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Next Meeting — Will be scheduled as soon as public gatherings are allowed -watch for Neighborhood updates.

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Bloom & Groom Cancelled



by Pat Mueller

I just received a call from The City of Milwaukee NIDC that this year's event was cancelled. I'm both sad and relieved.

Mid-COVID, alternate plans were in place to change the format to pre-orders, payment online and delivery of their orders to your back yard with a much smaller crew of helpers. Most of the steps for that had been worked out. It would be complicated because we would also have to do a careful tally of sales so that we wouldn't collect monies online for plants already sold out.

Everyone who knows me, knows that I am a total flower lover and I am into curb appeal. Curb appeal is something you do for your neighbors. Just like a litter free neighborhood lifts spirits; curb appeal lifts spirits. People who enjoy the environment stay longer. If you are disappointed, think of the grower, starting his business, who was growing specifically for this event. I've enjoyed doing the event for the past nine years.

I want to thank those who I reached out to who were willing to help. **Patrick Schley** was willing to turn the order form into a fillable pdf form. **Raymond Duncan** for willingness to put on the MD website and providing the mechanics to collect payments online. **Christine Happel** and **Jody Alexander** for being willing to sort and fill orders and Kevin Schultz and David Keach for willingness to make deliveries. **Dave Johnson** and **Bonnie Morscher** were willing to help too. This shows that when you reach out in this neighborhood, people are willing to help. We have the best neighbors in Martin Drive Neighborhood.

I'm *looking forward to next year's Bloom & Groom*. NIDC hinted they might put together a fall event. Ideas anyone? Everyone be safe and healthy and keep helping your neighbors where you can. Support the small business neighbors as much as you can. They are really hurting. Thank you NIDC, Lowes Home Improvements and the unknown grower losing a good portion of their 2020 income.

Small Business Impact COVID-19 and West Vliet St Businesses.



By Pat Mueller

The small businesses around here and everywhere for that matter are severely impacted by COVID. Like a timebomb, every day they are closed, or business is affected is like a countdown to their final day. I know we are all struggling, still do what you can to shop local and support these businesses. They are neighbors too.

On a happier note, West Vliet Street Businesses will be installing new street signs. They are pretty snazzy. We all can't wait for this to happen in spring.

Caradaro Club THANKS, for the Virtual Pizza event.

By Raymond Duncan

It all started on March 23rd when Wally, the owner of the Caradaro Club Pizza called in the afternoon and had the idea to give away 100 pizzas to neighbors. When we talked about the idea. I explained how the Martin Drive Neighborhood runs like a democracy...no one person is in charge and there are a group of caring neighbors that would like to help.

It was amazing how Wally was offering this to the neighborhood. He explained how he has been lucky for this safer at home shut-down. Many small businesses had to stop business, but as a pizza shop...the main part of the business is calling in orders and delivery. For him to give back to the neighborhood, something that he obviously did not have to do, is extraordinary and something that I would always remember from this safer at home experience.

I had been away from work since March 13. I have been at home every day and did as much as I could on the computer and mailing



work to my students, back and forth to my students with special needs like a post office. I give thanks to Charlotte, Arlene, Mary, Wally and Pat as ideas were bounced off each other to figure out how to get neighbors signed up as easily as possible in a week and to

show the Milwaukee area a positive story in these hard times.

Over many years, Wally and the Caradaro Club has helped the Martin Drive neighborhood in printing and promotion by providing pizzas for meetings. Think about it, the Martin Drive Neighborhood Association does not charge dues for members or high fees. Most events are free or have a very small price to cover costs and pay for supplies. Wally a business owner is an important piece in this puzzle. We need local businesses to help us with our mission: through programs and projects, will embrace and foster a sense of belonging and common purpose, resulting in a neighborhood that is beautiful, diverse, secure, and fun for everyone!

Neighbors signed up on an Online form and I discovered how to use those forms to put together a spreadsheet without retyping information. Each neighbor was given an appointment time...five minutes apart and we used masks and a serving tray to use social distancing to keep everyone safe.

On the day of the event. I got a little apprehensive about being away from a safe home. Many people were getting sick. I arrived early at 10am and helped Wally and another employee make the pizzas. It was fun seeing neighbors and doing work and to put aside my concerns for a while. There really is just skill in making a pizza which I learned by helping that day, but it something to see how Wally can do like an artist without much effort. Just the right amount of cheese after a steaming prebaked pizza comes out of a large oven with fresh sauce and dough that was made and pressed

a few minutes ago. It was decided that the pizzas would have cheese and be partially baked so that neighbors could add what they want. It was partially baked so the cheese would not fall off so easily and a quick bake at 425 for 7 minutes while monitoring the oven would make an awesome pizza. We told neighbors that adding beef or another meat should already be cooked.

