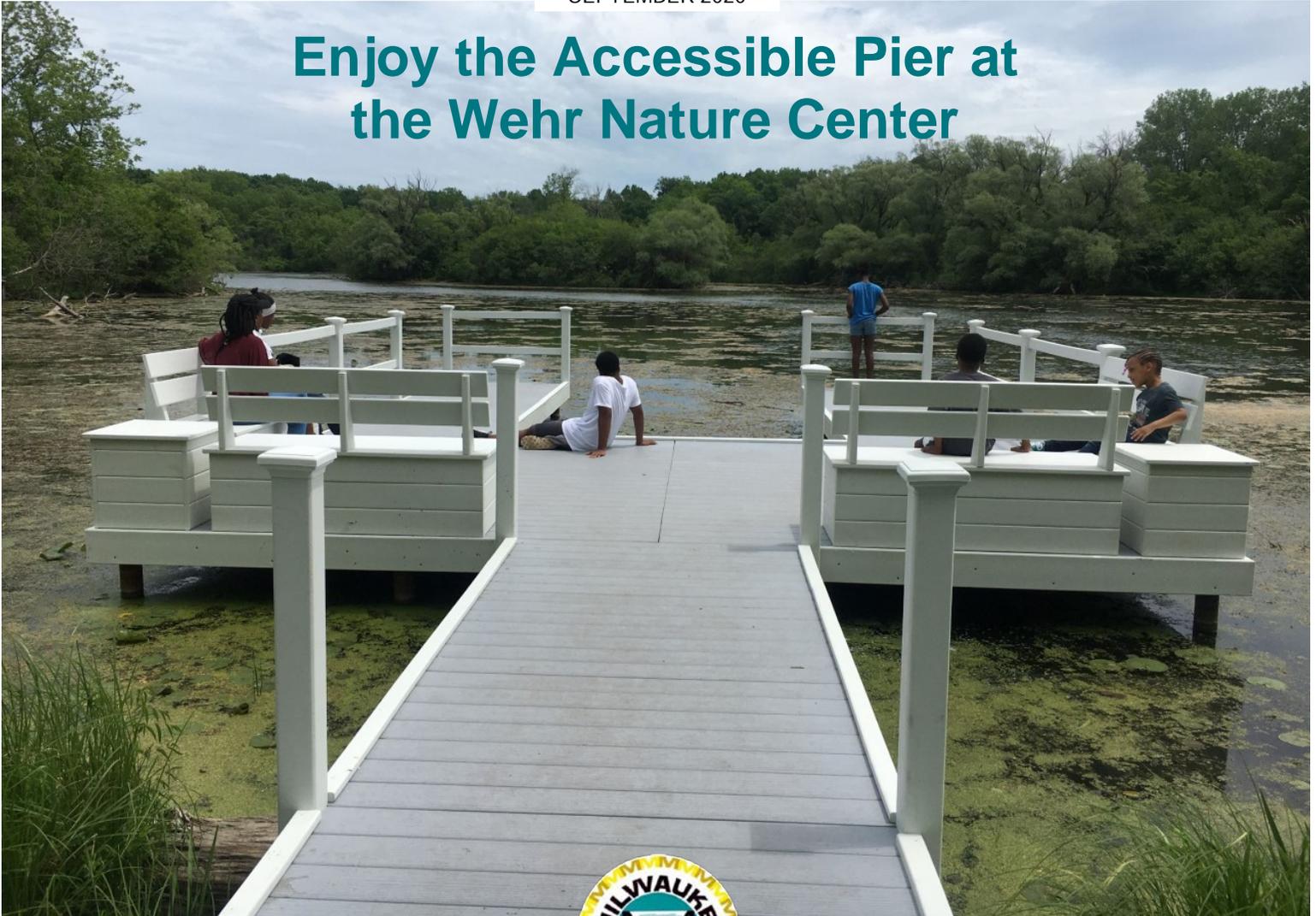




Handy News & Notes

SEPTEMBER 2020

Enjoy the Accessible Pier at the Wehr Nature Center



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OPD OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!



Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) office in the Milwaukee County Courthouse (901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee) is CLOSED until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE: The OPD staff are working remotely and can be reached using the same phone numbers and email addresses as always. The mailing address remains the same.

