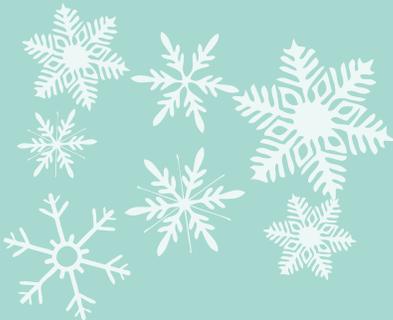


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Winter 2012



Green Bay Metropolitan Area Ranks 5th of Those with Improving Housing Market

The City of Green Bay was recently recognized by the Wall Street Journal for its improving housing market. While 11 metropolitan areas throughout the United States have seen single-family home prices drop significantly from 2010 to 2011, the Green Bay metropolitan area is one of 39 areas seeing housing prices rise. The national median price decreased by 4.7% while the Green Bay metropolitan area rose 12.6%. Green Bay ranked fifth in the 150 metropolitan areas surveyed.

Mayor Schmitt comments, "Despite this economy, Green Bay is moving along quite well. We have several business developments to look forward to and our residential homes are bouncing back as well. We're proud of the quality of life, education systems, and business commitments that have made Green Bay an attractive place to live and raise a family."

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GBPD wins international award during ceremony in London, England

Captain Bill Bongle just reported from the United Kingdom that the Green Bay Police Department has just won an International WOW Award for Excellence in Customer Service.

The WOW awards were created in the United Kingdom as a way for members of the general public to recognize someone for performing outstanding customer service. It is an employee recognition system, but unlike many other employee reviews, the nominations for awards come from the public at large, not internally within the organization. The WOW Awards nominations are then reviewed by the WOW awards committee, again external from the organization, and awards are granted for those extraordinary customer service moments.

Businesses were the first participants in the WOW Awards program in Britain, until someone decided to implement it for police agencies. After learning about the program, Captain Bill Bongle implemented the program here. The Green Bay Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in the United States to implement the WOW awards program as a way to recognize officers and staff for their excellent work in serving the citizens of Green Bay. Our agency has received many nominations for individual officers, and we were therefore recognized as an excellent customer service organization by the WOW Awards Committee. They requested that we send a video about how we use the WOW Awards here to be considered for their highest award.

With the expertise provided by a volunteer citizen, Steven Brenzel, a professional video

was created highlighting the WOW Awards at the Green Bay Police Department, and submitted for review to the WOW Awards Committee. The video features department employees, and even citizens who have nominated officers for their awards. In late October, we learned that we were a finalist in the competition and received an invitation to attend the awards Gala in the United Kingdom on November 8th. While attending, Captain Bill Bongle reported that we had won the international competition, beating out international competitors in the form of businesses, and a number of other police agencies.

Snow Information

Snow Emergencies

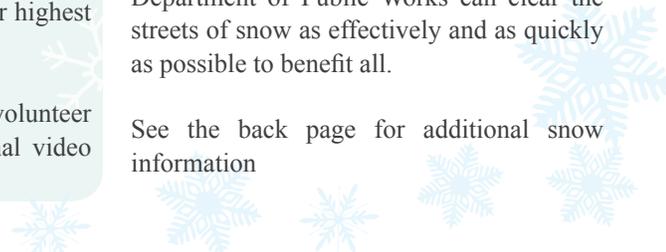
The residents of the City of Green Bay are advised that snow emergencies may be announced during the 2011-12 winter season.

If the area experiences severe weather conditions that include heavy and/or blowing snow, the City of Green Bay may be compelled to quickly declare a "SNOW EMERGENCY" and announce it through the local news media. Please tune in to local news stations for the latest information.

If such SNOW EMERGENCY is declared, ANY AND ALL VEHICLES MUST BE REMOVED FROM CITY STREETS. Failing to do so will result in parking citations and/or towing fees.

Please cooperate in moving vehicles off streets in any snow emergency so that the Department of Public Works can clear the streets of snow as effectively and as quickly as possible to benefit all.

See the back page for additional snow information



January is National Hobby Month

New Years Eve & Day - January 1st

New Year's Eve is when all the fun and festivities are. We see out the old year and ring in the new. While it is often thought of as a time to drink and be merry, many people take it as an opportunity to eat and be merry. Drinking is not as much a part of the event as it was decades ago, if only because of tougher drunk driving laws and local sting efforts. To many Americans, the ball dropping at Times Square in New York City signals the start of the new year in this country. Did you know, the ball was first dropped in 1908 and the tradition as continued ever since?