I was afraid of the pandemic, but quickly got into the fun as the live music was setup up. Arlene and Charlotte arrived to help with the logistics as we wanted to have neighbors come and go so there was not a crowd. We arranged a plan ahead of time that neighbors could come and drive up to the Caradaro Club Pizza, 5010 W Vliet Street (with the coffee cup on the roof), we arranged times so that a mom could come at a later time to pick up a pizza, a neighbor that signed up late could still get a pizza, and several neighbors that could not afford to leave the safety of their home could get a pizza. This was a really special event because for more than one reason...a neighbor could get a pizza and be safe. Tips that we received went to the neighborhood association because we know at some point in the future...this will all be over and we will celebrate again or have another project that needs funding.



Free Energy Savings from Focus on Energy

by Raymond Duncan

Focus on Energy is Wisconsin utilities' statewide energy efficiency and renewable resource program. They are offering FREE energy saving products for your home to help you use energy smarter. To Qualify you must be a customer of WE Energies. Detailed information can be found at <https://focusonenergy.techniartmarketplace.com>.

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Census 2020

Make yourself count: April 1, 2020

Information from
www.census.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the United States and five U.S. territories. In mid-March, homes across the country began receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

What is the decennial census?

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs—impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Why is it important to me?

Responding to the census is not only your civic duty; it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census are used to:

- Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

When will I complete the census?

The next census will take place in 2020. Beginning in mid-March, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once you receive it, you can respond online. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

How can I respond?

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. Responding should take less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee.

What information will be requested?

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020 ... (may be adjusted due to pandemic)

What information will not be requested?

The Census Bureau **will never ask for:**

- Social Security numbers.
- Bank or credit card account numbers.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.

Will my information be kept confidential?

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

Where can I go to learn more?

You can learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting www.census.gov
Source: census.gov

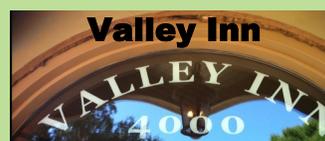
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Inspiration From The Neighborhood's Past

Provided by: Pat Mueller

Here is an inspiring story of a past resident of Martin Drive who was a German immigrant, lived through the Spanish flu, prohibition which stripped him from his employment, then morphed into a very successful grocer.

In March I was contacted by Jill Lackey, retired professor at UWM and a Milwaukee neighborhood, cultural expert because she is writing a book on the impact Germans had on this area. I provided many photos and stories I had learned about 4303 W Vliet street, now home to Eat Cake! Essentially, it is the story of Herman Militzer, provided his grandchildren who at the time were in their 60's and supplemented by research. Here is the story with credits to Jill Lackey, PHD.

One of the anchors on the west end of Vliet Street was H. Militzer Quick Service, an IGA grocery store run by German immigrant, Herman Militzer. Born in 1887 in Tanna, Germany, Herman immigrated to the United States and Milwaukee in 1906. He worked as a waiter for over a decade and lived in boarding houses on the Near North Side. He most likely worked as a server at 4303 W Vliet when it was a saloon and restaurant serving chicken fries. Sometime before 1919, he married Mary Rostetter and the couple rented a storefront and living quarter at 4301-4303 West Vliet Street. There they opened the grocery store and raised a small family.

When the IGA (Independent Grocers Alliance) was founded in 1926, the Militzers joined. Herman served at least one term as president and no doubt played some role in bringing the IGA convention to Milwaukee in March 1941.

When you think about it, he immigrated to the US, lived through the Spanish Flu pandemic, to have his livelihood smashed by prohibition, reinvented himself as a grocer, prospering through the Great Depression which lasted ten years. He was very successful grocer with a fleet of three Model A trucks that delivered groceries. Today, in these troubled times we see business reinventing themselves to adapt. We have a good example above. ■■■

Random Tidbits: By Pat Mueller

Does anyone else feel like the past month has been a year? Certainly, the world as we know it has changed and yet is the same. May we all come out of this safely, kinder, more resourceful and grateful. Do what you can, to help where you can.

