening on Sat., Oct. 3.

### MORAN'S PUB

at 912 Milwaukee Ave. is getting a facelift thanks to grant funds provided by The Bucyrus Foundation.

The owners of 1003 Milwaukee Ave. also received funds.



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## Beautification Awards Honor Best of the Best Throughout the Year

The South Milwaukee Beautification Committee is encouraging the community to step up, show out and show off throughout the year, through its award programs. Learn more about these programs on the City website and Facebook pages, where you can also submit your entries during specific times throughout the year.

### LIGHT UP SOUTH MILWAUKEE

In December, the Beautification Committee will honor homes and businesses with the best outdoor holiday lights displays. Winners will receive a yard sign and recognition on the City website and Facebook pages – and be the envy of your block and City. Start planning your entry now!

### CURB APPEAL AWARD WINNERS

Curb Appeal Awards were given out in August to South Milwaukee businesses, homeowners and civic organizations that devote extra effort to their property's beautification, through landscaping and other street-facing efforts, with special attention paid to utilization of color, appropriateness for the architecture of the structure, originality, lawn upkeep and decorative exterior structures. There were 30 entries submitted, and the following winners were chosen via Facebook voting.

#### Top Prize Winners



#### Honorable Mention

- 316 Hawthorne Ave. • 319 Marshall Ave. • 609 Walnut St.
- 808 Lake Dr. • 1015 16th Ave. • 3205 7th Ave.

### GARDEN TOUR AWARDS

The committee also chooses the “best of the best” of the annual Garden Tour. While there was no event this year due to the pandemic, the committee looks forward to the 2021 showcase of the top landscapes in the City.

# ► Seasonal Safety Tips from the South Milwaukee Fire Department

**T**he South Milwaukee Fire Department would like to share its winter season safety tips.

## Outdoor Recreational Fires

- Fires must be contained to manufactured fire pit devices (meeting a nationally recognized testing agency).
- Devices must have both spark arresting screens and covers in place during use.
- Devices must be placed on a non-combustible surface and at least 25 ft. from any building, combustible structures, decks, fences and/or vegetation.
- Devices shall not be used on balconies or under overhangs of a combustible surface.
- With the exception of paper for kindling, only wood may be burned with a minimum 1-inch diameter.
- No brush, yard waste, treated wood or other refuse may be burned.
- Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be used.
- The fire must be located on your own property.
- Fires are not allowed if winds are in excess of 10 mph.
- Hours for recreational fires are limited to 7 a.m. to midnight.

## Prevent Hazardous Carbon Monoxide (CO) Conditions

- Maintain all fossil fuel (natural gas and fuel oil) burning appliances including furnaces, water heaters, and ovens/stoves.
- Most appliances require regular service and cleaning
- Avoid vehicle engine “warm-up” idling inside your garage.

- Remember, CO is a colorless odorless gas that cannot be detected by your senses.
- Test CO detectors, along with smoke detectors, to ensure they are working.
- Change batteries (back-up or main source) at the same time as smoke detectors.

## Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program

The South Milwaukee Fire Department provides smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector supplies to families in need. Supplies are provided by a Walmart community grant and the American Red Cross. Please contact the Fire Department with questions regarding smoke alarm and CO alarm requirements, testing or maintenance.

## Weather Considerations

- Remove all snow and ice from your driveway and walkways to prevent falls and provide access for emergency responders.
- Clear drifting snow from dryer vents and furnace exhaust discharges to prevent the dangerous build-up of carbon monoxide in your home.
- Clear snow away from fire hydrants after each snowfall to provide access to water during a fire emergency.
- Adopt a hydrant on your street or in your neighborhood.

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*Jeffrey Lewis is the owner of Island Jam Jamaican restaurant in South Milwaukee.*

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## ► Business Spotlight: Island Jam Jamaican Restaurant Savor the Flavors of the Caribbean Right Here in South Milwaukee

**C**raving something new and different for lunch or dinner, but tired of cooking? Looking for something with unique, flavorful seasonings? Or, are you familiar with tasty Caribbean island flavors and in need of a "Jamaican" fix?

