



city of
**South
Milwaukee**

Proud Past ... Promising Future

City Administration Building
2424 15th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172
414-762-2222

“KEEPING IN TOUCH”
September, 2012

From Mayor Zepecki’s Office...

Dear Fellow Citizens,

As we head into fall of the year 2012, we can look back on one of the hottest summers on record. The one positive result of the hot, dry weather is that our sewer and road construction projects are on schedule to be completed on time prior to the start of winter conditions.

Nicholson Avenue between College and Rawson should be reopening for traffic by early November. Parkway Drive repaving and storm sewer work was completed in mid-summer. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during construction.

Walmart is on schedule for its April 1, 2013 grand opening. The opening of the new store will create 160 to 200 new jobs in our community.

As we head into fall, the Common Council has set a new time for trick or treating. For 2012, trick or treat is scheduled for Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Have fun and be safe!

I hope you and your family have an opportunity to join in the Old Fashioned Christmas celebration in late November. Event details can be found in this newsletter. I hope you all have a great holiday season and enjoy ushering in a New Year 2013! As always, if I can be of assistance to you, please call my office at 414-768-8049.

Sincerely,

Thomas Zepecki
Mayor

Dates to Remember



Monthly Meetings:

Common Council	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday
Plan Commission	4 th Monday
CDA	2 nd Monday

Meeting dates are subject to change – Please check the City calendar on the website for current information.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Mayor.....768-8049	Administration.....768-8051
Fire.....768-8191	Assessor.....768-8052
Police.....768-8060	Library.....768-8195
Clerk.....762-2222	Treasurer.....768-8048
Water.....768-8070	Engineering.....768-8053
Health.....768-8055	Senior Center.....768-8045
Inspection.....768-8054	Wastewater.....768-8180
Street Dept...768-8075	

TREASURER’S OFFICE

****HOLIDAY HOURS – TAX COLLECTIONS****

2012 TAX BILLS

The 2012 tax bills will be mailed to property owners by the third Monday in December. The due date for tax bills is January 31, with an optional three-payment installment plan for real estate taxes. Installment due dates are January 31, April 30, and July 31. Please note, installment reminder notices are not sent. If an installment payment is late, interest and penalty is assessed retroactive to February 1 on the entire unpaid principal balance and the installment option is forfeited in accordance with state law.

You may view your 2012 tax bill on the city’s website at www.smwi.org in December as soon as the bills become available.

Please note: City Hall will be closed on the following days for the remainder of 2012: November 23-24, December 24, 25, and 31, and also January 1, 2013.

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NEW OWNER OR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE

Tax bills do not forward. If you will be temporarily away in December and would like your tax bill mailed to an alternate address, please notify the Treasurer’s office before November 30. If you moved, or if you are a new owner, contact the Assessor’s office to update this information to ensure you receive your tax bill.



****HOLIDAY HOURS – TAX COLLECTIONS****

The Treasurer’s office will observe the following holiday schedule:



- **December 24 & 25**Closed
- **December 31**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **January 1**Closed

Please plan accordingly to make sure your tax payment is received on or before December 31 for income tax purposes.

LOTTERY AND GAMING CREDIT

The 2012 Lottery and Gaming Credit application is available on the City’s website or at the Treasurer’s office. Return the completed application to the Treasurer’s office by November 30 for placement on the tax bill. If you received the Lottery and Gaming Credit on last year’s tax bill, you do not need to complete a new application. You are eligible for the credit if on January 1, 2012 you were the owner of the property and used the property as your PRIMARY residence. If you no longer qualify for the credit, please complete the deletion form and return it to the Treasurer’s office to have the credit removed from the tax bill.

If you did not receive a 2011 Lottery and Gaming Credit and were eligible, complete a 2011 Late Lottery and Gaming Credit application and send it along with a copy of your 2011 tax bill to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue prior to October 1, 2012.

PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT TAXES

Delinquent 2011 and prior years’ taxes must be paid to the Milwaukee County Treasurer. Mail payment to: 901 N. 9th Street, Courthouse Room 102, Milwaukee, WI 53233-1462. Go to: www.county.milwaukee.gov for more information.

PET LICENSING

Dogs and cats more than 5 months of age must be licensed annually. Bring or mail the renewal postcard from MADACC to either the City Treasurer’s office or MADACC. If licensing through MADACC, make check payable to MADACC and mail directly to them (address on postcard). If licensing through the City, make check payable to the City of South Milwaukee and bring or mail to the Treasurer’s office. The postcard will list the renewal fee and rabies vaccination information. **If the vaccination information is expired, or if licensing a new pet, a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate issued by your veterinarian must be presented as proof of vaccination before a license may be issued.** Late fees are assessed beginning April 1. For your convenience, renew or apply for a pet license online using a credit card at www.madacc.com.



WATER/SEWER BILLS

Billing questions should be directed to the Water Utility at 768-8070. Bills may be paid at the City Treasurer’s office or the South Milwaukee offices of Tri-City National Bank, 2115 10th Avenue or 2901 S. Chicago Avenue (inside Pick ‘n Save) or mailed to P.O. Box 130, South Milwaukee, WI 53172. **Make check payable to: South Milwaukee Water Utility.**

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING RULES:

Electronic equipment must be recycled and may not be placed in the trash for disposal. This rule is for televisions; computers (including desktop, laptop, netbook and tablet computers); monitors; printers (including those that scan, fax, or copy); computer accessories including keyboards, mice, speakers, external hard drives and flash drives; DVD players, DVRs, VCRs and video players; Fax machines; and cell phones. For more information, check out a DNR list at dnr.wi.gov of used electronics drop-off sites. The sites are listed by county.