Citizens Police Academy By Pat Mueller

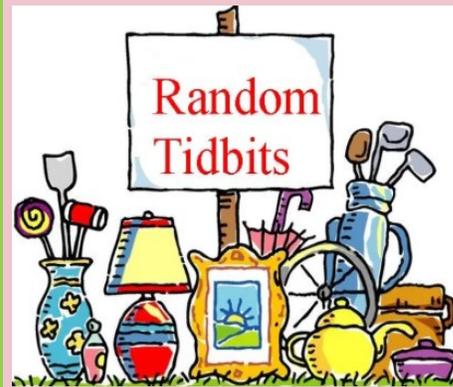
Two residents attended the 7-week Citizens Academy. It is an opportunity to learn many things about our police department. Laws, ethics and the commitment and pledge that MPD Officers make in the community. We did many of the activities that police trainees do to be ready for their important job. We had street scene scenarios that we acted out. We had virtual police calls where academy participants were placed in

front of a large movie screen with a laser gun and proceeded as this were an actual call. When you do this, you learn the dangers police experience and the split-second decisions they need to make trying to protect Milwaukee. While we appreciate the service to the community that MPD adds to our quality of life, you will leave with new and deeper appreciation for the work they do and the challenges they face daily.

History Buffs look at West Park Cleaners and Milwaukee Braves!

Provided by Pat Mueller

Thurs. Feb. 20th, there was an article in the Journal Sentinel titled, Accidental collector to sell surprising funds. It was the story about West Park Cleaners, located at 4613 W Vliet, back in the day. The



cleaner landed the account to clean the uniforms of the Milwaukee Braves. Hence the son of the owner, Thomas Falcone, collected in his basement many valuable pieces of Braves/ Baseball memorabilia, now worth big Dollars. Hank Aaron's rookie cap

might alone fetch \$40,000. But there is much, much more. I posted the question of where this business was located on the Old Milwaukee Facebook page and someone posted the answer which came from Martin Drive Neighborhood's website in an article written by Lynn Grages. I give this and another article to all new tenants so they will know a little about the area. And, it used to part of our New Neighbor, "Welcome Pack when we did one.

The Old Milwaukee Facebook group is very interesting. If you have an old photo and ask where something is located, you are sure to get a multitude of answers and people who are familiar will reminisce about the good old days. Thank you, Lynn Grages, for writing the article for our Martin Drive Newsletter many years ago and Katherine Keller for refreshing my memory on something I have read many times. <https://www.jsonline.com/story/sports/mlb/2020/02/18/accidental-collector-auctioning-hank-aaron-rookie-milwaukee-braves-cap/4717333002/> ■■■

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Neighborhood Cleanup

– Social Distance Cleanup Day



By Charlotte Jackson

Hey Neighbors, on 5/23/20 and Because of Covid-19 these large dumpster bins are not being delivered to help you keep your property clean and our neighborhood looking great. So, we still want to keep the traditions alive with a independent clean up day, using your green garbage bin and blue recycle bin.

Bulky items should be placed neatly near the road at the curb for pick-up. Some items may be banned from landfills and pickup. [Click here for](#) information on procedures for curb pickup and what is allowed or not allowed.

Remember the drop off stations are at 3879 West Lincoln Avenue or 6660 North Industrial Road for Hazardous waste and other bulky garbage. There is a charge for dumping construction materials. Fee may be waived during Covid-19 so please see the city website for details. [Click here for Drop off center info](#) for more information on hours of operation or general questions call 286-2489.

Neighborhood Memories

By Maggie Blaha

Ninety-seven and a half years ago, one of our neighbors, Jean Horky Klopatek, was born to her family on 45th Street. Her father, George, was a pharmacist, and her mother, Rose, had a sister who, when wed, lived next door to the Klopatek family. George Horky owned a drug store on the north-west corner of Vliet and 57th Streets. There is more history here in Martin Drive than one would find in a local history book. This is my attempt to share it with you.

In the nineteen teens, the Breed family, who had been farming, sold the land on 45th Street to John Weber and his partner Charles Holzhauser, who then platted the land on 45th and Vliet. John determined he would present his two daughters, Rose and Ann, with homes for their wedding gifts on 45 foot lots rather than the common lots of 40 ft. The homes were beyond elegant in quality and design and shared a driveway and three car garage.

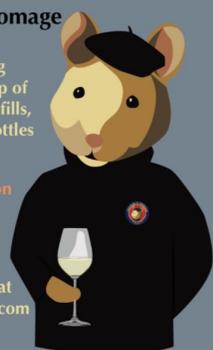
My disappointment while walking up the street recently, was to learn that my friend, Jean, had passed away on February 21, 2020 at a daughter's home in Florida. Jean had been in Florida for years off and on mostly during the cold weather. Jean liked to golf and swim, so Florida was almost perfect for her.