Look no further than Island Jam Jamaican Restaurant at 2703 S. Chicago Ave. in South Milwaukee. This popular, local spot draws diners from all over the Milwaukee area in search of delicious Jamaican food they cannot find anywhere else. According to owner Jeffrey Lewis, Island Jam's recipes are authentic to the Island and have been in his family for decades.

But the credit for the restaurant's marvelous Jamaican dishes actually goes not only to Jeffrey and his wife, Sandra, but also to other family members, including Sandra's two sisters, who regularly help out. "This definitely is a family business," Jeffrey shares.

He'd also be first to tell you that he has always loved to cook – a fact which might explain why he takes such obvious pride in his restaurant. Jeffrey was born in Jamaica and grew up eating the local cuisine. When he moved to the U.S. in 1999, he initially worked in the Milwaukee Public Schools' recreation department, and then went on to help out in another family restaurant located in Milwaukee. At that point, he knew he wanted to open his own restaurant, and Island Jam was born about four years ago.

When asked about Island Jam's most popular entrees, Jeffrey says, "Hands down, it's the jerk chicken served with rice and peas and steamed cabbage." But he quickly points to his own favorite – the curry goat. Other appealing, sought-after menu items include curry chicken, brown stew chicken and oxtails. All entrees are served with rice and peas or white rice and one side (cabbage, salad or plantains). Another top menu item is a red snapper whole fish dinner, that can be cooked two different ways (this menu option requires an hour cook time). And Island Jam also features a special menu item every day. Monday: jerk chicken egg rolls. Tuesday: curry shrimp. Thursday: pepper steak. Friday and Saturday: jerk pork.

The restaurant is open daily (except Wednesday and Sunday), with Fridays and Saturdays being the busiest days of the week. Jeffrey suggests calling ahead for carry-out orders. Because all the food is homemade, diners may have to wait a bit to be served, but they find it is worth it. And for those who cannot eat in the dining room (that includes a full bar with Jamaican beer!), carry-out food is offered all day long (lunch and dinner).

For anyone seeking a special location for a birthday party, graduation party or wedding/baby shower, Island Jam also has a catering hall available for rental at the back of the building. The room holds up to 200 people and ample free parking along the side of the building is available.



*Left: The jerk chicken with rice and steamed cabbage is one of the most popular dishes at Island Jam restaurant.*

*Far left: The brown stew chicken is another favorite on the menu.*

Although eat-in dining was recently restored with social distancing in place (following three months of take-out-only food due to Covid 19), Island Jam is already regaining its status as a popular destination for those who love Jamaican food.

"It's great here in South Milwaukee," Jeffrey says proudly. Even though he does not live here in the City, he appreciates his loyal and supportive customers, many of whom he knows by first names. "Our customers are very generous," he explains, adding, "They've been especially supportive during the pandemic and we're very grateful for their patronage." He says it has helped keep the restaurant alive over the past seven months. "My customers are the best, and I really do love talking with them."

That's why he would love to find another spot in South Milwaukee with a larger kitchen to serve them better. It would enable him to cook even more great dishes and expand the restaurant's menu. But for now, he's happy to call the corner of Marion and Chicago Avenues the perfect spot for his family-friendly restaurant.

So, if you have yet to try Jamaican food, now is the time to do it. Island Jam awaits your visit, with the aromas of the Islands . . . and the exotic flavors of Jamaican food – ENJOY!

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*The curried chicken is another top-selling dish, accompanied by rice and peas and plantains.*



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# ► City of South Milwaukee Public Library Upcoming Programming



Here is a sampling of autumn Library programs for children, teens and adults. Please visit [smlibrary.org](http://smlibrary.org) or call 414.768.8195 for more information – dates/events are subject to change.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Take & Make:

#### Wine Cork Pumpkins

**Wed., Oct. 21 • 7 p.m.**

on Facebook and YouTube

Create a cute and unique Fall decoration for your home out of wine corks! Stop in the Library to pick up a craft kit starting October 14, while supplies last. One kit per person.

