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## **Publisher's Note**

**Greetings Wind Point!** 

I hope that you are having a great Summer 2025!

Yes, we are in the final stretch of this very special time of year so do as much as you can to make it count. We have enjoyed seeing many of you at the various summer events that were organized this summer. It is about enjoying the moment, building relationships, and creating memories.

Speaking of gatherings, we are finishing up summer on a high note with the Village Picnic on Sunday, August 24 and then a major crescendo for another *Jazz In The Park* on Saturday, August 30 (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) at Village Green Park. Come early, set up and bring your lawn chairs and neighbors, and enjoy the music from The James Yorgan Sextet. We are happy to return this opportunity for the fourth consecutive year. There will be food and beverage selections for purchase. Restrooms will also be open. Let's make this the best one yet!

Our cover story this month features resident Kenia Araujo. Kenia grew in the Amazon and has lived in Wind Point since 2018. She discusses how growing up in Brazil was such an amazing experience, and how living in America has provided her with such opportunity. She recently finished her degree in Interior Design from Gateway Technical College. (Way to go Kenia!) I find her story very inspirational, and I hope that you do as well.

We also showcase highlights of the successful return of the 2025 Bike Parade, now known as the Wags & Wheels Parade! We also have images of neighbors having fun at our Wind Point Night at Kenosha Kingfish event. Village resident Nicole Reid shares fun details of her recent experience in New York City with her husband, Bill. Enjoy the Word Search, and try to win a gift card to a local restaurant by submitting the Crossword Puzzle.

I do want to plant a seed for you to participate and join us at our 12th annual Golf Putting Championship next month on Saturday, September 27 (10:00 am) at the Shoop Park putting green.

It is a contest filled with chivalry, honor, competition, and most importantly, fun. Legends have been created along the lakefront! If you would like to take part of the frolics, spaces are limited so reach out to me at: gary@strollwindpointmagazine.com with your request.



There is no cost to be a part of the action, and you may walk away with some prizes or even the coveted 2025 Wind Point Golf Putting Champion plaque!

If you have been thinking about reaching out to us with your ideas for the publication, make it happen this month. Remember, *Stroll Wind Point* is about you and for you. Everyone who has participated has shared with me that it is a positive experience. There are not very many neighborhood publications in our area so take advantage of your personal community magazine. We want to hear from you.

Also, if you would like to receive a digital copy of *Stroll Wind Point* magazine each month in addition to your hard copy, please send me an email. On your subject line, write: "Add me to The SNEAK PEEK list", and then place your name within the content of your message.

I would like to recognize and thank the local businesses and organizations who have made a conscious decision of being a fabric in our community by partnering with *Stroll Wind Point* magazine. I would like to recognize our newest business partners: Photographic Design Gallery & Framing, Thrive Wealth Group, and Educators Credit Union.

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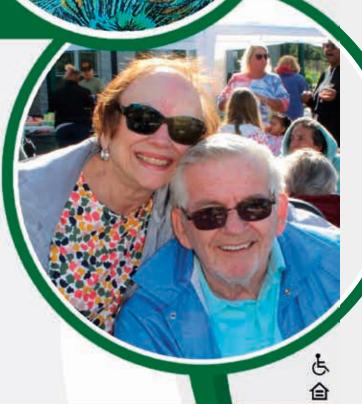
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# 2025 **WIND POINT PICNIC**

Come out and join your neighbors! Sunday, August 24 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Village Green

Mark your calendars for the return of this annual summer family friendly gathering!

The menu will include classic picnic foods such as hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, pasta salad, coleslaw, watermelon and cantaloupe, and of course ice cream cups.

Come out and try your hand learning pickleball or tennis, play some games, bounce in a bouncy house, meet an animal from our Racine Zoo, and check out a fire truck and a police car.

Tickets for lunch will be available for purchase online. Please contact the Village Administrator's office for more specific information (262-639-3524).

If you have a bean bag game, ladder golf, Bocce ball, or other fun outdoor games that you are willing to bring and share for the day, we are looking for contributions for use at the 2025 Village Picnic.

If you are able to help, please email the Wind Point Community Club at: windpointcommunityclub 2024@gmail.com









## 2025 JAZZ IN THE PARK

Saturday, August 30 (6pm-8pm)

ive music is back here to Wind Point! Bring the family and your neighbors out to Village Green (215 E. Four Mile Road) to enjoy this live jazz music performance!

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 6PM-8PM**

The James Yorgan Sextet returns for their fourth consecutive summer appearance in the Village. They are a six-piece ensemble that plays swing to contemporary jazz.

Mark your calendars and contact your friends. Restrooms are available.

Bring your lawn chairs, snacks, and get ready for another historic Saturday evening of summer fun in Wind Point, USA!







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# **2025 Wind Point** Night at **Kenosha Kingfish**

Perfect weather accompanies ninth annual outing

The Village tradition outing returned in grand style at historic Simmons Field in Kenosha as Wind Pointers enjoyed an absolutely beautiful summer Saturday night together back on Saturday, June 28. It was a fun night of baseball, food, beverages, and, of course, fireworks.

The Kenosha Kingfish, a team comprised of college athletes from all over the country, compete in the Northwoods League. The season runs from late May through mid-August. Some of the teams in the league include Madison Mallards, Green Bay Bullfrogs, and Lakeshore Chinooks. The Kingfish were matched up against the Battle Creek Battle Jacks on Wind Point Night!

This was our largest group yet, and everyone enjoyed a first-class experience as the Kingfish have mastered the category of familyoriented entertainment. In addition to our great seats located on the third base sideline, our special tickets included an all-you-can-eat buffet through the 5th inning. Oh yes, our tickets also included kids' games, ice cream, and a large selection of ice-cold adult beverages.

Simmons Field has experienced major renovations in the last couple of years which include new artificial turf throughout the infield and outfield, new interactive stadium lights, a new bright beautiful scoreboard, and fanprotective netting placed on both sides of the playing area. These new amenities create an even more stellar experience.

Well over 3000 fans attended this game, and the weather for our event was absolutely fantastic. The first pitch temperature was 72 degrees!

While the home team came up a little short in this one, 7-3, the postgame fireworks, now















permanently located behind the centerfield wall, were absolutely fantastic. A few our guests mentioned that it was the best non-4th of July fireworks display they had ever witnessed.

A very special thank you goes out to the staff at Kenosha Kingfish for providing our Wind Point group with another outstanding outing. Also, a thank you goes out to Kortendick Ace Hardware for partnering with us on this summer tradition gathering.

