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Announcements

Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Visit the 2012 Home Expo and Chocolate Extravaganza at Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Pkwy. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 763-6044 with questions.

April 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Spring Election. Contact the City Clerk with questions at 342-1161.

April 6 - City offices closed for Easter.

May through October - Visit the Farmers' Market every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. in Wehmhoff Square, downtown Burlington. Visit burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com for more information.

May 25-28 - ChocolateFest 2012! Chocolate, food, music, games, events and a carnival. Visit chocolatefest.com for more information.

May 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Craft Fair at Echo Park. Admission is free. Contact Justin at 262-210-1428 for more information.

May 28 at 9 a.m. - Veteran's Memorial Day Parade starts at Kane Street at Edward Street. Contact Mike Deans at 763-2408 for information on how to participate in the parade.

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Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of March 5 - 9
- Week of March 19 - 23
- Week of April 2 - 6
- Week of April 16 - 20
- Week of Apr. 30 - May 4
- Week of May 14 - 18
- Week of May 28 - June 1
- Week of June 11 - 15

March Meetings

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| 3/6 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 3/6 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/7 | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 3/13 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 3/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 3/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/22 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 3/22 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 3/27 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |

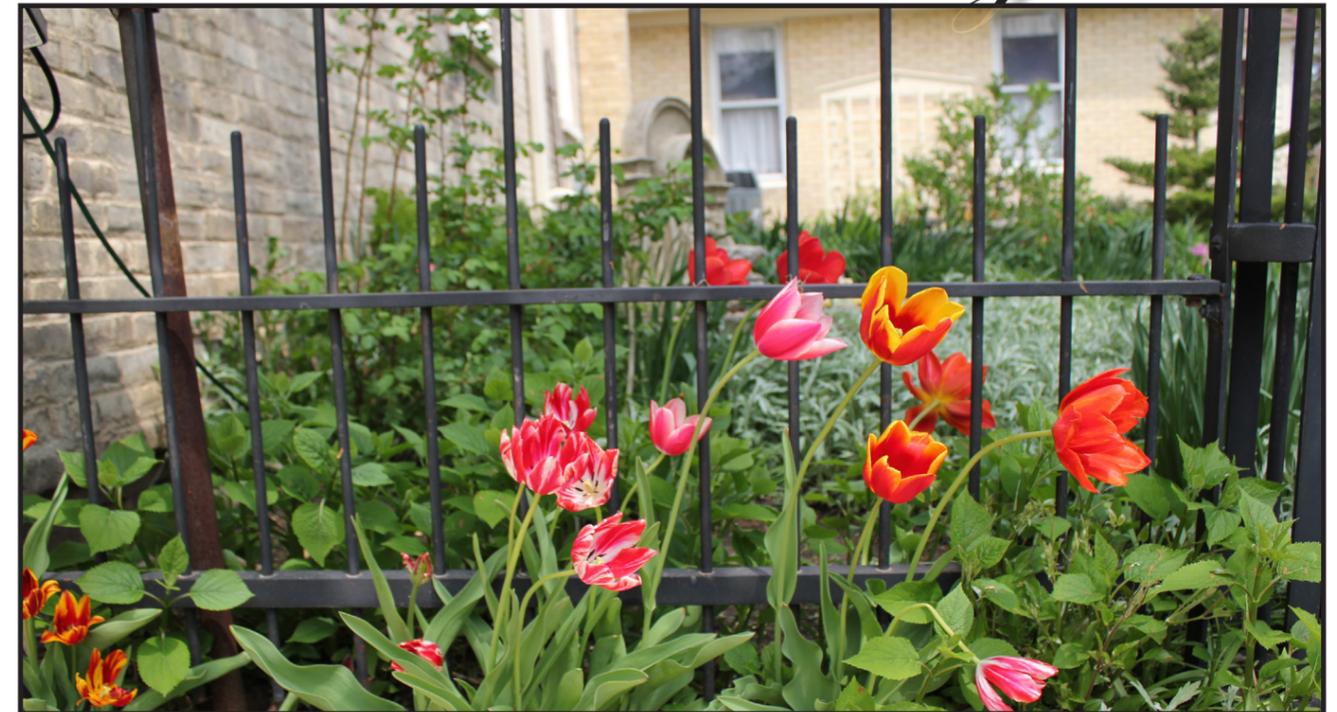
April Meetings

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| 4/4 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 4/4 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 4/4 | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 4/10 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 4/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 4/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 4/24 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 4/26 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 4/26 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