#### Take & Make: Thank You Cards

**Available beginning Tue., Nov. 10 while supplies last**

Pick up a craft kit with all the supplies needed to make a beautiful, handmade thank you card for someone important in your life.

#### Take & Make:

#### Upcycled Woven Coasters

**Wed., Nov. 18 • 7 p.m.**

on Facebook and YouTube

Save your surfaces and make your own coaster out of an old CD. Stop in the Library to pick up a craft kit starting Nov. 11, while supplies last. One kit per person.

#### Take & Make: Winter Luminaries

**Wed., Dec. 9 • 7 p.m.**

on Facebook and YouTube

Craft a beautiful winter luminary to decorate your home or give as a gift. Stop in the Library to pick up a craft kit starting Dec. 2 while supplies last. One kit per person.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Take & Make: Thank You Cards

**Available beginning Tuesday, November 10 while supplies last**

Pick up a craft kit with all the

supplies needed to make a beautiful, handmade thank you card for someone important in your life.

#### Take & Make: Gift in a Jar

**Tue., Dec. 15 • 4 p.m.**

on Facebook and YouTube

Create a tasty gift for yourself or a friend. Stop in the library to pick up a craft kit starting Dec. 8, while supplies last. One kit per person.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Zoom Storytimes • 10 a.m.

**Every Tue. through Dec. 15**

Facebook Live

Join us for a storytime on Facebook Live! Contact the Library at 414.768.8195 or visit the website for more information. No registration required – this event is free.

### Mystery STEM Bags

**10/26, 11/9, 11/23 and 12/7**

Pick up a STEM (science-themed) paper bag from the library every other week between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Take it home and complete the challenge inside! Contact the Library at 414.768.8195 or visit the website for more information. No registration required – this event is free!

### Take-Home Crafts

Pick up a craft bag at the Library each week between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Take it home and put the craft together! Contact the Library at 414.768.8195 or visit the Library website for more information. No registration required – this event is free.

### Science/Cooking Demonstrations

**Every other Thursday:**

**10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3 and 12/17**

**10 a.m.**

Facebook Live

Join us for a science experiment or cooking demonstration online! Contact the South Milwaukee Public Library at 414.768.8195 or see our website for more information. No registration required – this event is free.

### Rhyme Time

**Fridays through Dec. 11 • 10 a.m.**

Facebook Live

Join us for 15 minutes of rhymes and flannel boards for babies and toddlers. Contact Library at 414.768.8195 or visit the website for more information. No registration required – this event is free.

### LEGO Club

**Third Wednesday of the month**

**10/21; 11/18; 12/16**

All day on Facebook

Show off your LEGO creations on Facebook! Contact the Library at 414.768.8195 or visit the Library website for more information. No registration required – this event is free.

### South Milwaukee Spooktacular

**Sat., Oct. 24 • 12-3 p.m.**

Stop by the Library to pick up a Halloween-themed craft! Contact the South Milwaukee Public Library at 414.768.8195 or visit the Library website for more information. No registration required – this event is free.



We bid farewell to Library Director Kathy Manning (right) on October 2. We are grateful for her service and wish her well. Standing in as the Interim Library Director is Shirley Langebartels (center back). Ms. Shirley has been the teen librarian for several years. Best wishes in your new position! The Brewers' fan in front is Mayor Brooks.

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## ► How To Trick or Treat Safely During COVID-19

The City of South Milwaukee has announced Halloween trick or treating will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 31. The South Milwaukee-St. Francis Health Department wants you to stay safe this Halloween! If you are out and about trick or treating, please follow the guidelines below to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### TRICK OR TREATERS

- Stay home if you are sick
- Trick-or-treat with people you live with.
- Remain 6-ft. apart from people not in your household.
- Wear a face mask covering both your mouth and nose (even under or over your Halloween mask).
- Use hand sanitizer frequently, especially before eating or coughing/sneezing.