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The Water Utility

Plumbing Leaks

Most high water bills are the result of leaking toilets. Leaks inside your toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Toilet leaks are hard to find. They are normally caused by a bad flapper valve, flapper valve seat, a bad ballcock valve, an improperly positioned float arm or defective overflow tube. You can test for leaks by dropping dye tablets into the toilet tank. Dye tablets are available free of charge at City Hall, 2424 15th Avenue.



Service Interruptions

With the winter months approaching, the Water Utility would like to remind residents of the possibility of service interruptions due to water main breaks and frozen services. Preventative measures should be taken to protect your water service from freezing, especially if the water meter and pipes are in an unheated room. Questions can be directed to the Utility office at 768-8070.

South Milwaukee Yacht Club

South Milwaukee Yacht Club (SMYC), located at the east end of Marshall Avenue, is a great jump-off point from which to cruise the waters and western regions of Lake Michigan. Established as a working man's Club in 1950, more than a half-century of boating heritage is still reflected in our members' commitment to fellowship among family, friends, and the local community. This sense of community is most evident in the Junior Program. The program is open to all boys and girls 8 to 18, members and non-members alike. It is most active in the summer when sailing instruction and hands on teamwork puts six boats on the water each Wednesday evening.



The harbor accommodates nearly 100 boats with slips available for vessels up to 42' on a 14-acre site which is sustained, funded and maintained through the efforts of club members. SMYC has permanent and temporary boat slips available, plus accommodations for trailered boats. Transient boat slips are available for overnight or weekend stays.

There is a modern gas dock and secured shower and restroom facilities available 24/7. Members may sponsor special events or parties in the clubhouse Hall, which seats 100+ comfortably. Recent improvements include a large outdoor pavilion with electricity and lighting as well as permanent gas grills, a security entrance gate and fencing, and a state-of-the-art fish cleaning station.

The combination of a fee schedule that is reasonable and comparatively lower than other clubs in the area, plus the spectacular unobstructed view of the greatest of the Great Lakes, along with continual improvements to the grounds and clubhouse, make SMYC a jewel on Lake Michigan.

You will always have a warm and friendly welcome at SMYC. Please pay us a visit or see us on the web at www.smyc.net for an event calendar as well as membership details and contact information.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Interested in learning more about the Chamber and how to become a member? Packets of information are available at the Chamber Office in the City Administration Building located at 2424 15th Avenue. Discounts are available for new members. The office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Contact Chamber Secretary Laura Curran with any questions at 762-2222, ext.141, or e-mail: laurac@smaonline.com. Please visit our website: www.SMchamber.org

DID YOU KNOW...

The South Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce sponsors and co-sponsors numerous annual services and activities? Among them are:

Street Banners
City planters filled with Flowers / Evergreens
Evening on the Avenue
Civic Dinner Dance
Spring Social Awards Banquet
City Map • Newsletter
Scholarship Program

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CITY CLERKS OFFICE

**2012 PRESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL
ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

The 2012 Presidential & General Election will be held in all four Districts of the City of South Milwaukee on **Tuesday, November 6, 2012**. Polls are open from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** on Election Day.

Polling Places

(See map on next page)

Just a reminder that residents of South Milwaukee's First District will vote at Divine Mercy School.

The permanent change from the South Milwaukee Library to Divine Mercy, 695 College Ave., was announced this spring. The new location is more accessible to voters, offers more parking, and more room for voting.

The First District encompasses the northeast quadrant of South Milwaukee and the downtown area.

First District voters should enter Divine Mercy from Badger Avenue and watch for signs.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Voters can vote in-person in the City Clerk's office beginning the third Monday before Election Day, ending at 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election.

Written requests to have a ballot mailed to you should be sent to the City Clerk's office, 2424 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI 53172. Voters must be registered, and requests should include the voter's name, address where registered and address where the ballot should be sent, along with the voter's signature. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's office at 762-2222.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have already voted in the City of South Milwaukee, there is no need to register to vote unless you have moved or had a name change. If you are unsure of



the status of your registration go to <http://myvote.wi.gov> or contact the City Clerk's office at 414-762-2222.

Residency

An individual must have lived at the current address for **28 days** before an election in order to vote in that district. If you have been at your current address less than 28 days, you must vote at the polling place for your previous address. Voters are required to list their previous residence and valid operator's license number on the registration form.

Proof of residency is required to be shown upon registration. Acceptable forms of proof of residency are:

- Current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- Current and valid Wisconsin ID card
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- ID card issued by an employer bearing a photo of the card holder (not including a business card)
- Real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- Residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day (not for 1st time voters registering by mail)
- A university, college or technical college fee or ID card with a photo
- Utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government

Use of corroborating witness to verify residency is no longer permitted.

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While Voter ID is not required you are required to sign the poll book.

Registration can be done at the City Clerk's office until 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election, November 2, 2012, or on Election Day at your polling location.



Please remember that the Presidential Election is traditionally one of the highest volume elections for participation by voters. Our goal is to make the experience as pleasant as possible for voters while adhering to the requirements under the law for the administration of the election process. Patience and cooperation from all help the process immeasurably. See you on Election Day!

Polling Places

NEW District 1 - Wards 1, 2, 3 & 4
DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL
695 College Avenue
(Enter off of Badger Avenue)

District 2 - Wards 5, 6, 7 & 8
Lakeview School
711 Marion Avenue

District 3 - Wards 9, 10, 11 & 12
South Milwaukee Administration Building (City Hall)
2424 15th Avenue

District 4 - Wards 13, 14, 15 & 16
Rawson School
1410 Rawson Avenue
For more information see the city's website
www.smwi.org

South Milwaukee Historical Society
717 Milwaukee Avenue
"Preserving the Proud Past"

The museum is open the first Thursday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. For appointments, membership information and books, please contact Lois Schreiter 762-5214.