May Meetings

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| 5/1 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 5/1 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 5/2 | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 5/8 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 5/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 5/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
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Why Have My Trees Been Pruned?

Due to the mild winter this year the Department of Public Works has been trimming trees in the parkway as time allows. One reason for pruning trees is clearance from truck traffic however, there are other reasons to trim as well. When driving through residential areas tree branches need also to be kept at a height so as not to obstruct signs and also provide a clear sight triangle at intersections.

Trimming young trees is an art rather than science and is often subjective as to which branch, what shape, etcetera. The DPW's goal is

to trim trees when they are least susceptible to damage by insects (when dormant) and to shape trees when they are young.

Trees are trimmed when they are young for a couple different reasons. It is best to trim branches before they reach half an inch to one inch to help avoid large scars. Younger trees that are trimmed to have an evenly spaced distribution of branches help them develop their future structure with less removal of dead wood from the interior of the tree as it matures. Removing forked branches where there is no leader trunk and where bark may be included in the crotch of the tree is best done at the earliest time possible so the tree can establish a main trunk.

If a tree in your parkway is trimmed, you may find a pile of limbs left behind for a day



Clean Sweep to be Held April 28!

Join us for the 2012 Clean Sweep Program where you can dispose of household hazardous waste, electronics and prescription medicine on Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. With the help of Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grants, the City of Burlington, Town of Burlington, Town of Dover, Village of Rochester, Village of Union Grove and Village of Waterford have collaborated to hold this event at the City of Burlington Public Works Facility, 2200 S. Pine Street, Burlington.

You must be a resident of one of the listed communities and show current identification to participate in the program. Please separate chemicals, electronics, prescriptions, food, clothing and household items before drop off.

Hazardous waste materials are often labeled with indicator words such as "caution", "warning" or "danger". Material that may be toxic, ignitable, corrosive or reactive is also a likely candidate for disposal. **Latex paint will not be accepted.**

Electronic items include, but are not limited to, appliances, televisions, computers and related equipment, DVD players, personal electronics, phones and video game machines.

For a complete list of acceptable items

please visit the City's website at www.burlington-wi.gov or pick up a brochure at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street. Ammunition, explosives, medical waste, radioactive materials or syringes will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 539-3770.



Love, Inc. and St. Vincent DePaul will also be on site to collect food, clothing and household item donations for local charities.

or two as a different crew may have the chipper at the moment. Be assured that these limbs will be cleaned up and you will not need to call for brush pick up. Please call the Department of Public Works with any questions at 539-3770.

Public Works Seeks Your Opinion

The Department of Public Works seeks your opinion in an effort to find out citizen satisfaction with our brush pick-up services and drop off site. Please submit your comments, whether good or bad, or suggestions for improvement to this service. Please help us help you by letting us know what you think.

Direct your comments to Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor by mail at 2200 S. Pine Street in Burlington; by phone (262) 342-1183; or by email at djensen@burlington-wi.com.

Compost Site Opens April 1

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue will be opening Sunday, April 1, 2012. The site will remain free of charge to City residents. However, you will be asked to show identification that shows you are a City of Burlington resident. There will be an attendant on site at all times.

Hours of operation

Sunday - 12 to 6 PM
 Tuesday - 3 to 8 PM
 Thursday - 12 to 8 PM
 Saturday - 10 AM to 6 PM
 Closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 5" in diameter. No plastic bags, plastic containers, or foreign debris of any kind. No stumps or root balls will be allowed.