### HOME OWNERS

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask covering both mouth and nose.
- Use tape to mark Xs that are 6 ft. apart from driveway or sidewalk to doorway.
- Wash hands or sanitize frequently between trick or treaters.

### PARENTS

- Stay home if sick.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing practices.
- Stay on the right side of the road, and use a flashlight if trick or treating at night.
- Wear a face mask covering both your mouth and nose.
- Wash your hands frequently/as soon as you get home.
- Inspect all candy.



### ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES TO TRICK OR TREATING

- Participate in a virtual costume contest.
- Have a candy scavenger hunt in the yard or inside the house.
- Engage in a Halloween-themed movie marathon.
- Drive by some haunted houses.
- Have a dance party with halloween-themed music.

### THINGS TO AVOID

- Large gatherings or parties or visiting haunted houses.
- Trick or treating with those from outside your home unit.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Due to our current ever-changing environment with the pandemic, special events and activities are subject to change. Please call ahead or visit digital platforms to confirm dates and times.

## OCTOBER

- Thur., Oct. 1: Fall Leaf Collection Begins
- Thur., Oct. 15: Last Day of the Downtown Market
- Sat., Oct. 24: South Milwaukee Spooktacular
- Fri., Oct. 30: No School (staff inservice day)
- Sat., Oct. 31: Trick or Treating, 5:30-7:30 p.m. throughout the City. (See pg. 29.)

## NOVEMBER

- Sun., Nov. 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends Adjust your clocks
- Tue., Nov. 3: Election Day Remember to vote! (See pg. 18.)
- Thur., Nov. 5: "Piano & My Voice," 7 p.m. with Marshall Charloff of Purple Xperience at South Milwaukee PAC. Visit southmilwaukeepac.org.
- Fri., Nov. 6: End of Term 1 (One-half day school 7:30-11:55 a.m.)
- Wed., Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Sun., Nov. 15: Fall Leaf Collection Ends
- Sat., Nov. 21: South Milwaukee Christmas Celebration
- Sat., Nov. 21: "Swing Explosion," 7 p.m. at South Milwaukee PAC. Visit southmilwaukeepac.org.
- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 25-27: No School (Thanksgiving break)
- Thur., Nov. 26: All City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- Fri., Nov. 27: All City Offices Closed

## DECEMBER

- Tue., Dec. 1: Winter Parking Restrictions Begin
- Fri., Dec. 4: No School (professional development)
- Sat., Dec. 5: "The Flamenco Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at South Milwaukee PAC. Visit southmilwaukeepac.org.
- Fri., Dec. 18: Public Celebration of 100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Original Bucyrus Club (Watch the City website and Facebook page for details.)
- Wed., Dec. 23-Thur., Jan. 3: No School (winter break)
- Thur., Dec. 24: All City Offices Closed on Christmas Eve
- Fri., Dec. 25: All City Offices Closed on Christmas Day
- Thur., Dec. 31: Treasurer's Office at City Hall Open from 7:30 a.m.- 12 noon

## JANUARY

- Fri., Jan. 1: All City Offices Closed on New Year's Day
- Fri., Jan. 29: No School (Professional Development)



## FEBRUARY

- Fri., Feb. 12: No School
- Mon., Feb. 15: No School (President's Day)

