6. WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Students desiring high school education attended Milwaukee Schools until 1927 when Shorewood built a high school and accepted Whitefish Bay tuition students. In February, 1930, W.E.B. students were excluded from attendance at Shorewood High School and the W.E.B. School Board was forced to provide a secondary school for its youth. The central unit of the present high school facilities was opened on October 3, 1932. The Tower of Whitefish Bay, designed by Carl Tallgren, has become a local landmark showcasing its English Gothic Structure. With major additions and remodeling over the years, the high school now serves the general community, as well as various school populations.

7. WHITEFISH BAY INN

Pandl’s Whitefish Bay Inn, formerly “Bentley’s”, opened in 1859 at Henry Clay Street and Lake Drive, which was, at that time, called Old Lake Avenue. One of the area’s oldest restaurants, it remains today at the same location and under the ownership of the same family. When John and Anna Pandl bought the Whitefish Bay Inn in 1915, it was amid farmland. As the family grew up, Jack Pandl, the youngest son, joined his mother in operating the restaurant, and, subsequently, purchased it. Today, the restaurant is designated a Milwaukee County Landmark, basically unchanged from the way it appeared in 1915.

8. WHITEFISH BAY RESORT

The Pabst Whitefish Bay Resort, which rivaled the Schlitz Palm Garden as one of the great places to drink a beer in the Midwest, was established three years before the Village of Whitefish Bay. The 250-foot long Victorian pavilion provided the entrance to the 15-acre park which extended north to what is now Henry Clay Street. It was built on a narrow strip of spectacular lake bluff property by Captain Frederick Pabst in 1879. For a quarter century, Milwaukeeans made the 5-mile trip by horse and carriage over the Lake Avenue turnpike or on the steamboat “Bloomer Girl,” or other steamers, from the Grand Avenue dock in downtown Milwaukee to a pier at the foot of Henry Clay Street. The most popular route, however, was the “Dummy Line” railroad which operated every 45 minutes to the resort gates. Attractions included band concerts, ferris wheel rides, and a lounging park where a planked whitefish dinner featuring “fish caught the same day in the bay” could be ordered. Time passed, and in 1914 the great resort was closed and the pavilion razed.

9. UHLEIN MANSION

Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Uhlein purchased a lot a few feet north of the spot where the bandstand of the Whitefish Bay Resort stood. Mr. Uhlein, a manufacturer and a one-time director of his family’s Schlitz Brewing Company, and his wife Claudia, retained Thomas I. Rose, of the architectural firm Kirchoff and Rose, to create their estate residence which was dubbed “Craigmore” by the family. This masterpiece in building, completed in 1919, can easily be seen in the quality construction, the work of the artists and craftsmen, and the lavish selection of materials used throughout. Attention to detail, for example, offered the home such an impressive facade that it was re-nicknamed “The Whitefish Bay Library” by locals. Under new ownership, the house has been recently restored to the same grandeur of days past.
10. KLODE PARK
Klode, the Village's first park created in 1928, and its beach offer a spectacular view of Lake Michigan and the Bay. The beach is staffed with lifeguards in season, and the park offers a favorite picnic and gathering spot for all to enjoy. Klodes is a source of year-round activities including a playground, ice skating in the winter, soccer and baseball in the spring, summer, and fall. The annual Whitefish Bay Fourth of July celebration steps off with a parade from the corner of Kent Avenue and Silver Spring Drive, winds along Lake Drive and ends at Klode Park. There, a festival of food, family activities, and entertainment takes place all day and evening, culminating with local fireworks over the Lake Michigan bluff.

11. SCHOOL HOUSE PARK
Across from the present library, Schoolhouse Park, the site of our first school, now features community concerts, lush gardens, a fountain, and the Great Pumpkin Display of uniquely carved glowing lanterns that fascinate the thousands who return to the Village annually for several days prior to Halloween (sponsored by the W.F.B. Foundation).

12. VILLAGE CLOCK
A finishing touch to the renovation of Silver Spring Business District, completed in 1989, the village clock provides a welcome area to congregate. It stands at the north side of the street where Berkley Boulevard intersects Silver Spring.

13. VILLAGE SEAL
Heralding our formation as a village on July 7, 1892, is the Whitefish Bay official seal. The central building within the seal commemorates our first Village Hall.

14. A GARGOYLE
Above the center entrance doors of the high school are five relief masonry figures. It has been said that the figures were designed by a student when the high school was under construction. Each of the figures depict areas of study; collectively representing excellence in teaching towards excellence in learning.

15. THE STATE OF WISCONSIN/THE VILLAGE OF WHITEFISH BAY
Stretched along the western shore of Lake Michigan, nestled in the southeast corner of the state of Wisconsin, is the Village of Whitefish Bay. As a well-rounded suburban community, residents continue to seek that special quality of life they have come to enjoy.

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