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Mary, her daughter, mentioned that Jean really wanted to come home at the end, but was physically no longer able to do that. However, we are hoping for a celebration of her life sometime this summer. I met Jean about 42 years ago while pushing the stroller containing my twins. Her comment was "Oh, I see, you have twins. I did, too." To which I replied, "And you survived?" Naturally there were chuckles to be had. That was the begin-

ning of neighborly friendliness.

In my conversations with Mary, one of the twins, and Sue, the first born, I learned that Jean's husband, Earl, had died the September after we moved here in 1972. No wonder I have no memory of him. I wasn't walking the neighborhood in those days of being a new bride. How sad to be a young widow with five children. I never heard a whine out of her. Mary's twin, Katherine, also lives in the Milwaukee area as does Sue and her family. Jane lives in Colorado. Jim lived in the house where he grew up. His wife, Miya, died about three years ago. It was a shock for all from which Jim never quite recovered. Jim passed on January 16, 2020.

Rest in peace, Jean and Jim. We are blessed to have had you in our lives.

Community Gardeners wanted

By Jerry Burns

Have you been experiencing cabin fever and looking for a reason to be outside—with safe social distancing? Why not consider supplementing your food sources by tending to your own raised-bed garden this summer?



The Martin Drive community garden, on 46th St. just south of Vliet, has about a dozen raised-bed garden plots that will be available, on a first-come, first-served basis for individual gardeners this summer. Jerry Burns, a long-time resident of the Martin Drive, has agreed to coordinate the community garden this year, and he will try to address obstacles and challenges that potential gardeners may encounter. For instance, we now have a reliable water source right by the gardens, so you won't need to haul water on dry summer days. We can also rotate watering tasks in case you're out of town for a period of time. Experienced gardeners in the neighborhood will be available—in person or on-line, if needed—to give planting advice to new gardeners, and we may even be able to offer seeds, starter plants, or soil amendments. Last spring we had plenty of neighbors turning out to prepare the plots, so if you're in need of assistance, it will be available. If you harvest more vegetables than you need for your household, we can arrange to have the surplus taken to local food pantries. Most of the plots are 8 foot by 4 foot, and the spacing allows for safe social distancing. The modest cost of \$15 to secure a plot can even be returned to you if you clean up your plot at the end of the growing season.

Last summer we had several untilled plots, but we are hoping to have full participation this summer. If you are interested in securing a plot—or even part of one if you'd like to share with a neighbor—please contact Jerry Burns at jburns@marianuniversity.edu.

Alderman Murphy



Martin Drive Neighbors,

On April 21, 2020 I took my 9th oath of office to serve the City of Milwaukee and the residents of the 10th District. I thank you for the opportunity to serve your neighborhood for over thirty years. I appreciate the dedication that engaged Martin Drive residents have shown this community and I look forward to our continued partnership. COVID-19 has brought a tremendous challenge to our community. Please stay home, support local businesses as you are able, and we will get through this together. I remain your advocate and can be reached through my normal phone and e-mail channels to respond to your questions and concerns.

I am excited to see the momentum of commercial development on the Vliet St. and North Ave. corridors bringing more investment into the area and my work with residents over the years on neighborhood safety, city services, and city-wide concerns, namely the MKE Plays initiative, Housing Trust Fund, City-County Heroin, Opioid, and Cocaine Task Force, and City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force.

Throughout my tenure as alderman I have leveraged private dollars to allocate additional resources into much needed public infrastructure improvements. I started MKE Plays in 2015 as an innovative way to reprioritize funding for public parks through private funds. I grew up on Milwaukee's playgrounds and see it as my duty to provide the same recreational opportunities to children and families today. MKE Plays anchors park development with the voice of the community, activating a multigenerational community space and increasing economic development and public safety. To date, MKE Plays has raised over 2.7 million dollars of private funding and will complete the renovation of 19 parks by the end of 2020.

In 2007 I developed the Housing Trust Fund to provide a source of loans and grants for the construction, rehabilitation, and accessibility modification of affordable housing for individuals facing housing insecurity and homelessness. This initiative has led to the creation of over 1,200 units of supportive housing and has yielded a return of 30 dollars for every one public dollar spent. Included in the most recent grant awardees is the Milwaukee Soldiers Home which will provide 101 units of supportive housing for veterans and their families.

The issues of opioid addiction and reckless driving are two of the most frequent concerns I hear from residents on a daily basis. I began city-county task forces on both issues in order to bring together stakeholders from across levels of government, educational institutions, and community partners to solve these issues together. One of the City-County Heroin, Opioid, and Cocaine Task Force recent initiatives is a partnership with the Milwaukee Fire Department to provide integrated wrap-around supports for people who recently survived an overdose, with the goal of getting more people into treatment. The City-County Reckless

Driving and Carjacking Taskforce is actively finalizing integrating community input into our draft recommendations, with final recommendations to be approved this spring.

