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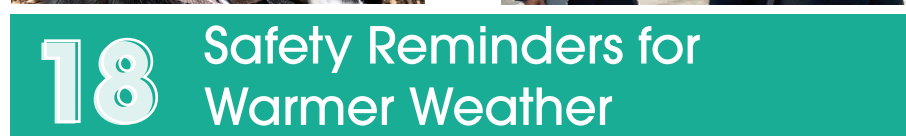
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In This Issue



Letter from the President

Sabrina Eder

I hope this message finds you and your families safe, healthy and enjoying the start to 2022! We hunkered down and made it through another Wisconsin Winter. Soon the grass will turn green, flowers will start to bloom and we'll be able to open our windows and let the fresh air flow through our homes. I wanted to share a sincere Thank You for your continued support of the Washington Heights Neighborhood Association. Without your commitment and membership, we wouldn't be able to produce this publication or put on events like our Night Markets that we introduced last year and will continue this Summer!

I'm grateful to be writing you this message as your board president. Serving alongside me on the WHNA executive committee are our Vice President, Heidi Steeno, Secretary, Alexa Taylor, and Treasurer Ric Gesell. We meet on a monthly basis to discuss the direction of our association, goals for the upcoming year and how we can continue to make Washington Heights a fun and engaging place to live. Heidi, Alexa and Ric are phenomenal to collaborate with and dedicated members of our community. I'm thankful for their leadership.

One of our goals for this year is to begin the process of converting Washington Heights Neighborhood Association



Sabrina Eder with her husband, Alec, and their son, Archie.

from a 501c4 organization to a 501c3. We're seeking this change to qualify for more benefits for our organization and for our members as well. Once this process is finalized, contributions to the WHNA will be tax deductible and our association will qualify for government and private grants that will help us to make improvements to our neighborhood. We will make sure to keep you all updated relative to our progress as it could take 9-12 months from start to finish. As a reminder, we've made changes to the Highlighter magazine by reducing our quantity of issues from four per year down to two per year. This publication is our Spring/Summer issue and you'll receive another Highlighter in early October for our Fall/Winter issue.

We have a lot of exciting

activity going on this year in Washington Heights and are looking forward to seeing you all in-person and out and about in the neighborhood. We have the Easter Egg Hunt and the Neighborhood Clean-Up in April, our Annual Meeting and first Night Market of the season in May. We're thrilled for the return of Washington Park Wednesdays beginning in July along with our neighborhood rummage sale. We wish you all a safe and healthy Spring and Summer!

Thank you again for supporting Washington Heights Neighborhood Association! I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve as your President of our board and am committed to making improvements that benefit all of our neighbors for now and in the future.

EVENTS



Spring

WHNA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Free egg hunt for kids 13 and under

🕒 April 16 » 10 AM

📍 Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Christian Day School (5327 W Washington Blvd) and Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish and School (5400 W Washington Blvd)

Artwalk - 20th Anniversary

🕒 April 22 » 5 - 8 PM
April 23 » 10 AM - 4 PM

📍 Vliet Street

WHNA Annual Neighborhood Spring Clean Up

Come join us! Please sign in and pick up supplies at the community garden

🕒 April 23 » 8 AM - 12 PM

📍 Washington Heights Community Garden (2115 N. 48th Street)

Fall

Fall Festival

🕒 October 6

📍 Vliet Street

Holiday Happenings

🕒 November 11 - 12

📍 Vliet Street

Visit WHNA.net/events for more details about upcoming events!

Summer

Washington Heights Night Market

A free outdoor event showcasing a variety of food vendors, performers and local artists

🕒 May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8 and October 13 » 4 - 8 PM

📍 Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Christian Day School (5327 W Washington Blvd.)

WHNA Annual Garage Sale

Put itme out in your yard and driveway to sell

🕒 June 4 » Starts at 8 AM

📍 Entire Washington Heights neighborhood is invited to participate!

Bastille Days West

🕒 July 14

📍 Vliet Street

Sidewalk Sale

🕒 August 6

📍 Vliet Street

Boulevard Bash

The annual neighborhood event that features food, drinks, local vendors and live music

🕒 August 27 » 1 - 7 PM

📍 On Washington Boulevard



Washington Park Wednesdays

Following the Path of Frederick Law Olmstead

Jane Konkell and Melissa Muller

On August 23rd, 1938, the Music Under the Stars concert series opened in the Blatz Temple of Music (The Bandshell) to an audience of about 40,000 people. Today, the Washington Park Wednesday crowds are smaller, but the energy buzzing through the park, and its surrounding neighborhoods, can be felt for miles around, as it did more than 80 years ago.

These days, Washington Park Wednesdays is organized by a group of dedicated volunteers through the nonprofit Washington Park Neighbors, washingtonparkneighbors.com. Several committees meet regularly throughout the year to provide audiences from the neighborhoods surrounding Washington Park with the opportunity to experience a wide variety of cultural entertainment through its quality and diverse programming in a historical venue on the West Side of Milwaukee.

It's never been our goal to pack the park. Instead, we attempt to stay true to Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmsted's vision. It's our intention to improve our community by encouraging equity and access to this one of a kind natural setting, by getting the word—and the

music—out to our neighbors surrounding Washington Park: Washington Heights, Walnut Hill, Martin Drive, Uptown Crossing and Sherman Park. We pride ourselves in being the most diverse and inclusive concert series in the region.

Washington Park Wednesday 2022 will be a summer of celebration. It was 200 years ago that Olmstead clairvoyantly designed this fabulous greenspace. The National Association for Olmsted Parks will be celebrating across the country. More info is available at olmsted200.org.

Washington Park Wednesdays will begin July 13th, 6 - 9pm and run through August 31st. Vendors, musicians and community partners have been contacting the Washington Park Neighbors to participate, so expect even more food trucks, new bands, activities for kids, themed entertainment, and a few surprises each Wednesday!

A fundraiser is planned for in May, more to come on that soon! It's free and all are welcome. Though we're not expecting audiences of 40,000 this summer, we are expecting you! Please join us beginning July 13th, and consider a donation to Washington Park Neighbors. You can give at washingtonparkneighbors.com.

