

RSA's Milwaukee Area Recommendation Directory

These are recommendations for various services in the Milwaukee area from current RSA members. The board welcomes positive and negative reviews throughout the year. Please send rants/raves to rsa.mcwah@gmail.com.

Automotive repairs

Business	Location	Comments
Bluemound Automotive	6000 W. Bluemound Road	www.bluemoundautomotive.com/ Phone: 414-258-1000 They have been really fair with pricing as well as letting you know if something needs to be done now or if it can wait. I find them honest, pretty easy to get appointments, friendly and knowledgeable.
Gordy's Citgo Service	8306 W. Bluemound Road	Friendly, affordable and trustworthy - what more can you ask for?
Matt's Foreign Car Specialists	5519 W. Vliet St.	Very friendly and affordable. Phone: 414-475-0525 or 414-475-0515
Mid Coast Auto	909 S 74th St, West Allis	They are very affordable, timely, friendly and close to the hospital complex. We have used them multiple times for my VW Jetta. They specialize in import cars Phone: 414-604-2000

Child services and activities

Business	Location	Comments
Betty Brinn Children's Museum	Downtown Milwaukee on Wisconsin Ave.	Downtown location with hands-on exhibits for all ages. Your spouse can get a free pass if they ever rotate through Children's Hospital.
Becky Borkovec (babysitter)		Just graduated law school. Phone: 414-587-2409 Email: Rebecca.Borkovec@marquette.edu
Kat Borkovec (babysitter)		In college and interested in speech therapy. If Kat can't babysit she checks with her sisters to see if they can. Phone: 414-587-0674 Email: borkove5@uwm.edu
Liz Borkovec (babysitter)		Just graduated and took tests toward becoming an occupational therapist. Phone: 414-587-2408 Email: LBorkovec2@gmail.com
Bright Horizons	Watertown Plank Road (very close to Froedtert)	My son attended preschool here three days a week. He attended a Bright Horizons center in Texas before we moved, and we like their curriculum. The facility is well-kept and security/safety is a priority - drills every month, EpiPens in all rooms, etc. Conveniently located by the hospitals. More expensive than other options.
Grandma's House	2 locations in Wauwatosa; also in Brookfield and Hartland.	Quality daycare for an affordable price with multiple locations in the area. Wait list is typically not horrible.
Havenwoods State Forest	6141 N. Hopkins St.	Free hour-long story times every other Tuesday; usually includes a short nature walk and craft.
Katie Katschke (babysitter)		Friend of the Borkovec sisters. They've known her at least 10 years and say she has tons of experience and is great with kids. Phone: 414-861-2008 Email: katschkekat@gmail.com
Betsy Katschke		Friend of the Borkovec sisters. They've known her

(babysitter)		at least 10 years and say she has tons of experience and is great with kids. Babysat for an RSA member when the Borkovec sisters were unavailable. Phone: 414-526-1002.
Kids in Motion	14135 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin	Indoor complex offering themed areas with hands-on activities, plus play equipment & laser tag.
Lutheran Home Children's Center	76th & North	Well-kept day care near the library in Wauwatosa. Waitlist can be especially long so call early!
Milwaukee County Zoo	10001 W. Bluemound Road	The zoo pass is beyond worth it! Pays for itself in 2 visits!
Milwaukee Public Library – central branch	814 W. Wisconsin Ave.	Central is our favorite branch within the Milwaukee Public Library system. They have a huge children's library and awesome children's programs.
Milwaukee Recreation Department		http://www.milwaukeeerecreation.net/
Kayla Redford (babysitter)		Friend of the Borkovec sisters. They've known her at least 10 years and say she has tons of experience and is great with kids. Phone: 414-334-5068 Email: kkehlert89@gmail.com
The Big Back Yard	2857 S. 160th St., New Berlin	Great for kids with lots of energy. Indoor playground for children ages 0-8. Offers times for free play plus parties & classes.
Wauwatosa Public Library	7635 W. North Ave.	Free story times throughout the year, nice children's area, book sales twice annually (April/May and Sept./Oct.).
Wauwatosa Recreational Department	12011 W. North Ave.	Members' children have enjoyed Paint and Play Club especially. Classes are offered each season and a book of classes is sent to local residents.
Wildcard Gymnastics	3545 N. 127th St., Brookfield	
YMCA ballet (Wauwatosa)	2420 N. 124th St.	
Zoo Camps	10001 W. Bluemound Road	Classes with a parent (no siblings allowed) or solo for 4 yrs and up; lots of fun activities plus a zoo tour to see some of the animals; cheaper if you have a Zoo Pass.