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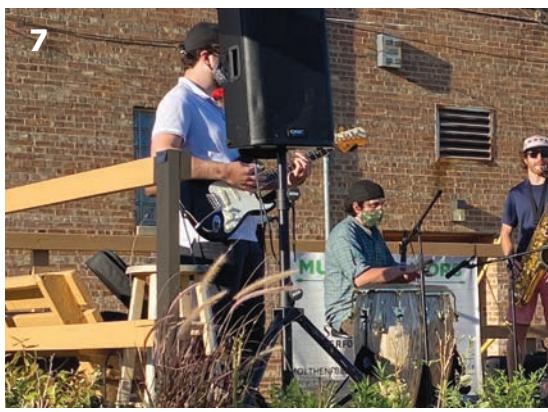
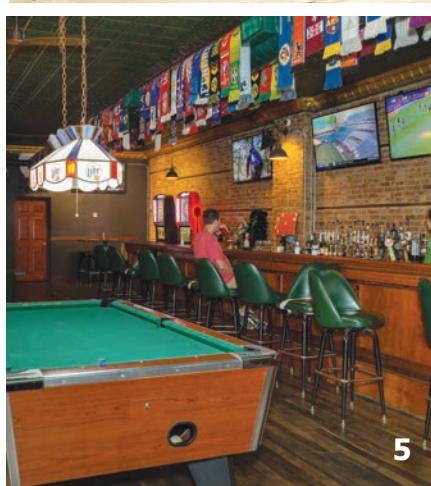
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# OUT AND ABOUT IN THE CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

**1.** Congratulations to newly promoted Captain Fournier and Lieutenant Hoeppner of the South Milwaukee Police Department. **2.** The building at 1919 12th Avenue is being renovated into The Bucyrus Club, opening in summer 2021. Thank you to the Bucyrus Old Timers Association for all your demolition work. (Read more on pg. 22.) **3.** The Military Connection at 723 Milwaukee Ave. is adding a second floor to their already renovated space. **4.** The Downtown Market ended its 12th season on October 15. **5.** Moran's Pub on Milwaukee Street is undergoing a renovation both inside and out. (See another photo on pg. 23.) **6.** Marshall Charloff of Purple Xperience will perform at the South Milwaukee PAC on Nov. 5. (See pg. 13.) **7.** A variety of bands performed outdoors this summer during Thursday's popular Downtown Market. **8.** Wishing our 2020 graduates of SM High School much success in their chosen future paths. (Read more on pg. 6.)





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# ► 2021 City of South Milwaukee Garbage and Recycling Schedule

**Garbage Pickup Weekly: So. Milwaukee Street Dept. 414.768.8075**  
**Recycling Pickup Bi-Weekly: Advanced Disposal 262.679.0860**

## HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Place ALL recyclables INSIDE of the commingled green recycling cart and place all other trash in your brown tipper garbage cart. Only items in the appropriate carts will be picked up – no items left outside of the cart.
- If the material is NOT listed for recyclable on the back of this guide, discard the material with your normal household refuse.
- Recycling carts mixed with household refuse or garbage carts mixed with recycling will NOT be picked up.
- Carts require four feet of clearance on both sides as well as behind them for automated pick-up.

### Garbage and Recycling Pick-Up Dates for 2021 Holidays

| Holiday            | Regular Pick-up      | Rescheduled Garbage Pick-Up         | Rescheduled Recycling Pick-Up |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Christmas Eve      | Thur., Dec. 24, 2020 | Sat., Dec. 26, 2020                 | Sat., Dec. 26, 2020 (Orange)  |
| New Year's Eve     | Thur., Dec. 31, 2020 | Sat., Jan. 2, 2021                  | Sat. Jan. 2, 2021 (Yellow)    |
| Martin Luther King | Mon., Jan. 18, 2021  | Remains as Mon., Jan. 18, 2021      | Fri., Jan. 22, 2021 (Orange)  |
| Memorial Day       | Mon., May 31, 2021   | Fri., May 28 & Fri. June 4, 2021    | Fri., June 4, 2021 (Yellow)   |
| Labor Day          | Mon., Sept. 6 2021   | Fri., Sept. 3 & Fri. Sept. 10, 2021 | Fri., Sept. 10, 2021 (Yellow) |
| Thanksgiving Day   | Thur., Nov. 25, 2021 | Sat., Nov. 27, 2021                 | Sat., Nov. 27, 2021 (Orange)  |

### 2021 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.

| January         |                      |                      |                      |       |   |         | February          |                      |                      |                      |   |             |   | March       |                   |                      |                      |                      |   |   | April    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
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# ► City of South Milwaukee Street Department

## SELF DEPOSIT STATION HOURS

### Winter Hours: December 1-March 31

Tuesday AND Friday 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Summer Hours: April 1-November 30

Tuesday AND Friday 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hours are subject to change. Please check the City's website for the current Self Deposit Station hours or call the Street Department at 414.768.8075.