Join us next season!!









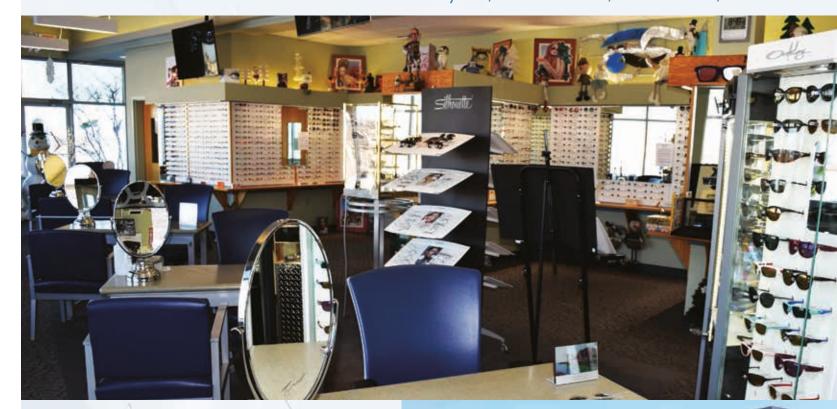
### HISTORIC SIMMONS FIELD

Simmons Field originally opened in 1920 a as a home field for the Simmons Bedmakers, the Simmons Bedding Company's baseball team.

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# KENIA ARAUJO

## RESIDENT OF GREENWOOD COURT

### **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN WIND POINT?**

I have been living in Wind Point for six years now. I first came to the United States in late summer 2018, and I remember really enjoying that special summer with my family. It was the beginning of a journey that would completely change my life.

### WHERE ARE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM / WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I am Brazilian, born in northeastern Brazil, in a coastal state rich with tourist attractions. My maternal family is from the Amazon, so when I was just a few months old, I moved with my mother to northern Brazil, specifically to Manaus, in the Amazon - the place famous from the movie "Anaconda."

Growing up in the Amazon was a true privilege. I was able to live in a place known for its rich culture and tropical climate. I had the unique opportunity to camp in the middle of the Amazon Rainforest, visit breathtaking waterfalls, and grow up nourished by authentic regional foods, which are now what I miss most about Brazil.

# HOW DID YOU FIRST LEARN OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES?

The first opportunity to come to the United States arose in 2018, when my aunt moved from Milwaukee to Racine to be closer to her job at SC Johnson. However, the house was too big for her to take care of alone. Since she had recently arrived, had an autoimmune disease, and was going through the challenges of adaptation, she often felt lonely. This situation greatly influenced my decision to come study here and be able to support her, while also giving me the opportunity for a new life experience.









# "What makes Wind Point truly special is the community's welcoming spirit."

# IT TAKES A LOT OF COURAGE TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT. PLEASE SHARE THE OVERALL APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS OF HOW THIS OPPORTUNITY TRANSPIRED BACK AT HOME.

In that same year of 2018, I learned about Gateway Technical College through Brazilian friends we had in common who were studying English there. Since I spoke absolutely no English at the time, I decided to study during the winter semester of that year to learn the language. After studying English at Gateway, I saw the opportunity to stay longer and pursue a more complete academic program. After all, I love design and I'm a graphic

designer in my home country. The program I chose was literally my dream program: Interior Design.

## WHEN DID YOU MAKE YOUR FINAL DECISION? WAS IT A DIFFICULT CHOICE TO LEAVE BRAZIL?

My boyfriend, Andre, at the time, who is now my husband, and I had moved to southern Brazil, to Curitiba, his hometown. We really wanted to live there, but I went through a very difficult adaptation process, which triggered severe panic and anxiety attacks.

At that time, my mother came to visit my aunt here in Wind Point and suggested that it could be a great opportunity to do something new and different - that is, to move again, but this time for an international experience that could be transformative.

## WHAT WERE YOUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS WHEN ARRIVING TO THE UNITED STATES?

For two consecutive years, we took epic trips together: we went all the way to San Francisco and to Florida by van, always with my pet cat, Filomena. It was fun chaos full of special memories.

## HOW IS THE CULTURE OF BRAZIL DIFFERENT FROM THE CULTURE OF USA?

The Amazon climate is hot and humid year-round - very humid! They say Brazilians are the people who shower the most in the world because we are blessed with an abundance of water and heat. However, in southern Brazil it's colder, even snowing sometimes - it's rare, but it happens. It actually snowed recently there, since it's winter in Brazil now, unlike here.

We have immense cultural, historical, and geographical wealth. Each state has its own typical Brazilian food and unique culture. In addition to everyone born in Brazil speaking Portuguese, each state has its peculiarities in the language, with quite different accents, just like what happens here in the United States too. We have many native indigenous peoples, we are diverse and mixed, and I love being part of this diversity and being able to bring this cultural richness to the world. I believe that anyone who likes to travel should visit Brazil and especially the Amazon.

# YOU RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE WITH A DEGREE IN INTERIOR DESIGN. HOW DID YOU CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATH AND HOW WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE AT GTC?

Art and design were born in me naturally since childhood. I used to make dollhouse floor plans on my bedroom floor using old VHS tapes. I would place the tapes on their sides in rows to create environments like bedrooms and kitchens, and use small dollhouse furniture miniatures to compose the spaces. I always felt a natural need to help people remodel spaces, change colors, textures, and layouts.

Gateway taught me everything I needed to start a career that I knew I loved, but didn't know where to begin. My experience was wonderful - everyone was always encouraging in my journey, and I'm extremely grateful for everything I learned.

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT INTERIOR DESIGN? WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

My husband André is an architect who graduated in Brazil, so I was able to follow some of his learning during college, which also influenced my program choice. What motivates me is my taste for "good taste" - I always knew I had a knack for it.

During my design journey, I developed a special project for a children's hospital in Manaus - an illustration for the reception walls. Through extensive research, I discovered that children are very afraid of hospital environments, so I created a welcoming and playful reception. Since then, I became passionate about creating environments that are spaces capable of bringing good sensations and positive memories.

Today I'm passionate about residential projects. I recently did a small renovation in my main bathroom sanded and painted the walls - and it turned out beautiful, being praised by everyone who comes to visit.

### PLEASE SHARE DETAILS ABOUT SOME OF THE FRIENDSHIPS YOU HAVE DEVELOPED WHILE LIVING HERE.

I have good friends in Racine, and here in Wind Point I have my dear neighbors Carmen and Kathy, who are a loving and helpful couple. They are very careful with their garden - I always see them lovingly tending to their flowers, which I love photographing for my Pinterest page. These local friendships have made my adaptation much warmer and more welcoming.

### DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

Yes, I have several hobbies! As a good DIY lover, I enjoy upcycling jewelry







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and decorative pieces. I come from a family of artists, so I like working with watercolor, pastel, and acrylic painting. My neighbor Kathy gives watercolor classes in the pool area, and whenever I can, I like to be with her learning new techniques on Wednesday afternoons. Additionally, I'm starting to venture into the world of mosaics.

I really enjoy cycling with my husband André - not as much as him, who has already cycled all the way to Milwaukee! - but I'm working on my physical conditioning. I also love photography, as photographs are memories. I especially like photographing flowers, art, pets, and the spontaneity of special moments.

# WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN WIND POINT? WHAT MAKES THE VILLAGE A SPECIAL PLACE?

I love the tranquility and safety that Wind Point offers. The quality of life here is exceptional - I feel safe and respected. What makes Wind Point truly special is the community's welcoming spirit. I've had many happy moments in all seasons of the year living here.

Additionally, I have the privilege of observing wildlife up close - the deer, birds, and other animals in the area. Being able to simply step on the grass after a stressful day is one of my favorite things. Feeling nature present and accessible relieves my anxiety and brings me incredible inner peace.







# **KENIA'S FUN FAVORITES:**

### PET:

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### **ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES:**

painting, cycling

### BOOK:

any of Jane Austen

### **RESTAURANTS:**

Japanica in Greenfield

### **VACATION DESTINATION:**

I love anywhere in Ireland, but Paris and Toulouse have my whole heart.

### **SPORTS TEAMS:**

Packers obviously

### TV SHOW/MOVIE:

Pride and Prejudice and Dirty
Dancing are my favorites

### MUSICIAN / ARTIST:

I've been listening to a lot of Bad Bunny and Rosalía

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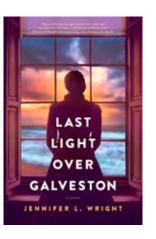
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## BOOK: "LAST LIGHT OVER GALVESTON"

### Jennifer Wright

Kathleen has fled her home and its troubles after a devastating event. She hopes the new orphanage in which she takes residence will be a new start. Just when she's begun to rebuild a life for herself and to gain her community's trust, she realizes that the orphanage wasn't far enough to escape her troubles from home. What's more, a hurricane is brewing, and she might be the only one here who knows how to survive it.

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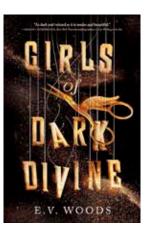
### **BOOK: "AUTOMATIC NOODLE"**

### **Annalee Newitz**

In post-war San Francisco, humans — and robots — are recovering from disaster. One group of food service bots finds new possibilities in the launch of a noodle joint that quickly gains prestige. However, it's not long before someone starts flooding their feedback page with negative reports. They must either dissuade the culprit, or risk giving up everything they've worked towards.

### Available at the Racine Public Library?

- Physical book: Yes
- E-book: Not yet
- Audiobook: Not yet



### **BOOK: "GIRLS OF DARK DIVINE"**

#### E.V. Woods

The ballet troupe of New Kora has a dark secret: the performers are bound to the show's producer by a curse. Every person who joins the team will be puppeted by magic — both on stage and behind the scenes. Emberlyn comes on scene as the new star of the show, and with a lead to dissolve the curse before it turns them into dust — if she and the troupe are willing to pay the cost of freedom.

### Available at the Racine Public Library?

- Physical book: Not yet
  - E-book: Not yet
- Audiobook: Not yet

### **MOVIE: "KARATE KID: LEGENDS"**

Directed by Jonathan Entwistle. Starring Jackie Chan, Ben Wang and Joshua Jackson. Li Fong's admittance to a prestigious school in New York City opens up a world of trouble for him. Fong is a kung fu prodigy — and his arrival in New York just put him on the radar of a local karate champion. With the help of his mentors, Fong prepares to fight the martial arts showdown of the century.

### Available at the Racine Public Library?

- DVD: Yes
- Blu-ray: Not yet

### **GAME: DUMB WAYS TO DIE**

You are the keeper of beans, and you're responsible for keeping as many of your beans alive as you can. Unfortunately, your beans are really good at dying. Roll the die to see how many actions you can take, then play one of two types of cards: accident cards that threaten other players' beans, or non-accident cards.

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## 2025 WAGS AND WHEELS PARADE

## Patriotic summer tradition brings out neighbors

Going back for decades, one of the historic traditions in Wind Point has been the annual doll buggy/bike parade and snack social that takes place at Village Green Park right before the Fourth of July. Neighbors were excited to showcase their patriotic colors with another triumphant return of this village tradition this summer. The unofficial name of this gathering has evolved and has become known as the Wags and Wheels Parade in recent years

This event which showcases national pride has been hosted by **CONTINUED ►** 































the Wind Point Community Club for decades. The parade participants and spectators showcased their patriotic spirit in true Wind Point fashion.

American-themed clothing and decorations were displayed in full pride and stride with red, white, and blue.

Sherry Heck, who has played an important role with this local legacy with her involvement with the Wind Point Community Club, states, "This event is about seeing the faces of the kids, and providing parents with an opportunity to do something fun with their families. I remember participating in the parade back when I was a kid. We would carry a flag, decorate our wagon, and dress up in our Girl Scouts uniforms. This is true Wind Point."

Village resident Bill Reid once again returned as the parade's grand marshal, and he led the journey in his famous flamingo!

After a quick loop around a few blocks led by our Wind Point Police staff, the group gathered back at Village Green where they were Greeted with treats, refreshments, and toys.

This annual summer tradition of neighbors coming together to share a ride and a snack is another example of the true community spirit that exists here in Wind Point.







