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Supporting Our Local Businesses



Dear South Milwaukeeans,

In February, we announced plans to launch our new City of South Milwaukee news magazine, in partnership with the South Milwaukee School District. We quickly went to work preparing for our first edition ... and then the world changed.

So we've regrouped, and we are proud to share with you this special edition of "Bridges," focused on supporting local businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We offered local businesses free ad space in this publication, and more than 50 stepped up to participate.

Please spend some time exploring the following pages to find out what local businesses are doing to keep serving you during this unprecedented time. Also, check out information on what the City and School District are doing to keep delivering for our constituents and students.

We are only as strong as our people, especially in times of crisis. And, South Milwaukee, you can rest assured we are as strong as ever during this pandemic.

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Mayor, South Milwaukee



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

SAFER AT HOME

TO OUR SOUTH MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY,

I would like to thank everyone for their support, patience and understanding during the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure of schools is causing the School District of South Milwaukee to change how we educate and feed students during this period.



Please see pages 10-11 for important information regarding these changes. There are many issues that need to be addressed, and our team is continually working on solutions.

At this point, we don't know how long we will be out of school beyond Governor Evers' Safer At Home Order that currently runs through April 24. Although we would like to reopen as soon as possible, we are planning as if we will not return this school year.

The District emailed information regarding the current two-week instructional period to all families, and has posted this information on the website: sdsm.k12.wi.us.

**Dr. Jeff Weiss, Superintendent
School District of South Milwaukee**

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE CITY'S AND SCHOOLS' RESPONSES TO COVID-19:

- See pgs. 6-7 for City information
- See pgs. 10-11 for School District information

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City of South Milwaukee COVID-19 Update



The City of South Milwaukee is taking action to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Information and guidance is changing rapidly, and we pledge to keep you informed. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we continue to operate and deliver City services as best we can. We will always act in the best interest of our employees and the general public, with public health the top priority.

CITY BUILDINGS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

All City of South Milwaukee buildings are closed, and only accessible to the public by appointment, until further notice.

The closure includes City Hall, the Police and Fire Departments, the Street Department, and Water and Wastewater facilities. The closure also includes the Grobschmidt Senior Center and South Milwaukee Library.

If you have City business that you believe requires you to physically appear at a City building, please call the City's general number at 414-762-2222 to make an appointment. You can also conduct a lot of City business online at the City website: swmi.org.

SELF-DEPOSIT STATION

The Self-Deposit Station remains open, but is employing practices to keep social distances, including temporarily suspending the \$3 per-trip user fee.

MAKING PAYMENTS

You can make most City payments without entering City buildings. You can use the drop box (located to the north of the front doors of City Hall) for water bill and property tax payments. You can also mail your payments to the address provided on the bill.

- **Property taxes:** You can pay your property taxes at the City Hall drop box, or online. More details can be found on the City website.
- **Utility bills:** You can set up online bill payments through your personal financial institution. You can also pay

water bills at Tri-City National Bank, 2115 10th Ave., using their drive-up service. We are waiving all late fees for utility bills for the duration of the emergency order.

- **Forms:** Many forms and permits can be found on the City website. You can submit those forms via the City Hall drop box.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police officers are avoiding unnecessary contact with citizens who may be ill – and we are requiring officers to take protective measures (wearing gloves and masks) when they do make contact.

The Police Department is working in concert with our Health Department to ensure orders are followed. We believe the vast majority of the community is concerned for themselves, their families and their neighbors, and fully intend to voluntarily comply with this order. If violations arise, law enforcement will take note and educate and inform those individuals. Enforcement will be a last step.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters are suspending non-essential activities like station tours, staff visits at events and ride-alongs. We are limiting the number of personnel exposed to people showing symptoms, and we are wearing masks when working with symptomatic patients (and placing masks on patients as well). We also ask that residents do NOT visit the fire station with medical emergencies, as personnel may not be wearing appropriate protective equipment. If you have a medical emergency, call 911.

CITY MEETINGS

All non-essential City meetings have been cancelled until further notice. We are offering Zoom and Facebook Live options for required meetings, and you can learn more about how to access those on each meeting agenda.