2022 Schedule

Wednesdays
6 - 9 PM
Washington Park

July 13
Venus Rising

July 20
Farm to Park

July 27
Cool School

August 3
Viva! Washington Park

August 10
Carnival

August 17
Live! Art

August 24
Ride On

August 31
Back to School



2021 Spooktacular Was Back and Better Than Ever!

By Heidi Steeno Photography by James Steeno

After the only disruption in the 30-year history of our Spooktacular event, 2021 was back for the 31st year on October 30, 2021. Neighbors of all ages from near and far came together on a perfect night for our annual nighttime trick-or-treating event. Area 9 residents went above and

beyond with outstanding decorating and block themes. Over 1,100 treaters received 86,000 pieces of candy from over 100 households throughout Area 9.

Thank you to all participated in Spooktacular by trick-or-treating, handing out candy or volunteering to

keep the event safe. Nearly 100 volunteers lent a hand at multiple registration events, counting candy, distributing candy and many other tasks. We are grateful for everyone's time and contributions that led to a successful Spooktacular event.



2021 Washington Heights Spooktacular Pumpkin Display hosted by Mike and Ericka Burzynski (59th & Elliott Circle)



1st Place Home Decorating: 2124 N. 56th Street: Joshua Lange Household "Spooktacular Washington Heights"



2nd Place Home Decorating: 2122/2124 N. 57th Street: Mary Rose Black Household "Ghosts"



3rd Place Home Decorating: 2140 N. 58th Street: Rebecca Keiser Household "Camping"



4th Place Home Decorating: 2147 N. 59th Street: Suzanne Ferris Household "Haunted Yard"

Announcing the 32nd Annual Washington Heights Spooktacular!

By Heidi Steeno

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Area 6 residents are invited to plan group/block themes for 2022 Spooktacular. Summertime block gatherings are a great time to get

together with your neighbors and begin brainstorming and coordinating plans for your block.

Nighttime trick-or-treat will take place throughout Area 6 on these streets:

- East side of 55th Street / Hawley Road to 51st Street (both sides of 51st)
- North side of Vliet Street to South side of Washington Boulevard from 51st to 55th Streets

If you live in Area 6 and want to make sure you don't miss out on any important information, please send an email to spooktacular@whna.net so you can be added to our Area 6 email list.

Many helping hands are needed to make Spooktacular a success. Please reach out if you'd like to be added to our 2022 Spooktacular volunteer list by sending an email to spooktacular@whna.net. Volunteers help with our registration events, candy counting, pumpkin carving, costume contest, and night of safety/crossing guards. The success and safety of Spooktacular is dependent on many volunteers lending a few hours of their time, no special skills needed. Thank you for considering lending a helping hand.

The Buy Nothing Project

WHNA Green Committee

Are you ready to part with some things that have been taking up useful space in your home or garage? Do you really need that card table in the back of your closet or the punch bowl you used at a baby shower ten years ago? Maybe your plants need to be divided or you need a piece of equipment for a yard project.

Whether you are discarding or acquiring, the Buy Nothing Washington Heights group on Facebook is successfully pairing

useful stuff with new owners. The group is a gift-economy project with the purpose of building community and reducing environmental waste. The project currently has many neighborhood members. You could be the next one to join.

One neighbor, Heidi Steeno, likes using it to pass on things that her family no longer needs, but someone nearby will find useful. One of the administrators, Alyssa Totoraitis, uses it because of the

sustainability aspect and finds it great for young families to pass on and receive clothes and toys that kids quickly outgrow.

How does it differ from other sites? Everything is free. You can post to give or to ask for something. Sharing your gratitude is strongly encouraged. Everyone who created this site and keeps it going is a volunteer. Best of all, it's in our neighborhood.

WHNA Easter Egg Hunt



Please join us at our annual Easter Egg Hunt for a morning of family fun!

The outdoor event will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 16 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Christian Day School (5327 W Washington Blvd) and at Saint Sebastian Catholic Parish and

School (5400 W Washington Blvd). Kids ages 2 to 8 years old will hunt for eggs at Mount Olive. Kids 9 years old and older will hunt for eggs at Saint Sebastian. With both Congregations participating, we are able to hide more eggs while spreading out safely!

The free event features

thousands of colored eggs filled with delicious candy. The Easter Bunny is also expected to make an appearance! It will be held in snow, rain or shine. The eggs will go quickly, so arrive on time. Please bring your basket and enjoy!



Urban Ecology Center - Washington Park

Lyra O'Brien

An outdoor oasis is just steps from your home. The Urban Ecology Center Branch, located on the nearly 135 acres of Washington Park, provides families with an abundance of outdoor activities.

"When you become a member, there are benefits like free access to all of our equipment. We will lend you our canoes and kayaks to use on the lagoon. In the winter, you can borrow our skis, sleds, skates and snow shoes. This summer, use our bikes and explore the trails, or use our fishing pool at the lagoon. We want people to enjoy the outdoors and this membership provides you with year-round access", said Terry Evans, Branch Manager.

Membership rates for a Family (two adults, all children or grandchildren under 18 in a household, one guest) is priced at \$60 for the year. An Individual membership (one

individual, plus one guest) is priced at \$50 a year. In addition to access to free equipment, being a member also provides you access to some of Urban Ecology's unique programs.

"We know the world is full of wonder, and we want to share that with the community. We hold special events for meteor showers, bird watching, plant gardens and harvest food with our experienced education team," added Evans.

In addition to Urban Ecology's year-round educational programs, the site also offers after school programs, science clubs, summer camps and weekend events to educate and connect people to nature.

"We really are Milwaukee's best kept secret. People enjoy our programs. It connects our community and we are so proud to show off this beautiful park," stated Evans.

Urban Ecology opened its doors at Washington Park

in 2007. Since that time, it has evolved and added new programs including a new animal exhibit.

"It's the Native Wisconsin Animal room. It has a 560 gallon fish tank. You can get up close to the fish, snakes, frogs and turtles that call our great state home. Even better, you can help with the feeding.

When here, ask our staff to learn more about times for that. Additionally, we will be offering new paddle boards this summer. I think people will really enjoy being on the water even more," added Evans.

