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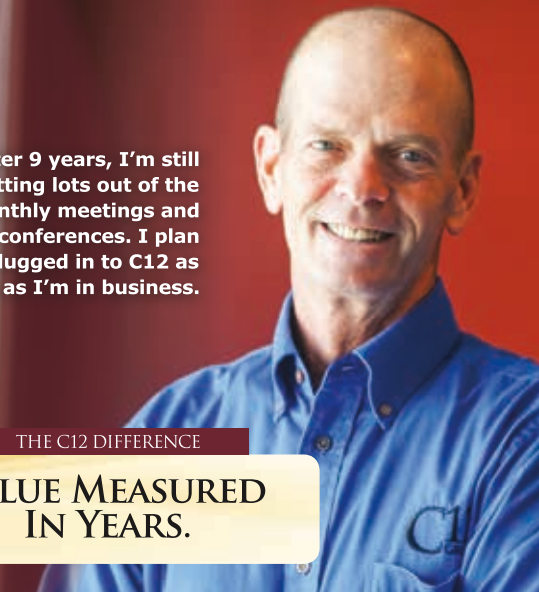
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I have made lasting friendships and, to my benefit, the work of publishing this newsletter has proven very meaningful – more than I expected. Who knew the sort of stories I would find as I get to know you? For that I am thankful! I am sure we have only scratched the surface as we press on to serve you. I am thankful for each of our business sponsors...they make this newsletter possible. Please patronize them when you have need of products/services they provide. These sponsors are supporting your “community” and are what we refer to as *Best-in-Class*, which means: when they make a promise they keep it.

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In the spirit of cooperation and courtesy to our neighbors, here's a heads-up: it is required by Village ordinance that garbage cans be stored out of sight. I know...seems picky and intrusive! However, recently there was a new Recycling and Municipal Solid Waste ordinance for the Village of Hobart, which states:

- Covers shall be kept tightly on the carts to prevent materials from blowing and spilling
- All carts should be primarily housed inside a building during non-pickup days, however, if not possible, then out of sight of the street
- The owner shall take any reasonable steps to make sure animals are not able to disturb garbage

- During winter months, the property owner must shovel out the area in which the carts can be easily accessible to the disposal contractor as in summer months
- Any litter which is strewn about the area of the bins, when placed by curb, is the responsibility of the owner or designated agent, and must be removed no later than sundown of the evening of pick-up
- No person shall dispose or dump non-recyclable material in any container designed to handle or store recyclable materials
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We are building a holiday greeting library of comments.

Send a brief statement of what you are thankful for and if you have a picture feel free to send that along too (pictures are encouraged). We intend to include these entries over a two month period in this and the December issues.

What are your favorite Thanksgiving memories? Please send in an email to [adrian.dean@n2pub.com](mailto:adrian.dean@n2pub.com) and tell us about it.

*It's easy to be thankful for good things but I'm thankful for some of the disappointments and harder parts of my life. It is in this way that I feel I have grown as a person being able to handle the things life brings my way.* Thornberry Creek resident

*"I am incredibly thankful for good health and for all my wonderful family and friends."* Vera

*"I am thankful for the people who volunteer their time to serve on the TCHOA Board. They are constantly working behind the scenes making our little place in the world a better place to raise our family and come home to every day."* Steve Kassner



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In February or early March - Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley family bowling session on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon... if you would like to come along please let us know. We are offering a gift for each reply that they would like to attend.

In the December issue of *The Community*, read about the tailgate block party on King's Point from October 11th.

What a fun event! Thank you Mary K and the others from the cul de sac for putting this together and attending to the details of organizing it. This was FUN!



**We'll also read about our private evening at Sammy's.** Paul was gracious to help us as we dealt with a scheduling SNAFU regarding our originally scheduled visit to The Rustique. (we didn't even think about the Packer's schedule when we

scheduled October 2nd Thursday night...we will let you know when that gets put back on the roster – I'm thinking March)

**What Are Your Ideas?**  
We are looking for good ideas of events and activities that you would like to see us sponsor. Some of the ideas we have discussed in the Neighborhood Spark Social Committee are as follows:

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Doug and Renee LaViolette  
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## *The Journey is the Reward*

Today, Brian LaViolette would be 37 years old had he not drowned in the bay of Green Bay. This bright 15 year old young man is the true picture of “why-do-bad-things-happen-to-good-people.” To know that he was one of the good people, you need look no further than his family; they took this horrible situation and turned it into a mission of redemption that blesses people all across the world, literally. They do so in Brian's name – the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation.