### **2025 Wind Point Collections Calendar**



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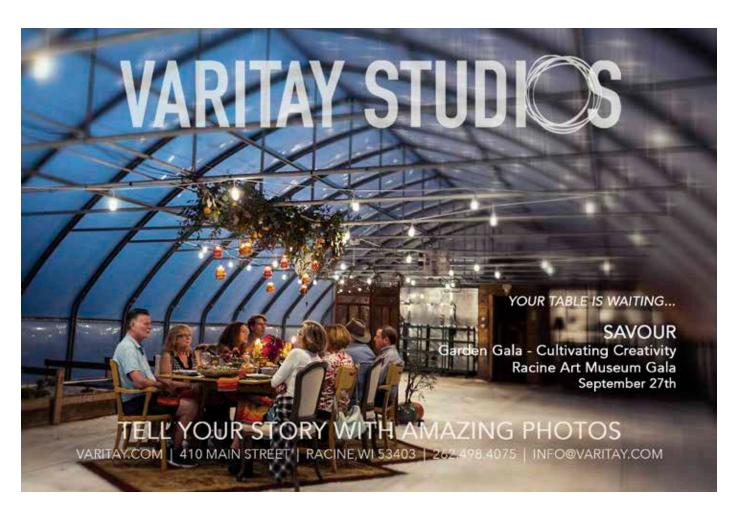




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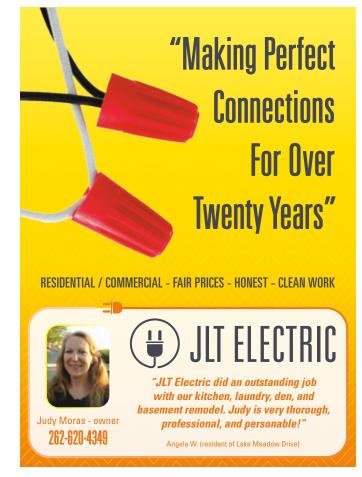
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## New York, New York— It's a Helluva Town!

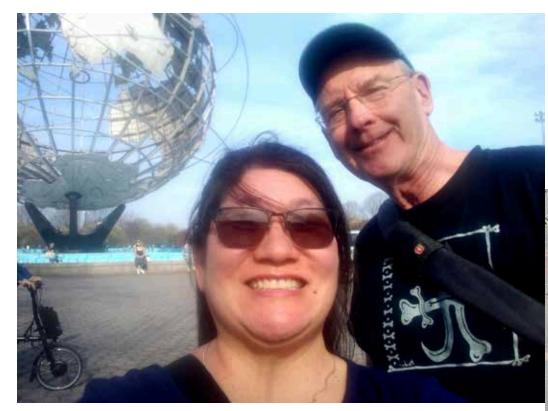
There's something for everyone!

NICOLE REID RESIDENT OF WINDRIDGE DRIVE

I'VE LOVED NEW YORK CITY since my very first visit when I was just 16. I've been there about a dozen times since, three time with my husband Bill. Our visit last April solidified my belief that it is the greatest city in the world. There's all the obvious tourist sights such as Ellis Island, the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial, and Times Square, but I don't want to write about these main attractions. When I visit New York, I love to uncover and discover what makes the city so special and unique to me: it's diversity in people, in food, and in hidden or lesser-known attractions.

You never know what you're going to stumble upon while walking through the city. Leaving the Whitney Museum after attending one of their free Friday nights, we came across a Latin American Holy Week procession with a dozen men carrying a giant ornate gilded platform featuring Jesus surrounded by lights, dozens of women veiled in white lace holding candles and a brass band. On another trip we were walking through SoHo when we happened upon a man handing out flyers for a new pop-up exhibition featuring one of Bill's favorite bands, the Velvet Underground. He was thrilled to see two stories of a warehouse transformed into a museum dedicated to them.

Recently, I was awe struck by the Louis Vuitton flagship store as it is undergoing a major renovation. To mask the usual scaffolding, the company has disguised the building to



The Reids at the Unisphere globe in Queens

look like a stack of vintage suitcases standing 16 stories tall. The detailing on the handles, latches and 840 chrome rivets make this work of trompe l'oeil truly impressive. The largest handle is said to weigh 5,000 pounds!

Bill and I were there on Easter Sunday, in time for the famous Easter Bonnet Parade. That's right! The same parade that Judy Garland and Fred Astaire sang about. It has been going strong for 150-some years. I loved it so much, I told Bill I want to go every year. (He said, no.) Not a traditional parade where spectators stand on the sidelines, the Easter Bonnet Parade is an inclusive event where anyone is welcome to show off their hats and costumes by parading on foot, up and down 5th Avenue around St. Patrick's Cathedral. The outfits were fantastic and whimsical and everyone, including dogs and babies, were dressed for the occasion.

But truly, any day in NYC is a great day for people watching. I find it thrilling to walk though Central Park and hear a myriad of languages and to see people wearing their traditional ethnic or religious clothing. I am in awe of the Orthodox Jews dressed in

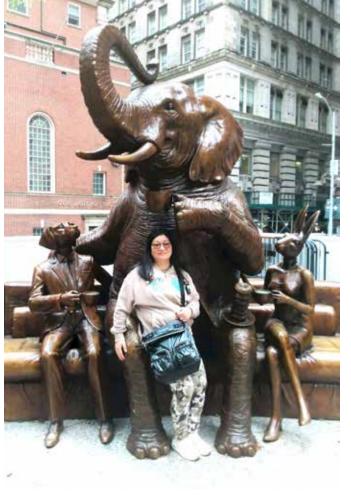


Some visual highlights from the Easter

black, the women in wigs, the men with sidelocks, and the Hasidic men in gigantic fur hats—no matter the weather. It is an impressive sight I've yet to encounter here in Racine.

New York is also a great place for dog lovers. New Yorkers love their dogs and for as many dogs as we saw, there was nary a dropping to dodge. We saw lots of small dogs in bags, but more impressive were the large breeds, like golden retrievers and collies, strapped







Smiling Egg Waffles from the Queen's Night Market

onto their owner's backs in customized doggie backpacks while riding the subway. New Yorkers also have the most outrageous footwear, not always the most stylish, but certainly imaginative, like shoes covered in a dozen small stuffed animals, high heels made from tin cans, and wacky shoe hybrids like cowboy boot sneakers.

In a city with so much diversity you know there's going to be the most diverse eating opportunities. On this trip, Bill and I ventured out to Queens to see the Queens Museum. More on that later, but first did you know, Queens is the most ethnically diverse urban area in the world? Residents in Queens come from 120 different countries and speak over 138 different languages according to going. com. For a literal taste of this diversity, Bill and I visited the Queens Night Market where we sampled foods from all around the world. In one night we ate Burmese, Ecuadorian, Peruvian, Korean, Iamaican, and Vietnamese fare. There was also Turkish, Tibetan, Trinidadian, Bangladeshi, Sudanese, Native American and more. The vendors also had clever names like Wanna Chaat, Lettuce Meat, Brazilicious, and Treat Yourself Jerk.