Thank you for supporting the fifth annual garden tour! Watch for information for 2013

We hold our Board/membership meetings at the South Milwaukee Public Library on the second Monday of each month at 6 PM. Everyone is welcomed! Stop in and learn about the history of South Milwaukee and about the Historical Society

When browsing the web, take a few minutes and check out the City of South Milwaukee website:
www.smwi.org

The week of October 14th through the 20th, The City of South Milwaukee and the South Milwaukee School District elected officials and employees will show their support for the fight against breast cancer by wearing PINK!



The "City of South Milwaukee – Dressing Pink for Breast Cancer" is being held in cooperation with Justice for a Cure 2012 – A Law Enforcement Partnership with Susan G. Komen for the Cure. October is National Breast Cancer month.

To help show your support for this cause, please visit www.shopkomen.com to purchase a shirt, pin, or other item to display this week. Cancer has touched many of our lives and here is one way we can support cancer survivors and research for this terrible disease.

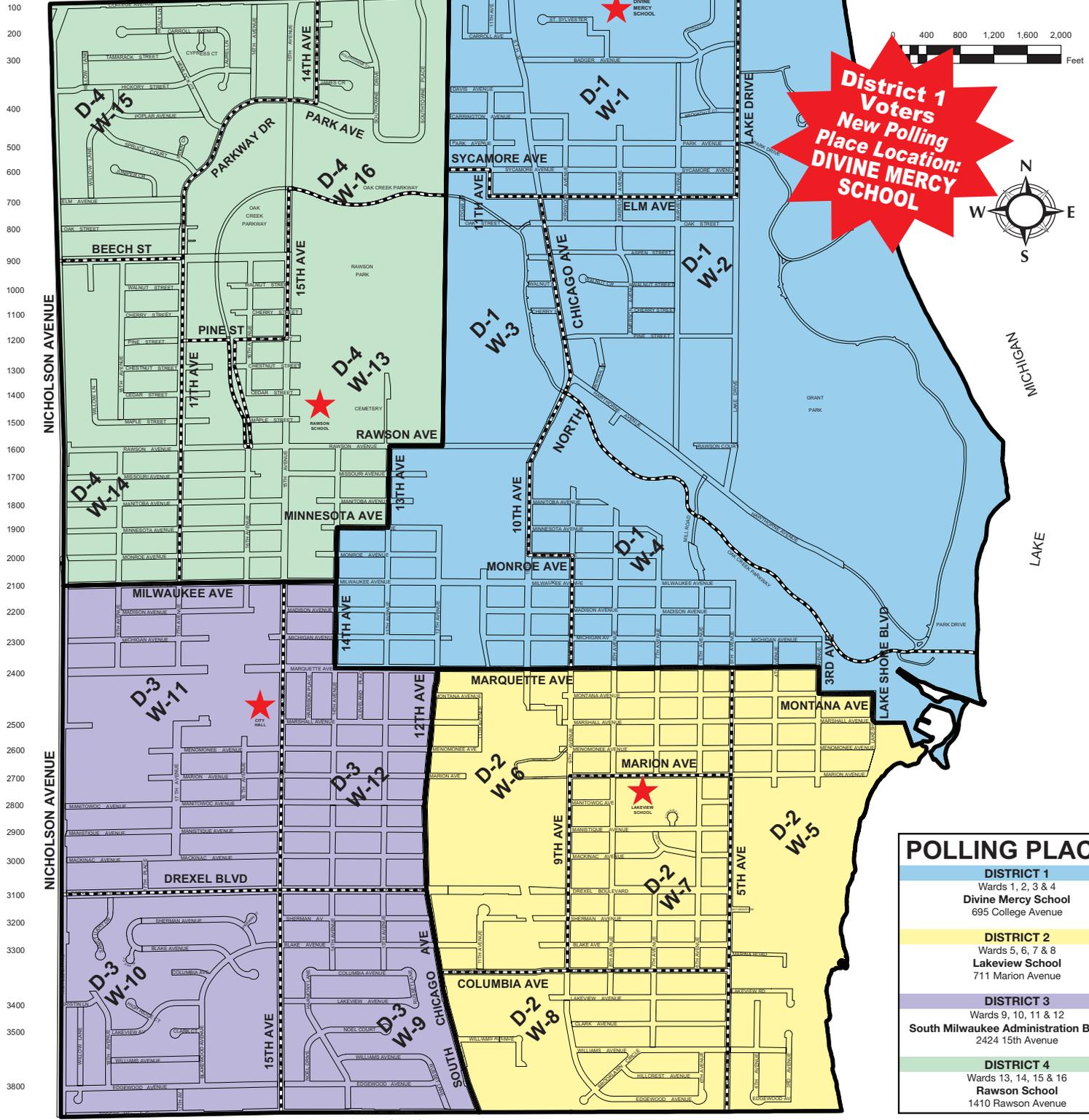
Please show your support and wear pink!

SOUTH MILWAUKEE VOTING DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 4

COLLEGE AVENUE

DISTRICT 1



**District 1
Voters
New Polling
Place Location:
DIVINE MERCY
SCHOOL**

POLLING PLACES

DISTRICT 1 Wards 1, 2, 3 & 4 Divine Mercy School 695 College Avenue
DISTRICT 2 Wards 5, 6, 7 & 8 Lakeview School 711 Marion Avenue
DISTRICT 3 Wards 9, 10, 11 & 12 South Milwaukee Administration Building 2424 15th Avenue
DISTRICT 4 Wards 13, 14, 15 & 16 Rawson School 1410 Rawson Avenue

DISTRICT 3

FOREST HILL AVENUE

DISTRICT 2

STREET DEPARTMENT

Fall Leaf Collection – Residents are permitted to place leaves in the gutter for collection from **October 1 to November 15.** Yard waste and plants must be taken to the Self-Deposit Station. **NO YARD WASTE OR PLANTS WILL BE COLLECTED.**

DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE GUTTER AFTER NOVEMBER 15 – THEY MAY NOT BE PICKED UP.