I want to quote a passage from the Introduction of the book the LaViolette family wrote, *The Journey is the Reward*:



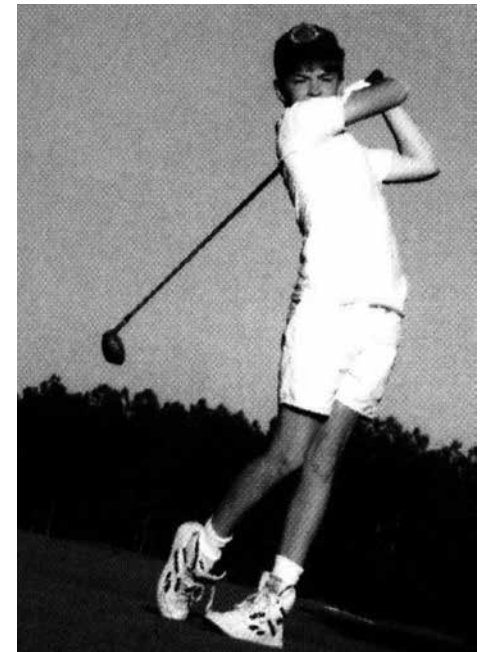
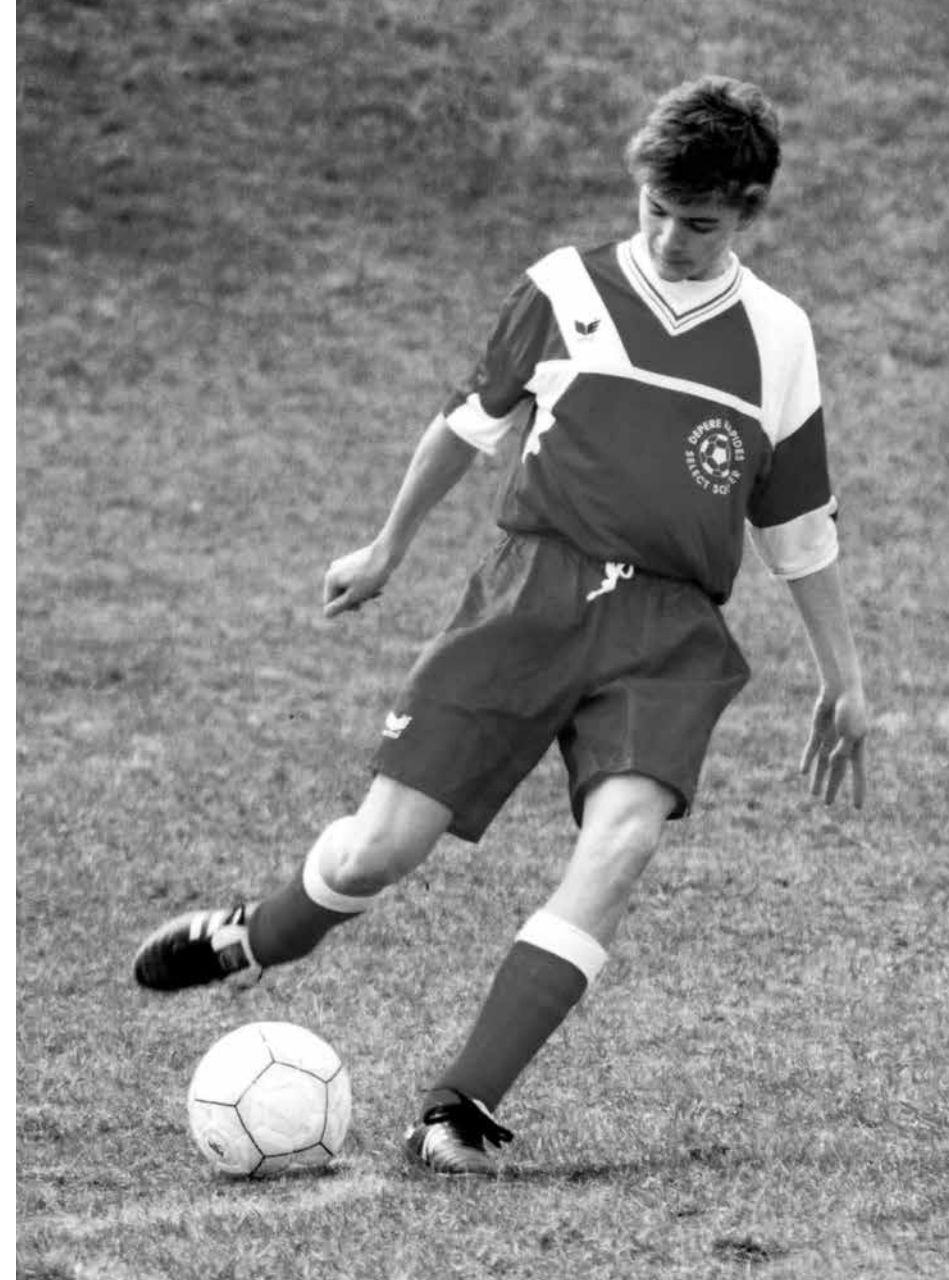
*“While loss of life is a part of this story it is not about dying; it is about living. This is not a story about an angel among us, Rather, it is about angels within us – angel characteristics. It is about the human spirit and its ability to survive devastating losses.”*