Dentists

Business/Practitioner	Location	Comments
Dr. Tikalsky	Hwy. 100 & Bluemound	Friendly, easy-going and remembers his patients.
Elmbrook Family Dental	Brookfield	The office is very clean and comfortable and all of the staff are super nice. Phone: 262-784-7201
Highland Park Family Dentistry	6101 W. Vliet St.	The whole family receives dental care here. Phone: 414-475-9035
Small World Dentistry	Brookfield	Kids dentistry.

Hair, nails and beauty

Business/Practitioner	Location	Comments
Carenza	Brookfield	Kylie is awesome!
Exquisite Threading	One Mayfair Place- Next to Starbucks	They do excellent eyebrow threading work.
Freya	Bay View	Multiple members go here and see Molly, Maria and Tess.
Fusion Hair Salon	6115 W. North Ave.	By appointment only. Susan and Kelly are the stylists. Susan is very nice and fixed a disaster of a haircut for me after someone else cut my hair.

		Phone: 414-218-6922
Gloss Nail Salon	Lower East Side	Services are reasonable prices, salon is super clean, everyone is awesome to work with!
Lovely	Bay View	Aveda salon – Chanel is a great stylist.
Luxe the Salon	Shorewood	Eco-friendly products.
Nails for You	124 th & North	No appointment necessary & everyone does a great job waxing your eyebrows for a good price.
Neroli	3 rd Ward	Lauren is really great, and it is an Aveda salon, which I love.
Regis Salon	Mayfair Mall	Great prices, clean salon. Chewy (woman) is a junior stylist that does cuts like a senior.
Sevva	229 N. Water St.	Excellent no-chip manicures by Bee, very clean.
The Establishment Salon	Whitefish Bay	Ali and Jess are both highly recommended stylists.
Tip to Toe	6810 W. State St.	Members have their eyebrows waxed here; cheap and good service

Home repair and services

Business/Practitioner	Service	Comments
Miles D., LLC/Michael Dindorf	Handyman	He does remodeling, restoration and home improvement. Nice guy. We were happy with his work. Phone: 414-708-9528
2 nd Life Hope Repair	Handyman	Nice guy. Does good work, reasonably priced, has a wait time since he is very busy.
Bob Lurie Glass Corp.	Glass repair	Did an excellent job replacing broken windows for a fair price. Phone: 414-351-0400
K&M Tiling Services	Tiling	Adam is a great guy. If you pay cash, he will lower the price. Knows other service people. Phone: 414-378-3475
Integrated Plumbing	Plumbing	Reasonably priced plumber – cheaper than most in the area. Very professional, work is thorough. Contact is Adam Harwood. Phone: 414-427-5008 http://www.integratedplumbingservices.com/
R. Kranz Services	Drywall/plaster	Ron Kranz does great work and has been serving the extended family of an RSA member for a couple decades. Phone: 414-332-8269