SELF-DEPOSIT STATION HOURS

Summer hours are in effect at the Self-Deposit Station until November 30. The station is open Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Winter hours are in effect starting December 1. The station will be open Tuesday and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SELF DEPOSIT WILL BE CLOSED: NOVEMBER 22-23, DECEMBER 25 and JANUARY 1, 2013.

SELF-DEPOSIT STATION REGULATIONS

- South Milwaukee Residents only -- ID required
- No contractors or contractor material
- No dump trucks allowed.
- Instructions provided must be followed.
- A 5-minute maximum unloading time.
- Lumber and boards not to exceed 5 feet in length
- Used motor oil and anti-freeze only
- No paints or hazardous chemicals

Charges are as follows:

User Fee (each day)	\$ 2.00
Freon bearing appliances with or without Freon	\$15.00 each
Tires exceeding 17” rim size (off rim only)	\$ 7.00 each
Tires less than 17” rim size (off rim only)	\$ 3.00 each
Grass bagged or 32 gallon container	\$ 1.00 each

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Thanksgiving

Regular Pickup: Thursday, November 22, 2012
Rescheduled Date: Saturday, November 24, 2012
Recycling Date: Saturday, November 24, 2012 – Orange



Christmas

Regular Pickup: Monday, December 24, 2012
Rescheduled Date: Friday, December 28, 2012
Recycling Date: Friday, December 28, 2012 – Yellow

Regular Pickup: Tuesday, December 25, 2012
Rescheduled Date: Saturday, December 29, 2012
Recycling Date: Saturday, December 29, 2012 – Yellow

New Years

Regular Pickup: Monday, December 31, 2012
Rescheduled Date: Friday, January 4, 2012
Recycling Date: Friday, January 4, 2012 – Orange

In case of severe, inclement weather, the Street Department may cancel garbage collection. When this occurs, the garbage will be collected on the Friday following the regular collection day. If you have questions regarding garbage collection, please call the Street Department, 768-8075.

Household Hazardous Waste



Veolia Environment Services
10518 S. 124th Street
Franklin, WI 53132
Tuesday & Thursday (11:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
Saturday (8:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
Directions: The facility is located south of Ryan Road on South 124th Street (Hwy 45) – take Loomis Road southwest to South 124th Street (Hwy 45). Turn left (south) on Hwy 45 – approximately 1.5 miles.

Additional Location:

City of Milwaukee Self Help Station
3879 West Lincoln Avenue
Friday & Saturday (7:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Loader Jobs

Any construction debris (lumber, plasterboard, etc.), stumps, dirt, gravel, stone or unusually heavy items will be considered a loader job. Please call the Street Department to receive an estimate.

Overhanging Branches



Please view trees in the curb lawn area of your property that have low hanging branches over the street or sidewalk. All branches and limbs must be a minimum height of 10 feet from grade per the Municipal Code. Trees or shrubs that extend into the right-of way are also covered by the code requirements. It is the responsibility of the property owner to comply with the Municipal Code whether or not the owner is notified.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

As we approach our upcoming business year we stay committed to the betterment of our community. Our ever-changing community can produce many challenges. We work with the Health, Fire, Police, and Street Departments to meet these challenges to the best of our ability. If you are a woman who wants to get involved and help others, contact Susan Janowski, 762-8929 for further information.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH HOME REPAIR?



Milwaukee County's Home Repair Program offers low or no-interest loans to income eligible owners for most things around the house that need repair. The program uses income limits based on number of people in the household. If you would like more information about this program, please call 289-6417

SOUTH MILWAUKEE DOWNTOWN MARKET



Rain or Shine
Thursdays through October 11
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. • 11th and Milwaukee Avenues in Downtown South Milwaukee

www.smdowntownmarket.org
[Join us on Facebook >](#)



Fall Family Festival – October 11
The market season concludes on Thursday, October 11, with a great special event: our Fall Family Festival. Mark your calendar now and bring your kids, in costume, for free pumpkin decorating, apple bobbing, face painting, trick-or-treating and more!

For more information on vendor space contact Bob Pfeiffer at 768-8195 or email at Bob.Pfeiffer@mcfls.org
What's going on in South Milwaukee?
For information on local events, visit:
www.southmilwaukee.org

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The primary purposes of the South Milwaukee Community Development Authority (SMCDA) are to oversee redevelopment projects within the City's four Tax Increment Districts (TID) and manage Parkcrest, a 60-unit federally subsidized public housing complex.

TIDs are areas with obsolete or blighted properties where redevelopment will not occur without financial assistance with costs such as environmental remediation or infrastructure improvements (streets, sanitary sewer, etc.). The tax value of the property is frozen before redevelopment activities occur and remains as the tax base value. The increase in value generated beyond the base value after redevelopment is called the increment. In order to provide the necessary assistance, tax funds from the increment can be used to pay for eligible redevelopment project costs. After the costs of the improvements and any bonds are paid, the full tax value is added to the city's general fund. Tax Increment Financing is used successfully in other Wisconsin communities and throughout the country to allow projects to become feasible where the costs of redevelopment of existing sites are significantly higher than in undeveloped or uncontaminated ground.

In 2012, the SMCDA negotiated a development agreement to sell 3.6 acres of environmentally impacted land at 222 N. Chicago Avenue in TID 2 to retailer Walmart. Walmart also purchased a privately owned, neighboring parcel and began construction on a neighborhood scale retail and grocery facility. The city owned property formerly housed a tannery, a petroleum station and a hardware store as well as other blighted or obsolete uses. The 6.5 acre, privately owned parcel to the west also housed a tannery. The Walmart facility will be 115,000 square feet, about half the size of the 27th Street store, and is proposed to open in April, 2013. The

redevelopment project also includes an out parcel set aside for future commercial development.