Perhaps most emblematic of this ideal, and the inspiration for the title of the book – *The Journey is the Reward* – it was Brian's favorite quote, originally a Japanese proverb. This proverb is not teaching that the journey is all there is. Nor is it teaching there is no reward beyond the journey. It is saying that if there is something worthy of our efforts, the journey and the reward become the same thing...the journey and the reward are a unified virtue. Seeing this unified nature in these two elements is what removes the stress and anxiety from the journey – it allows you to see the end as though it already exists and even that it DOES exist.

Today, Doug, Renee and Kim LaViolette are embarked on a “journey” that was born in the initial outpouring of support 22 years ago. Those who came and mourned Brian's death contributed a total amount of money that would fund a single scholarship, which became the Brian LaViolette Scholarship, given to an East De Pere High School graduating senior. Nobody intended it to become more than that...it was a way for Brian's memory to live on. Really, as Doug says, “it was a way to help the grieving.” However, through many twists & turns, and “chance” meetings, today the foundation is responsible for 56 scholarships in 15 states and 3 foreign countries, involving some of our nation's bravest heroes.

Even beyond the daily responsibilities of running the foundation, there are often opportunities that present themselves to speak with and minister to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. It is really a tender thing to observe and reaches to the real essence of what this is about: helping those who suffer great loss. It is because of the scholarships and the worthy people they honor, that the opportunities arise to help others.

Not all of these scholarships are fully endowed; a handful remains in need of help. Brian's Foundation would be honored to receive your support as they continue their mission of



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*“By working together, we help families, schools and students regain a sense of community and pride. We all provide a source of hope and ongoing positive change this world needs... thank you for all you do and for your support and encouragement to Brian's Foundation.”* Kim LaViolette, Executive Director


honoring hard work and community service, offer inspiration and share the belief that “The Journey is the Reward.” If you are looking for a worthy charity to be a benefactor to, please consider the Brain LaViolette Foundation as the year comes to a close.


The Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation exists on the strength of good will, strength of character and it seems Divine appointment. It exists to do good for those who grieve and to honor those who have given their all and who have run their

race faithfully. What we have written here only introduces this foundation to you, leaving so much more we could say... we haven't told you about the connection to Medal of Honor recipients who are honored, General George Patton's place in the foundation, or even the connection to Greg Norman PGA professional (and so much more). We will revisit the LaViolette family in months to come and continue to tell their story.

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## MURPHY THE THERAPY DOG

*Ernesto & Connie Brauer  
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This relationship of Murphy to his people-friends is a beautiful picture of giving. Murphy goes there as therapy to those in need and, lo-and-behold, Murphy is the one who gets all the attention. The ill person is made better, even if only for a moment, by giving affectionate attention to Murphy. Isn't that an interesting thing to understand? *The patient receives by giving.*

There's just something about when a dog comes into the room that all of the sudden there is something to focus on other than the pain and/or impending death. Murphy gives this person a glimmer of pleasantness that doesn't often come easily in other ways.



Murphy embracing his person friend, not wanting to let him go. This would prove to be Murphy's last visit with. A special bond does seem to take place.