New Years' Day on the other hand, is a time to relax and enjoy the start of a bright and promising new year...a new beginning. It is a time to be with family. So, enjoy everything about New Year's....it only comes once a year!

New Years Fun Fact: Did you know that a raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top?

Friday the 13th - January 13

Are you superstitious? Then, Friday the 13th is a day you may look forward to with fear! Friday the 13th, is an unlucky day, a day when bad things can happen. Whatever you do, don't walk under a ladder, and don't let a black cat cross your path on this day. In 2012, we will experience Friday the 13th on three occasions: January, April, and July.

Throughout most of recorded history, the number 13 has been seen as an unlucky number. If you live in fear of the number 13, you suffer from Triskaidekaphobia. Historically, Friday has been viewed as an unlucky day of the week primarily because Christians believed that Christ was crucified on a Friday. In today's day and age, we find this hard to fathom; after all, Friday is TGIF!! However, when you put the unlucky day of Friday together with the unlucky number 13, many people believe only bad things can happen. The dread and avoidance of the number 13 can be traced back to ancient Rome, where the number was associated with death, misfortune and destruction. Christian religious beliefs further cemented the numbers reputation, stating that Judas, who later betrayed Jesus, was the 13th person at the Last Supper.

For fun, I've rounded up 13 events- some tragic, some just plain strange- that happened on a Friday the 13th:

1. October 13, 1307- Officers of King Philip IV of France raided the homes of the Knights Templar, imprisoning several thousand men on charges of illegal activities. None of these charges were proven, but hundreds sufferance excruciating torture intended to force confessions.

2. August 13, 1521- Conquistador Hernan Cortes captured Cuauhtemoc, the ruler of a city in Spain, which marked the end of the Aztec Empire. Cortes appointed himself the new ruler and renamed it Mexico City.
3. November 13, 1979- Benjamin Franklin wrote "Everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes."
4. September 13, 1940- Five German bombs hit Buckingham Palace and destroyed the Palace Chapel, as part of Hitler's strategic "blitz" bombing campaign.
5. June 13, 1952- A Swedish military DC-3 plane carrying a crew of eight disappeared over international water in the Baltic Sea. This became known as the "Catalina Affair" because one of two Catalina rescue planes sent to search for the plane was attacked by Soviet Forces.
6. July 13, 1956- The US and Britain turned down Indian and Yugoslavian pleas to stop atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons.
7. November 13, 1970- A huge South Asian storm killed an estimated 300,000 people in Chittagong, Bangladesh, and created floods that killed as many as 1 million in the Ganges delta.
8. June 13, 1986- The Olsen twins, Mary-Kate and Ashley, were born.
9. January 13, 1989- The "Friday the 13th virus" infected hundreds of IBM computers across Great Britain, wiping out program files and causing considerable anxiety at a time when large-scale computer viruses were a relatively new threat.
10. October 13, 1989- The Dow Jones Industrial Average underwent the second largest drop it had ever experienced at the time.
11. March 13, 2009- SAW- The Ride premiered at Thorpe Park amusement park in England, only to be temporarily shut down due to "minor teething problems".
12. August 13, 2009- The day would have been Alfred Hitchcock's 100th birthday.
13. September 13, 2013- The planned date of the 13th installment of the Friday the 13th horror film series.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 16

Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. grew to become one of the greatest Social Activists the world has ever known. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968, while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee.

His birthday became a National Holiday by an act of Congress in 1983. Many consider it a day to serve your community.

Did You Know? Many buildings and skyscrapers do not have a 13th floor?

February is American Heart Month

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday - February 12

Every American knows President Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. "Honest Abe", as he was commonly known as, was born in the wilderness country of Hardin County, Kentucky on February 12, 1809.

Abraham Lincoln became president in 1861. Although he hated war, he was drawn into it as he believed it was the only way to save the nation after the southern states declared their secession to the Union.

In addition to serving as president during the Civil War and saving the Union, Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery in the U.S. forever. He also wrote and gave The Gettysburg Address, memorializing the bloodiest and most important battle of the Civil War.

Shortly after the war ended, Abraham Lincoln became the first U.S. President to be assassinated. He was shot and mortally wounded on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre.

Valentine's Day - February 14

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and lovers. The roots of Valentine's Day go back to ancient times, when people paid honor to the Roman God of Fertility. This was known as the Feast of Lhupercalia, and was celebrated even then on February 14th.