I'm not embarrassed to say we ate fabulous New York style pizza-by-theslice three times in our six day trip. Really good pizza that is cheap, quick and convenient is a dangerous thing. Of course no trip to the Big Apple is complete without a visit to a Jewish deli for the best bowl of Matzo Ball Soup you've ever had and a mile-high pastrami sandwich. Don't forget the pickles! An authentic Peking duck dinner in China town complete with thin pancakes, cucumbers and scallions is a worthwhile splurge. And once you've eaten a true New York City bagel fresh from the bakery, you will forever be on the hunt for anything that compares here in the Midwest. On this trip we sat down for table-service dining just three times. All other meals were either counter-service or from food trucks which are economical and tasty.

Another interesting fact about Queens is that there are more people buried there than living there. Once burials in Manhattan were no longer permitted, Queens became the it spot. The largest cemetery in the CONTINUED ▶

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U.S., Queen's Calvary Cemetery, has three million interments. It is the final resting place for Harry Houdini, Alexander Hamilton, Duke Ellington, Tony Bennett, and many other notables. We stayed near the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn which covers 478 acres and has well over 800 different types of trees, some over 200 years old. It is a favorite birding location and home to dozens of green parakeets. Here we found the graves of Leonard Bernstein, Boss Tweed, and artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat. We were fortunate to hit the cherry and magnolia trees while in full bloom.

In the concrete jungle that is New York City, residents and tourists alike seek out green oases for respite. While Central Park is amazing with six miles of paths winding throughout its 843 acres, it is actually only the 6th largest park in the city. There are 21 playgrounds, 26 baseball fields, 12 tennis courts, 2 skating rinks, and 9,500 benches to relax on. It has a zoo, a sheep meadow, a castle, and the Strawberry Fields memorial where you'll hear buskers belting out their favorite Beatles tunes.

Several other parks in the city host hidden treasures, like Battery Park where you can ride its fanciful Sea Glass Carousel or catch a free ride on the Staten Island Ferry. You can also walk the High Line, a former railroad bridge that was saved from demolition and transformed into a beautiful greenspace filled with public art. Another elevated park, called Little Island, is a true marvel. Perched on top of 132 white flower-shaped pillars, the park "floats" above the Hudson River. In addition to beautiful gardens, Little Island has several interactive musical and visual art displays. These elevated parks offer great views of the city for free. New York also has two beautiful botanical gardens, one in the Bronx and one in Brooklyn. When walking amongst all the tall buildings, don't forget to look up. You may be surprised at how many trees and gardens are growing atop buildings.

I'm probably the biggest museum nerd you'll ever meet. The first time I dragged Bill to NYC we did ten museums in five days. This last time we visited nine in six days; four of which we visited in just one day. (I don't recommend this, but three of the museums were free after a certain hour, so we made it work.) As I



The Louis Vuitton building disguised as a stack of suitcases

mentioned earlier, I was thrilled to tick Queens off my bucket list. The Queens Museum sits next to the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center and Arthur Ashe stadium. The stainless steel Unisphere globe from the 1964 world's fair still stands today and inside the museum you can walk around the world's largest scale model: The Panorama of the City of New York. Built on a scale of 1:1,200, it stretches 154 feet long by 137 feet wide and features 895,000 miniature buildings. You can even watch a tiny airplane coming in for landing at LaGuardia.

New York City has 188 museums, 70 of which are dedicated to art. If art isn't your thing, NYC also has a dog museum, a math museum, a fashion museum, a museum of track and field, a museum of skyscrapers, and a museum of sex.



Sorry, Bill!

We've not gone to any of these...yet. In case you were wondering, our favorite museum in the city is The Frick and another gem worth mentioning is the NY Historical Society which houses the first museum dedicated to Women's History, a fabulous Tiffany glass exhibit, and a replica of the Oval Office. Bill posted a photo of himself sitting behind the president's desk and it received a record number of likes. Could you imagine if Bill were president!?!?

Oh, but I haven't told you about Edgar Allan Poe's cottage, or the original Winnie the Pooh and Friends inside the New York City Library, or the world's fourth largest church, St. John the Divine, or Louis Armstrong's house, or the bug carousel, or the tiniest art museum in the world housed inside an elevator, or the butcher shop that looks like a contemporary art gallery. There's just so much to discover in New York City!

I also need to say that I've never felt unsafe in the city, even in the subway which is my preferred way to get around the city. Contrary to popular belief, I think New Yorkers *are* friendly. Perhaps more good-samaritan than genial, a true New Yorker will always lend a hand if you need one. New York on a budget is possible if you take advantage of food trucks, counter-service eateries, and free spaces. Be sure to check museum websites because many have free days or pay-what-you-can hours. Whether you're walking around a park or along the city streets, I promise you'll discover something new and exciting in NYC. There's something for everyone. It's a Helluva Town!



Little Island Park in the Hudson River



A mile-high pastrami sandwich from Sarge's deli



Inside the NY Historical Society: Bill for President?



A giant subway mosaic in Brooklyn

"New York City has 188 museums, 70 of which are dedicated to art."







### Kitchen

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# **United Way of Racine County**

The ripple effect of giving: How your support of United Way fuels lasting change in Racine County

ALI HAIGH PRESIDENT & CEO UNITED WAY OF RACINE COUNTY

Dear Wind Point Neighbors,

This spring, I had the opportunity to serve as a judge for *Hoop Dreams and Clean Machines: The Science Fair Race* at Knapp and Julian Thomas community schools. I can honestly say it was one of the most energizing and fun days I've had all year.

Groups of fifth graders built battery-powered cars with some guidance from our great partners at Modine, prepared thoughtful presentations, and then raced their cars for the judges. The pride and excitement on their faces as their cars zoomed down the track was unforgettable.

One group explained how they adjusted the weight distribution to get more speed. Another talked about learning how electricity flows. It was about collaboration, trial-and-error, and discovery. It was also about confidence. These 10-and 11-year-olds found that moment when they realized "I can do this. I'm good at this."





The judge panel enjoys this special moment at Knapp Elementary

### "As someone who lives and works in Racine County, I see every day what's possible when neighbors come together."

Moments like these remind me that change doesn't always start with sweeping policies or huge grants. Sometimes, it begins with a child realizing, for the first time, that they *can* be a scientist, an inventor, a problem-solver.

That spark, that belief in themselves, is what we work every day to ignite at United Way of Racine County. and the truth is, we couldn't do it without you. I personally thank you for the role you play in making these moments possible.

### WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES HAPPEN

Thanks to your generosity, here's just a small glimpse of the impact you've had in the past year:

- 71,192 free books delivered to Racine County children under the age of five through Imagination Library in 2024 alone.
- More than 1,500 people accessed healthcare services through United Way-funded partners
- More than 1,400 families accessed free tax prep through our VITA program, bringing over \$1.2 million in refunds back into local households.

Those numbers represent real people. The ripple effect of your giving is real, and it's deeply local.

### **LOCAL GIVING WITH LOCAL RESULTS**

One of the things I'm most proud of is that when you give to United Way of Racine County, your dollars help here. You're investing directly in our community — in children's futures, in family stability, in access to health care, education and financial security. And all with an organization that has a fourstar rating on Charity Navigator, and platinum transparency status on Candid.

Your support helps spark innovation, like the science fair, while also sustaining the essential services that so many in our county rely on.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

As we move forward, we're continuing to focus on longterm impact. This includes expanding early literacy efforts, growing our programs and activities for school children, and strengthening partnerships and collaborative efforts across Racine County.

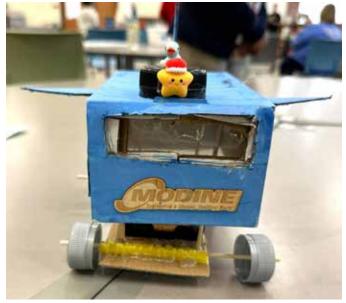
As someone who lives and works in Racine County, I see every day what's possible when neighbors come together. Thank you for believing in our mission, for investing in our youth, and for helping turn science fair projects into stepping stones for future engineers, inventors and leaders.

We're proud to do this work with you and excited for all that lies ahead.

With Gratitude.







Ali: "Groups of fifth graders built battery-powered cars with some guidance from our great partners at Modine."











# RUSD School Calendar\* 2025-2026

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Aug. 28Open House (Elementary & K-8)	Nov. 26-28No school K-12 (Thanksgiving Recess)	Mar. 20** No school K-12/contingent weather day (Spring Break Day)
Sept. 2 First Day of School K-12	Dec. 12No school K-12 (Prof. Learning Day)	Mar. 27End of 3rd Quarter
Oct. 2 No school K-5 (Prof. Learning Day)	Dec. 22 - Jan. 2No school K-12 (Winter Recess)	Apr. 1 K-12 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 3No school K-12 (Prof. Learning Day)	Jan. 19No school K-12 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	Apr. 2No school K-12 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
Oct. 31 End of 1st Quarter	Jan. 23No school K-12 (Prof. Learning Day) End of 1st Semester/2nd Quarter	Apr. 3 - Apr. 10No school K-12 (Spring Recess)
Nov. 1-30RUSD School Choice (rusd.org/schoolchoice)	Feb. 12-13 No school K-5 (Prof. Learning Day)	May 15**No school K-12/contingent weather day (Prof. Learning Day)
Nov. 6No school K-5 (P-T Conferences K-5, PM P-T Conferences K-12)	Feb. 16**No school K-12/contingent weather day (Winter Break Day)	May 25No school K-12 (Memorial Day)
Nov. 7 No school K-12 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)	Mar. 10No school K-10, 12 (Juniors ACT Day/Prof. Learning Day)	June 11**Last Day of School, End of 2nd Semester/4th Quarter

Please note: All dates are subject to change. \*3K, 4K and BEE Center, please use the Early Learning calendar on rusd.org. \*\*May be adjusted due to inclement weather.

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No school for all students (Holidays, Conferences, Professional Learning) No school for K-5 (Prof. Learning or P-T Conf.)

11 Grade ACT Day and Professional Learning (No school for K-10, 12)

# Wind Point Garden Club

Our Wind Point Garden Club is a mixture of seasoned and new gardeners and everyone is welcome. We are a friendly group who love to share our gardening ideas, trials, and triumphs.

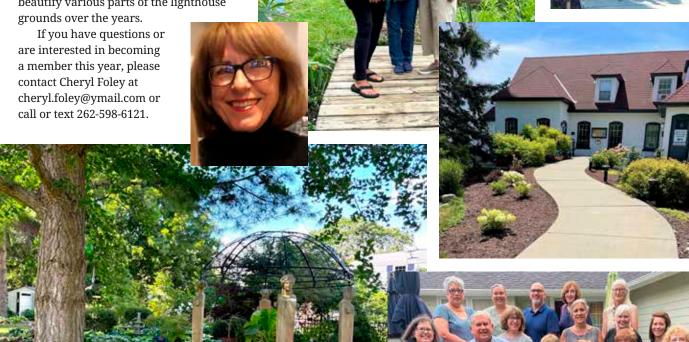
If you are interested in improving our community this is a great way to get involved. As a reminder, the garden club is casual. We encourage both established and beginning gardeners to join us for sharing ideas and garden camaraderie.

The Wind Point Garden Club has also collaborated with the Village to help beautify various parts of the lighthouse

















# 2025 LIGHTHOUSE **TOURS**

Only two public tours remain!

Our Lighthouse Keepers, Andrew Surges and Samantha Albright, have organized another season of tours at the Wind Point Lighthouse! Public tours will take place on the following dates:

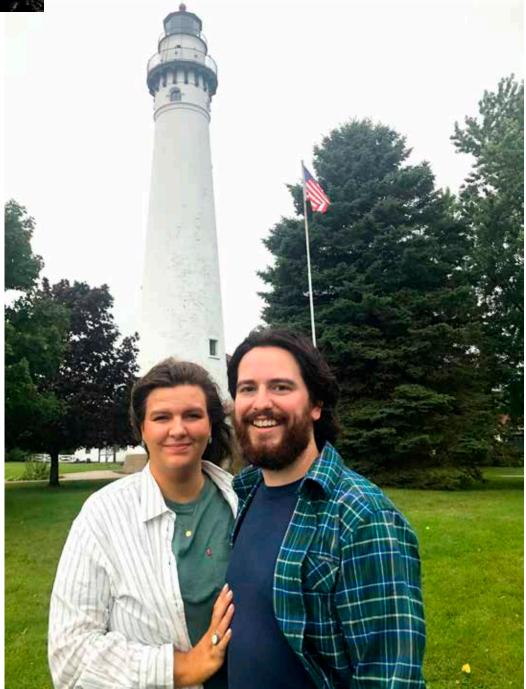
- Sunday, September 7- 9:00 am 3:00 pm
- Sunday, October 5- 9:00 am 3:00 pm

The cost for tower climbs is \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children (Ages 6-11). Walk-ups are welcome, however, we recommend that you pre-purchase tickets in advance to make sure that you secure a spot. Pre-purchase tickets can be found on Eventbrite.