Connie tells of a local woman who suffers from dementia, and who becomes unresponsive and obstinate often times. The transformation that happens, turning the head & noticing others, smiles, and wanting interaction when Murphy comes around. What is it that occurs isn't really clear; but whatever it is, Murphy sure has it!

Murphy doesn't just go to hospice situations; he also goes to the YMCA and visits children. He goes to nursing homes to visit the elderly. He goes to places where recov-



Waiting patiently to be announced "backstage." I don't think Aaron Rogers himself would have gotten the welcome that Murphy gets.



She perks up immediately when Murphy arrives in the room.



All of the kids love Murphy...my bet is that the calm Murphy brings is a near relief to the child care providers.

ery of the patient is expected too. If Murphy was a person, he would have the sort of life-impact we all admire.

Next time you see Murphy out and about, make sure to say hello...he loves it! If you've ever thought that you might like to be involved, or if you know someone who could use a Murphy visit, please reach out to Connie and she'd be happy to guide you in the right direction.




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Bonnie Vastage was the winner of \$100 gift certificate to LifeSpa Wellness, shown here with Angie Bain, owner and Masseuse extraordinaire!



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I felt like I could risk showing that I was naïve about wines – because I am."

All in all, our experience at The Bottle Room was nothing short of a blast! We laughed, we ate and we sampled the best wines available that can be found in the area. We got to see first-hand the product of Christine and Justin's two hobbies – travelling and wine.

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# Wine Tasting

## THE BOTTLE ROOM

Wednesday September 10th– Wine Tasting

Photos by Harle Photography

We learned that champagne is not always Champagne...sometimes it's "bubbly." Also, we learned that red grapes can become white wine. There were many other tidbits of learning that made for a very interesting event. If you've never been to The Bottle Room, we can't recommend it enough! Terrie and Christine offer a fun and informative time that not only includes some of the best wines around, but also great pizza. Who knew!?

It's infectious...when you do one thing well (wine and craft beer) the quality of all that you do is elevated. The table had a wonderful selection of wafers, grapes, cheese, meat selections....used as food pairings (we all know what alcohol does on an empty stomach). To our great surprise and delight, a stone cooked meat & cheese pizza was served about halfway through our evening. Christine told us that it has been a pleasant surprise that food revenues outpace alcohol sales.

A few of the comments:

Mary K Bishop – *"even though I came late (sorry!) the appetizers were delicious."*

Melissa Tanke – *"...the extreme generosity of The Bottle Room. They completely spoiled us."*




*I cannot believe the number of different wines we were able to try... and the amount of food they shared with us. I was just completely blown away. I came prepared and under the assumption that I was going to buy myself a meal...but in the end, they fed us. I was really "wowwed" by the night. We had wine, wine, and more wine...and food, food and more food. Food and wine of biblical proportions. It was great and I was overwhelmed by their generosity. The pizza was AMAZING!"*


**Tell us something that you learned?**


"I liked that they said we should worry less about drinking a certain type of wine with a certain type of meal. I liked their attitude of *drink whatever wine you like with the meal of your choice and don't worry about it.* I feel as though they gave me permission to ignore the stupid rules associated with wine drinking."

"We had such a laid back time of fun, being quizzed on our knowledge of wine. The coolest part of the whole evening was



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# Resident RECIPE

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This recipe has been a staple of my Thanksgiving meal for at least 30 years. It was one of the recipes I remember from dinners at my mother-in-laws home. It can be made ahead which is always helpful during busy holiday times. Leftovers are very good with coffee the next morning.

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- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder.
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- 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 2 Tbls. orange zest
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 3 cups whole fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1/3 cup walnuts (optional)



In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients.

Add the shortening and either cut in or use a mixer to combine.

Add the orange juice, zest, and egg and mix until incorporated. Fold in the cranberries (and nuts if using).

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Time to get proactive and have your HVAC installer perform routine maintenance checks prior to using equipment for the season. It's a great preventative measure, which may help avoid an emergency call this winter.

# MOVIE REVIEW



Watch a free movie at Marcus Cinema in Ashwaubenon!

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**IDEA:** I would be willing to talk about seeding a Jr Writer's program by assigning the movie review to a willing and able Jr writer each month...talk to me! [adrian.dean@n2pub.com](mailto:adrian.dean@n2pub.com).