The traditions of Valentine's Day are broad and many. It is a time to exchange cards or small gifts. Chocolates and jewelry are the big hits of this holiday as are romantic dinners.

It is a romantic event for lovers and a fun event for kids and family. Many a couple become engaged or wed on this day. For others, it is a day to fall in love.

Saint Valentine's Day Massacre

During the "Roaring Twenties" (1920's), mobs, crime and gangsters were at a height in many parts of the U.S. Alcohol was banned, spawning the rise of bootlegging and mob activity. Chicago, Illinois experienced more than its share of mobs and gangsters. One Valentine's Day, February 14, 1929, four gangsters dressed up as policemen and massacred seven members of a rival gang.

President's Day - February 20

President's Day is a day set aside to honor all of the U.S. Presidents. We often think of two great presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, when we celebrate this holiday as it falls by design between their birthdays. But more and more of us look at this day as a tribute to each and every person who has ever served in the office as President of the United States of America. It is a national holiday, although most businesses and industry do not recognize it as a paid holiday.

George Washington's Birthday - February 22

The "Father of His Country", George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. He became commander in chief of the Continental Army in 1775 and fought a long and arduous war for freedom from British rule.

In 1787, Washington was unanimously elected president by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and took the oath of office in 1789. He served two terms of office from 1789 until 1797.

Fun Fact: What is George Washington's most famous quote? "I cannot tell a lie....I chopped down the cherry tree!"

Leap Day - February 29, 2012

Leap Day occurs every four years....almost. It's every four years except years ending with "00" that are not divisible by 400. The year in which this occurs is called a Leap Year.

Why the fancy calculation? The earth rotates around the sun once every 365 and about $\frac{1}{4}$ days. So, by adding an extra day every four years, we get mighty close to keeping the calendar consistent with the earth's annual trip around the sun. And to be very precise, the earth orbits the sun every 365.242190 days. So, on years ending in "00", we skip Leap Year and Leap Day. With all that fancy calculating out of the way, let's just celebrate the day!

Did You Know? There are occasional "Leap Seconds"?

If your birthday is on Leap Day, congratulations, you finally get to celebrate your birthday on your birth date! Just how many of us are celebrating our birthday on Leap Day? Only about one in 1,461 people. So, if you were born on this day, consider yourself very, very special!

Did You Know? While 75% of chocolate purchased are made by women all year long, during the days and minutes before Valentine's Day, 75% of the chocolate purchases are made by men. Over \$1 billion of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day.

March is National Nutrition Month

Ides of March - March 15

Each year when March 15th rolls around many of us mentally revert to a 9th-grade English class and do our best to remember who it exactly was that warned Julius Caesar to “beware the Ides of March” and why.

The Ides of March is the first day of the Roman New Year. It also marks the first day of spring in the Roman Calendar.

On this day in history, Julius Caesar was warned by soothsayers to “beware of the Ides of March”. Apparently, he did not heed the warning strongly enough as he was stabbed by Marcus Brutus on the Ides of March in 44 BC.

The term “Ides” was used to refer to the 15th day of the March, May, July, and October and the 13th day of all other months. But March 15 has actually remained an important date throughout history:

- 44 B.C.: Assassination of Julius Caesar
- 1493: Columbus returns to Spain
- 1545: First meeting of the Council of Trent
- 1744: French King Louis XV declares war on England
- 1820: Maine becomes the 23rd U.S. state.
- 1906: Rolls Royce is incorporated
- 1933: NAACP begins coordinated attack on segregation and discrimination
- 1954: “CBS Morning Show” premieres with Walter Cronkite and Jack Paar
- 1960: Key Largo Coral Reef Preserve established, 1st underwater park

Saint Patrick's Day - March 17

Saint Patrick's Day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs. Are you Irish perchance?! Well, the saying goes everyone is a little Irish on Saint Patrick's Day.

Did You Know? Over 34 million Americans are of Irish descent. That's almost nine times the population of Ireland!

Traditional Irish Stew Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds lamb shoulder, cubed
- 8 medium potatoes, sliced, unpeeled
- 3 onions, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled, sliced into wheels
- 2 tablespoons chopped, fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped thyme or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 2 cups water
- Salt and pepper, to taste

How To Make:

1. Trim excess fat from meat. Then, cut meat into cubes.
2. Put sliced potatoes, onions, carrots and celery into a large stew pot.
3. Add cubed meat.
4. Add parsley, thyme, bay leaf, salt and pepper.
5. Add water to pot.
6. Cover the pot and bring contents to a boil.
7. Reduce heat to simmer.
8. Stir occasionally.
9. Simmer stew until meat is tender, about 1 ½ hours.
10. Add a little water to keep the broth level up.
11. Remove from heat and serve hot.



