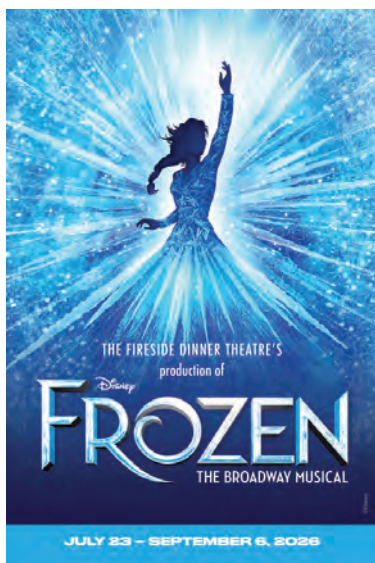


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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FRIENDS



**“Disney and The Fireside
were meant for each other.”**

- Ed Flesch
Artistic Director

The
FireSide

FROZEN IS DISNEY & THE FIRESIDE AT THEIR BEST!

IN 1928, WALT DISNEY CREATED THE FIRST TALKING CARTOON - “STEAMBOAT WILLIE” STARRING MICKEY MOUSE. IN 1937, DISNEY MADE THE FIRST FULL LENGTH ANIMATED FILM - “SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS.” IN 1955, DISNEY OPENED THE WORLD’S FIRST THEME PARK - DISNEYLAND - AND HAD TWO POPULAR TV SHOWS, ALL THE WHILE PRODUCING CLASSIC ANIMATED FILMS AND LIVE ACTION MOVIES.

Then in 1994, Disney came to Broadway!! In April of that year the Broadway musical version of Disney’s animated film BEAUTY AND THE BEAST opened and was a tremendous hit. That was followed by a number of hit Broadway adaptations of Disney films - THE LION KING, THE LITTLE MERMAID, ALADDIN to name a few.

In 2013, Disney’s blockbuster hit movie FROZEN was the highest grossing film of the year and won two Academy Awards. It was only a matter of time before this spectacular musical made its way to Broadway, which happened in 2018. Now, after an agonizing wait, it has finally made its way to our stage at The Fireside!”

This summer the Fireside will present our debut production of this time-honored story based on Hans Christian Anderson’s story “The Snow Queen.”

FROZEN is Disney at its best - a story filled with magic, adventure, humor, beauty, and an unforgettable musical score including the wildly popular song “Let It Go!” Spectacle aside, at its heart FROZEN is a timeless tale of family, acceptance, redemption, and love!

It’s the kind of show that is tailor-made for The Fireside. Our theatre-in-the-round envelopes the audience and allows them to become a part of the enchanted kingdom of Arendelle and feel what the characters are feeling in a way few other theatres can do. *(continued)*

Disney and The Fireside were meant for each other.

Don't miss this chance to see one of Disney's and The Fireside's finest when we present FROZEN THE MUSICAL this summer!

Ed Flavel

Scene from the original Broadway production of Disney's FROZEN.



Memories from our previous Disney productions of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, THE LITTLE MERMAID, and NEWSIES.



**CELEBRATING
62 YEARS
OF KLOPCIC
FAMILY
HOSPITALITY!**



Donna Schraufnagel leads the 100 year old Cudahy Senior Vagabonds Club!

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER!

Donna Schraufnagel has led the Cudahy Vagabonds since 2008, a Milwaukee area social club that has only had three or four leaders in their 100 year history. They're an independent group that's grateful to the Cudahy High School for allowing them to meet monthly in the auditorium. With a membership of 290 people, they regularly have about 125 attend their meetings so they need a nice-sized venue.

These active Cudahy seniors are largely in their late 70's and 80's with their oldest member being 94. There are some in their 60's and a few 50's and anyone over 21 is welcome to join in the fun. Even some from out of Milwaukee area, as far away as Jacksonville, Florida are members! She tries to keep all trips as affordable as possible. Often, that's what brings new members in and once they've been on a trip they're happy to join the group.

Their meetings and word-of-mouth are their only means of promoting the group's activities which include monthly trips to places like The Fireside and Milwaukee's Skylight Theatre and Memories Ballroom. Every May they take a four to five day trip and every September a seven to nine day one. This year's are to Nashville and New Hampshire's White Mountain area. Each one has about a two month sales window.

Donna didn't have a career in travel or even much experience traveling herself before she took charge of the club. What she did have, was a passion for it, and a desire to see it continue. When the previous leader was stepping down, and nobody else was stepping up, Donna took it on and is glad she did. She spends two to three days a week researching places to go or events to attend, making arrangements with the venue and the bus company, and choosing a place for lunch if that needs to be a separate stop.