Pet services

Business	Location	Comments
Doggy Office (Day care and boarding)	Multiple locations	Great people who really get to know your dog.
Elm Brook Vet Clinic	150 N. Janacek Road, Brookfield	Dr. Yehle is FANTASTIC!
Happy Endings No-Kill Shelter	5349 W. Forest Home Ave.	Phone: 414-744-3287 http://happyendings.us/ They are so loving and really take care of their kitties. Hours are weird but it is worth the wait. You can visit with your kitty of choice as long as you want.
Pet U	6120 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee	Phone: 414-766-1100 Dog boarding and training. They accept aggressive breeds/dogs, which most places around here do not. Their rates are reasonable and they provide great service.
Shorewood Animal Hospital	2500 E. Capitol Dr., Shorewood	Members said the care their animals received was beyond their expectations. Especially during end of

		days care.
Specialty Pure Bred Cat Rescue	Various	http://www.purebredcatrescue.org/ A member adopted their cat from this rescue. These people are amazing and the animals are very well cared for!
Wauwatosa Veterinary Clinic	2600 N. Wauwatosa Ave.	Phone: 414-475-5155 http://www.wauwatosavet.com/ They have fit a member's pet in on short notice when he was having respiratory distress. Every vet/tech has been patient and very kind to their animals. Pricing is reasonable, good hours, good parking.
West Allis Vet Clinic	11504 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis	They do boarding. The entire staff is great, and the prices aren't ridiculous.

Physicians and medical services

Practitioner	Specialty	Location	Comments
Debbie Pollesch	Lactation Consultant	North Ave., Wauwatosa	
Dr. Ana Caban Cardona	Pediatrics & primary care	North Hills Health Center, Menomonee Falls	Practices both internal medicine and pediatrics; can be a primary care provider for adults & children.
Dr. Rahmouna Farez	OB-GYN	Moorland Reserve Health Center and Froedtert Specialty Clinics	
Dr. Jessica Francis	OB-GYN	Froedtert	Did her residency at MCW; smart, friendly and quick to respond if you have any issues
Dr. Rachel Johnson	Pediatrics & primary care	North Hills Health Center, Menomonee Falls	Practices both internal medicine and pediatrics; can be a primary care provider for adults & children.
Dr. Paul Lemen	OB-GYN	Froedtert	Dr. Paul Lemen
Dr. Michael Lund	OB-GYN	Froedtert Clinic (Froedtert Hospital)	Phone: 414-805-4777
Dr. Lara Totzke	Pediatrics	Menomonee Falls	Phone: 262-255-2500
Dr. Steve Malcom	Internal medicine/ pediatrics	Froedtert Clinic (Plank Road, Wauwatosa)	Husband of a former RSA member. He's fantastic, takes time with patients, explains things well, and is accessible. Practices both internal medicine and pediatrics; can be a primary care provider for both adults & children. Currently not accepting new patients, only newborns.
Dr. Timothy Klatt	OB-GYN	Froedtert Specialty Clinics	
Dr. Veth	Optometry	Wauwatosa Village	Be Spectacled is a popular eye care center for multiple members.
Dr. Emilee Yamdagni	Pediatrics	Mayfair Pediatrics	
Wauwatosa Pediatrics	Pediatrics	86 th & North	This is a wonderful group of doctors; nice practice and great location

Places of worship

Faith/Denomination	Congregation	Location	Comments
Christian/Lutheran	Mt. Zion	Wauwatosa	Very welcoming. Traditional and contemporary services. Young kids welcome during service.
Lutheran	St. John's Wauwatosa	1278 Dewey Ave	Services at 8 and 10:30 every Sunday, Bible classes, nursery and Sunday School at 9:15; excellent preaching and teaching; lots of families with children in both services so you don't have to worry if your child makes a bit of noise or wiggles around.
Non-denominational Christian	Elmbrook Church	777 S. Barker, Brookfield	A great church with lots of ministries for the whole family!
Non-denominational	Mercy Hill Church	Bay View	Young families with children. Fantastic children program/youth group. Located in the old Hide House. http://www.mercyhill.org/
Unitarian Universalism	Unitarian Universalist Church West	Brookfield	Very welcoming and non-judgmental. "Come as you are and leave inspired" is their motto. Encourages questioning, dialogue, spiritualism, social action, and community.