Boys pictured left to right: Dylan Carley, Jack Ryan, Aidenn Fleury

## Guardians Of The Galaxy

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With cool temps coming in what better way to spend a Friday night with 3 boys than the movie theatre? Having received complimentary Marcus Theatre tickets from *The Community's* Adrian Dean we chose to see *Guardians Of The Galaxy* - a PG-13 movie. I took the movie review and opinion of my 11 year old (who had already seen it once) that it was a fun movie for him and his younger pals. Though the boys thoroughly enjoyed the VERY action packed movie. It was the use of a bit of foul language and adult references that put it beyond the equivalent rating of the PG-13 film *Star Wars*. The opinion of the youngest (9 1/2 yrs. old) and myself was that this movie is a bit too mature for his age (sorry to the parents!).



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We had another situation with a customer where Mom and Dad’s wedding rings were put together, hers inside of his – like circles – and now it is being worn as a pendant necklace...what a beautiful picture and memory to carry through life! These are



the kinds of very personal stories that make our work so rewarding. It’s not even fair to call it work.”

Christine Patton has been interested in jewelry since childhood, after all, she goes back to the days of Krieger Jewelers, which her mom and dad were owners of – jewelry is in her blood. Christine says that at 13 years of age she was put in charge of the sidewalk sales at the old store because she looked older than her age. She remembers her little brother (who now owns Krieger Jewelers in Appleton) hid under the table to keep his eye out for shop lifters. Christine says, “I think him being under the table had something to do with nothing being lifted.”

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## resident business FOCUS

**Andrew Hermesen**  
4327 Hilton Head Dr

### Navigator Planning Group

Ask Andrew Hermesen to describe the best part of living and working in the same community and he’ll explain that he’s fortunate to have neighbors who are both friends and clients. He will likely also mention that a two-minute drive home for lunch is a nice perk. Andrew’s financial advisory practice is located at 1200 Centennial Centre Boulevard in Hobart, just blocks away from the Thornberry Creek Hillcrest entrance. His clients have already commented on the ease and accessibility of his location thanks to the finished construction of Highway 29 and County Road FF.

The adage, “like father, like son” applies to Andrew and Robert Hermesen. Andrew’s father founded the family practice in 1984 and Andrew took over in 2008. Robert also lived in Thornberry Creek before retiring to Florida so it was a likely

choice when Andrew and his wife Brooke chose the same community to reside in.

Andrew took over the business as Hermesen Wealth Management but recently merged with Navigator Planning Group which conveniently allows clients the flexibility of both a west side and an east side location. Joining Andrew as a Financial Planner in the Hobart office is Indian Trails resident Michael Johnson. Navigator Planning Group has seventeen financial advisors working between the two locations. The union has also resulted in more client events organized by the firm’s marketing coordinator. Andrew has enjoyed spending time outside of the office with his clients through wine and beer tastings, March Madness parties, holiday events, and, most recently, Packer Family Night tailgates. Clients have enjoyed the opportunity to build relation-

ships outside of the office while getting to know more about Andrew and Brooke.

Andrew’s normal day is consumed by client meetings to review and update their retirement plans in order to ensure their financial goals are on track. He helps his clients achieve financial independence by constructing low-cost portfolios that match their risk tolerance. His advice to all investors is to pay attention to the fees they are paying on their investments. After all, in investing, you get what you *don’t* pay for.

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# TCHOA Board Member IN FOCUS

## TCHOA Board Member Vera Sidders

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**How long have you been on the board?**

2 years

**Why did you run for the board?**

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**When did you move to the neighborhood?**

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**What brings you to Green Bay?**

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**What do you do for hobbies/what are your interests?**

I love to read and am a "fair weather" golfer. I also design and create my own jewelry. Love to spend time at our cabin in northern Minnesota.

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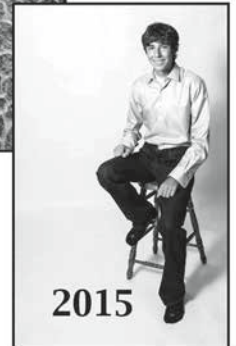
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# What's Smarter -- PAYING OFF DEBTS OR INVESTING?



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It probably doesn't happen as much as you'd like, but from time to time, you have some extra disposable income. When this happens, how should you use the funds? Assuming you have adequate emergency savings — typically, three to six months' worth of living expenses — should you pay off debts, or fund your IRA or another investment account?