What's in it for her, you might ask? Donna feels blessed to be able to help her fellow single seniors have these special events to look forward to, a lunch out at least once a month, fostered friendships that live on outside the club between meetings, and the shared experiences with moments of joy we all need. She understands that most people won't go out by themselves, many wouldn't drive to a place outside their comfort zone, yet they do want and enjoy the fun of live theatre, baseball, museums, or whatever the adventure is.

This summer, the Cudahy Senior Vagabonds have a tour booked for our production of Disney's FROZEN. Donna saw it with her grandchildren and loved it so she's hopeful others in the group will,

“I'm not always successful, but I try, and it's good for me, too. My goal is to get people out enjoying themselves. That's what makes me happy.”

too. She also makes their trips fun along the way by playing games on the coach, showing movies, having raffle prizes or even a football pool during Packer season. She always keeps something going on.

It's important for every group to have a back-up plan and Donna has a Vice President who also knows how to run the tours. Being 88 herself, she plans to start transitioning out of the leadership role. It's very important that whoever takes over loves the club as much as she does. She wants to see it continue and thrive.

“Without this club I wouldn't have had the opportunities I've had to see and do so many wonderful things,” Donna remarked. “This is a wonderful group of people. They're dear friends who keep me going and make sure I'm OK. I love them all very much!”

We can hardly wait to see Donna and her friends at FROZEN this summer. They're going to have a marvelous time!

**KNOW
WHAT'S
NEW!**

THE FIRESIDE'S GARDEN SHOP OPENING IS THE BEST SIGN OF SPRING!

Every year when our Garden Shop is closed for winter we miss its vibrant colors and the promise of sun-filled days enjoying the beauty of nature. Yet behind the scenes, our buyers are awaiting the arrival of new merchandise specially chosen to bring you happiness in the coming spring and summer.

Once it all arrives, the many hours of unpacking and assembling begin. Box after box are opened. Stakes and spinners and chimes and sculptures come to life, and the excitement begins to mount.

Then, our Display Manager and her team work their magic creating each display to showcase each item so you can imagine them in your own home and yard and garden. Now, the 2026 Garden Shop is open for your enjoyment, and we could not be more excited!



What will you take home to brighten up your life?



Our March weather was anything but predictable. Will our summer weather actually be FROZEN? Of course not, but I can predict our dinners will be delicious!

If you've been a fan of our Pretzel Crusted Chicken or our Grilled Pork Ribeye you're sure to love the Pretzel Pork Ribeye. It was a huge hit with the management team when we first created it. The Grilled Mahi Mahi is a new favorite of fish lovers and our Homemade Lasagna is perfect when you want traditional, wholesome comfort food.

We're pleased to start these meals with our Signature Salad topped with our famous Papaya Chutney Dressing and top them off with our Flourless Chocolate Cake.

If you're bringing some young ones with you to see FROZEN we have several meal choices for them, too. Be sure to ask your Group Sales representative for more information. We look forward to serving you soon!

Joey Scott, Sous Chef



SEE
WHAT'S
COOKING

FEATURED MENU

For Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Matinees,
Saturday Evenings,* and Sunday MIDDAY.

Signature Salad

Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Kiwi, and Strawberries over Fresh Garden Greens, sprinkled with Sesame Croutons and our famous Papaya Chutney Dressing.

Freshly Baked Breads from our Artisan Bakery

Pretzel Pork Ribeye

A succulent Boneless Pork Loin Chop rolled in our Seasoned Breadcrumbs and Pretzel Pieces, seared until perfectly tender and resting on a delicate Stone Ground Mustard and Cream Sauce.

Grilled Mahi Mahi

A beautiful filet of Mahi-Mahi kissed on our grill, lathered with a Lemon Butter Sauce and dressed with a Fresh Mango Sauce.

Above entrées served with Au Gratin Sweet Potatoes and Roasted Squash.

Homemade Lasagna

A Traditional Favorite and we go big with this. Lasagna Noodles with layers upon layers of Ricotta Cheese, Herbs, and our own Hearty Meat Sauce, topped with Mozzarella Cheese. Served with Roasted Squash.

Vegetarian Lasagna

A vegetarian version of our Traditional Favorite, made with a variety of Yellow Squash, Zucchini, and Eggplant, layered with Ricotta Cheese, Herbs, and our Hearty Sauce, topped with Mozzarella Cheese. Served with Roasted Squash.