BALANCING ACT: WEIGH IN ON MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S 2021 BUDGET

This year Milwaukee County is starting with a budget gap of \$42.5 million – and we need your help to close it. Show us how you would invest in important community services and balance Milwaukee County's 2021 budget.



[Balance now and learn about our open houses.](https://www.milwaukee.gov/balancing-act)

UPDATES FROM WEHR NATURE CENTER

New Accessible Pier at Wehr Nature Center

Over the last five months our new pier was installed and it is beautiful! Thanks to the generous donation from the Estate of Richard Nason, a long time Camera Club member, Wehr has a new, much improved "Forever Pier." It provides twice the space, more seating, and storage space when needed. Forever Piers has worked with us for over a year to get a design and to complete construction. This special part is being funded by a Helen Bader Foundation SPARK grant as part of our new series of program for people with memory loss that will begin this fall.



Come and enjoy sitting at the new pier. It is the perfect spot to sit and relax, meditate, or just watch wildlife.

Friends of Wehr Nature Center was awarded a large 2-year pilot grant from Bader Philanthropies to create and execute a Spark! program. Spark! is a special program designed for people going through cognitive changes, such as memory loss, and their caregivers. Each session is devoted to learning about the simple beauty found in nature and how it enriches our lives. Programs

will be led by staff naturalists and volunteers and take place indoors but may include a brief outdoor component close to the building. Each month features a topic that focuses on the season. The Spark! nature program for persons with ranges of dementia and memory challenges and their care partners will begin in the Fall of 2020. For inquiries, please contact Jennifer.rutten@milwaukeecountywi.gov www.friendsofwehr.org

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ON SOCIAL MEDIA! #ONECOUNTYMKE



Follow your Milwaukee County government on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, Flickr, Pinterest, LinkedIn). [Get the lists here.](#)

EMPLOYMENT STATS!

[@BLS_gov](https://www.bls.gov)



The July 2020 Bureau of Labor Statistics report:

Labor Force Participation Rate

Persons w/ disabilities = 20.2% (20.8%, '19)

Persons w/ no disabilities = 67.2% (-2.0%) (69.2%, '19)

Employment – Population Ratio

Persons w/ disabilities = 17.3% (19.2%, '19)

Persons w/ no disabilities = 60.3% (66.5%, '19)

See the current report here:

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t06.htm>

REPORT AN ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE

The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) has an on-line form where you can submit a report of an accessibility issue within Milwaukee County government (buildings, grounds, employment, etc.). You can [submit a report](#) by going to the OPD [ADA webpage](#).



FREE DAYS!

PLEASE NOTE: The FREE dates are subject to change. Please stay in touch with the website below for the latest updates.

[Milwaukee County FREE Days](#)

Charles Allis Art Museum @CharlesAllis

September 2, 1pm-5pm

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum @VillaTerrace

September 2, 1pm-5pm

Milwaukee Public Museum @MKEPublicMuseum

September 3, 9am-8pm

Milwaukee Art Museum @MilwaukeeArt

September 3, 10am-8pm

HAPPENING AT THE ZOO!

@MilwaukeeCoZoo

September 4-6

[Scouting at the Zoo](#)

September 12 & 13

[Family Farm Weekend](#)

Presented by Prairie Farms Dairy



MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO APP

@MilwaukeeCoZoo

Did you know that the Milwaukee County Zoo has an official phone app? The app will help you plan your visit, make the best use of your time and navigate through the 190-acre grounds. It's available at the [Google Play store](#) and on [iTunes](#).



FESTIVALS & EVENTS!

PLEASE NOTE: The events, dates, and locations are subject to change. Please stay in touch with the festivals & events websites for the latest updates.

LABOR FEST @MALC_WI #LaborfestMKE

CANCELED FOR 2020

For more information call 414-771-7070 visit

www.milwaukeeelabor.org

HARVEST FAIR @WISStateFair

September 25 - 27 at Wisconsin State Fair Park

Free Admission every day.

For more info visit <http://wistatefair.com/harvestfair/>

DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE

September 26-October 11 - Virtual

For more info visit <http://www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org>

TRAVELING BEER GARDEN EXTENDED

Three new stops have been added to the Traveling Beer Garden 2020 tour: Visit the beer garden at Wisconsin Avenue Park, Aug. 26–Sept. 7; Center Street Park, Sept. 12–13; and Cooper Park, Sept. 19–20. The final Traveling Beer Garden stop at Juneau Park has also been extended from Sept. 10-27 with hours on Thursdays–Sundays.

