

Mayfair Park

Neighborhood Newsletter

They're here!!! Mayfair Park finally has its own sign proudly displayed around the neighborhood. Our new official logo is mounted on 20 different light poles, evenly spaced out within our neighborhood boundaries (between Mayfair Road & 124th Street, and Burleigh Street & North Avenue).

The process started early last year when we determined it was *long* overdue for Mayfair Park to be represented with its very own sign for everyone passing by to observe. As most of us have probably already noticed, pretty much every Wauwatosa neighborhood has signs of their own for their community. Some neighborhood signs have been up for as long as a few



decades now. So, needless to say, it was decided that we needed to catch up with the times by making this happen for Mayfair Park.

As for designing the actual graphic, the MPNA decided that it would only be fitting for a fellow resident of Mayfair Park to create the graphic. So in last year's newsletter the Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association announced a neighborhood-wide contest on who could come up with a graphic that could best represent Mayfair Park. After receiving a handful of very well thought-out designs, it was during our Annual Meeting (where all Mayfair Park members are welcome to attend) back in August 2024, where we voted that this logo best captured the essence of our proud community.

The graphic was created by Mayfair Park resident Alex Gilgenbach. His inspiration behind the logo - specifically the green tree symbolically hovering over "Mayfair Park" - was that it was one of the reasons he likes living in Tosa. With the tree-like canopy hanging over the street, creating a welcoming neighborhood atmosphere. Alex, 37, married with two kids, has lived his entire life in multiple areas around Milwaukee. Alex and his wife decided to settle in Mayfair Park because of existing family already in the area.

"Throughout college my wife's aunt lived in the east Tosa area, and from going there a lot I started to like the city myself," says Alex.

"After renting for a year, I started looking for a house right away and Wauwatosa was one of the first places I browsed."

Alex attended college at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree.

"I've been [graphic and web] designing since I was 10. Creating websites and digital art, and then eventually started doing it professionally after graduating college," Alex says. "I've always been into art in various forms, and user interface/graphic design is what I'm drawn to the most."

After Alex's design was selected, the MPNA brought it before the Wauwatosa Public Works Department where they approved the logo as well as the 20 locations where we requested the signs to be displayed. The signs could only be installed on city-owned light poles where it didn't interfere with traffic signals or cameras. After the approval process was behind us the design was sent out to be manufactured this past December. The Public Works Department then received the completed signs in March, and had them all installed by early May.

We tried our best to select locations that were centrally located to everyone, as well taking into consideration higher traffic areas where people are most present in our neighborhood. Signs were placed in each of the four corners of Mayfair Park, with the thought process of the drivers/walkers who enter our neighborhood would take notice of where they are.





State Champs!!!!



Congratulations to the Wauwatosa West Boys Varsity Basketball team for winning the WIAA Division 2 State Championship back on March, 23rd.



The title came after the Trojans took down the top-seeded Racine Park Panthers, 60-57 in overtime in the Kohl Center (Madison). Late in OT, and clinging to a one-point lead, Trojans' Jake Hansen was

immediately fouled after stealing the inbound pass from Racine Park with six seconds left. The senior drained both shots extending Tosa West's lead to three. On the ensuing possession the Panthers' 3-point attempt was off the mark, enabling Trojan head coach, Chris Newbauer, to bring the state title home for the first time in the program's history.

Leading the way for the Trojans was forward Matthew Kloskey (Jr.), as he lead all scorers with

29 points. Guard Jalen Brown (So.) was Tosa West's second high scorer with 14 points on the day. Hansen finished with just 5 points, but the two free throws made late in OT were the biggest in his career.

Kloskey, Brown and Hansen have been the catalyst of the team throughout the season. Those three have accounted for roughly 75% of the team's scoring this year, carrying the Trojans to a 24-6 overall record. Prior to the state tournament, Tosa West were co-champions of the Greater Metro Conference, sharing the title with Brookfield Central. Both teams finished with a conference record of 12-4.

Brown finished the year getting named to the All-State basketball team, while Kloskey made it as a Honorable Mention. Hansen will continue his basketball career as he accepted an offer to play at The University of Oklahoma. Three great achievements for three very talented athletes.

This was West's first ever trip to compete for the state title. Needless to say they made the most of it. Thank you Trojans to an unforgettable season, you're community is very proud!

Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) is a nonprofit, apolitical organization consisting of approximately 1,000 households located in west Wauwatosa.