Professional services

Business	Service	Comments
Amanda Pfeiffer Photography	Newborn/child Photographer	She did our daughter's first year photos and we loved them! Owns Hush Little Lanie boutique in Merton as well. http://amandapfeiffer.com/
Chris Fugman	Financial Planning	Northwestern Mutual affiliated; works with numerous RSA families and MCWAH residents. He's extremely knowledgeable about financial and insurance products and services tailored for physicians. He's helpful and never pushy. He has many recommendations and strategies regarding how and when to take advantage of better rates on various policies during and after residency/fellowship. Also just a great guy, fun to talk to, will come to you, etc.
Dan McDermott McDermott, Foley & Wilson, LLP	Estate planning and other legal services	http://www.mfwlawfirm.com/ Fair pricing, easy to work with. He is up front about costs and his thoughts on what you really need for your situation. He helped us specifically with estate planning.
Rachel Monaco-Wilcox	Legal Service	She teaches at Mt. Mary; she will come to your house and help with wills/trusts at a reasonable price Phone: 414-793-7293
Jina Gudex Photography	Photography	Sister-in-law of an RSA member. Does newborn/child photography, maternity, family sessions and senior portraits. Very reasonable prices. https://jinagudexphotography.com/

Realtors

Practitioner	Affiliation	Comments
Beth Jaworski	Shorewest Realtors	A member had an exceptional experience with

		Beth & her assistant Wendy. Felt they went above and beyond.
Jess Jaskie	Remax Associates	Phone: 414-374-3841 Email: jessjaskie@gmail.com
Joseph Deklotz	Real Estate Advisors	Phone: 262-226-8376 http://reawi.com/
Kathy Burnett	Shorewest Realtors	burnett@shorewest.com , call or text 414-477-5727, Website: www.kburnett.com Serves as volunteer housing coordinator for MCWAH – aids residents/fellows in finding rentals and listings
Kay Ripp	Coldwell Banker	Brookfield, (262) 488-1056

Restaurants, cafes and coffee shops

Business	Location	Comments
AJ Bombers	1247 N. Water St., Downtown	Kitschy joint for burgers, beer & shelled peanuts where customers write on the wall with markers.
Balzac	1716 N. Arlington Place Lower East Side	Wine bar
Beans & Barley	1901 E. North Ave., Downtown	Organic/vegetarian
Bel-Air Cantina	Multiple locations	Amazing Mexican food. \$2 tacos on Tuesday and Thursday.
Blue's Egg	317 N. 76th St., Wauwatosa	Breakfast/lunch place. Very busy on weekends, but usually worth the wait. The eggs Benedict is amazing.
Bryant's Cocktail Lounge	1579 S. 9th St.	RSA favorite! Oldest cocktail lounge in the city with HUNDREDS of drinks to choose from. Part of the fun is the lack of menu!
Café Hollander	Multiple locations	Great beer selection.
Casablanca on Brady	728 E. Brady St., Downtown	Middle Eastern
China East	6810 W. State St., Wauwatosa	Consistently great Chinese food.
City Market	Various	Sandwiches and bakery
Classic Slice	2797 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View	Pizza
Colectivo	Multiple locations	Great coffee roaster with excellent bakery and food selections. Also a great place to hang out work or read.
Cosmos Cafe	7203 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	Greek food. The pitas and gyros here are out of this world. The hamburgers are pretty amazing, too. Do yourself a favor and try a jerk chicken pita!
Cranky Al's	6901 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	Mom and pop place with great homemade pastries, pizza and the best coffee on a Sunday morning.
Elephant Café	1505 N. Farwell Ave., Lower East Side	Delightful Thai restaurant.
Fat Valdy's	5108 W. Bluemound Road	Great Mexican food. \$2 tacos, margarita and beer specials on Mondays.
Firefly Urban Bar & Grill	7754 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa	American
Fuel Cafe	818 E Center St Riverwest	Punk-rock vibe serving coffee, sandwiches, baked goods & vegan options.
Fujiyama	Hwy. 100 & Oklahoma	Sushi/hibachi grill
Gilles Frozen Custard	7515 W. Bluemound Road	Rivals Kopp's for delicious frozen custard, sundaes, burgers and fries.
HoneyPie Café	2643 S. Kinnickinnic	Great brunches on weekend, artful Bloody Mary's,