Earth Day - March 20

International Earth Day was initiated to make earth inhabitants aware of their responsibility to care for the planet. This care includes environmental and natural resources. International Earth Day was founded by John McConnell in September, 1969.

International Earth Day is different from the U.S. Earth Day, which is April 22.

Each year on this day thousands of people celebrate the earth and what it means not only to them, but to the human race as a whole. Others use this day to bring the public's attention to earth and the effects our lifestyle is having on the planet.

Until recently, Earth Day was the only day most Americans even celebrated the planet and stopped to consider what was happening to the earth. While improving our planet is more successful with a mass effort, there are several small actions your household can take to play a role in making the world a better place.

“Go Green” - going green is not only one of the catchiest phrases of this decade but it is also a lifestyle that many have adopted

“Save Some Green” – In today's economy it is very important to lower your bills and cut costs any way you can. Follow these easy and simple steps to lower your monthly electric bills:

- “Unplug unused appliances” – Plugged in appliances, even when off use little amounts of energy. As an example, the small red and green lights on the front of appliances, in total cost the average American household \$20-40 in annual electricity costs.
- “Lowering the cooling cost” – Reduce your air conditioner load by using blinds and shutters to block the sun on southerly facing windows during the hot summer months.
- “Change the bulb” – Change out standard incandescent light bulbs with compact florescent bulbs to save energy. Compact florescent bulbs can also last 10 times longer!
- “Turn off the bulb” – It as simple as flipping a switch! Making sure the lights are turned off in an unoccupied room can help reduce the monthly electric bill.
- “Warm up with the sun” – Using natural lighting in the winter months can help reduce heating and lighting costs.

Food For Thought: A Sense of Values

During my second year of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I breezed through the questions until I read the last one: “What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?” Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times, but how would I know her name?

I handed in the paper, leaving the last question blank. Before the class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our grade.

“Absolutely,” the professor said. “In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello.”

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

-Joann Jones, Guideposts

Fun Facts

Do you ever find yourself wanting to know some random facts for a conversation? Here are some silly facts that will help boost a bad conversation:

- Rhode Island, the smallest state, has a larger population than Alaska, the largest state.
- If you counted from 1 to 1 billion 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, it would take you 95 years to finish.
- A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright Brother's first flight.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- A crocodile can't stick out its tongue.
- A goldfish has a memory of 3 seconds (sorry goldfish owners, your pets don't really know who you are).
- A “jiffy” is an actual unit of time it is 1/100 of a second.
- Maine is the only state with one syllable.
- No word in the English language rhythms with Month, Orange, or Silver.
- Our eyes are the same size from birth.
- There are 293 ways to make change for \$1.

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN GREEN BAY? - Arti Gras

Presenting an eclectic display of the arts, Arti Gras is held annually at Shopko Hall on the first weekend in February. The fine arts festival offers patrons a chance to view and purchase the works of 100 artists and crafters from throughout the Midwest. Exhibited for sale will be original works representing various media.

Outstanding performances are a highlight at the event including exciting classical music, powerful jazz, and magnificent dance. Children can get a hands-on art experience through participation in a variety of creative art and music activities

Snow Information (cont) : Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal

In accordance with City Ordinance 9.30, owners, renters, and persons in charge of real estate are reminded that all snow and ice must be removed from sidewalk (full width and length) within 24 hours after snow or ice has fallen.

Prior to 2011, properties found in violation of the snow/ice ordinance were notified and given 24 more hours to clear their sidewalks. *The enforcement practice has been changed beginning this winter, eliminating the 24-hour grace period to clear sidewalk. Any property now found in violation will be addressed by the Department of Public Works immediately without prior notification by the City.*

Failure to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a storm ends will result in the City removing the snow and/or ice and charging the actual cost of the work to the property owner. In addition, anyone failing to properly remove snow and/or ice from their sidewalk may be issued a citation that could result in a fine of up to \$500.00 for 2nd and subsequent incidents. City of Green Bay Department of Public Works asks all residents to comply with the snow/ice ordinance to promote pedestrian safety, and eliminate the chance of invoices and citations.