I encourage you to reach out to my office at 414-286-3763 or mmurph@milwaukee.gov to include your voice in these priorities and relay any concerns relative to city services. When it is safe to do so, I will continue my annual neighborhood walks to connect with more residents personally about the issues that affect them most. Please look out for my invitation in the mail and I look forward to seeing you there.

Website: https://city.milwaukee.gov/commoncouncil/District10#_Xp81q0BFxBM

Senator Johnson

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is a privilege to represent you in the 6th Senate District. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance or stay up-to-date with me on other platforms. I often post breaking news on my [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts and cover issues in more detail in my [Community Connections newsletter](#). This is the easiest way to stay current on the issues that matter to you. More information on how to reach me is also provided below.

-LaTonya Johnson

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Assembly Representative Goyke

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your voice in our state government. I am honored to represent our vibrant community every day. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance. I can be reached at any of the points of contact below. Please also contact me if you are interested in subscribing to our district's e-newsletter to receive updates from the Capitol. Thank you! Rep. Evan Goyke"

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COVID-19 Resources



We have compiled resources and news from our members and partners into this document.

Thank you to those in our network who have quickly circulated messaging around how to support our businesses, families and communities so quickly. If you have resources you think should be added, contact Jessica Wetzel at jessica@uedawi.org. Feel free to share this document with others who may not receive the UEDA Newsletter!

FOR BUSINESSES & EMPLOYERS

IRS Updates

Filing Season Extension: The federal income tax filing due date has been extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. News releases in English and Spanish can be found on the IRS [special coronavirus page](#).

Tax Payment Extension: The tax payment deadline has also been extended to July 15, 2020. Though the deadline is extended, those who do not owe are encouraged to file as soon as possible so they can receive and use their refund sooner.

Refundable Payroll Tax Credits: [Small and midsize employers](#) can begin taking advantage of two new refundable payroll tax credits, designed to promptly and fully reimburse them, dollar-for-dollar, for the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave to their employees.

Business Loans

Many banks and credit card companies have issued statements indicating that they are willing to work with customers that are experiencing financial difficulties due to loss of income during Covid-19. If you currently have a business loan or line of credit and are concerned you may not be able to make full payments, contact your servicer right away to find out if they are offering any payment deferrals or fee waivers during this time.

Airport Gateway BID Rapid Response Grant

Businesses within the Airport Gateway Business Improvement District boundaries are eligible to receive a matching grant for ANY marketing costs associated with promoting their business. Take advantage of up to \$500.00 in matching dollars. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

CDC Guidance to Protect Your Business and Employees

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers the most up-to-date information on COVID-19. The following interim guidance may help prevent workplace exposures to acute respira-

tory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings: Actively encourage sick employees to stay home; Separate sick employees; Emphasize staying home when sick, respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene by all employees; Perform routine environmental cleaning. [Read More Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers.](#)

City of Milwaukee Restaurant Carryout Zone Program

In an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, on March 16 Governor Tony Evers restricted restaurant service to delivery and carryout only. To assist restaurants that currently do not have a "Loading Zone" adjacent to their business, the City of Milwaukee has implemented a temporary program to provide "[Restaurant Carryout Zones](#)" (click link and scroll down to the section for information and online application).

Department of Workforce Development

Access this [library of resources](#) that can help business owners and employers make decisions during this unique time.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act make [significant, yet temporary changes](#) to the Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") among others. Small businesses will be affected by these changes and will need the right legal advice to negotiate them. Most notably, the Act imposes upon employers with fewer than 500 employees a requirement to provide sick leave as well as family and medical leave to their employees in response to the present crisis.

Facebook Small Business Grants Program

Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where they operate. Grant applications will open up in March. [Learn more and sign-up for updates here.](#)



Financial Resources from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

While social distancing actions are necessary steps to help reduce virus exposures, it may bring financial uncertainty for many people who could experience a loss of income due to illness or workplace closures. If you are facing financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic, the CFPB has resources to protect and manage your finances. [Financial resources](#) for consumers.