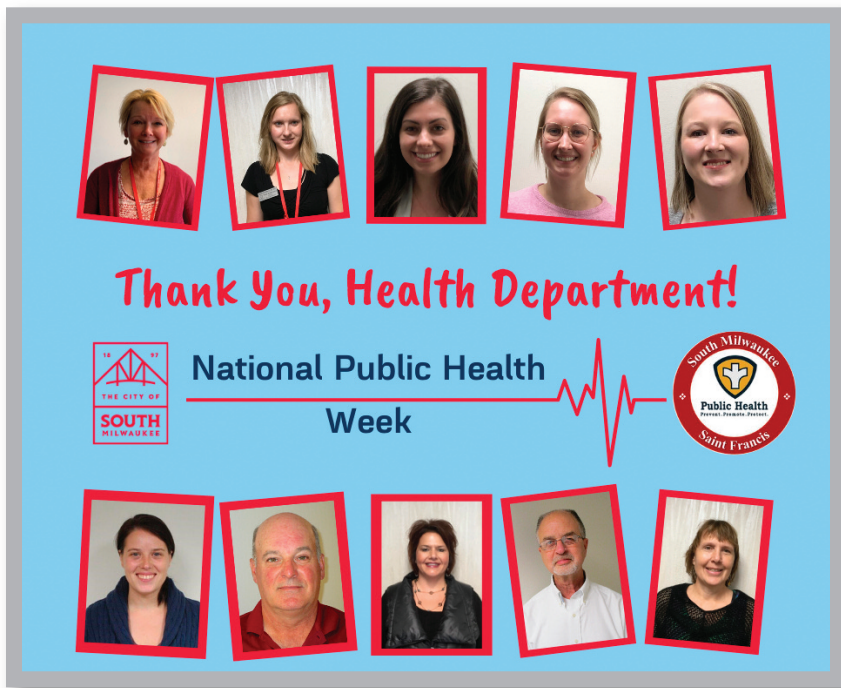
DONATIONS APPRECIATED: MEDICAL AND CLEANING SUPPLIES

We want to thank local retailers like Walmart, Pick 'n Save, Ace Hardware, ALDI and Mara's Sewing House for assisting the City in obtaining supplies that are critical to ensure continuity in essential City operations.

Want to help? We are accepting donations of new and unused medical exam gloves, simple/dust masks, N95 respirator masks, disinfecting cleaning supplies (Lysol spray, disinfecting wipes, etc.) and containers of unopened hand sanitizer, which we'll put to use in coming weeks as we continue to operate many City functions amid the pandemic. You can donate these items by arranging for drop off at the South Milwaukee Fire Department by emailing donations@smwi.org.

MEALS FOR SENIORS

Although the Grobschmidt Senior Center is closed, drive-thru meals are still being served to seniors 60 and older. To get meals, fill out a Senior Dining Registration form – available on the Milwaukee County Department of Aging website: county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Department-on-Aging, or at the Senior Center during pickup times – and bring it to the Senior Center prior to picking up



your first lunch, or email the form to quinlan@smwi.org.

Meals are distributed in the back parking lot of the Senior Center from 11 a.m. to noon, Monday-Friday. Reservations must be made by 11 a.m. the previous day at 414-768-5722.

DINING IN

Dining in has been prohibited at all bars and restaurants. Delivery and take-out service are allowed, only by keeping social distancing minimums (at least six ft.). Learn more about what South Milwaukee businesses

are doing to attract customers at a new website: 53172.org/support/ and also on Facebook/ShopLocalSM.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone who helped execute our April 7 election, led by our clerk's office and poll workers, including all of the City employees who worked to process absentee ballots, staff the polls and count votes. The teamwork was impressive and appreciated, as they delivered a safe election in the face of an unprecedented situation. You can see full election results on the City website: smwi.org.

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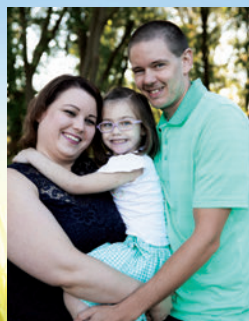
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The High School Student Senate, led by Maddie McCarty, will be hosting a food drive for Human Concerns on April 29 at the SM High School.