There's no one "correct" answer and the priority of these options may change, depending on your financial goals. However, your first step may be to consider what type of debt you're thinking of paying down. For example, if you have a consumer loan that charges a high rate of interest — and you can't deduct the interest payments from your taxes — you might conclude that it's a good idea to get rid of this loan as quickly as possible.

Still, if the loan is relatively small, and the payments aren't really impinging on your monthly cash flow that much, you might want to consider putting any extra money you have into an investment that has the potential to offer longer-term benefits. For instance, you might decide to fully fund your IRA for the year before tackling minor debts.

When it comes to making extra mortgage payments, however, the picture is more complicated. In the first place, mortgage interest is typically tax deductible, which makes your loan less "expensive." Even beyond the issue of deductibility, you may instinctively feel that it's best to whittle away your mortgage and build as much equity as possible in your home. But is that always a smart move?

Increasing your home equity is a goal of many homeowners — after all, the more equity you have in your home, the more cash you'll get when you sell it. Yet, if your home's value rises — which, admittedly, doesn't always happen — you will still, in effect, be building equity without having to divert funds that could be placed elsewhere, such as in an investment. In this situation, it's important to weigh your options. Do you want to lower your mortgage debts and possibly save on cumulative interest expenses? Or would you be better served to invest that money for potential growth or interest payments?

Here's an additional consideration: If you tied up most of your money in home equity, you may well lose some flexibility and liquidity. If you were to fall ill or lose your job, could you get money out of your home if your emergency savings fund fell short? Possibly, in the form of a home equity line of credit or a second mortgage, but if you were not bringing in any income, a bank might not even approve such a loan. You may more easily be able to sell stocks, bonds or other investment vehicles to gain access to needed cash.

Getting some extra money once in a while is a nice problem to have. Still, you won't want to waste the opportunity — so, when choosing to pay down debts or put the money into investments, think carefully.

# Air Purifiers

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Whether you are healthy, sick, young, or old, everyone can benefit from an air purifier. Allergies, asthma, respiratory problems, and the spread of viruses and illnesses can all be related to indoor pollution.



in school and daycare are exposed to sicknesses at school that are easily brought home and spread to the family.

There are many toxins in the home including pollen, mold, animal dander, smoke, bacteria, and germs. The air in your home will be much cleaner if you decide to invest in an air purifier because they filter or ionize the air greatly reducing indoor toxins. Air Ionizers and HEPA filters are the most commonly used air purifiers. Air Ionizers distribute negative ions throughout the air causing the toxins to bond and fall out of the air. HEPA filters draw the air in using a fan, where it filters the air, and redistributes it back throughout the house.


In our society today there is more pollution now than there ever was before, especially in the home. Owning an air purifier is the best way for you to protect yourself and your family from such toxins. Air purifiers are essential for the home because they greatly reduce the amount of pollution in your home lowering your chance of developing sickness due to indoor toxins. Air purifiers are one of the best things you can invest in for your home and your health today more than ever.

Investing in a good quality air purifier can protect you and your family by greatly reducing your risk of sickness related to indoor pollution. Every home contains these environmental toxins, even ones that are often cleaned thoroughly. It is proven that the air inside our homes can be more harmful than the air outside because air in the home recirculates and never has the opportunity to be filtered.


Allergens inside the home like pollen, mold, and pet dander can be very irritating to people who are prone to allergies. Asthma, an inflammatory disease of the lungs, can cause symptoms like coughing, runny nose, red eye, digestive problems, fatigue, dizziness, and congestion. Air purifiers can provide a huge relief for these symptoms, by greatly reducing the amount of the allergens in the air. This can also cut down the cost of expensive medications that are often used to treat these illnesses.

Air purifiers can also reduce the spread of illnesses and viruses like the common cold or the flu. They are very beneficial to people with low immune systems, like the elderly, and families with children because they lower the spread of illness. By filtering the air, air purifiers stop these illnesses from spreading throughout the house reducing the risk of contamination to other people in the home. Elderly people and people with low immune systems often do not have the means to fight off infection and illness so they are particularly vulnerable to such contamination. Children

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Friday, Nov. 21- Dec. 27

## A Frank's Christmas

**Where:** Meyer Theatre, 117 S. Washington St., Green Bay, WI

**When:** 8pm

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**For more information:** [www.letmebefranks.com](http://www.letmebefranks.com)

Monday, Nov. 24-Jan. 4

## Festival of Trees

**Where:** National Railroad Museum

Enjoy the Christmas season as you stroll among dozens of fully decorated holiday trees. Open during museum hours.