### Additionally, the Self Deposit Station will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, January 1, 2021
- Friday, April 2, 2021
- Friday, November 26, 2021
- Friday, December 24, 2021
- Saturday, December 25, 2021
- Friday, December 31, 2021
- Saturday, January 1, 2022

## SELF DEPOSIT STATION REGULATIONS

1. South Milwaukee residents only – I.D. required.  
No contractors or contractor material allowed.
2. No dump trucks allowed.
3. Instructions of the attendant must be followed at all times.
4. There is a 5-minute maximum unloading time.
5. Lumber and boards not to exceed 5 feet in length.
6. Used motor oil and anti-freeze only.
7. No paints or hazardous chemicals.

## CHARGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| • User Fee                                    | \$3/trip  |
| • Tires exceeding 17"-rim size (off rim only) | \$7 each  |
| • Tires less than 17"-rim size (off rim only) | \$3 each  |
| • Grass bagged or 32-gallon container         | \$1 each  |
| • Televisions and computer monitors           | \$15 each |

\* Fees subject to change and current fees will be posted at the Self Deposit Station.

## YARD WASTE

The City provides for drop off of yard waste at the Self Deposit Station. Residents may bring leaves, yard debris, garden debris, plants, shrubs and thatch to the Station for disposal with no charge other than the daily user fee. Green grass clippings are accepted for an additional fee of \$1 per bag or 32-gallon container. Any yard waste that has green grass clippings in it is chargeable at the above rate. No yard waste is collected at the property. Do not put grass clippings and yard waste in your tipper cart. Landfill regulations require that these items be disposed of separately.

## GRASS DISCHARGE INTO ROADWAY IS PROHIBITED

Disposal of grass clippings into the curb/gutter, alley or roadway is prohibited and is a violation of Section 12.13 and 15.81 (A) of the City of South Milwaukee Municipal Code.

## LEAVES

Leaves can be placed in the curb beginning October 1-November 15. No other yard waste, branches or plants can be placed in the curb. Due to landfill requirements and the added costs involved, we ask you to consider mulching your leaves as an environmentally friendly alternative.

## GARBAGE COLLECTION

Garbage must be brought out by 7 a.m. on the day of collection. During winter months, garbage or other refuse shall not be placed on snow banks or on sidewalks behind snow banks, but shall be placed in a cleared driveway or a cleared section of the deposit area if there is not a driveway.

Do not put tipper carts in the roadway. Tipper carts must always be in an unobstructed area and require a minimum clearance area of 4 feet on each side as well as behind each cart. Call the Street Department at 414.768.8075 or visit the City website at smwi.org for more information. Non-compliant carts cannot be serviced.

## CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH DISPOSAL

Christmas trees and large wreaths should be placed at the curb for collection. Please remove all lights and decorations. Wreaths that fit inside of the tipper cart will be collected with the garbage. Do not place wreaths on top of, or next to, the tipper cart.

## SNOW REMOVAL

It is the responsibility of each property owner to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or adjacent to their property within 24 hours of daylight after the snow or ice has fallen. Snow should be removed to the full width of the sidewalk. **Throwing snow into the roadway is prohibited.** The garbage pick-up area should be cleared of snow before your garbage collection day. Snow shall not be shoveled, blown or plowed into or across the street or alley right-of-way.

## ELECTRONICS

Electronics such as televisions, computers, printers, monitors, DVDs, VCRs, etc. are banned from landfills. Items can be taken to the Self Deposit Station. There is currently a fee for televisions and computer monitors.