Open every Tuesday through Saturday, Urban Ecology at Washington Park offers something for everyone. From education to entertainment, at this location you can enjoy events indoors or out. Visit their website, urbanecologycenter.org, for more information.



Taking Action on Traffic Calming

A City Committee Update

Robin Palm

Tired speeders and reckless driving? Help may be on the way. Better yet, we control our own destiny.

The Milwaukee Neighborhood Management Program (NTMP) installs traffic calming devices such as speed bumps, mini roundabouts, and speed tables to slow down speeders. Recently, the Common Council has pledged the use of Federal ARPA dollars to increase the City's share of the cost to install these features.

Why would we want to slow down our streets? Aren't they for getting from point A to point B?

Streets are a vital part of our neighborhood, take up about as much space as our homes, and are about 90% of the public realm. Like it or not, they're a big part of our lives. Unsafe Streets make for unsafe neighborhoods. Even small increases in traffic speed significantly affects the survivability of auto vs. pedestrian crashes. (See Figure 1). Studies have also shown that social interactions in a neighborhood decrease as the amount and speed of traffic increase. The independence of children outside of the home is almost inversely proportional to the safety of the surrounding streets. (Hart, 2011).

Where do I sign up?

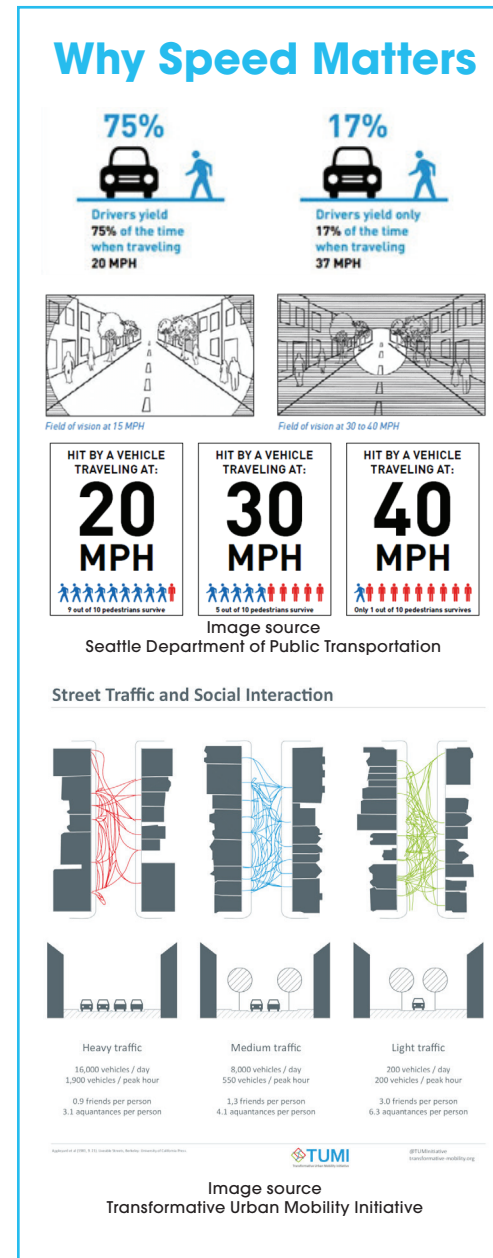
First is the paperwork! By going to <https://city.milwaukee.gov/dpw/infrastructure/Neighborhood-Traffic-Management>, you can download the Traffic Management Request form and Neighborhood Signature sheet. On it, you need to specify the traffic calming option you wish to apply for and collect 50% of the owners OR residents of the affected area (more on that later). This is then sent to the Alderperson for approval.

Washington Heights is part of the 10th Aldermanic District and is represented by Alderman Mike Murphy. Also at this time, DPW will conduct a quick study of the area to determine what options are most appropriate.

Once these steps are completed, a mailed survey will be sent out to property owners. The Alderperson has the authority to interpret the results of the survey and give final approval on the project, which will then be set for construction.

Options and Costs

I spoke with Washington Heights resident Holly Rutenbeck, a Project Programming Manager for Milwaukee's Department of Public Works (MKE DPW), at length about the available options and costs. All costs



are per linear foot of property frontage. So if your property is 45 feet along the public street and the cost is \$2 per linear foot, that's a total of \$90. Corner lots use the shortest corner. The cost will appear on your city tax bill. If the cost is OVER \$125, it can be spread out over 10 years at the prevailing interest rate.

Speed Hump. This is the most basic of traffic calming measures. It is the cheapest to install and the most familiar to everyone. The advantages are speed and cost. Ms. Rutenbeck informed me that if applied for, these can be installed during this upcoming construction season. The cost has been lowered to \$2 per linear foot.

The disadvantages are general neighbor annoyance, traffic just going elsewhere, and potential plow blade mishaps.

Speed humps are currently the only traffic calming measure eligible for the ARPA discount, but other measures are still worth considering.

Raised Crosswalk or Speed Table. These are like speed humps but are located near intersections and are much more gradual. They are designed to draw attention to potential cross traffic.

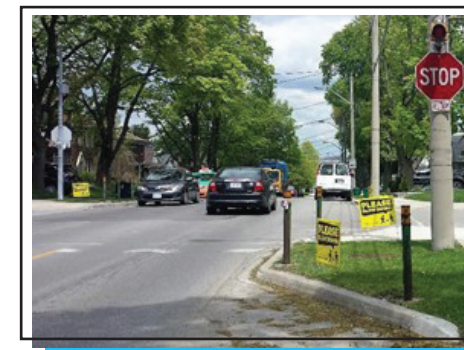
They are much nicer to cars and plow blades, but they are much more expensive because they are made out of concrete. They run \$12 per linear foot.

Mini Roundabouts. These slow cars down at critical intersections by presenting an obstacle that requires some thought to navigate instead of just speeding straight through. They can also contain a tree, planter, sign, or other beautification measure that could be at risk of being run over by an inattentive driver. These cost \$4.50 a linear foot.

Bump Outs/Potter Necks/

Extended Curbs. These extensions of the sidewalk are designed to extend the curb's "pedestrian safe space" zone to shorten the distance necessary to cross the street. They also create a sense of a narrower street and require tighter turns, both of which causes cars to slow down.