The store will pay taxes on a minimum assessed value of \$12,000,000 yearly through 2027. The increment generated above the base tax rate yearly will allow debt incurred in the acquisition and remediation of the parcel to be paid off by 2018, perhaps sooner. The store will create an estimated 160 jobs with approximately 60% full time; and will provide a retail option within South Milwaukee thereby recapturing dollars previously spent outside of the city by residents. The redevelopment may spur revitalization of other businesses and commercial properties along the N. Chicago and College Avenue corridors. Walmart is recognized for a significant corporate giving program in communities where it has located.

Small project areas remain ready for development in TID 1 at Madison and 11th Avenues and in TID 3 at 909 Menomonee. Both projects are the last in each TID and appropriate for multi-family development.

TID 4 was formed to provide assistance with the key expansion project and ensure Bucyrus International's continued presence in the City. The provisions of the development agreement and the revenue generated by the project remain in place with the merger with Caterpillar. The Heritage Museum remains open to the public.

Parkcrest, the public housing apartment complex managed by the SMCDA at 2906 6th Avenue, has undergone significant capital improvements recently and continues to be a valuable part of the community offering 8 senior units and 52 family units with income-based rent. Waiting list openings are posted on the SMCDA website and in several printed publications readily available to the community.

For further information on any of these topics, please contact Danielle Devlin, Executive Director, at (414) 762-4114, email at ddevlin@bizwi.rr.com or visit www.SouthMilwaukeeCDA.com.

South Milwaukee
Fire Department



CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Carbon monoxide is a lethal odorless and colorless gas that is unnoticeable to human senses. In 2010, the State of Wisconsin enacted a law requiring carbon monoxide detectors in multi-family residential buildings. In 2011, this law was extended to single family homes and duplexes. When the City adopted the State of Wisconsin law into municipal codes and ordinances, the City of South Milwaukee extended the scope to commercial occupancies as well.



The law requires carbon monoxide detectors manufactured to UL 2034 standard in buildings where fossil fuel appliances are in use (natural gas, fuel oil, etc.). Generally, the detectors are required

by the State in the following locations:

- in the basement of the building
- in each unit with a fossil fuel burning appliance
- in hallways leading to units.

Because carbon monoxide mixes with air, the detectors may be placed anywhere from floor to ceiling in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. Detectors may be battery operated, hard-wired, or plugged into electrical outlets. The exterior packaging of the detector will indicate if the device is manufactured to the standards of UL 2034.

Before installation, verify specific placement requirements by consulting the State statute or contacting the Fire Inspection Bureau at 768-5724 during normal business hours. Further clarification can be found on the fire department web site www.southmilwaukeeefd.org/inspection.htm

PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIRE PITS

With autumn approaching, many residents enjoy the beautiful weather with an outdoor fire. These recreational fires can be a serious danger to you and surrounding neighbors if basic safety is overlooked. The City of South Milwaukee has an outdoor burning ordinance that is strictly enforced. Some of the basic requirements are listed below.

- Burning is limited to manufactured fire pit appliances only (no in-ground "campfire" pits allowed) on your own property. If there is an

easement area, you must have approval from all involved parties.

- Fires are not allowed if winds are in excess of 10 miles per hour.
- Hours for recreational fires are limited to 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- Spark arresting screens and lids must be in place during use.
- Appliances can only be used on a non-combustible surface and cannot be used on any balcony or under any overhanging structure or within 25 feet of any combustible structure such as decks or fences, and/or combustible materials such as trees or shrubbery.
- Only clean, dry wood can be used as fuel with a minimum diameter of 1" or larger. NO YARD WASTE (grass, brush, etc.) or TRASH can be burned.
- The use of flammable/combustible liquids is PROHIBITED.
- Most important, any fire must be supervised at all times by an adult with the proper means to extinguish the fire.



Fire Department Ambulance fees:

The following ambulance fees took effect on January 1, 2010. Patients that require an ambulance response that does not result in a transport will be billed \$100.00 for residents and \$150.00 for non-residents. There will be a fee of \$50.00 for routine supplies as well. This basic fee will be adjusted based on the level of care provided in the event that advanced care is given by the paramedic unit and the patient is not transported by the fire department. Questions on billing can be directed to the insurance clerk at City Hall at 762-2222 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by calling the Fire Department during normal business hours at 768-8191.

10-YEAR SMOKE ALARMS

Research of the National Fire Protection Association has found that when deaths occur in fires, most could have been avoided had the victims been alerted to the presence of fire by functioning smoke alarms. The same research found that the most common reasons a smoke alarm doesn't function are that the batteries are drained or missing. In an effort to avoid preventable deaths, the South Milwaukee Fire Department now requires the use of 10-Year Smoke alarms in multi-family residences and mixed-use occupancies.

A conforming smoke alarm will be hard-wired or contain a 10-year battery that is either sealed within the alarm or cannot be removed once installed. These alarms are required to be placed:

- in each bedroom
- in the hallway outside of bedroom areas
- at the head of all stairways
- in locations unique to the building as directed by the fire department

Smoke fills a room from the ceiling down. The alarm will not sound until the smoke accumulates down to the level of the alarm. To assure that occupants are alerted immediately, alarms must be installed as high as possible. This is also the reason alarms are now required in each bedroom. If smoke is required to build up to the level where it can pass through doorways before it can reach a detector, the fire has already burned far too long for occupants to depend on a safe exit. Further clarification can be found on the fire department web site www.southmilwaukee.org/inspection.htm or by contacting the Fire Inspection Bureau during normal business hours at 768-5724.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE IS AN EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY

The City of South Milwaukee does business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law. City Ordinance 24.11 prohibits discrimination against any person



because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or nationality. If you have questions about housing discrimination, fair housing laws, and what your options may be for pursuing a complaint of housing discrimination, please contact the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council at 278-1240. The Fair Housing Council provides educational presentations to groups interested in learning more about fair housing law and discrimination.