<https://www.travelingbeergardens.com/>



LOVE YOUR PARKS

Discover how to support your parks through volunteering, donating, sharing your stories or by downloading the Parks Explorer App.

<http://www.loveyourparksme.com/>



MARCUS CENTER MC ACCESS

@MarcusCenter

The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) and the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts have teamed up to offer

discounted tickets to selected shows for county employees and their families and friends, as well as readers and followers of Handy News & Notes. To access this opportunity, please visit www.marcuscenter.org/mcaccess and enter group code "countytx."



Marcus Center
for the Performing Arts

2020/2021 BROADWAY SEASON

@MarcusCenter @JohnsonBank

The Marcus Center announces the 2020-2021 Broadway Season Shows.



Marcus Center
for the Performing Arts

National Geographic Live September 24

Pretty Woman: The Musical, November 24-29

Jesus Christ Superstar, January 19-24

Mean Girls, February 16-21

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, March 16-21

Aida, April 27-May 2

Hamlet May 13-15

Ain't Too Proud to Beg: The Life & Times of the Temptations, July 6-11

[Get More Information About the 2020/2021 Season](#)

ACCESSIBLE ACTIVITIES, ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT & MORE!

Get access to information about accessible activities (baseball, basketball, biking, fishing, skating, skiing, swimming, Etc.), adaptive equipment that you can use (beach wheelchairs, hand-cycles, golf carts, ice sleds), recreation program providers, and much more recreation information by going to the OPD [Recreation webpage](#).



LOOKING FOR A HALL?

@MKECoOPD

Are you looking for a hall for your next function? Would you like to rent a beautiful hall in a woodsy setting near you? If you answered yes, please use the links below (or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 414-278-3930) to check out the [Wil-O-Way Grant](#) and [Wil-O-Way Underwood](#) facilities. These facilities may be just what you're looking for. You can even review the facilities, check the calendar, review the guidelines, and apply right on your smartphone.



[Wil-O-Way Grant](#) (South Milwaukee)



[Wil-O-Way Underwood](#) (Wauwatosa)



Check out the [Facility Guidelines](#) & [Facility Rentals Calendar](#).

CONFERENCE ROOM – WIL-O-WAY UNDERWOOD

Need a meeting place during the day away from work? **FREE!** Contact us about our conference room at Wil-O-Way Underwood (Wauwatosa). The conference room seats 20, offers a 50" flat screen TV, a whiteboard & WiFi.



OTHER RENTAL FACILITIES – COUNTY PARKS

For your special family gathering, community-group event, or business function, you'll find a Milwaukee County Parks site to complement your event. [Visit the Park Department "Rent a Venue" webpage here.](#)

THIS IS A REMINDER!

You are **ILLEGALLY PARKED!**

@MKECoOPD

The Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) has a supply of these cards. If you'd like some, please contact Mike at 414-278-3938 or [email Mike](#) with your complete name and mailing address.



BEACH WHEELCHAIRS AT BRADFORD

Hit the beach with a free beach wheelchair checkout. The beach wheelchairs feature wide tires to allow you to maneuver in the sand and into the water. Bradford Beach features a permanent concrete ramp to access the beach and seasonal mobi mats (shown above) that provide access to the water.



ADAPTIVE HANDCYCLES

Check out a handcycle for free at [Wheel Fun Rentals](#) at Veterans Park South, on the Lake Loop section of the multi-use [Oak Leaf Trail](#). Surrey bikes, with up to three rows of side-by-side riding, are available for rent.

BublR bike-share stations also offer adaptive bikes at select locations. Stations are in the parks at Cathedral Square, Red Arrow Park, Walker Square and Zeidler Union Square. Check the [BublR website](#) for availability.



THE ABILITY CENTER

Play together.

ABILITY CENTER – WALK IN THE PARK SERIES

Join us virtually or join us live in person at Wisconsin Avenue Park for our interactive Walk in the Park Series - RampUp: Universal Park

Episode 1: My Uncle was a Paralympian

August 26th – 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Stream From YouTube

<https://youtu.be/a68JqeR-uYM>

Stream From our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheAbilityCenter>

Our first Live & Virtual Walk will feature:

Damian Buchman , founder & Visionary-in-Chief, The Ability Center with Special Guests:
Matt Sabljak, President,
SRH& Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Event Details:

- Damian will guide you on a walk through the park while sharing our vision with you.
- You'll get to know our Special Guests & Partners.
- We'll invite you to interactively share your ideas with us.
- & Finish out with a handful of your Q's & our A's

Hope you'll join us in person at [Wisconsin Avenue Park](#) or virtually from the comfort of your WiFi.