Gener8tor Emergency Response Program

New initiative supporting Indiana and Wisconsin small businesses affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Under this Emergency Response Program, small businesses and entrepreneurs will have access to a free, weeklong webinar series designed to identify and leverage critical resources in order to weather this ongoing public health crisis. Learn more at <https://www.gener8tor.com/emergency-response-program>

HWCC Emergency Loan Fund

These funds are primarily used for working capital to cover rent, payroll, and other fixed expenses. This loan fund is similar to HWCC's existing Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Small Loan programs but with a slightly lower rate and an interest-only option for the first 3 months. Loans from \$5,000 and up to \$10,000. For more information about terms and interest rates, please contact HWCC Operations Manager, GerThao at ger@hmongchamber.org

KIVA Loans Expanded

KIVA is expanding their US program to make loans more available for small business owners during tough economic times. In addition to 0% interest and no fees, U.S. applicants for a Kiva loan will have access to (1) Larger loans: The maximum loan on the Kiva platform will increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and (2) Grace period: New borrowers may access a grace period of up to 6 months for greater financial flexibility. [Apply for Loan](#). If you are able, considering lending to a small business owner by becoming a Kiva Lender. It's a quick and easy process. [Become a Kiva Lender here](#).



MMAC Resource Library & Webinar Series

The MMAC is hosting webinars every Tuesday at 11AM to help guide businesses and the organizations that support them. Different topics will be addressed each week. [Learn more, register for webinars and sign-up for their updates](#).

Restaurant Permits for Carry-Out Service

The City of Milwaukee has implemented a free program for Restaurants to apply for Carry Out Zones to better serve

curbside carryout requests during this time. Restaurants can apply for this program online at m.milwaukee.gov/dpw signage will be installed by DPW within 48-72 hours of the request at milwaukee.gov/dpw

Safe & Affordable Bank Accounts

As the number of applications for unemployment compensation rises, it is important that individuals have somewhere safe to deposit these funds. Rather than waiting for a check or prepaid card in the mail, encourage your clients/residents to open a Bank On certified account where funds can be received via direct deposit. These accounts do not allow for overdraft, the minimum balance can be zero, and they allow holders to bills remotely. Some accounts can even be opened up online, saving a costly trip to the check cashier at a time when it is best to stay home. Visit the Bank On [Greater Milwaukee website](#) for a list of certified accounts available in the area.

SBA Providing Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved Wisconsin's request for small businesses affected by the COVID-19

pandemic to access low-interest federal disaster loans. Under the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, businesses may qualify for up to \$2 million in loans to cover losses resulting from the pandemic. The interest rate on the loans is 3.75% for for-profit businesses and 2.75% for nonprofits. Participants may be able to extend payments for up to 30 years. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the application portal.

The [Wisconsin Small Business Development Network](#) (SBDC), a resource partner of the SBA, is available to help small businesses apply for federal disaster loans to mitigate the substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the Wisconsin SBDC website designed to help business owners understand the qualifications and application process. Consultants across the network's 13 locations are working remotely via phone, email and virtual tools to assist clients.

Toolkit for Agricultural Organizations from DACTP

This is intended to serve as a resource for agricultural organizations as they prepare for potential impacts of COVID-19 on their business operations. This kit includes resources for food businesses, farmers, employers, etc. [COVID-19 Toolkit](#).

US Chamber of Commerce Coronavirus Response Toolkit

Find shareable graphics based on the CDC's latest guidance for businesses and employees. We encourage you to share these assets on social media, websites, and other channels, and send them to your colleagues and employees. [Response Toolkit](#).

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Grants

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) created a \$5 million in funding to provide grants of up to \$20,000 to small businesses to assist with expenses or other leave due to hardships created by COVID-19. Funds will be distributed via Wisconsin-based Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). [Learn more](#).

WWBIC

Current Clients: For those affected by COVID-19, small business owners may have options for loan deferment, interest payments being covered, and direct grant support for payroll and rent. For more information contact Jaime Charon, Director of Portfolio Management and Loan Operations: jcharon@wwbic.com or WWBIC Servicing at wwbic servicing@wwbic.com. Current & New Clients: we are offering fast track loans up to \$25,000! Please contact Michael Hetzel, Director of Lending: mhetzel@wwbic.com for more details.

FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

IRS Updates

Filing Season Extension: **The federal income tax filing due**

date has been extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. News releases in English and Spanish can be found on the IRS [Special coronavirus page](#) **Tax Payment Extension: The tax payment deadline has also been extended to July 15, 2020.** View the current payment

extension statement for details. Though the deadline is extended, those who do not owe are encouraged to file as soon as possible so they can receive and use their refund sooner.

Mortgage Payments

If you have lost income due to Covid-19 and are worried you will miss a mortgage payment, reach out to your servicer (the entity you write your mortgage check to each month) right away to find out if they are providing their borrowers with any pause in payments. Many entities have issues statements that they are working with borrowers with a loss in income.