**For more information:** [www.nationalrrmuseum.org](http://www.nationalrrmuseum.org)

Friday, Nov. 28-20

## The Nutcracker

**Where:** Walter Theatre-St. Norbert College



**When:** 7pm

Based on the story by E.T.A. Hoffman, with songs from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" The Nutcracker tells the classic tale of a young German girl who discovers an enchanted kingdom ruled by a wooden Nutcracker Prince. The Nutcracker must fight a fierce battle against the wicked Mouse King. Highlights of the magical show include The Waltz of the Flowers and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

**For more information:** 403-3950 or [www.snc.edu](http://www.snc.edu)

Friday, Nov. 28-Dec. 7

## The Polar Express

**Where:** National Railroad Museum

The classic Christmas tale comes alive in a dramatic reading and train ride. The Museum closes at 2:00 pm on each day of the event. All show are at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm, except for Wednesday and Thursday shows, which will be at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm only.

**For more information:** [www.nationalrrmuseum.org](http://www.nationalrrmuseum.org)

Saturday, Nov. 29

## The Magic of Bill Blagg Live

**Where:** Weidner Center, Green Bay, WI

**When:** 7:30pm

The MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE! comes to the Weidner Center for one show only! Critics and audiences alike rave about his incredible high-energy, grand-scale magic & illusion that will have you rubbing your eyes in disbelief. Called "simply amazing" by The Chicago Tribune, Blagg's show is packed with NEW mind-blowing illusions and his trademark off-the-cuff personality that make this show a great family event! Audience volunteers will levitate in mid-air, others will vanish in the blink of an eye and so much more! This is one show you can't afford to miss! Witness live over 90 minutes of interactive, action-packed magic and illusion performed by the country's most prominent magical star, Bill Blagg!

**For more information:** [www.ticketstaronline.com](http://www.ticketstaronline.com)

Thursday, Dec. 11

## Little Big Town

**Where:** Time Warner Cable Theatre at Resch Center

**When:** 7:30pm

Country music group Little Big Town will be in Green Bay one night only. Known for hits such as "Boondocks" and "Bring it on Home,"

don't miss your chance to see them live!

**For more information:** [www.reschcenter.com](http://www.reschcenter.com)

Friday, Dec. 19-20

## Holiday Pops

**Where:** Weidner Center, Green Bay, WI

**When:** 7:30pm

Few events evoke the Christmas Spirit as thoroughly as the annual Holiday Pops concert. The Green Bay Symphony Orchestra, The Dudley Birder Chorale, and Birder Studio of Performing Arts all team up to present a program of Christmas carols and holiday favorites. For two decades this concert has been a tradition in the Green Bay area, and continues to leave audiences with a glow that lasts throughout the holiday season.

**For more information:** [www.greenbaysymphony.org](http://www.greenbaysymphony.org)

Saturday, Dec. 20

## Green Bay Holiday Dance Classic

**Where:** Brown County Arena

**When:** 9am

All-stars and scholastic dance teams compete at the 9th annual Holiday Dance Classic.

**For more information:** [www.greenbaydanceclassic.com](http://www.greenbaydanceclassic.com)

## TCHOA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **December 3** at 6pm Board of Directors Meeting at Thornberry Clubhouse
- **December 18** at 6pm Annual Holiday Party at Thornberry Clubhouse
- **January 7** at 6pm Board of Directors Meeting at The Safari Steak House
- **February 4** at 6pm Board of Directors Meeting at The Safari Steak House
- **March** – No Meeting
- **April 1** at 6pm Board of Directors Meeting at Thornberry Clubhouse *Nominations of new directors will occur*
- **April 22** at 4:30pm Earth Day Cleanup
- **May 6** at 6pm Board of Directors Meeting at Thornberry Clubhouse
- **May (tbd)** Thornberry Annual Rummage Sale
- **May 20** at 7pm Annual Thornberry Creek Estates HOA Membership Meeting – Election of new directors
- **June 3** at 7pm Board of Directors Meeting at Thornberry Clubhouse