Note: Physical distancing and face masks required.

Episode 2: everyBODY Deserves to Hug a Tree

September 9th – 11:30am – 12:30pm

Stream From YouTube

<https://youtu.be/3LBRTISgnsW>

Stream From our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheAbilityCenter>

Our second Live & Virtual Walk will feature:

Damian Buchman , founder & Visionary-in-Chief, The Ability Center with Special Guests:
Fred Hoppe, Arborist, Hoppe Tree Service
& Ramsey Radakovich, Arborist, Milwaukee County Parks

Event Details:

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Hope you'll join us in person at Wisconsin Avenue Park or virtually from the comfort of your WiFi.

Note: Physical distancing and face masks required.

Episode 3: Play has no Limit: 7 Principles of Inclusive Design

September 23rd – 11:30am – 12:30pm

Our third Live & Virtual Walk will feature:

Featuring: Damian Buchman, founder & Visionary-in-Chief, The Ability Center with Special Guest:
Marybeth Budisch, Partner, S&B & Partner: Jennie Sumrell, Director of Education, PlayCore

Event Details:

- Damian will guide you on a walk through the park while sharing our vision with you.
- You'll get to know our Special Guests & Partners.
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Hope you'll join us in person at Wisconsin Avenue Park or virtually from the comfort of your WiFi.

Note: Physical distancing and face masks required.

Event Details: <https://tacwi.org/park>

ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION EXCHANGE (ETE)

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Engine and Transmission Exchange (ETE) locations offer all types of mechanical repairs and vehicle maintenance on almost any type of mobility equipped vehicles.



PERFORMANCE

Our talented and experienced technicians can check your vehicle's engine for defects that may be causing a reduction in performance.

ELECTRICAL DIAGNOSIS

Electrical faults can result in performance issues or make your engine inoperable. Our team can diagnose electrical faults and recommend solutions.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

It is recommended that you have maintenance performed on your vehicle's engine every 30K miles to prevent damage and keep performance consistent.

HEATING & COOLING

ETE can diagnose and service your vehicle's A/C and cooling systems, including belt, hose, and filter replacements.

ENGINE REPLACEMENT

ETE's technicians can perform the work to replace a damaged or inoperative engine in your vehicle to restore its functionality.

TRANSMISSION

ETE can provide transmission services including replacement, sales, or complete transmission service repairs.

Milwaukee: 2727 S 27th St, Milwaukee WI 53215
414-645-7000

Waukesha: 1604 S West Ave, Waukesha WI 53189
262-548-0000

For a FREE quote, email ETE at vf@enginetrans.com

ACCESSIBLE VANS / VEHICLES FOR SALE!

Are you looking for a new or used accessible van/vehicle near you? Check out <http://www.blvd.com>



/. The world's largest selection of wheelchair vans for sale in one place.

OPD / FISERV FORUM TICKETPASS!

@FiservForum @MKECoOPD

The Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD) has teamed with the Fiserv Forum TicketPASS program to allow employees, friends and family of OPD to purchase single game Bucks tickets, as well as tickets to other select events at the Fiserv Forum at exclusive Friends & Family prices using a unique link and promo code. To access our TicketPASS page, please visit FiservForum.com/TICKETPASS and [enter promo code MCOPD](#).



If you have any questions about TicketPASS or anything Bucks related, please contact our personal TicketPASS representative with the Bucks, Andrew O'Herron. He can be reached at AOHerron@Bucks.com or over the phone at 414.908.3760

MILWAUKEE COUNTY OFFERS AIRA!

FIRST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY!

@airaio @MKECoOPD

Milwaukee County is the first county in the country to offer FREE [Aira](#) technology services (to Aira users) at the airport, on public transportation & in destination locations (see list).