	Ave., Bay View	and you HAVE to try the pie!
Hotch Spot	1813 E. Kenilworth Place	Pizza, burgers & sandwiches plus weekend brunch.
Juniper 61	6030 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	Modern American
Kopp's	Multiple locations	The best custard around (some would argue). Flavor of the days, and amazing burgers and fries. Fun to eat outside in the warmer months.
La Fuente	92nd & Bluemound	Mexican
Le Reve	7610 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa	Delightful French cuisine and out of this world desserts in a two-story building that used to be a bank.
Lalli's Pizza	8826 W. North Ave.	Pizza, subs, and Italian meals. Cash only.
Lazy Susan	2378 S. Howell Ave., Bay View	Casual fine dining.
Maharaja	1550 N. Farwell Ave. Downtown	Indian
Maxie's	6732 W. Fairview Ave.	Cajun, Creole & BBQ restaurant
Mekong Café	60 th & North	Thai, Laotian & Vietnamese cuisine plus a lunch buffet.
The Noble	704 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee	Limited (but delicious) menu that changes regularly. Small place with awesome drinks; great for a date night.
North Avenue Grill	7225 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa	American café. Outside dining in the warmer months. Outstanding food and always friendly service.
Odd Duck	2352 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Bay View	American shared-plate menu
Pattaya	92 nd & Center	Great Thai food.
Pizzeria Piccola	7606 W. State St., Wauwatosa	Wood-fired personal pizzas.
Purple Door Ice Cream	205 S. 2nd St., Downtown	Fun, funky flavors that change daily.
Riverwest Co-op	733 E. Clarke St. Riverwest	Excellent selection of vegan and vegetarian foods.
Riverwest Pizza	930 E. Wright St.	Pizza
Rocket Baby Bakery	Wauwatosa & Bay View	Contemporary bakery
Simple Cafe	2124 N. Farwell Ave., East Side	Breakfast café
Solo Pizza	2856 N. Oakland Ave.	Wood fired, thin crust pizza
Comet Café	1947 N. Farwell Ave., East Side	Comfort food with vegetarian options
The Pasta Tree	1503 N. Farwell Ave., Downtown	Italian
Valentine Coffee	5918 W. Vliet St.	Local roaster, pour over coffee, yummy pastries.
Water Buffalo	249 N. Water St., Third Ward	American

Schools

School	Location	Comments
Elmbrook Preschool	Brookfield	Formerly known as Wauwatosa Nursery School. A wonderful hands-on preschool with great teachers. Curriculum includes music and movement with certified music and PE teachers. Truly a great overall learning experience for your child.
Heritage Christian	Elm Grove	3 yr & 4 yr. Great Christian school with

Preschool		wonderful teachers and extended care programs
Milwaukee Public Schools	Milwaukee	Starts in K3
Valley View Elementary	Menomonee Falls	
Wauwatosa Public Schools	Wauwatosa	Starts in K4 with registration beginning in February.