If these dates will not work for you consider setting up a private tower climb. Contact the Lighthouse Keepers for any questions or for more information at 262-639-3777 or lhkeeper@windpoint.org.

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

If you are interested in getting involved at the lighthouse as a volunteer, please contact Andrew and Sam. Extra help is needed to coordinate tours – if going up the tower isn't your thing, we also have a need for people at the ground level to greet and register guests. Light lunch and refreshments are provided on tour dates. Contact 262-639-3777 or lhkeeper@windpoint.org









# Village News and Notes

August 2025

BY TRAVIS WELLS ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK-TREASURER



### PROJECTS TAB ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Have you had a chance to visit our website recently? We're continually updating it to keep our residents informed and engaged, and there's a lot happening in the Village you

won't want to miss!

Make sure to check out our Projects tab under government, your go-to resource for updates on key initiatives shaping the future of our community. Here, you'll find information about important developments like:

- The 4-Mile Road Project Get the latest updates on progress, timelines, and improvements.
- The Outdoor Recreation Plan Discover the documents as we review and update the current plan. The plan is to be presented to the board at a later date when complete.
- Financial Planning with Ehlers Learn how our partnership with Ehlers, a respected leader in public finance, is helping guide our long-term financial health. With their extensive experience in municipal finance, debt management, and strategic planning, Ehlers brings valuable insight to ensure the Village is well-positioned for the future.
- Lighthouse Project- Talks about the closures and information on the timeline.

We invite all residents to stay informed and involved. Visit the Projects section on our website today to see how we're building a better Village!

### WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

As a homeowner, you may need to obtain permits to perform certain construction installations. If you have limited or no experience in the construction or electrical fields, you may want to consider hiring a qualified professional if the project you wish to start is beyond the scope of your skills or knowledge. Lack of knowledge in such areas as codes, code requirements, spans, structural integrity, venting, cross connection, voltage and amperage limitations, etc., could very easily turn a simple project into a major problem and could cost you more to correct errors and violations than what you had originally budgeted for the project.

Keep in mind that a brief conversation or meeting with an inspector can give you insight into what kinds of situations you may encounter when acting as your own contractor. It is also important to remember that no work may commence until all of the appropriate permits are issued.

Wisconsin Statutes and local codes require building permits for the following residential or commercial activities:

- All new buildings and additions to existing buildings.
- Anytime there is a structural change to an existing building.
- Replacement of roofing or siding, or changing window size.
- Additions or repairs to porches, decks, fences, garages, pools/hot tubs, or storage sheds to a property.
- Modifications to plumbing, heating, air conditioning, or electrical systems, including the replacement of furnaces, water heaters, or air conditioners.
- Alteration to room sizes or creation of new rooms.

Contact us: If you are considering a project on your property and are unsure if you need a permit, please contact us at (262) 639-3524 to determine if a permit is required.

All applicants must submit a completed permit application form. Electric and plumbing permit applications must be signed by a licensed contractor. Most building permit applications must be signed by a State-certified contractor. Contact the Village of Wind Point for more information or for any questions you may have.



### **KEEP GRASS OFF THE STREET**

With warmer days and sunshine, lawn mowing season is here. Please ensure that when you or a contractor mows your yard that your grass clippings go into a bagger system or back into your yard and not into the street.

You may have never thought about it, but grass clippings can act as a sheet of ice for cyclists in the middle of the summer. Grass clippings in the street provide a slippery surface for bicycle and motorcycle riders, making it a riding hazard. Let's keep our roadways safe for all our riders!

### **RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT REMINDERS**

The public right-of-way includes public roads and an area of land between private property and the edge of the road. If you have a drainage ditch and driveway apron, they are located within the right-of-way. In Wind Point, the public right-of-way

typically extends 30 feet from the centerline of the road in both directions. For those who would like an exact measurement may call the Department of Public Works for more information.

Residents are responsible for maintaining the lawn in the right-of-way, but cannot have work done in the right-of-way or replace a culvert without first obtaining a right-of-way permit from the Village. Signs are prohibited from being placed in the right-of-way. Planting/landscaping or installing structures is typically prohibited in the right-of-way.

### **RIGHT-OF-WAY, DRIVEWAY, AND CULVERT PERMITS**

A permit is required for: driveway resurfacing; work within the ditch, shoulder, or apron; street opening; and new or replacement culverts. Permit applications require review by the public works supervisor and/or village engineer. If you are considering replacing your driveway and apron with concrete (or another material besides asphalt), please note that there is a separate agreement that must be signed.



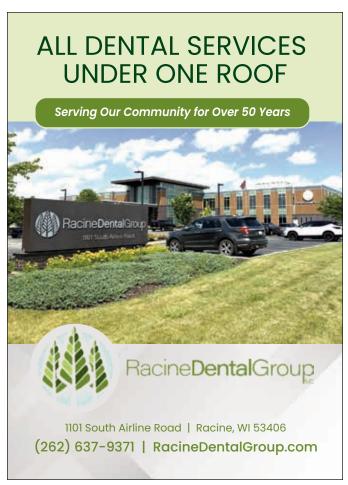
#### PEDESTRIAN AND DRIVER SAFETY REMINDERS

Wind Point residents enjoy walking in the summertime to stay active and take in all of the beautiful scenery. For the safety of both pedestrians and drivers, residents are asked to walk facing oncoming traffic and on the same side of the road as oncoming traffic. Also, please be as far to the side of the road as possible to provide space between you and oncoming cars. When bicycling, please ride on the right (going in the same direction as automobile traffic). When it gets dark out, be sure to carry a flashlight or wear reflective or lighted apparel.

Drivers must obey the speed limits and remain attentive while operating vehicles, especially in Wind Point, where there are many pedestrians and

bicyclists and no sidewalks. Please set your phone aside and keep your eyes on the road at all times. Your neighbors will notice and appreciate your cooperation!













# What Can I Do About Late Summer Allergies?

While we all enjoy the warmer temperatures and green lawns and trees, there is more to summer. All of those budding trees, bushes, and grasses bring pollen which can create significant issues.

If you are dealing with red, itchy, watering eyes at this time, don't just deal with it. See an eye doctor for relief!

Contact lenses can also become less comfortable during this time too, and there are Rx medications and better contact lens designs for people who have allergies and wear contacts.