MPNA is bound on the north by Burleigh Street; on the south by North Avenue; on the east by Mayfair Road; and on the west by 124th Street.



Formed in 1998, our goal is to bring neighbors together; and foster a sense of community identity. MPNA is among more than 33 neighborhood associations in the Wauwatosa area. Members pay annual dues.

The Mayfair Park newsletter is distributed each Spring throughout the neighborhood. Email blasts alert neighbors to neighborhood news. To be included in the Eblast list submit your email to: pennylar@gmail.com. Also, please add mayfairparktreasurer@gmail.com as a contact to your email account. This will ensure the Eblast will properly hit your Inbox and not your Spam/Junk folder.



MPNA Announcements



- ◇ **President Wanted!** - The MPNA is looking for a new President to head the organization. It's a very low-maintenance position that doesn't require a lot of your time. It's pretty much just bringing meetings to order and make sure we stay on track. It's a great opportunity to get involved in your community and have a strong voice on what goes on in Mayfair Park. If any interest at all please contact anyone on the MPNA board (**See Page 3**).
- ◇ **Annual Meeting** - Mayfair Park Neighborhood Association will hold its Annual Meeting for all members on **August 17th, 1:00 p.m. at 2619 N. 113th Street**. If you're interested in becoming a member please fill out the inserted flyer and mail it in. Or simply scan the QR code and sign up through our website. The meeting will cover this year's activities, the organization's financials and election of officers (i.e. President).
- ◇ **Stop Sign Updates** - By requests submitted to the MPNA, we were able to get the city to install stop signs at **117th St. & Clarke St**. The intersection is now a two-way stop, which will add some additional caution to an otherwise high-traffic area. Furthermore, red reflector tape was added to bring additional attention to the stop signs at **Hadley St & 117th Place**. This was done after locals expressed concerns about reckless drivers not being aware of the stop signs.
- ◇ **Social Clubs** - If all things plants, flowers and shrubs interests you then consider the new **Gardening Club** at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. For all inquiries, please contact Bob Young (arthurscortex61@yahoo.com). Also, we had a long-running book club called **Tosa Bookies**. The individual running it moved out of town and we haven't heard if it's still going on or not. Any information if the club is still running would be greatly appreciated, as well as any contact information. If you have any specific interests that you think others might share with you, we would love to hear about them. We will help get your new club off the ground. Please direct any social club suggestions to Tim Mills (millstw21@yahoo.com).

MAYFAIR PARK NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS - 2025

NEIGHBORHOOD RUMMAGE SALE - JUNE 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST



Who could use some extra cash this summer!? An abundance of eager buyers will be roaming Mayfair Park anxious to uncover some great deals. This is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the extra traffic created by St. Joe's Rummage Sale on Center Street that weekend. Feel free to fill your yard, garage and/or driveway with all your unneeded items that have been piling up in your home and garage. Selling times will be completely up to you. Feel free to use social media, as well as posting signs, to spread the word on your rummage sale.

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Help....

WE NEED A PRESIDENT!!!

Looking to get involved in your community and meet new people in your neighborhood? Join the MPNA board. We're always looking for a fresh face and new ideas. Join us....we're nice. Plus there's free snacks and drinks at meetings!

For more information email us at millstw21@yahoo.com.

Mayfair Park BBQ - July 13th

Come join us for our annual neighborhood cookout this summer. Once again Bill Martens will host in his spacious front yard at **11716 W. Clarke St. from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Stop by for some food, drinks and socializing. We'll be providing beef sandwiches, grilled Italian sausages, hotdogs and soda. Like always, please bring your favorite dish to pass or snack to share, and come meet your fellow neighbors and MPNA board members. This year we'll have games available! Help us plan ahead: **RSVP to MayfairParkPresident@gmail.com** Lastly, for those who partake, it's BYOB. Hope to see you there!



Halloween - Trick or Treat

Our neighborhood Trick-or-Treat will be held on **Halloween night** (Friday, Oct. 31st), between **5:00-7:00 p.m.** This should help those with younger kids whose parents prefer going out when it's light out (first hour), as well as those who venture out to see the festive decorations lit up at night (second hour). Can't wait to see all the spooky decorations and creative costumes. Flyers will be handed out prior to Halloween. Please display these the night of if you plan on handing out candy. Thanks!

Meet your Neighbor

After moving to Mayfair Park in the spring of 1968, Bill Martens wasted no time making an impact on bringing the community together for the first time. He just asked his neighbors for one thing in return: One log.