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Coggs Human Service Building
Criminal Justice Facility
Milwaukee County Courthouse, + Grounds
Milwaukee County Transit System
Mitchell International Airport
Safety Building
Vel Phillips Youth & Family Justice Center

PARKS & RECREATION

Art Museum
Boerner Botanical Gardens, + Grounds
Bradford Beach, Beach, Bathhouse, Tiki Huts, North Point Snack Bar
Cathedral Square Park, Grounds
Estabrook Park, Beer Garden, + Grounds
Forest Exploration Center
Grant Park, Grounds
Greenfield Park, Cool Waters, + Grounds
Hoyt Park, Beer Garden, Pool, + Grounds
Humboldt Park, Beer/Wine Garden, Band Shell, + Grounds
Kelly Senior Center, + Grounds
Lake Park, Stage, Lighthouse, + Grounds
Lincoln Park, Schulz Aquatic Park, + Grounds
McKinley Marina, Yacht Club, + Grounds
Milwaukee Community Sailing Center
Milwaukee County Historical Society
Milwaukee County Zoo
Milwaukee Public Museum
Mitchell Park, The Domes, + Grounds
Pere Marquette Park, Gazebo, + Grounds
Sheridan Park, Grounds
South Shore Park, Beer Garden, + Grounds
Veterans Park, Grounds
War Memorial
Wamimont Park, Grounds
Washington Park, Band Shell, Senior Center, Urban Ecology Center, + Grounds
Wehr Nature Center, + Grounds
Whitnall Park, Beer Garden, + Grounds
Wil-O-Way Grant, + Grounds
Wil-O-Way Underwood, + Grounds
Wilson Park, Senior Center, Ice Rink, Pool
Wisconsin Avenue Park, Ability Center Offices, + Grounds

Zoofari Conference Center
Get the list of Milwaukee County building / facilities offering free Aira services by [visiting the OPD website](#).

What is Aira?

Aira is today's fastest growing assistive community. One tap of a button instantly connects you with a sighted professional agent who delivers visual assistance anytime and anywhere. Using augmented reality, Aira connects people who are blind or low vision to a trained professional agent who is dedicated to further enhancing their everyday experience – completely hands-free assistance at the touch of a button. To find out more information, including individual pricing plans, equipment, services, etc., contact Aira at 800-835-1934 or visit <https://aira.io/>.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HAS JOB OPENINGS

@MKECountyDHR

Would you like to work for Milwaukee County? The County is always looking for good people for the open positions. Click on the link below to see the list of current openings.



[Current Openings](#)
[DECA Program](#)

ADA INFORMATION ON YOUR SMARTPHONE!

Would you like easy access to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, or ADA Resources, or ADA Checklists, or ADA Enforcement Agencies? If you said yes, you can get all that & more by bookmarking our website on your smartphone.

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Office-for-Persons-with-Disabilities/ADA>



SHARE HANDY NEWS & NOTES!

Do you work with someone or know someone who would be interested in or would benefit from the information in Handy News & Notes? If so, please refer them to the link below to sign up for this FREE information source.

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Sign-Up-for-E--Notify>

LET MCTS BE YOUR FREEDOM ON WHEELS IN 2020

@RideMCTS

MCTS believes nothing is more important than the health and safety of our customers and employees. As the COVID-19 situation evolves, MCTS policies and service will also adjust. Please continue to follow MCTS on social media and check [RideMCTS.com/coronavirus](https://www.mcts.org/coronavirus) for the most current information.

COVID-19 Update

MCTS has taken many steps to protect its workforce and passengers over the course of the public health emergency. Below is a summary of current policies and procedures:

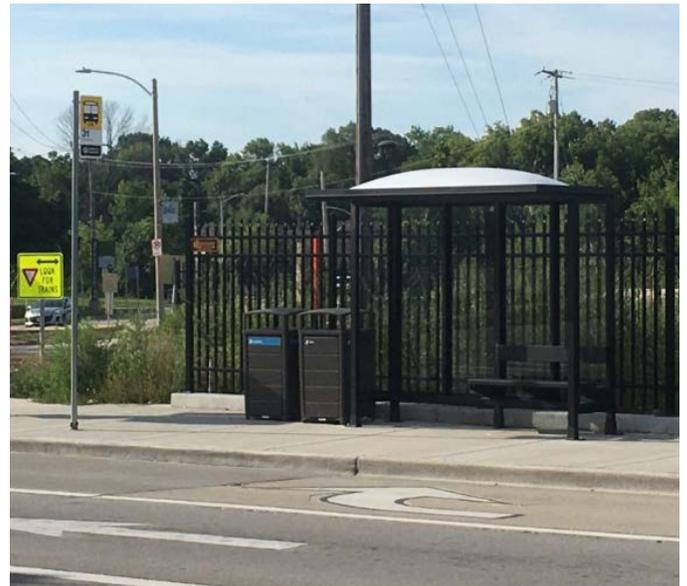
- A maximum of **15** passengers are allowed on a bus at any given time.
- MCTS has started making hand sanitizer available on a number of buses.
- Passengers are being asked to use staggered seating in order to avoid close contact with others.
- Passengers are encouraged to wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, stay home when sick and limit conversations and interactions while on board.
- Passengers are encouraged to use contactless fare payment methods.
- Passengers must enter the bus through the front door and exit via the rear door (unless they need to use the ramp or kneeling feature of the bus).
- Buses go through an extra daily disinfection process using EPA-approved and CDC-recommended products. That's in addition to the standard cleaning that vehicles receive on a regular basis.
- Bus drivers are positioned behind an industry-leading plexiglass shield and are supplied with masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, sanitizing wipes, disinfectant spray, and cloths to clean their workspace throughout the day.
- MCTS continues to use on-board signage, audio announcements, and other communications channels to make sure passengers are aware of all relevant information.
- The MCTS Administration Building is closed to visitors. Our team continues to serve customers remotely and by appointment.

Permitting more passengers on each bus will enable MCTS to better serve those who depend on reliable, on-time public transportation to access work, school, medical appointments, and more.

MCTS appreciates the commitment to public health from all community partners – including Milwaukee County, the City of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, FTA, FEMA, local municipalities, health officials and more. It's important that we all continue working together to help protect residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Shelter & Audible Beacons

To make it more comfortable for passengers to wait for the bus, a new shelter has been installed on State Street & 68th Street at the eastbound Route 31 bus stop. Additionally, audible beacons are now in place to allow pedestrians to cross the busy intersection safely.



Aira Wayfinding App

As a reminder, Aira is free to use in 2020! Aira is a wayfinding app that allows users who are blind or low vision to receive 1-on-1 assistance riding the bus and navigating the more than 5,000 MCTS bus stops. For assistance with setting up or using the app, please contact the Mobility Management team at 414-937-3256.



To learn more about how we can help make you become and independent transit user, give our travel trainer a call @ 414-343-1711. If you see any barriers that need the attention of the Bus Stop Barrier Remover, please contact Chris Fox at 414-937-3256, or cfox@mcts.org.

FREE IEP & SPECIAL EDUCATION WEBINARS

@wifacets

WI FACETS offers several workshops for families of children with disabilities and those who support them. You can access these trainings from any location using your smart phone, laptop, or landline. **Pre-registration is required.** Sign up online at www.wifacets.org/events, or call 877-374-0511. *Requests for reasonable accommodations are needed 2 weeks prior the training.



BLACK- webinars

BLUE – in person trainings

RED–telephone workshops

PURPLE – mini webinars (30 minutes)

- 9/2 Dual Exceptionality – Gifted and Disabled 12-1pm
- 9/9 Incorporating Health Care Transition with Your Post-Secondary Transition Plan (PTP) 12 - 1pm
- 9/10 **Special Education: What Do I Need to Know (Spanish) 12 - 1pm**
- 9/15 Section 504 – What Parents Need to Know 12 - 1pm
- 9/16 Celebrating Differences: Teaching Children About Special Needs and Disabilities 12 - 1pm
- 9/23 Navigating Special Education Resources 12 - 1pm

POPULAR WEBINAR RECORDINGS:

[Special Education Discipline Requirements](#)

[Understanding & Managing Challenging Behaviors in Young Children](#)



LIFE NAVIGATORS

Your Disability Partner EST. 1949

LIFE NAVIGATORS @LifeNavOrg

Life Navigators Coffee Connections

Join us for a Futures Planning Roundtable
Are you a parent or family member of an adult with a developmental disability and looking for connections to other caregivers in the community?
This monthly group will offer peer support for caregivers age 60 or older and explore topics related to futures planning and long-term care options.

Who: Aging Caregivers and Family

Date & Time:

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location:

This month's meeting will take place virtually through a Zoom video conference call.