Another great reason to install them is that they prevent the dreaded



"Milwaukee slide," which is when a car uses a parking lane or bike lane to pass from the right at an intersection. You may have noticed temporary versions of these using flex posts at many intersections along North Avenue. These currently don't have set prices through the NTMP program, but we are encouraged to request them!

Two way traffic and/or both sides parking. If you drive through Washington Heights, you'll notice several things. Cars drive faster on one-way streets, and cars drive faster with limited or no parking or parking usage. It's the same overall concept, the more competition for space

each driver has, the slower traffic will go. A great example is Galena between Hawley and 53rd or so. The two-way traffic and the number of cars parked on the street create what is known as a "Yield Street," meaning it is not quite big enough for two vehicles to comfortably pass side-by-side. This may result in the Midwest Infinite Politeness Loop, where each driver insists the other go first. This is the calmest street possible, as cars are alert to potentially stop at any moment. The calmer the street, the safer it is for children to play. The best thing about these options is that they essentially cost nothing, except signage and paint. DPW has informed me that requests for those changes can also be looked at through this program!

So, what are we waiting for? Get out there and get those signatures to make our streets a safer and nicer place for everyone who calls the Heights home.

This is article been brought to you by the CITY Committee. If you enjoyed this content and would like to know more, Committee meetings takes place via ZOOM on the second Wednesday of each month at 8PM. Also if you wish to ask questions about doing this for your neighborhood or need assistance, contact me at email.rob.palm@gmail.com.

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Beth Lappen

When I sat down to write this article, it started with, “Washington Heights needs YOU! Spring into action with your neighbors...” (I literally just cut and pasted that here from my first draft.) But I never sent that draft. It felt uninspired, un compelling and just not real or special enough for its intended audience. I saved it as “WHNA Volunteer Pitch” and walked away from it, knowing it was already a finished article. I could reread it in the morning and send it off for a passable appeal for more hands to lighten the lift. It, of course, included that you should volunteer for WHNA “to meet new people, to have fun doing it, to invest in the neighborhood you know and love and to KEEP OUR EVENTS GOING AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ACTIVE!”

It’s all quite true, but I still could not shake the feeling that it would come across as insincere because it’s been said and done before. I wished I had had time to get some testimonies—the people that WHNA has been counting on for years to help out and who never let us down, but also from some of our newer volunteers that are boosting the energy at meetings and events as we all emerge from the pandemic. There just wasn’t time, though, because

I had talked to our volunteer Board President about this article after the deadline for submissions (because she volunteers as editor as well), and she talked to our volunteer graphic designer who was already working on layout of the magazine you hold in your hands now. In any case, there IS one testimony I realized I could still offer—my own.



My husband and I moved into the neighborhood in 2003. When we moved in, we knew two couples that already lived here. They quickly introduced us to another neighbor, and we naturally met the people living on the other three sides of us. One other neighbor from across the alley and down that block came around to introduce herself and welcome us to the neighborhood.

We then hunkered down and worked on our house that needed a lot of love for the next couple of years. Of course, we grew to know a few other people living on our block in that time, but still couldn’t count many of those as friends

yet. We had been in our home more than ten years before I realized a man I worked with lived in the neighborhood. We started carpooling, and he soon after started recruiting me to the WHNA Board of Directors.

I was extremely hesitant—I had never been on a Board before, and I am pretty shy and have my fair share of self-doubt. He dropped it for a while, but then desperately needed to fill a vacant position in our area and begged me to join. I asked a lot of questions, but, ultimately, I am a helper and agreed to do it with my spouse as co-chair. From there, I joined committees and volunteered at events. I subsequently helped organize block and alley parties. I am now in the waning months of my time as Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors.

Again, when I first moved in and before I started volunteering with WHNA as a Board member or otherwise (11 years after buying a home and moving into the neighborhood), I knew Scott, Kelly, Patrick, Mandy, Amy, Mary, Bob, Vicky, Dick, Marge, Keith, Kerry, Dan, GiGi, Rick, Anne, Theresa and David.

Since stepping forward and joining the Board nearly seven years ago, I now also know (and can count many as friends) Sarah, John, Sofi, Ann, Tom, Corbett, Josh, Jane, Mary, Pat, Rich, Anne, Carol,

Joan, Brenda, Pat, Celeste, Annalisa, Sam, Kristy, John, Christopher, Jennifer, Allen, Ed, Andy, Patrick, Eric, Dan, Matt, Kyra, Ric, Brandon, Alexa, Ryan, Trent, Simon, Lyra, Sabrina, Alec, Dominique, Sharon, Lynita, Darryl, Barb, Julie, Juan, Jen, John, Jennifer, Danielle, Bill, Nada, Barb, Kevin, Laura, Romey, Gloria, Cameron, Bree, Jerry, Andy, Ann (yes, another one—I swear I am thinking of individuals with each name, although I cannot promise I am spelling them all correctly!), Kayla, Daniel, Heidi, Eileen, Kevin, Robin, Amanda, Kirsten, Kinard, Sarah, Joel, Chris, Jean, Kris, Dan, Jen, John... and I am out of time because I have to go to work and send this in.

These are real names, real people. There is no way I remembered everyone—I have inadvertently omitted many for sure (my deepest apologies!)—but nearly all of the above could be listed here as friends BECAUSE I volunteered for WHNA.

Whether you are young or old, a new or long-term resident of Washington Heights, have a lot of time or a little, there are opportunities for you. You may inquire without being expected to commit. E-mail me at bethlappen@wi.rr.com if you have interest or just questions at this time.

Please join us. We would love to meet you!

Get Engaged

If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities listed below (or have ideas of your own), please contact Beth Lappen at bethlappen@wi.rr.com.