"The lady and her husband who lived [in our house] before us never fired the fireplace. So I thought 'why don't we have a fireplace lighting party and we'll invite the neighborhood'," Bill explained. "And so during our first Fall here we invited all our neighbors and it was a great gathering. The price of admission was a piece of wood for the fireplace."

Born in 1937, Bill spent his early childhood in the southside of Milwaukee. After World War II broke out his father decided to be a military physician, relocating the family to Santa Fe, New Mexico. His family moved back to the Milwaukee area in 1946, where in time Bill graduated from Lutheran High School in 1955. Following in his parent's footsteps - both were in the field of medicine - Bill earned his medical degree from UW-Madison in 1962.

"I was trained in cancer surgery, but I elected to stick with benign surgery," Bill stated, shifting his medical specialty to OB-GYN as he serviced many Milwaukee area hospitals over the years. "I delivered between 100-125 babies a year, for many years."

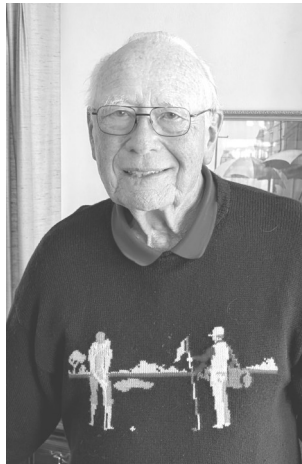
Being a well-respected physician in the area, Bill took care of many players' wives (and girlfriends) from the Milwaukee Bucks and Brewers. In doing so, Bill was fortunate to meet many notable athletes over the years.

"Some are very nice, but some of the athletes are social duds," Bill jokes. "These professional ball players are big boys, BIG boys. I saw Bob Lanier (Milwaukee Bucks, Hall of Fame center) without any shoes, he had size 22 feet! His feet are as flat as a paddle, no arch."

One serendipitous night came for Bill when he was just an intern during his first night of being on-call at the hospital. He hit it off with a young med tech named Pat. She happened to be caring for the same patient he was. After they dated for a bit, Pat and Bill got married in 1963. Just one month following their marriage Bill joined the Army Medical Corps. There he got assigned to a post in France, where he became the commanding officer of a dispensary. After having their first child there, they moved back to Milwaukee in 1965 where Bill was able to further his medical career and settle down as a family man. After having their second child in Milwaukee, Bill and Pat decided to look for another house to raise their family.

"In 1968 we started looking for a place to live. This house (where he lives now) was one of the houses we viewed and my wife Pat said 'I like this' and that was enough. So we bought the house, and I've been here ever since," Bill, who has three kids and five grandchildren, says. "We were the young couple [in the neighborhood] at the time. Bought the house for forty-two five [\$42,500]."

A Mayfair Park resident of 57 years, Bill has witnessed all sorts of changes, everything from streets to schools to businesses which make up our community.



"When we moved here there were no curbs, no street lights and the streets were paved with blacktop, it wasn't concrete yet," Bill remembers back. "Wauwatosa West was being built when we moved here. A couple of kids started a fire in the gymnasium and the school was delayed a year from opening."

Some other of his early memories of the neighborhood were: Center Street didn't always go through to Mayfair Road, it dead ended at the railroad. Eventually the city dug under the railroad which ultimately connected Center to Mayfair; North Ave went over the railroad instead of under as we see today; Fischer Elementary School used to be where the vacant hotel is now (Hwy 100/North Ave), but was moved to where the Wauwatosa School District building is now; At that same intersection a Heinemann's restaurant used to be where the Walgreens stands today.

Even after all these years, since his fireplace party, Bill's generosity on offering up his property to neighborhood gatherings has not been lost. He's hosted numerous neighborhood cookouts over the years, including the one coming up this summer. Over the past 5+ decades that Bill has been here, he's been very appreciative of how Mayfair Park has evolved into the caring neighborhood that it is today.

"It's been a pleasant time. I've not had any unpleasant experiences here at all with any neighbors," Bill says with a smile on his face.

Numerous other stories and nuggets unfolded during my 40-minute conversation with Bill. Some humorous, others quite humbling. Unfortunately, the limited space here handcuffed us to tell them all. The good news is Bill will be hosting this year's Mayfair Park cookout (page 3 for details), and he'll be happy to elaborate on his remarkable life. No logs required.

Mayfair Park is very fortunate to have Bill as a resident.