Specialty stores

Store	Location	Comments
Avalon Theater	2473 S. Kinnickinnic Ave,	Old stage theater converted into modern two-screen movie theater, comfy chairs, wait service with food/alcohol/beverages.
Boswell Books	Downtown 2559 N. Downer Ave.	Independent bookstore with interesting activities from time to time.
Children's Orchard	14145 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin	Children's resale/consignment
Rosebud Theater	6823 W. North Ave.	One-screen movie theater that shows current movies. Comfy loveseats to sit in instead of theater seat. Drink specials to go along with the movie and multiple dining options.
Sharehouse Goods	55 th & North	Coffee shop inside a consignment store with a large variety of goods
The Elegant Farmer	Mukwonago	Amazing brown bag apple pie! Harvest festival in September/October with a corn maze & other activities for the family. Other festivals through the year. East Troy Railroad is connected to the parking lot & is worth the ticket price – especially on the warm summer days!
The Spice Store	Multiple locations	Family owned and great spices
They Grow Like Weeds	Glendale	Children's resale/consignment
Times Cinema	5906 W. Vliet St.	Affiliated with Rosebud but with theater seats. Beverage and dining options.
U-turn Consignment Shop	68 th & North	Fun consignment store right by popular restaurants on North Ave. Name brands and good selection.
Welkes House of Roses	56 th & North	Florist with nice arrangements. Fridays they often offer 50 percent off loose flower bunches.
Wisconsin Cheese Mart	215 W. Highland Ave., Downtown	Best selection of cheeses in town! Great area of the city to explore, too.

Tourism, entertainment and sporting activities

Activity	Location	Comments
Atwater Beach	Shorewood	Attracts more families.
Barthel Fruit Farm	Mequon	A great place to pick apples in the fall. They have other produce to pick throughout the year as well.
Bradford Beach	2400 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive	Volleyball leagues and tournaments hosted here. Popular among younger adults/college students.
Brewcity Bruisers	Downtown	Local roller derby teams. Bouts January – May.
Downtown Cedarburg	Cedarburg	Neat history tour at Halloween. Super cute winter festival. Fun to visit the winery.
Harley-Davidson Museum	Downtown	Large museum with a lot of great exhibits, some are interactive. Restaurant on site with good food. Bike nights hosted weekly.
Ice skating at Red Arrow Park	Downtown	
Lakefront Brewery	East side	Microbrewery with tours. On the waterfront and they offer Friday Fish Fries.
Milwaukee Brewers	Miller Park	Major League Baseball team
Milwaukee Community	Lakefront	Sailing lessons, can check out boats, social

Sailing Center		events
Milwaukee County Zoo	10001 W. Bluemound Rd.	A really great zoo. Love the big cat house. Worth getting a ZooPass.
Mitchel Park Domes	524 S. Layton Blvd.	Tropical, desert & show domes/indoor gardens. Nice to visit in the winter.
Milwaukee Public Market	Third Ward	
Pabst Mansion	Near Marquette University.	Beer baron's mansion. Gorgeously decorated for the winter holidays.
Rein Dance Farms	Cedarburg	Riding stables. Hunter/jumper lessons, training, boarding.
Rent paddleboats at Veteran's Park	Downtown	
Sprecher Brewery	701 W. Glendale Ave.	Quick, cheap tour of the brewery that includes multiple beer samples and all-you-can drink sodas in the beer garden. Pick up bottles of soda/beer to take home for a great price per case or bottle!
Summerfest	Henry W. Maier Festival Grounds	World's largest music festival. Late June/early July.
Wauwatosa 4 th of July Parade	North Ave.	
Wauwatosa Yoga	64 th & North	
Wisconsin State Fair	State Fairgrounds	State Fair is held in August annually. Come for the food, the rides, and especially the cream puffs!

Miscellaneous

Recommendation	More details	Comments
Milwaukee Magazine	Monthly periodical	It gives a rundown of new shops, restaurants and bars in the city. Good article and essays.
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Daily newspaper	Weekend Cue (Friday's paper) gives a great rundown of what's happening in town.
Orangetheory Fitness	Fitness facility in Brookfield.	A great full-body group strength and cardio workout that you don't have to plan yourself. Great trainers.
Xperience Fitness	Gym	Multiple locations. Very affordable. The one in Hales Corners has a nice lap pool.