Get your name on the ballot and get elected to the Board of Directors

Set up and / or break-down for the Boulevard Bash

Join one of our committees (see last page for info)

Register kids for Spooktacular

Deliver Highlighters to a section of the neighborhood

Keep kids safe at Spooktacular by monitoring barricades

Write an article for the Highlighter

Count candy for Spooktacular

Recruit a volunteer

Take pictures of the neighborhood or at events for the Highlighter, website, and social media

Clean-up litter in the neighborhood
Represent the neighborhood at a WHNA booth at an event

Welcome new neighbors by delivering a WHNA Welcome Packet

Unload plants from the delivery truck for Bloom & Groom

Register kids for the Easter Egg Hunt

Bundle up and direct traffic at Mulchfest

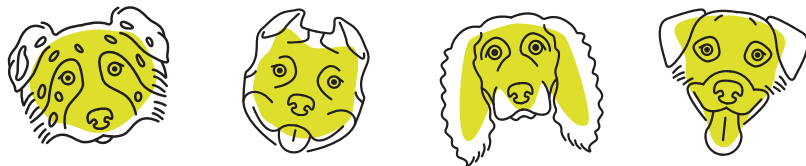
Stuff eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt

Revive the wine tasting

Hide candy at the Easter Egg Hunt

Revive the beer tasting

Dogma



Laura Burke

Why submissive dogs pee

Some dog owners mistake submissive and excitement urination as house training problems, when they are actually involuntary behavioral issues. During times of high excitement such as when you return home or a friend arrives, a puppy may dribble small amounts of urine. This is the canine equivalent of I'm so happy and excited that I peed my pants! This behavior is particularly common among young exuberant dogs. Interestingly enough dogs also urinate in an attempt to communicate a submissive status to a person or animal in a pack. Dogs have many ways to show the leader that they accept their role as the alpha dog and thus avoid a confrontation. One way is to produce dribbles of urine, so when you yell at them for submissive peeing, you are just making it worse. Sometimes your dog is scared, suspicious or anxious, about their surroundings or a person. They may urinate in response to convey that they are not a threat.

Why dogs sniff before they poop

Dogs have a strong instinct to carefully consider the location of their potty breaks, pooping and peeing are effective

methods of communication, and a very public affair. Dogs have unique scent from glands located on either side of the anus. Dogs investigate the most current catalog of smells and scents laid down by both itself and others,



these smells are like a map of territories and borders, and your dog is constantly assessing and reassessing its own placement of scents. Dogs gain information about local inhabitants and the surrounding environment from just one good sniff. They can learn, sexual status of dogs or a safe place to poop, That is why your dog sometimes poops right next to another dog's pile

of poop. Sometimes dogs have surface preferences, when dogs are sniffing, they are trying to find the right spot to poop. In this sense, spending some time sniffing around before going to the bathroom is like checking social media and reading the local news all wrapped up into one. Of course, in most cases the message is simply territorial, letting other dogs know who's king of the park.

Why dogs eat poop

Dogs want clean spaces to play and live as much as you do and their most obvious way to rid the environment of waste is by eating it. When a mother gives birth to her puppies, they don't know anything about using the bathroom. A mother will eat the puppy's feces to keep their new home clean, this is nature's way of keeping the puppies free from disease and a mother's way of protecting her young. Eating fecal droppings is also a way of obtaining key nutrients, while we may view poop as dangerous it's not as scary as we think. While eating poop from sick animals can be an issue as it contains viruses and or parasites. Bacteria from healthy poop often contains harmless bacteria and some undigested food, poop can be nutritious and help reset the gut bacteria to healthy levels. You probably have noticed that

dogs find horse manure and goose droppings particularly appealing, this is because the manure of herbivores is full of enzymes and partially digested protein. If your dog is eating poop there might be some nutrients missing from their diet, sometimes switching to a healthier dog food diet is a way to fix a stool eating problem. Some dogs may also start eating their own poop because of environmental stress or anxiety. Studies have shown that dogs who are kept alone in kennels or basements are more likely to eat poop than those dogs who live close to their people.

Why dogs throw up

A dog may throw up simply because he's eaten something

disagreeable or gobbled down too much food too fast. Dogs may also throw up because of food allergies, a sudden change in their diet ingestion of too much fatty or buttery food or even motion sickness due to riding in a car. Sometimes vomiting can also indicate something far more serious your dog may have swallowed a toxic substance or may be suffering from a condition that requires immediate medical attention. While an occasional isolated bout of vomiting may not be of concern frequent or chronic vomiting can be a sign of a more serious condition. If your dog's vomiting is not an isolated incident a vet visit is necessary

Bark at you later!



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A Letter from the Alderman

Michael J. Murphy

Washington Heights Residents,

I hope you and your family have had a healthy and happy start to 2022. Hopefully, the coldest days of the year are behind us. With Covid-19 positivity rates decreasing throughout the city and country, and vaccination rates increasing, I have enjoyed being able to safely return to in-person meetings and events with those in my district.

Last month, I had the pleasure of joining Mayor Cavalier Johnson and Chief Jeffrey Norman for a walk down Vliet Street to visit with business owners and residents. It was a great opportunity to

speak firsthand with business owners about their experience on Vliet Street and listen to their concerns.

As we move into spring, it is time to start preparing for property assessment and appeal season. Residents will receive property assessments in the mail this April. Those wishing to appeal their assessments should follow the below steps:

Step 1:
Contact the Assessor's office during Open Book period

Open Book occurs each year between the fourth Monday in April and the third Monday in May. Residents who feel that assessment data is inaccurate should contact the Assessor's office:

Email:
assessor@milwaukee.gov

Phone:
(414) 286-6565
» Monday – Friday
8:00AM – 4:45PM
» This number is only available during Open Book.

Step 2
Request an Appeals Form and Return by the Third Monday in May

Appeals must be in writing on prescribed forms. A property-specific form will be emailed or mailed to you by someone in the Assessor's office.

Forms must be filled out in full. Residents should include a telephone number and/or email

address on fully completed form.

The deadline to return your appeals form(s) is the third Monday in May. Appeals forms can be returned by:

Email:
assessor@milwaukee.gov
U.S. Mail:
City of Milwaukee Assessor's Office
200 E Wells Street, Room 507
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Drop Box:
City of Milwaukee Assessor's Office
Milwaukee City Hall, 5th Floor
200 E Wells Street, Room 507

Step 3: Include Evidence with Your Appeal

It is recommended that evidence be submitted with all appeals. The appeals form is due by the third Monday in May but the supporting evidence may be submitted after the appeals deadline. Following are examples of evidence types for residential or commercial properties.