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997 Thornberry Creek Dr	Thornberry Creek Estates	\$530,000	5	5	6,265	Pending
4584 Algonquin Trl	Indian Trails	\$335,000	3	2	3,100	Active
925 Deerwood Ct	Thornberry Creek Estates	\$339,900	3	3	2,754	Active
1108 Thornberry Creek	Thornberry Creek Estates	\$385,000	4	3	3,200	Active
910 Kingspoint Ct	Thornberry Creek Estates	\$389,900	4	2	3,108	Active
1563 Hopi	Indian Trails	\$399,900	4	2	5,100	Active
4560 Algonquin Trial	Indian Trails	\$419,900	4	3	3,454	Active
4354 Windemer	Thornberry Creek Estates	\$449,900	4	3	3,518	Active
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### Fast Facts

Physical inactivity contributes to at least 17 unhealthy conditions, which are either chronic diseases or contributors to chronic diseases.

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Chronic conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes, and others, are a growing health problem with the older population. Currently, 80% of seniors aged 65 or older has at least one chronic condition, and of those, half have two or more. Chronic conditions are the leading causes of death in the United States. The impact of good nutrition becomes more evident when you consider that five of the top eight causes of death are directly influenced by diet. Some research also indicates that lack of physical activity may actually *predispose* individuals to chronic conditions. With nutrition and physical activity being such strong influences on health, how can friends, family, caregivers, and healthcare professionals encourage older adults to eat better and be more active to promote recovery after hospitalization?

### Education May Be the Key

Older adults' fear and uncertainty about what they can and cannot do after a hospital episode are strong contributors to hospital readmissions. Addressing these fears through education can empower older individuals to take action that will help reduce the risk of hospital readmission and improve their quality of life.

Most people in general associate malnutrition with lack of food, but in seniors this may not always be the case. Levels of nutrition in seniors are impacted by many factors including types of food eaten, water intake, and more. Educating older individuals and family members on the importance of hydration and specific foods that can help seniors meet their nutritional requirements can help them make the necessary changes to manage their conditions.

Additionally, many older individuals who have been hospitalized for conditions such as heart disease may be reluctant to engage in physical activity out of fear that exertion may cause a recurrence. Ensuring these individuals know exactly what they can and should physically do for recovery can help alleviate these fears. Assuring seniors are aware of the positive outcomes of exercise and its direct impact on recovery can be a motivator for change. For example, individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who engage in regular moderate or vigorous exercise have been shown to have significantly lower rates of hospital readmission, and heart patients who participate in formal exercise programs decrease their risk of death by 25%.

Family, friends, and caregivers can also support the older adult in his or her recovery by joining the individual for nutritious meals, or even helping prepare them, and participating in physical activities the senior enjoys. As with any person attempting to change lifestyle habits, support can help older adults obtain the resources they need to make changes and provide the motivation for them to follow through.



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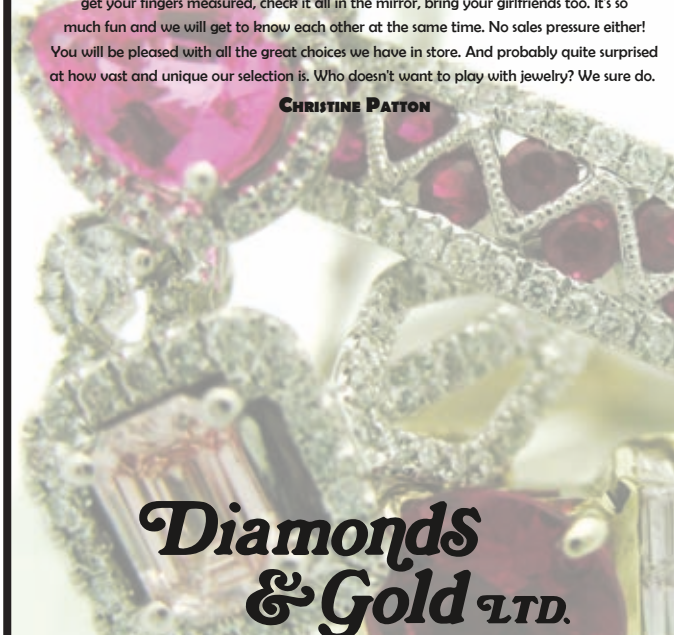
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