For more information on fair housing violations, please contact the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division at 227-4384.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE LIONS CLUB



The South Milwaukee Lions Club takes this opportunity to offer our thanks to the public who attended and participated in Lions Fest 2012. Our Motto is "WE Serve". The funds raised by our projects go to charities, civic activities, and civic improvements, and support other service organizations or initiatives within the community. Recent community grants include academic scholarships, contributions to Cub and Boy Scouts, Police Youth, American Field Service, and South Milwaukee athletic programs. Sponsored events include the Old Fashioned Christmas and Heritage Days Parades, Lions Fest, Community Night Out, community blood drives, diabetes awareness screening, vision screening, and eye glass collection. Lions charities encompass Wisconsin Lions camp, Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank, Leader dogs for the blind, Center for Deaf and Blind Children, and other worthy causes. For more information, please visit www.smlions.org

TRICK OR TREAT!

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 31, 2012**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



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A note from County Supervisor Pat Jursik...

Efforts continue to extend the Lake Parkway (794) south to Highway 100. The advisory committee completed a study and issued a recommendation in April 2012. Subsequently, the Milwaukee County Board recommended this extension through a resolution which was signed by the County Executive. Following through on this process, I spoke with the WisDOT Southeast Regional Director and Engineering Chief as well as the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) in August. Several steps are required before an extension can occur. An Air Quality Conformity Analysis will soon be completed. The technical subcommittee will make a final recommendation to the SEWRPC board which must then take final action. This may conclude by December 2012. WisDOT is concerned about limited funding.

Milwaukee County is preparing the 2013 Budget. All of October will be spent reviewing the County Executive's recommendations. A public hearing will be held on October 29, 2012. One very difficult issue concerning South Milwaukee will be our Emergency Medical Services funding.

Updates are available in my monthly e-newsletter which can be found at the webpage <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Jursik/Enews.htm> If you'd like to receive my e-newsletter, please contact my office at patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com or 278-4231.

Very truly,
Patricia Jursik
8th District Supervisor, representing Milwaukee County's South Shore (St. Francis, South Milwaukee, Cudahy, and 2 wards in Oak Creek)



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WEBSITE AND REGISTER FOR OUR EMAIL
ALERT SYSTEM:**

www.southmilwaukeekeepd.org

Health Department News



SEASONAL INFLUENZA

Walk- In Influenza clinics for **Adults** and **Children**, 6 months to 18 years of age, will be held on every Thursday, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Influenza vaccinations for children are free of charge, vaccinations for adults are \$28.00, or we can bill Medicare Part B for the vaccine. Pneumonia vaccine is also available for \$76.50, or we can bill Medicare Part B.

Influenza vaccine for children will also be available by appointment at our regularly scheduled clinics on Tuesdays.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunization clinics are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month 9:00am to 10:30am and 2:00pm to 4:30pm and the 4th Tuesday of the month from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. You must call for an appointment! Due to cuts in Federal Funding,

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STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2012, the South Milwaukee Health Department will **NO LONGER** be able to provide vaccinations to privately insured individuals due to changes in Federal Vaccine Funding. Individuals and families that have private insurance need to obtain vaccinations from their Healthcare Provider.

Those residents that are uninsured or that have Medicaid/Badgercare can still come to the Health Department for vaccinations.

TIPS TO REMEMBER DURING FLU SEASON TO LIMIT DISEASE TRANSMISSION:

- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or use your upper sleeve when you cough or sneeze, not your hand, **WASH YOUR HANDS** or use Alcohol based hand sanitizer afterwards
- **WASH YOUR HANDS** after using the bathroom, caring for a sick person, handling garbage, or even after being in a public place such as the grocery store, or department stores.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, germs spread this way.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, head ache, chills, and fatigue, **stay home and remain home until you have been symptom- free for 24 hours.**
- Ask extended family and friends not to visit while you are sick.
- Keep living and work areas clean using household detergents and sanitize surfaces, when finished cleaning **WASH YOUR HANDS.**

CLINICS- Know your Numbers!!

Blood Pressure/ Cholesterol clinics are every other month on the 3rd

Wednesday of the month from 8:30AM to 11:00am. We will offer our next Blood Pressure/ Cholesterol testing on September 19, 2012, and then again on November 21, 2012. There is a



charge of \$15.00 for cholesterol testing and an appointment is required. Blood Pressure only appointments are free of charge. You can make an appointment for this clinic by calling the Health Department.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW

There are new changes to the Immunization Law, for the 2012-2013 school year. Five-year-old kindergarten (K5) through 4th grade, 6th through 10th grade, and 12th grade are **required** to have 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, or if your child had chickenpox disease, the date of disease must be submitted to the school. Grades 6th through 12th are **required** to have 1 dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis) or Tetanus containing vaccine.

AGES AND STAGES

Do you want to see if your child is on track for growth and development? We can help. We are offering an assessment program to check your child's progress towards meeting growth and development milestones. It is easy and free, and can be done before your child's 1st Birthday! All it requires is a little play time with your child, put some information down on paper, and we will do the rest. Be the difference in your child's life course! Questionnaires are available from the Health Department.



HEALTHY FAMILIES IN SOUTH MILWAUKEE NEEDS YOU!

The Health Department will be leading focus group discussions in the coming months on topics for community health improvement. Save the Dates: October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd. Please monitor our City Website under the Health Department for more information. Our first focus group will be October 1st and will concentrate on Positive Parenting.



SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN YOU HAVE TO MAKE DIFFICULT CHOICES:

DECISION MAKING STEPS:

1. Define the problem
2. Explore your options
3. Consider the consequences (positives and negatives)
4. Identify your values
5. Decide and take action
6. Evaluate (did I make the right choice?)