Acceptable Evidence Types

Residential Property Owners:

- A copy of an appraisal representative of market conditions as of January 1 of the current year.
- A copy of a market analysis from a local real estate agent representative of market conditions as of January 1 of the current year.
- Photos of the interior or exterior of your home that

show deferred maintenance area as of January 1 of the current year – electronic copies preferred.

- Photos of the interior or exterior of your home that show a certain feature that we have listed on our Property Record Card was not present as of January 1 of the current year.

Commercial Property Owners:

- A copy of an appraisal representative of market conditions as of January 1 of the current year.
- Photos of the interior or exterior of the property that show it is not currently rentable or usable as of January 1 of the current year.
- Rent roll as of January 1 of the current year.
- Income and expense statement that includes all income and expense data on the property for the year prior to January 1 of the current year.

Step 4:
After Appeal Has Been Submitted

4A: Board of Assessors

Appeals received prior to the filing deadline of the third Monday in May will be reviewed by a property appraiser and the appraiser's determination will be reviewed by the Board of Assessors. The Board of Assessors reviews all

appeals and makes necessary changes to arrive at market value. The Board of Assessors will send a written notice of their determination.

4B: Board of Review - Optional

If you do not agree with the Board of Assessor's determination, you may ask the Board of Review Clerk for a Board of Review hearing.

Email:
boardreview@milwaukee.gov
Phone:
(414) 286-3742

2022 Neighborhood Cleanup Box Program

Spring also means the return of weekend neighborhood cleanup boxes provided by the Department of Public Works. DPW will begin taking reservations for weekend neighborhood cleanup boxes on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Cleanup organizers can schedule a box for their neighborhood by calling 414-286-3345 or online at Milwaukee.gov/neighborhoodbox. The 2022 program will place up to 13 boxes each Saturday from April 23rd through July 30th.

As always, please feel free to contact my office regarding the above information or any other matter at mmurph@milwaukee.gov or 414-286-3763. I hope to see you around the neighborhood in the near future.



Safety Reminders for Warmer Weather

Beth Lappen

As the days warm and lengthen, more and more of us bounce back from winter hibernation and emerge for a variety of outdoor activities. Here are a few reminders and tips to help you and your family stay safe while enjoying the great outdoors! We have a lovely, mostly safe neighborhood, but crime can and does happen here and everywhere. Let's stay safe and enjoy our community!

Running and walking—Cross only at crosswalks and always look out for vehicles. Yes, they should be looking for you, too, but better to be safe than sorry. Consider wearing bright or reflective clothing or carry lights, especially if walking before dawn or after dusk.

Biking—In the road, you are another vehicle so travel most safely by following traffic laws. If you happen to be riding on the sidewalk because you are younger or feel unsafe in the road, you should be traveling slower and behaving like a pedestrian, stopping at corners and looking for cars before entering the street. Again, use bright or reflective clothing and/or lights and reflectors to be seen more easily by drivers.

Yardwork—Consider locking the doors to your house or garage when your attention will be focused on mowing the lawn, weeding or gardening. This can reduce your risk of being a victim of burglary

while you are otherwise occupied.

Block Parties—No warning here! Get together, get to know each other and have fun! Talk about safety issues and other concerns. Bring it to your area rep and/or an at-large rep on the Board.

We also begin throwing open our windows and doors more to let the fresh air into our homes.



Windows—Use limiters on open windows so that they cannot be entered, especially when you are not at home or in that particular room.

Doors—Lock your screen doors to hopefully prevent unwelcome visitors and/or make it just a little bit harder to enter.

Valuables—Do not keep them in sight of windows and doors—in your home or car—where would-be burglars could easily smash a window or force a door and grab them quickly and get away.

Vacations—Please be careful not to inadvertently

advertise time away from home on social media. Enjoy any time traveling and share your experience online after you are home. Consider asking a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home. Use light and TV/radio timers to create the appearance of an occupied home where the conditions change throughout the day.

Lastly, just be present and alert. We can be the guardians of our homes, neighbors and community. Let's look out for each other and report suspicious behavior to try to avoid becoming victims of crimes.

Our neighborhood is in District 3 of the Milwaukee Police Department. For crimes in progress, dial 911. For non-emergencies, call 414-933-4444. To reach the District 3 station, call 414-935-7234. Our district's Community Liaison Officer (CLO) can be reached at 414-935-7972 or mpd3@milwaukee.gov. Lastly, Captain Glidewell, the CLO and the district's partners host a monthly Crime & Safety meeting on the last Thursday of each month (regardless of whether it is the 4th or 5th Thursday) at 5:30PM. You can hear up-to-date statistics and trends in area crime and ask questions of officials.

Also, WHNA's Safety Committee is resuming regular meetings! If you are interested in participating or staying abreast of committee activities, please e-mail n.safety@whna.net.



2022 District Three Crime and Safety Meetings

The following Thursdays at 5:30 PM

March 31 • April 28 • May 26 • June 30 • July 28
August 25 • September 29 • October 27 • November 17
No December meeting due to holidays

Join District Three Commander, Captain Herb Glidewell, in learning about crime statistics for the district, meet some of your local neighbors and business owners, and learn about new safety topics each month to bring back to your neighborhood. Community Liaison Officers and Community Partnership Officers will be available to answer your questions!



Join the meeting by visiting bit.ly/mpd3-crimesafety or scan the QR code!

2333 N 49th St
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Phone: 414-935-7234
Email: mpd3@milwaukee.gov

Community Liaison Phone:
414-395-7733

Help for Your Home

Lyra O'Brien

With more time at home, you have the chance to see more things you'd change or improve. We know looking for reliable plumber or roofer can be a daunting task, so we put together a list of recommended professionals who have worked on our homes!!

Even though these professionals come highly recommended, you still want to do your homework. Ask questions, get quotes and references. Get your home in excellent shape this spring!