RSVP: To learn more information and to RSVP, call Megan at 414-774-6255 or email her at megan@lifenavigators.org.

ST ANN CENTER REOPENED AND ENROLLING

@StAnnCenter

St. Ann Center Reopened and Enrolling!

Day service program helps combat isolation

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, re-opened earlier this summer after three months of closure during Safer At Home, is again enrolling



adults for day care at both its northside and southside Milwaukee campuses.

The award-winning center provides safe, compassionate and engaging care for people of all ages. Adult clients include frail elders, people with dementia and adults of all ages with cognitive or physical disabilities.

During the preventive closure this spring, the center instituted a number of safeguard measures to help protect clients' health, from daily entry screenings to more rigorous hand-washing to redesigning activities with an eye to social distancing in activities and friendships.

A number of local adult day service programs remain closed, making it more difficult for families to find the care they need so they can return to a job full time or just have a day's respite each week. St. Ann Center's adult day program, in operation for more than 20 years, is designed to help keep adults healthier, engaged and able to live at home longer, avoiding the need for institutionalized care.

Clients at the nonprofit center, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, enjoy nutritious meals tailored to their specific dietary needs, prepared under the direction of a professional chef; participate in daily exercise program; take part in a host of engaging activities; and make good friends among their fellow clients and staffers. Although St. Ann Center is a national pioneer in intergenerational care, renowned worldwide for promoting interaction between adult care units and children's classrooms, at the moment, the center has suspended in-person activities in favor of safer digital interactions.

St. Ann Center also offers optional wraparound services that make the day program extra convenient for families, such as the attended whirlpool bathing in a tub that's accessible for people in wheelchairs. Other services included physical and occupational therapy (south campus), a special needs dental clinic for adults and children (north campus); overnight respite care that's open weekend and holidays; and even nail and hair

care. These services are available to community members as well, not just clients in the day service program.

Financial aid is available for those who qualify. For more information, visit St. Ann Center's website. Or call either campus with specific questions or to arrange a tour: Stein Campus, 2801 E. Morgan Ave., (414) 977-5000 or Bucyrus Campus, 2450 W. North Ave., (414) 210-2450.



BENEFITING THE



FOLDS of HONOR
FOUNDATION

PATRIOT GOLF DAY SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
8:00AM TEE TIME START

ENTRY FEE: \$80ea (\$320 per team)

Fee Includes:
Golf, Cart, 2 Drinks & Prizes

CHANGE THE LIVES THROUGH THE GAME OF GOLF!

Folds of Honor provides educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation.

Entry forms available in the golf shop! Or sign up online at MKE.GOLF



GRANT PARK
GOLF COURSE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mary Pat Rick, Marketing Communications Manager
mrick@alz.org 414.479-8800 x 1935

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION INVITES MILWAUKEE COUNTY
RESIDENTS TO JOIN 2020 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S ON
SEPTEMBER 20**

*Participants Will Continue to Walk as Individuals, Families or Small Teams
on Sidewalks, Tracks and Trails across Milwaukee County in Wake of COVID-19*

[MILWAUKEE, WI, August 18, 2020] – The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Milwaukee County residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® on Sunday, September 20.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's continues, but instead of hosting a large gathering, the Alzheimer's Association is encouraging participants to walk as individuals or in small groups on sidewalks, tracks and trails across Milwaukee County. The Walk is chaired by Kristen Kochan, Community Volunteer and Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors and Jason Rae, Secretary, Democratic National Committee and President/CEO of the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce.

"This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's will be everywhere," said Wendy Vizek, vice president, constituent events at the Alzheimer's Association. "The pandemic is changing how we walk, but it doesn't change the need to walk. This year, more than ever, we need to come together to support all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia. With the dollars raised, the Alzheimer's Association can continue to provide care and support to families during these difficult times while also advancing critical research toward methods of treatment and prevention."