Flourless Chocolate Cake

Coffee, Tea and Milk

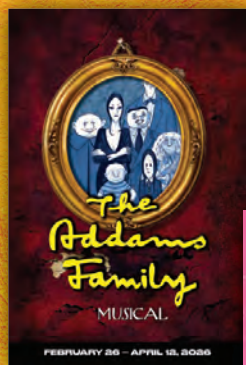
The Thursday Evening Signature Buffet begins with our Signature Salad topped with Papaya Chutney Dressing and served with Freshly Baked Breads. Enjoy two special entrée selections in addition to Beef Tenderloin and Roast Turkey from the Carving Station, Barbecued Pork Back Ribs, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Beer Batter Fried Cod, Shrimp and Scallops Fusilli with Tomato Butter Sauce, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Whipped Idaho Potatoes and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Flourless Chocolate Cake for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk.

The Sunday Matinee Brunch begins with Pastries from our Bakery and a Honey Glazed Fresh Fruit Medley with Yogurt and Natural Granola. Enjoy Roast Turkey and Jones Ham from the carving station with a buffet of Eggs Benedict on Jones Canadian Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Jones Bacon and Sausage Links, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Buttermilk and Chocolate Chip Pancakes, Breakfast Potatoes, a featured Beef Tenderloin dish, and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Flourless Chocolate Cake for dessert plus coffee, tea and milk.

Saturday Evening's menu also includes an Appetizer course.

Coming Shows!

We look forward to helping you promote your trips to The Fireside. Promotional materials can be ordered for any of our upcoming shows through Group Sales or on our website.



GROUP SALES CORNER



Our fifth show for 2026 is another family friendly show, Disney's FROZEN. I know everyone is just as excited about this show as I am, because believe it or not, it's selling fast!

For personal help with any of your bookings, call us at 920-563-9505 or email groupsales@firesidetheatre.com.

I'm just a kid at heart, so I wouldn't miss this chance to see FROZEN live on stage! Some of you may think FROZEN is not for you, that your group is just adults, maybe even senior citizens. Yet doesn't everyone like to experience the joy and wonder that makes them feel like a kid again?



Perhaps you could partner with a group that does have children - your church's youth group or your city's Park and Rec Department. Bringing children to experience live theatre and seeing the show through their eyes is one of life's greatest pleasures. So bring your own children, borrow your neighbor's, or just come anyway to enjoy this magical story of family and love. You will NOT be disappointed!



If you're still hoping to get a fall booking for COME FROM AWAY or a holiday booking for A CHRISTMAS STORY, now is the time for that, too.

You can always reach me or another Group Sales rep Monday through Friday from 11 - 5 at 920-563-9505, or email your question or request to groupsales@firesidetheatre.com. We're so excited about all the great things happening at The Fireside this year. Happy Traveling!

Franki Elmore

Franki Elmore, Group Sales Lead

GIFT SHOP SPOTLIGHT



Shop online anytime at firesidetheatre.com

Take a little piece of Arendelle home with you!

The magic of Disney's FROZEN doesn't stop when the show ends! Be sure to visit our gift shops to find the perfect keepsake from this unforgettable production. You'll find a wonderful selection of Frozen-themed merchandise, including plush characters, sparkling accessories, themed apparel, collectible souvenirs, and fun items for fans of all ages. Whether you're shopping for an Elsa fan, an Olaf lover, or simply looking for a special memory from the evening, there's something for everyone.



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GROUPS ARE OUR SPECIALTY - SO SPECIAL DISCOUNTS APPLY!

WHAT IS A GROUP?

At The Fireside, there are many benefits for any group of 13 or more people (18 for the Sunday Middy). Our prices include both dinner and the show, however gratuity is not included.

Hold seating with a small deposit while you finalize your count, due four weeks before your visit. For weekday matinees, 18 paid tickets earns a complimentary package. For all other shows every 20 paid tickets earns a comp. There is plenty of safe, free parking on-site for coaches and cars. The Fireside is accessible to guests with disabilities. Please let us know what special needs you have when making reservations.

- Save up to \$17.00 per person over individual ticket prices when you book a group of 13 or more. Please see our menu page for the menu choices for Disney's FROZEN.
- The three-course dinner and show for groups of 13 or more is \$84.93 (\$80.50 tax exempt) per person.
- The Premier Group Rate offers an additional discount of \$3.00 per person when your group attends a performance of FROZEN from July 23 - August 16, 2026.
- 2026 Premier Group Rate is \$81.76 (\$77.50 tax exempt) per person.
- The four-course Saturday Night Group rate is the same price as the other shows!
- 2026 Youth Group Rates for ages 14 and under with the youth meals are offered at \$61.72 (\$58.50 tax exempt) per youth.
- 2026 School Group Rates are available for Thursday and Friday matinees as low as \$74.50 tax exempt rate per student. Chaperones qualify for the Group Rate.