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(414) 312-5999

Sears Carpet & Air Duct Cleaning

(414) 760-8900

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Floor Coverings International
(262) 424-0768

My Affordable Floors Inc.
(262) 653-1120

Chimney Repair

Pratt's Chimney Services
(262) 862-1695

Cleaning

Maid Brigade
(414) 384-4620

T & M Cleaning Services, Inc.
(414) 933-2785

Drywall

Juan Arriaga
(414) 334-9013

Colorwheel Painting
(414) 708-6324

Electrical

Current Electric
(262) 786-5885

Debyl Electric
(262) 894-3903

Epoxy Repair

CRC-Concrete Raising Corp.
(414) 540-9600

Foundation Consulting/ Drain Tile

Accurate Basement Repair
(414) 744-6900

Mike Shadid Foundation
Consulting
(414) 379-1265

Foundation Repairs

Badger Basements Systems
(920) 278-5832

General Home Repairs, Interior/Exterior

F & C Contractors, LLC
(414) 467-4525

Gutters

Big Fish Contracting
(262) 470-1114

Weatherization Services

(414) 873-4945

Handy Person (small jobs)

Milwaukee Handyman
(262) 439-8620

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MaxCare Hardwood Flooring
(414) 645-2200

Hauling, Rubbish Removal Camo Crew Junk Removal & Hauling

(414) 828-5364

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Milestone Plumbing
(414) 988-4565

Hartlaub Plumbing, Heating, Cooling
(262) 436-0784

Rozga Plumbing & Heating Corp
(414) 258-9911

Interior Designer

Blue Paisley Designs
(608) 347-8862

Lawn Maintenance

R & R Enterprises
(414) 349-5214

Masonry

Third Coast Masonry
(414) 939-9656

Painting, Interior, Exterior

Juan Arriaga
(414) 334-9013

Colorwheel Painting
(414) 708-6324

Remodeling

Romeo CC and Remodeling LLC
(262) 510-5196

Roofing

F & C Contractors, LLC
(414) 467-4525

Big Fish Contracting

(262) 470-1114

Siding

Big Fish Contracting
(262) 470-1114

Custom Trim, Inc.
(262) 782-0252

Structural Engineer

StrucRite, Jim Morris P.E.
(262) 549-3222

Tree Services

Hoppe Tree Services
(414) 257-2111

M & M Tree Care
(414) 355-3420

Wallpaper Hanging, Removal

Colorwheel Painting
(414) 708-6324

Window Replacement

D & Z Home Improvements
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Yard Cleaning

Petey's Poop Patrol
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A Letter from the State Representative

Evan Goyke

Throughout my tenure in the legislature I have worked to reform juvenile corrections in Wisconsin. I first went up to Lincoln Hills in 2015 and introduced legislation thereafter to begin closing that troubled facility and bring our kids closer to home.

Now, seven years later, the final pieces are in place to close Lincoln Hills.

The Legislature recently unanimously approved the necessary funding to construct a juvenile facility in Milwaukee County to serve as the alternative to Lincoln Hills. While we have work to do, including choosing the most appropriate location for the facility, we are closer to closing Lincoln Hills than ever before.

I'm confident that keeping kids closer to the communities they come from -

and go home to - will result in improved educational and treatment outcomes for kids and increased public safety through reduced rates of recidivism. Having worked closely on this issue for years and years, I'm excited to get another step closer to finally closing Lincoln Hills.

One pressing issue that was not addressed this legislative session was local government

funding. Both the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County have been and will continue to experience financial challenges if the State Legislature fails to act. In Wisconsin, local governments are limited in the amount of revenue they can raise locally, even as the cost to provide essential services increases.



St. Louis, and Chicago.

I know an increase in sales tax is not an easy issue, especially during a period of inflation, but failing to provide the necessary resources to our local governments will have far greater negative consequences. Whether it be public safety, parks, transit, or any of the important issues in between, our local governments need additional resources to meet the challenges we face.

A bi-partisan highlight this session has been addressing retirement security. Back in September of 2019, Governor Tony Evers created the Task Force on Retirement Security and I had the opportunity to chair a subcommittee and work with diverse stakeholders around the state for more than two years.

Through the Task Force, we developed the framework for the 401(K)ids program. 401(K)ids creates an IRA-like investment account for every child born or adopted in Wisconsin. The account is invested and managed by the State of Wisconsin and at the age of 18, the individual account holder may access the savings. Each account is seeded with a modest investment

from the state and the account holder, family members, friends, philanthropic or business groups can also contribute to an account.

The account will gain interest and can be used, without tax penalty, for: 1) tuition or expenses for higher education; 2) first time home buying; 3) a medical emergency; 4) the individual can roll the savings into a different retirement savings account.

This bipartisan legislation would be the first of its kind in the country. Exciting research shows that even a small amount of savings, \$500 or less, makes kids three times more likely to attend college and if they attend, they are four times more likely to graduate. By starting at birth and applying the accounts universally, we can begin to break cycles of poverty, reduce racial wealth gaps, and put our future generations in the strongest financial position possible.



One thing that furthers the partisan divide in Wisconsin is gerrymandering our legislative maps. In early March, the Wisconsin Supreme Court made a ruling regarding maps for Congressional and the State Legislative districts. Using a new theory called "least change," the Supreme Court selected maps submitted by Governor Evers. These maps are a step in the right direction, but because they were based on making the "least change" to an existing gerrymander, they are still flawed. I maintain that the best solution is a nonpartisan redistricting process.

Going into the redistricting process, it was clear the 18th Assembly District was going to experience change. Over the past decade, our district has lost population, which means new neighborhoods or communities would be added to the district to ensure proportionality between all 99 Assembly districts statewide.

The Supreme Court decision, if unchanged, will bring significant changes to the 18th Assembly district. I have had the honor of serving the entire Washington Heights neighborhood for 10 years. Under the new maps, Washington Boulevard will serve as the Assembly District border: north of the Boulevard will be a part of the 17th Assembly district while south of the Boulevard will remain in the 18th. In addition, new areas of the City of Milwaukee, West Allis, and Wauwatosa will be added to the 18th.

I will continue to send updates and encourage anyone with specific questions on redistricting or the new maps to reach out directly to me. Thank you for the opportunity to share a glimpse into some of my work as your State Representative this past session.