Time-honored components of the Walk to End Alzheimer's are being replicated. On Walk day, an online Opening Ceremony beginning at 8:00 a.m., will feature local speakers and a presentation of Promise Flowers to honor the personal reasons participants join together to fight Alzheimer's and all other dementia, all delivered to participants' smartphones, tablets and computers. A small group of Alzheimer's Association staff and volunteers will create the iconic Promise Garden in a "view only" format on Walk day at the Milwaukee Art Museum 700 N. Art Museum Dr. to honor all those impacted by Alzheimer's. The garden will be on display from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To enhance the participant experience leading up to the event and on Walk day, new features are being added to the Walk to End Alzheimer's mobile app to create an opportunity for the community to connect. Participants can use the app and new "Walk Mainstage" to track their steps and distance, follow a virtual Walk path, manage their Facebook fundraisers, and access information and resources from the Association and Walk sponsors to help individuals and families affected by the disease. A new audio track is available to encourage participants along the way and to congratulate them upon completion of their Walk.

"Alzheimer's is not taking a hiatus during COVID-19 and neither are we," said David Grams, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. "We must continue Walk to End Alzheimer's, and we are working with all participants to ensure they have a powerful and moving experience that is felt when we are together. Many of our constituents are at higher risk when it comes to COVID-19 and we know that our volunteers and participants appreciate our commitment to keeping all involved healthy and safe."

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 16 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In Wisconsin alone, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and 195,000 caregivers.

HOW TO REGISTER

Participants can register, support another walker and get information online at act.alz.org/milwaukee. For questions or assistance, please call 800-272-3900.

SPONSORS

The Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter thanks the numerous volunteers and sponsors of the Walk to End Alzheimer's, including National Presenting Sponsors - Edward Jones and CVS Health and major local sponsors including Bayshore, Capri Communities, UnitedHealthcare, Sheboygan Senior Community, Lowell Custom Homes, B93.3 and LOCALiQ.

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's Association®

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Its mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Telephone Reassurance Program



Call in daily to a designated call-in line (messages checked daily) and let us know how you're doing. Or receive a daily call from a trained volunteer or staff member whose purpose is to check on your safety and well-being.

- Call or receive a call each day to check on your wellbeing
- Qualified participants must be at least 60 years of age and live alone in Milwaukee County
- **Learn more by calling (414) 530-4621**

The Telephone Reassurance Program is supported by Vital Voices and its volunteers in partnership with the Milwaukee County Department on Aging. At Vital Voices, we are the voice of our clients – advocating for quality services to improve lives and advance recovery. For more information visit [Vital-Voices.com](https://www.vital-voices.com).



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Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Mondays, Aug 23-Sep 5 at 10:00-11:30am

To register: maloew@alz.org or (414) 479-8800

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Thursdays, Sep 10-Oct 15 at 12:30-3:00pm

To register: Jennifer.lefeber@milwaukeecountywi.gov or (414) 289-6352

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Tuesdays, Sep 15-Oct 20 at 12:30-3:00pm

To register: cpangilinan@wauwatosa.net or (414) 479-8947

For more information or to learn of other upcoming workshops:

county.milwaukee.gov/aging#wellness

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Take some time out of your day to discuss lighthearted topics. Join our Dementia Care Specialists in creative conversations online together with other caregivers. Nothing beats a delicious cup of freshly brewed coffee and fun conversation to start the day.

**3rd Tuesday of Every Month
9am-10am**

To register contact us at:
dcs@milwaukeecountywi.gov or
(414) 289-6259

Bring your favorite morning beverage to our virtual coffee house and join us.



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Program

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Wednesday, June 10

1:00-2:00pm

Hosted by Franklin Public Library

Wednesday, August 5

1:00-2:00pm

Hosted by Wauwatosa Public Library

Wednesday, June 24

1:00-2:00pm

Hosted by Milwaukee Public Library

Wednesday, September 9

1:00-2:00pm

Hosted by Milwaukee Public Library

For complete details and links to each event visit :

[county.milwaukee.gov/aging/Medicare101](https://www.county.milwaukee.gov/aging/Medicare101)

(414) 289-6874



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Ntawv Hmoob (Hmong): Muaj kev pab txhais lus, khoom pab mloog txhais lus thiab lwm yam kev pab pub dawb rau koj. Xav tau tej no, thov hu rau tus nab npawb saum toj saud.

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For more information about the Family Care Partnership Program, please contact your local Resource Center. A few are listed below. More ADRC sites can be found on <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc>.

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- » Racine County: 1-866-219-1043
- » Kenosha County: 1-800-472-8008
- » Sauk County: 1-877-794-2372
- » Milwaukee County: 1-414-289-6874
- » TTY for all sites: 711



Customer Service 24/7: 1-800-777-4376 (TTY 711)

iCare's office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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