WISCONSIN WELL WOMAN PROGRAM (WWWP)

WHAT: Provides breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to qualifying women in the state of Wisconsin.

WHO is eligible:

- Women age 35-64 (please note there are limits on services for woman age 35-44)
- Live in the state of Wisconsin
- No health insurance, or insurance does not cover routine check-ups and screening, or unable to pay high deductibles and co-payments
- Income is at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.

HOW to apply:

- Contact the health department, 414-768-8055
- Complete an enrollment form; requires proof of age, income and insurance status.

For more information about any of our programs, you can contact the health department at 414-768-8055.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Projects Requiring Permits



Permits for construction projects are required:

- *New construction – Residential & Commercial*
- *Building Additions and Alterations*
- *Garages and Sheds*
- *Decks and Fences*
- *Reroofing and Residing*
- *Kitchen and Bathroom Remodeling*
- *Central Air Units and Furnaces (new/replaced)*
- *Pools, Spas, and Saunas*
- *Electrical Work*
- *Plumbing Work, including water heaters*

Individuals performing work prior to receiving the proper permits may be charged up to **triple** the appropriate permit fee.

If you have questions regarding building, electrical, or plumbing permit requirements or code related topics, please contact the Inspection Department weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at: 768-8054 or 762-2222 ext. 140, or by fax at 768-8068.

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SENIOR CORNER

Please contact the senior center at 768-8045 for details of the following upcoming trips, events, and parties:

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012 - Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan.

*Saturday, November 10, 2012 – Annual Holiday Bazaar 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. There will be Raffles, Homemade Crafts, Bake Sale, White Elephant, and lunch items available.

*Saturday, December 1, 2012 - Annual Christmas party. There will be delicious food, great door prizes and wonderful music! An unforgettable Holiday gathering!!!

As in the past, many of the leagues, classes and special presentations will start up in the fall. Please call or stop in at the Grobschmidt Senior Center for a newsletter! The newsletter will contain all of the information on activities and programs available to adults ages 55 and over. To see a sampling of what classes are offered, visit the South Milwaukee Public Library during the month of September. Various craft items will be on display in the library showcase.

Stock Box Program

The senior center will be a distribution site for the Stock Box Program. Distribution is either on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Distribution will take place in the back parking lot with paperwork being filled out in the large hall area. The Stock Box Program is run by the Hunger Task Force and does have some eligibility guidelines. Participants need to live in Milwaukee County, be at least 60 years of age to participate in the senior center distribution and have an income that is less than or equal to the following: (60 years of age+)

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Monthly Income</u>
1	\$1,211
2	\$1,640
3	\$2,069

For more information about this program please talk with Sandy, read the brochures available at the senior center, or call 211.

South Milwaukee-Oak Creek Interfaith Older Adult Program



Interfaith's Neighborhood Outreach Program is a non-profit, free program designed to help South Milwaukee and Oak Creek older adults maintain an active, healthy, independent lifestyle. Any older adult (60 years or older) living in South Milwaukee or Oak Creek can take advantage of our FREE services for transportation, grocery shopping, friendly visitors, lawn work, and more!

We're always looking for a few good volunteers to help brighten somebody's day. Please contact Jennifer Rundell, Director, at (762-1998) or send us an email at smocinterfaith@interfaithmilw.org if you're interested in joining our team of outstanding volunteers. Whether it's once a week, once a month or once a year, we can find the perfect match for your schedule (or availability).

Volunteer opportunities at the South Milwaukee – Oak Creek Interfaith Office include: Transportation, Grocery Shopping, Home Visits, Minor Household Repairs, and Seasonal Yard Work.

Interfaith relies on the kindness of our volunteers and the generous financial contributions of businesses and individuals in the South Milwaukee community to make our program a success! Donations of cash, stamps, gas cards or Pick N Save cards can be mailed to or dropped off at our South Milwaukee office, located at 1327 Marshall Avenue.

Thank you for your continued support of the older adults in your community!

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Would you like to be notified in the event of possible weather and other emergencies?

The City of South Milwaukee, in cooperation with mystateusa.com[®] is pleased to offer its residents a quick and reliable way of receiving emergency messages and alerts by phone or text message. This *AlertSense* system has the capability of notifying residents by phone in the event of an emergency that affects your neighborhood. **This is done utilizing a pre-established landline phone database.**

In the event of an emergency, you may receive an automated phone call advising you of the nature of the situation and the appropriate measures to take. The caller will always identify themselves as being with the City and may leave a phone number for you to contact for further information. An added feature of this system allows people to sign up their mobile phones or other communication devices to receive these alerts by **text message.**

To sign up for this **free** service. (NOTE: This is a free service, but normal text messaging rates based on your wireless service plan will apply.) **It is not necessary to complete a registration, for a landline telephone, these numbers are currently available to the alerting system, go to the City's website at www.smwi.org**

Remember to always phone 9-1-1... if you require immediate emergency assistance.

BEING PREPARED **Planning for Emergencies**

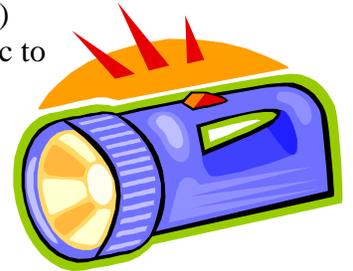
In recent years there have been several weather related emergencies that have occurred in the City, severe thunderstorms resulting in power outages, floods. The Health Department would like to remind families to be prepared at home by having an emergency preparedness kit. Below is a list of some of the items to put in your kit to plan for 3 days of being on your own in an emergency.