Thank you so much!
Evan



Bubble Paper

Kelcey Kalumbula

Materials Needed

1. Cups or large yogurt containers
2. Water
3. Liquid watercolors, tempera paint or food coloring
4. Bubble soap or dish soap
5. Straws
6. Paper
7. Newspaper to project surface
8. Optional: Glasses to protect eyes

Process

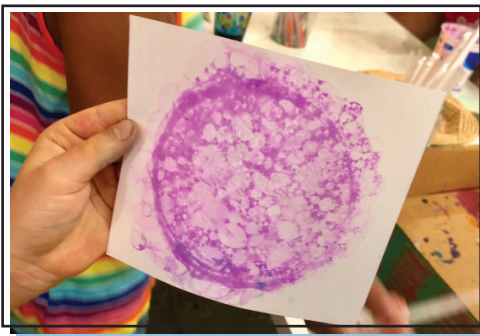
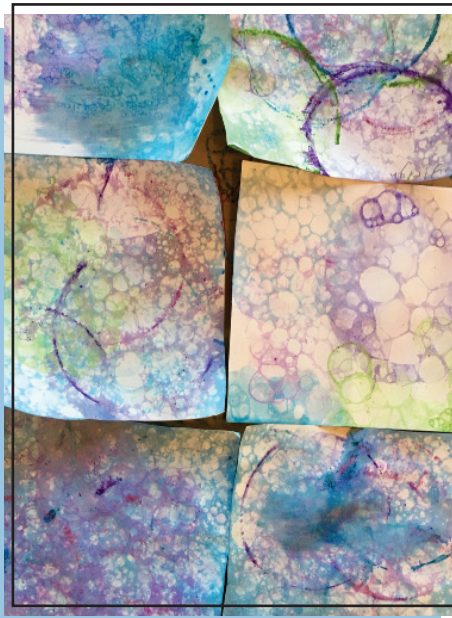
- COVER work area with newspaper
- FILL cup 1/4 full of water
- ADD 4-5 drops of paint or food coloring
- ADD squirt of soap & MIX
- Using straw, BLOW bubbles until they reach above top of cup Tip: Remember only to blow out of straw. This can be tricky for young children. Pierce straw middle with pin to help prevent accidental drinking of soap mixture
- PRESS paper on top of bubbles and remove
- REPEAT process & add layers of different colors
- HAVE FUN!

Keep those creative juices flowing with fun tools, supplies and kits from Cloud 9 Workshop! Visit cloud9workshop.org/creativekits



Cloud 9 Kid Connection

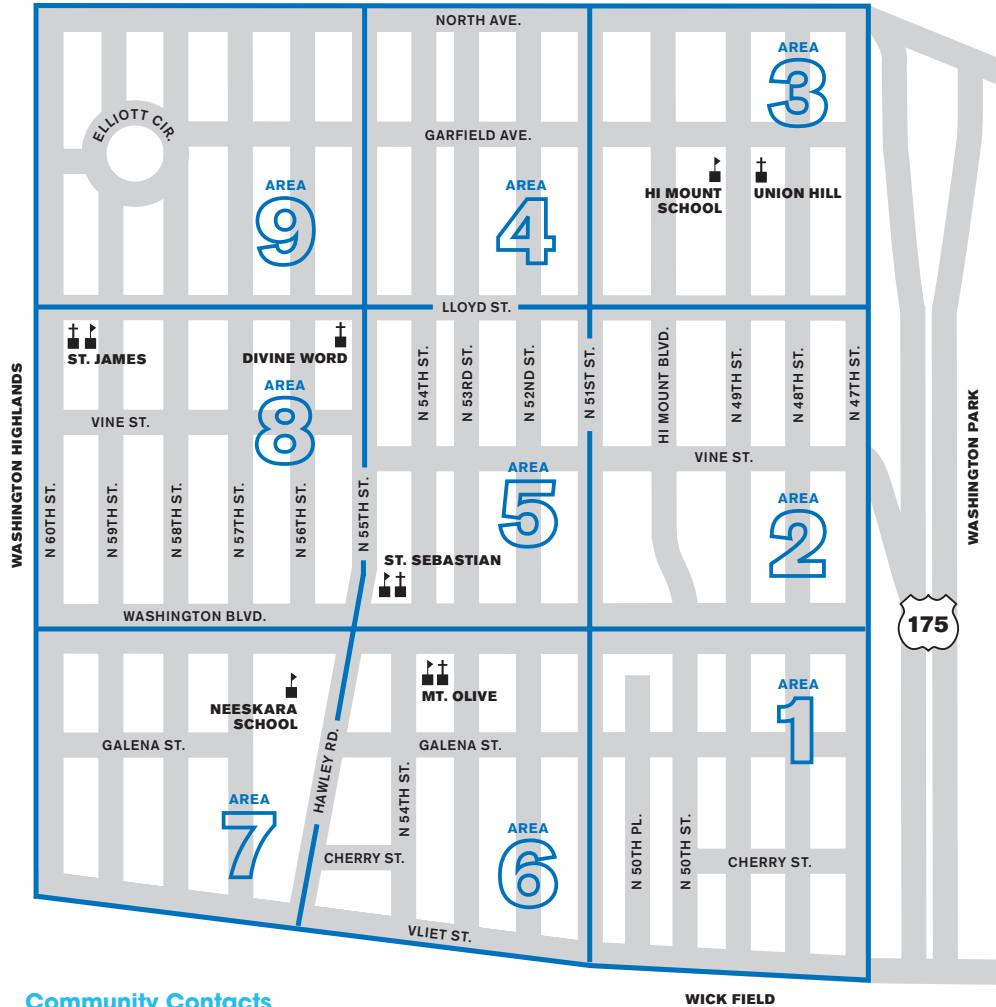
Expect giggles galore with this project! Bubble printing is playful, fun and allows for experimentation. Start out with a single straw and then try taping a bundle of straws together. Add 4-5 drops of paint and then try a few more or mix colors!



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Washington Heights Neighborhood Map



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Third District Non-Emergency	933.4444
Crime Prevention	935.7733
Graffiti Hotline	286.8715
Block Watch	588.5619
WHNA	939.4622



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Submit your best Heights photos for consideration—on Facebook or email it to highlighter@whna.net

The Fall/Winter Highlighter will arrive in late March. To submit an article or neighborhood event, contact highlighter@whna.net.

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