Housing Assistance

If you have lost income due to Coronavirus and are worried you will miss a rent payment or losing your housing, reach out to your landlord to discuss the situation. Milwaukee County Small Claims Court is closed until April 3rd . If you need housing assistance, call 2-1-1 (IMPACT) or visit www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1/ to search their online resource directory.

Mediate Milwaukee offers FREE mediation to help tenants and landlords connect and discuss solutions to avoid eviction, such as a repayment plan or move out date. Professional mediators work with parties over the phone and by email to help work out details and write up the final agreement. Call 414-939-8800 or email apply@mediatemilwaukee.com.

AARP Money Map

Without warning, an unplanned expense can lead you off the path to financial stability. In minutes, we'll make you an action plan to get you back on track. It's everything you need in one place — financial aid programs, payment options, and people who can help. Money Map is free for all ages and you do not need to be an AARP member to access. It can help you figure out medical, car, home and other expenses. AARP Money Map.

Artist Relief Fund

To help support Milwaukee artists and creators, ImagineMKE is raising money for an Artist Relief Fund that will benefit Milwaukee-based artists who have experienced a financial loss due to a cancellation of engagements. [Donate or Apply.](#)

Applying for Unemployment

The Department of Workforce Development has a comprehensive [Q&A about unemployment benefits and COVID-19](#)

Bartender Emergency Assistance Program

USBG National Foundation created a fund for out of work bartenders or other bar staff. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Childcare Resources

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families has [information](#) for child care, including requests for assistance.

Free Internet Access

Spectrum is offering free 60 days of Internet to households with K-12 or college students. Call 1-844-488-8395 to enroll. Must be new to Spectrum, other restrictions apply, [view info here](#) .

Milwaukee County Emergency Food Distribution Map

This interactive map lists sites confirmed by Hunger Task Force that provide emergency food safely to children or adults. Visit <http://bit.ly/FoodNowMKE> for more resources. Map Tips: Search by Zip Code by clicking the magnifying glass. Selecting a site icon will tell you what days and times the meal service is open. [This map will be updated daily.](#)

Milwaukee Water Works

The Customer Service Center is closed to walk-in service at the Municipal Services Building, 841 N. Broadway. Customers should use other methods of payment or call us at (414) 286-2830 if they cannot pay with a mailed check, online at milwaukee.gov/water , or by phone. Meter related appointments re suspended unless one is necessary to restore water service. Milwaukee Water Works never disconnects water service because of unpaid bills. Milwaukee Water Works is fully prepared to continue providing safe water for customers 24 hours a day.

Personal Financial Challenges

UW-Madison Extension has compiled a list of frequently asked questions about personal financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Answers to each question are linked to government websites and the types of assistance that might be available. [View FAQ's, answers are resources here.](#)



Resources for Job Seekers

As a job seeker or laid-off worker, there are things you can do to feel productive and improve your skills during this period of social distancing. [Learn about opportunities for work and skill building here.](#)

Odd Jobs for Milwaukee Service Industry: A community run Facebook page for finding or offering odd jobs to those out of work during COVID-19. [Join facebook group here.](#)

Restaurants Offering Carry-Out/Delivery

This google doc lists restaurants in the Milwaukee-area still offering carry-out and delivery. You can add a restaurant to the list (add to the bottom, it will be alphabetized by the owner) that you are aware of or that you work for.



The Creator Fund

A fund dedicated to supporting out of work artists, musicians, or other creators. [Learn more and apply.](#)

UW Credit Union Emergency Personal Loan

For UW Credit Union members who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, they are offering a

low-rate personal loan to help with budgeting concerns. [Click here](#) for more info. Other financial institutions may also offer similar assistance – be sure to check with your bank or credit union.

Volunteer Opportunities

No matter where you live in Wisconsin, there are opportunities for people looking to help out. [Check out Volunteer Wisconsin](#) for ways to support your community.