- 3-day supply of water (1 gallon of water per person per day)
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food

- Radio (battery or hand crank)
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Manual can opener
- Whistle
- Toilet paper/ other hygiene products
- Matches (in water proof container)
- Blanket or extra clothes
- Garbage bags, duct tape, and scissors
- Paper and pen/ pencil
- Cash
- Cell phone & charger (if applicable)
- Prescription medications and/or list of current prescribed medications and allergies
- Extra eye glasses, hearing aid batteries, etc.
- Copies of: I.D., insurance cards, credit cards, etc.
- List of emergency contacts (includes family, friends, doctors)
- Any other items specific to your health needs

Don't forget about Pets!

- Make sure you bring additional water for them too
- 3-day supply of food
- Any pet medications
- Leash and other necessary pet items
- Find a pet-friendly shelter if evacuated from your home OR
- Plan ahead for someone (family, friend, etc.) to take care of your pet during an emergency



CHECK OUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND REGISTER FOR OUR EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM:

www.southmilwaukeekeepd.org

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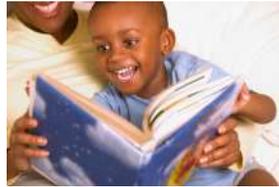


Be sure to pick up a calendar of events or check the library's web site at www.southmilwaukee.org/library for a listing of events and programs.

The library will be closed on the following dates: Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23. The library will be closed on Saturday, November 24, Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 and again on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

Friends of the Library book sales Saturday November 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday mornings October 1 and December 3 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Children's programs



Fall story time registration begins on October 22.

Story time begins on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Winter story time registration begins on January 7, 2013. Story time begins Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Spring story time begins on March 18, 2013. Story time begins on Tuesday, April 2.

The Halloween family night will be held on Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Holiday family fun night at the library is Tuesday, December 11, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Check out the many databases that are available to South Milwaukee residents from home or the library. Go to the Countycat.mcfls.org and click on databases.

South Milwaukee Public Library Foundation

The Library Foundation will be holding its annual wine tasting and silent auction on Thursday evening, October 11, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the circulation desk at the library, Parkway Floral and at the door on the night of the event. Silent auction items will be available for bidding two weeks before the wine tasting.

Check out the library's website at www.southmilwaukee.org/library for our calendar of events.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROTECT YOURSELF BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!



We as individuals can take a number of steps to keep our homes and businesses secure to reduce the chances of becoming the victim of a crime. We can do this sometimes with little effort and little cost. For a crime to happen and for you to be a victim, three elements need to be present. Those are the desire, opportunity and ability to commit a crime. We as individuals can **only** control one of the three and that is the ability. A good physical security plan for your home or business is the best way to reduce or eliminate a criminal's ability to make you the victim of a crime. The question is, do you want to do something to avoid being a victim now ... or wait until after you have been a victim?

As a service to our homeowners and business owners, the South Milwaukee Police Department offers FREE physical security evaluations of your property. This will include an in-depth evaluation, some additional helpful tips, and a report. For information, or to set up your evaluation, please call the South Milwaukee Police at 768-8060 and ask for Officer Brian Fleming between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm or Officer Mike Hill from 4:00 pm to 12:00 am.

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Winter Parking

Winter parking regulations will be in effect from December 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Permits are available at the Police Department during **regular business hours** (Mon.– Fri. 7 am – 8 pm).



Please **PLAN AHEAD** prior to the beginning of winter parking. **No citation payments are accepted or parking permits sold on weekends or holidays.**

Please purchase your parking permit prior to the last days of the month. Permits are sold separately for each month of the winter parking season for \$25.00, or all four months for \$80.00. Vehicles should be parked on the even number side of the street on those nights that the calendar date before midnight is even and on the odd number side of the street on odd calendar days. Citations will be issued for parking a vehicle on the wrong side of the street or for not having a valid parking permit for more than one hour between 3:00 am and 6:00 am.

Instructions are available at the Police Department. A Holiday On-Street Parking Permit (December 15- January 15) is available for \$25.00. This permit works well for college students home between semesters or family members visiting for more than a week.

MEDICINE COLLECTION PROGRAM:



The South Milwaukee Police Department is collecting medicines from South Milwaukee residents. Citizens may bring unwanted/expired medicine to the South Milwaukee Police Department.

New this fall: the Police Department now has a medicine collection box in the lobby for citizens to utilize for this program.

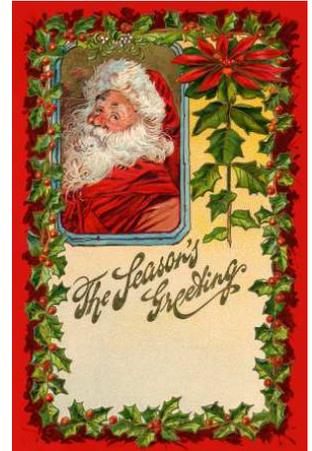
The Department will accept: prescription medication in the original container & over the counter medications, ointments, sprays, inhalers, creams, & pet medications.

The Department **WILL NOT accept: illegal drugs, needles/sharps, bio-hazardous material, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, etc), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).** Help prevent childhood poisonings, help protect Lake Michigan, and reduce substance abuse – bring unwanted/expired medication to the Police Department.

Old Fashioned Christmas

Welcome Santa Claus to South Milwaukee on Sunday, November 25, 2012!

The parade which begins on 12th and Milwaukee Avenues will feature musical groups, scouts and Santa!



After the parade, kids can visit with Santa at City Hall, watch holiday movies, make crafts and enjoy refreshments in the Senior Center. The day will end with the lighting of the city Christmas tree at City Hall at 5:30 PM

Tax dollars are not used for this event. We rely on donations from the community. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

Please send donations to:

Old Fashioned Christmas Foundation, Inc.
1907 10th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172.

The parade is sponsored by the South Milwaukee Lions Club. Groups interested in participation should call Jim Shelenske at 762-2222, ext 127.

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