## EVERYONE'S COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPS COSTS AND TAX RATES DOWN.

### SPECIAL PICK UP – HOUSEHOLD AND/OR BRANCH/BRUSH

The Street Department provides special pick-ups of waste material not normally collected with your regular garbage. Generally this is for large household items and/or branches and brush that can go through the chipper (no yard waste). Residents must call during operating hours to schedule the pick-up – fees may apply. Visit the City website or call for more information.

### STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Street light outages should be reported to WE Energies. Call 1.800.662.4797 or go onto the WE Energies website to report. Giving them the number from the silver tag on the pole helps WE Energies to locate the faulty light.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Milwaukee County residents can bring household hazardous waste to these year-round drop-off points. Visit mmsd.com for the most up-to-date information on hazardous waste disposal.

## A GUIDE TO RECYCLING

Please direct any questions regarding recycling or a missed pick-up to:

**ADVANCED DISPOSAL • 262.679.0860**

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Cardboard (yes, all those Amazon boxes)
- Paper (office paper, brown paper bags, mail, etc.
  - Aluminum cans, metal containers (after rinsing)
  - Plastic bottles, jars, jugs and containers (after rinsing)



### NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Any plastic bags
- Batteries
- Food waste or liquids
- Styrofoam
- Tanglers
- Safe sharps
- Paper coffee cups
- Take-out containers, donut boxes, pizza boxes
  - Automotive parts and scrap metal
  - Baby diapers
  - Milk and juice cartons
  - Aerosol cans
  - Ceramics and pottery
  - Shredded paper
  - Household glass
  - Paint, pesticides, automotive fluids, diesel fuel, gasoline, kerosene and car batteries
  - Hypodermic needles

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

**Why must I have 4 feet of clearance on both sides and behind each garbage/recycling cart?** The collection trucks have arms that wrap around the sides of the individual carts. With the clearance, the arms cannot “hug” the cart to lift it up and over, and the driver cannot reach the cart without the required space. Plus, we do not want to risk damaging anything near the cart, garage, car, fence, etc.

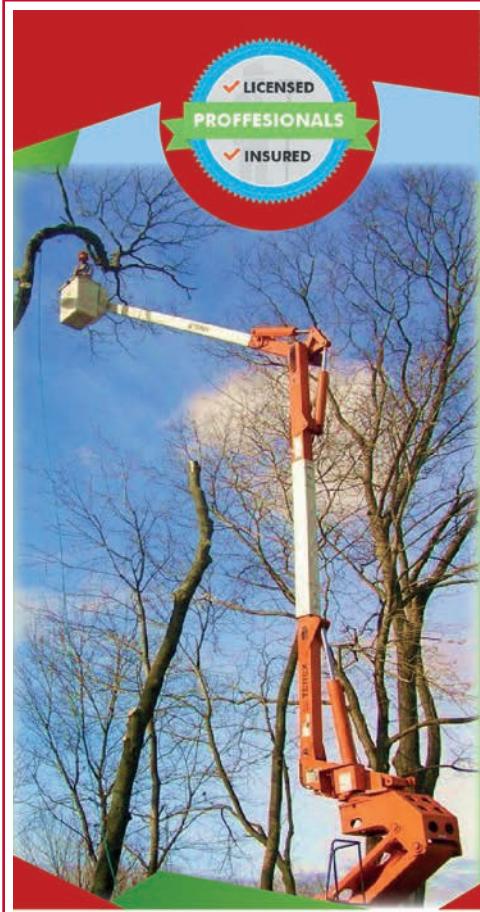
**Why can't I recycle plastic bags?** When plastic bags get mixed with other recyclables, they are difficult to sort out and often damage the machines at the material recovery facilities. However, you can still recycle your plastic bags by taking them to the local grocery store where they have collection spots.

**Why can't electronics, yard waste and appliances be put into the garbage to go to a landfill?** Some of these items can be repurposed into new products, while others have toxic components that can contaminate the water, air and soil. Recycling and composting allow landfills to last longer, provide markets with valuable/reusable materials, create jobs and prevent pollution.



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