MKE Responds Fund

The MKE Responds Fund will provide resources to organizations working in the greater Milwaukee area with communities disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this pandemic. The fund is designed to be flexible and will provide grants for immediate needs including but not limited to organizations addressing basic needs, medical access, those serving aging populations and students as well as those who continue to be affected over a longer period of time. For questions and to learn how to apply, contact mkeresponds@greatermilwaukeefoundation.org



COVID-19 Resources

Where to get food

Access to food

<https://milwaukeeens.org/2020/03/17/covid-19-where-to-find-food-and-how-you-can-help/>

<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/District/About-MPS/District-News/Covid-19-Updates/03-13-20-MPS-to-Provide-Free-Meals-to-Students.htm>

<https://www.bqcmilwaukee.org/meal-continuation-program/>

Restaurants that are still open during COVID-19

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/coronavirus/heres-how-you-can-get-your-favorite-food-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Mental Health Resources:

<https://milwaukeeens.org/2020/03/25/mental-health-resources-you-can-use-during-covid-19-and-beyond/>

Food/Housing/Volunteering

<https://www.wpr.org/where-find-food-housing-help-and-more-wisconsin-during-covid-19-pandemic>

Things to do with children

Activities for Kids

Brain games

[KiwiCo](#) – Monthly subscription boxes with STEAM-driven projects (\$20 a month), ages 0-14.

[Khan Academy Kids](#) – Free, fun educational app for kids 2-7. They created [daily schedules and curriculum](#) while your kids are home.

[Homer](#) – Educational app for kids ages 2-8 (free 30-day trial available, \$9.99/month)

[Kodable](#) – App that teaches kids the basics of coding, for ages 4-10 (free 7-day trial, \$6.99/monthly)

[Tynker](#) – Coding app for ages 5+ (free during school closure)

[Epic!](#) – Digital library app, reads to kids as needed (\$7.99/month)

[BrainPop](#) – Video-based educational app (free access during school closures)

Participate in a [reading challenge](#)

COVID-19 Resources

Things to do with children Continued

[TodoMath](#) – Math app for grades Pre-K to 2 (\$69.99/year)

[Prodigy](#) – Math app for grades 1-8 (\$8.95/month)

[Splash Learn](#) – Math app for grades K-5 (free version available)

[MentalUp](#) – Games for attention, concentration, memory, logic and more, for kids ages 4-13 (free version available)

[YouTube Learning](#) – Huge educational video library covering a broad array of topics (free)

[Scholastic Learning From Home](#) – Day-by-day educational projects for grades Pre-K – 6 (free)

[Mystery Science](#) – Easy science lessons for grades K-5 (free during school closure)

[National Museum of Mathematics](#) – Great line-up of virtual events (free and paid options)

[ABCmouse.com](#) – free online curriculum for kids ages 2-8 with code AOFLUNICEF

[Adventure Academy](#) – online curriculum for kids ages 8-13 (first month free), or [start here](#) with code SCHOOL7771

[Prodigies Music](#) – web and app streaming music curriculum (3 weeks free, then \$13.99/mo.)

[Vooks](#) – web and app streaming read aloud of children's books (30 days free, then \$4.99/mo.)

[Education.com](#) – printable worksheets and lessons plans for pre-school – 5th grade (currently 50% off, \$42/year)

Listen to an educational podcast – try [Wow in the World!](#) if you like science, [Stories Podcast](#) or [Circle Round](#) to hear a story, or [Noodle Loaf](#) to learn about music.

Getting the energy out

[GoNoodle](#) – Movement and mindfulness videos (free)

[Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) – YouTube channel with yoga-based workouts (free)

[Yogi Beans](#) – Online streaming (14 day free trial, then \$14.99/mo)

Things to do with children

Scavenger hunts ([free printouts](#))

Go on a treasure hunt – Tell them to hide something and create a treasure map for you to find it. Block off 30 min. so you can go on the treasure hunt together.

[Headspace for Kids](#) – Meditation (2 week free trial, \$69.99/year)

[7 minute workout for kids](#) – High intensity interval training for kids ages 7-13

COVID-19 Resources

Continued

Ideas for babies + toddlers

Try these easy at-home activities for [babies](#) and [toddlers](#) from [@babytoddler](#)

[@dayswithgrey](#) has a ton of at-home activity suggestions for [1-year-olds](#)

[Virtual singalong](#) with Lavender Blues – 40 min singalong at 10:30am daily on Zoom for \$10

What to do if you lost your job due to COVID

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/coronavirus/what-to-do-if-you-lost-your-job-due-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-regarding-covid-19-in-wisconsin-answered>



Spring & Summer 2020 Calendar

May 23 — Social Distancing MDNA Cleanup

July 18 — MDNA Social Distance Rummage Sale 8:30 to 3:00 PM

July 25 — Summer Sizzle (dependent on Socially Distance order)

July/Aug — Socially Distanced Out Door Movies TBD* announced on listserv

TBD* — MDNA MEETING (Virtual ?) TBD announce on listserv

Sept 17 — Trolley News articles , Stories and ads due

Sept 25 — New Trolley issue out

*TBD = To Be Determined

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