### I can help. Give my office a call today!



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# 12th Annual Wind Point Golf Putting Contest

Shoop Park Golf Course (At The Putting Green), Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 - 10 a.m.

### *The autumn tradition continues!*

Stroll Wind Point magazine presents our 12th Golf Putting Contest on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. at the putting green at Shoop Park Golf Course. All ages are welcome to participate and there is no cost to play.

In addition to the beautiful 2025 Wind Point Golf Putting championship plaque and priceless bragging rights for the next year, you have the chance to win:

- \$50 gift card to Reef Point Brew House
- \$25 gift card to Buddy's Sports Grill

Last year's contest saw Chuck Christiano, also known as *Captain Clutch*, lead from start to finish to secure his sixth championship in eight years. Chuck's dominance along with his professional approach and soft mannerisms have been an inspiration for many in the village. He is no doubt Wind Point's Golf Putting G.O.A.T.

Spaces are limited to participate in this fun contest! Reserve your space by emailing: gary@strollwindpointmagazine.com

## WIND POINT GOLF PUTTING CHAMPION HISTORY:

2014 - Beth Shelton

2015 - John Brashaw

2016 - Jim Baldwin

2017 - Chuck Christiano

2018 – Chuck Christiano

2019 - Chuck Christiano

2020 - MaryAnn Konsin

2021 - Beth Shelton

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2024 - Chuck Christiano







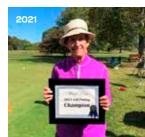








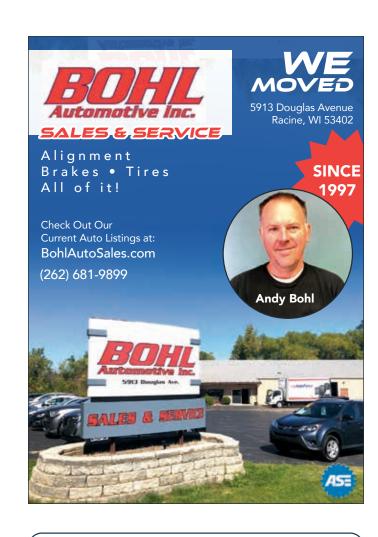














### **Volunteering Never Stops!**

Please call the Volunteer Center of Racine County for more information!

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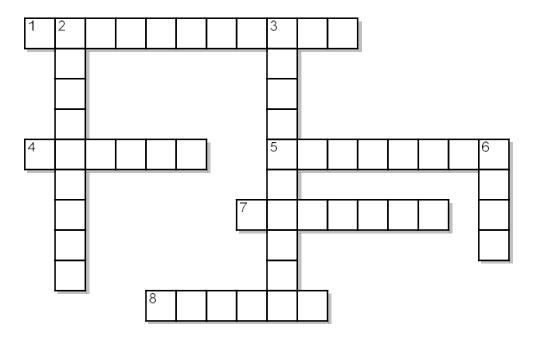


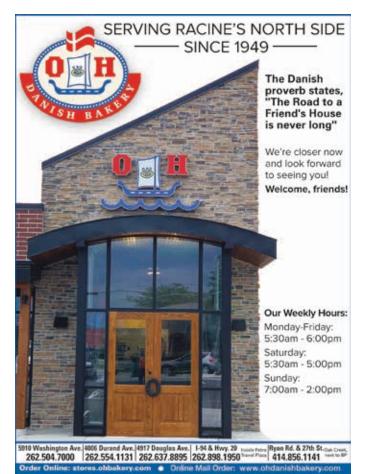




# **Wind Point Crossword Puzzle**

August 2025

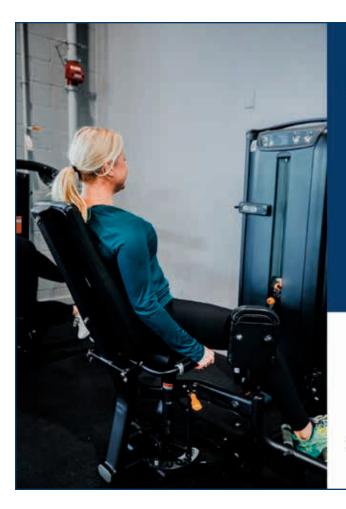




All of the answers to these clues are found within the pages of your personal August 2025 issue of Stroll Wind Point. We encourage you to enjoy a slice of your favorite kringle while you work through the fun clues for a truly sweet experience. Your special Wind Point "Crossword and a Kringle" is sponsored by your locally owned O&H Danish Bakery. The first one to complete a puzzle and email the image to gary@strollwindpointmagazine.com will receive a \$25 gift card to Buddy's Sports Grill

#### ACROSS

1.The Kingfish played the on Wind Point Night
4. Ali explains about the Ripple Effect Of
5. Jazz In The Park returns on, Aug 30, 2025
7. The theme of this month's Word Search
8. Kenia grew up in the
DOWN
2. Kenia's husband, Andre, is an
3. He will attempt to win his 7th Putting
Championship on Sep 27, 2025
6. Nicole had a fantastic trip to New City
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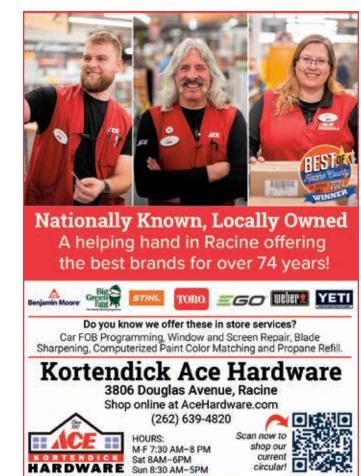
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Address	Neighborhood	<b>List Price</b>	Sale Price	Beds	Baths	SqFt	Status
1 Birchwood Court	Single Family	\$415,000		4	2.5	2,582	Active
36 Stonewood Court	Condominium	\$279,900		2	2.5	1,775	Active
8 Lake Pointe Circle	Single Family	\$1,113,000		5	2.5	5,234	Active
4729 James Avenue	Single Family	\$524,900		4	3	3,015	Active w/offer
9 Sandalwood Court	Single Family	\$549,900		4	3.5	3,860	Active w/offer
117 Lamplighter Lane	Single Family	\$675,000		4	3.5	3,565	Active w/offer
11 Cherrywood Court	Single Family	\$539,000	\$520,000	4	2.5	3,145	Sold
4077 Lighthouse Drive	Single Family	\$1,299,000	\$1,275,000	4	4.5	4,136	Sold



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