School District of South Milwaukee: COVID-19 Plans

- The current world situation is rapidly changing – by week, by day and even by hour. In the short-term, the School District is fairly certain about the following:
- 1) Prom has been canceled and will be rescheduled, if possible.
 - 2) Graduation for the class of 2020 will occur on a date to be determined.
 - 3) School board meetings will occur virtually with access options for the public posted on the agenda for that meeting.
 - 4) Plans will be made and shared to retrieve students' personal items from school in a safe manner that takes into account social distancing guidelines. Decisions regarding these issues and others will be communicated via email with families or posted on the District website, as appropriate.

CONTINUING INSTRUCTION

Creating learning opportunities for students while school is closed poses many challenges. We are designing learning opportunities for students in two-week chunks. As we design what instruction will look like during this period of time when schools are closed, there are several guiding principles that we are following:

1. Current learning expectations via remote learning are no replacement for the high-quality teaching and learning that occurs when students are in classrooms with our educators.
2. Every family situation is different, and SDSM strives to provide universal learning opportunities that are cognizant of various needs and situations.
3. Availability and ongoing connections with students and families are invaluable, and we commit to being available for students and families.

MARCH 30-APRIL 10

These principles help us structure our remote learning opportunities for students. Based on the age level of students, instruction will also look differently. All middle and high school students are receiving assignments from their teachers through Google Classroom. Middle and high school teachers are contacting students using Google Classroom and/or other means.

Elementary student assignments for March 30-April 10 are available online on the District website: sdsd.k12.wi.us (under the COVID-19 resources). Hard-copy packets were available at the food service pick-up locations, and all these packets have been distributed. Elementary teachers are contacting students through technology, phone calls or the U.S. mail.

Plans for April 13-27 were emailed to families and have been posted to the District website.

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FOOD SERVICE

The SDSM School Nutrition Services Department will continue to provide one breakfast meal and one lunch meal per child (ages 2-18), per household. Meals will be provided for each day of the week (Mon.-Fri.) excluding weekends (Sat.-Sun). Menus and nutritional information can be found on Nutrislice. Please check the menus online prior to arrival, as menus are subject to change based on product availability and shortages.

NEW MEAL PICK-UP DAYS AS OF MON., APRIL 6

- Mondays (Monday meals only)
- Tuesdays (Tuesday and Wednesday meals)
- Thursday (Thursday and Friday meals)

* Please be aware that Wednesday and Friday meals will be disbursed per the schedule above.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS AND TIMES

- **Blakewood Elementary, Door 8**
11-11:30 a.m.

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- **Lakeview Elementary, Door 11**
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- **South Milwaukee High School**
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If you have students that attend any of our District schools, you may pick

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NEW PICK-UP PROCESS*

1. Pull up to the pick-up station, share with our Nutrition Services staff or volunteers which of our school(s) your student(s) attend and the number of meals you need.
2. Please walk up to the end of the table where your meals will be placed for you to grab-and-go.
3. Our staff or volunteers will step back as one member of your family picks-up your meals from the end of the table.

The new process focuses on adhering to proper social distancing measures while protecting our families, volunteers and Nutrition Services staff. We may continue to revise this process, as needed.


Please note: Our Nutrition Services staff is following USDA and Health Department guidelines. Please follow proper food consumption, food storage, and food preparation procedures and timelines by adhering to the instructions placed in your bagged meals. Contact our Nutrition Services Department during our school closure with any meal-related questions at 414-766-5023 anytime between 9 a.m.-1p.m. (Monday, Tuesday or Thursday).

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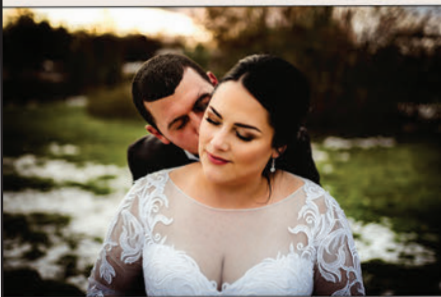
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