Need wood chips or compost?

Residents are able to take wood chips and compost from the compost site for free. You must load and haul the materials yourself.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at 539-3770 with questions.

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill April 19

As recently as this month, stories of deadly tornados have spread through the news. The National Weather Service and Wisconsin Emergency Management have scheduled the 2012 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill for Thursday, April 19, 2012. This drill is to help residents prepare a plan in the event of an actual tornado.

Drill Schedule

1:00 pm - National Weather Service issues a mock tornado *watch* for all of Wisconsin.

1:45pm - National Weather Service issues mock tornado *warning* for all of Wisconsin.

2:00 pm - End of mock tornado watch/warning drill.

This is a great opportunity for you to practice your tornado emergency plan with family, friends, and co-workers. Hundreds of schools will also participate in the drill. Then during tornado season, Listen, Act and Live. Don't ignore watches and warnings. Listen and take action. Every second counts. Don't wait... go to a safe place right away!

Why do this test?

The National Weather Service, Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association felt it was important to allow the public to truly test their NOAA Weather Radio receivers which can only be activated using a real Tornado Warning code. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) required a waiver for this Live Code Testing to be conducted. This code also triggers the alert to air on broadcast radio, TV and

cable stations. The ultimate goal of any drill is to test all electronic systems that alert Wisconsin citizens for impending severe weather that can result in the loss of life and property. Conducting a live, end-to-end drill accomplishes this goal by tone-alerting watches and warnings on NOAA Weather Radio and broadcasting them through media outlets.

What Can I Expect to Hear/See?

The test may look like regular, local EAS tests that most people are already familiar with, but there will be some differences in what viewers will see and hear. The audio message will repeat "This is a test." The video message scroll may not indicate "This is a test" due to programming limitations. The message will last for approximately one minute and then regular programming will resume.

Tornado Safety - Listen, Act, and Live

Help prepare for a tornado with these tips:

- In a home or building, avoid windows. Move to a basement, and get under a sturdy table or the stairs. A specially-constructed "safe room" within a building offers the best protection. Use an internet search engine and search for "safe room" for more information.

- If a basement is not available, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and cover yourself with anything close at hand: towels, blankets, pillows. If possible, get under a sturdy table, desk or counter. Put as many walls as possible between you and the storm.

- If caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to shelter, get into a vehicle, buckle your seatbelt and drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have two options as a last resort:

- Stay in the vehicle with the seatbelt on and place your head below the windows.

- If you can safely get noticeably lower than the roadway, exit the vehicle and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Do not seek shelter under an overpass.

- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes. You should leave a mobile home and go to the designated storm shelter or the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building.

- At school, follow the drill. Go to the interior hall or room. Crouch low, head down, and protect the back of your head with your arms. Stay away from windows and large open rooms like gyms and auditoriums.



Mock Decontamination Drill Scheduled for June 3

On Sunday June 3 at 8:00 AM there will be a large military presence arriving at the Burlington Memorial Hospital to conduct a decontamination drill. Training personnel will be setting up a military decontamination line and doing a live full-scale drill of their troops. Little information is known at this time what will occur however, activities may be seen in the parking lot as well as temporarily relocate the helicopter pad for the hospital. The objective of the drill is to have the military and private entities work together. This will be a great chance to make sure we can interface with multiple agencies on a local state and federal level. Although this may look life-like and a bit intimidating, it is only a drill to train military and hospital personnel in the event of a real emergency.





Rain Barrel Sale!

The City of Burlington Wastewater Treatment Plant is once again selling rain barrels! Pick up a 55-gallon recycled drum and help to do your part to conserve water and energy at the same time! Rain barrels are now selling for \$35 each!

Stop by 2100 S. Pine Street for a barrel or pick one up at the Home Expo on March 24 at Burlington High School.

HURRY!!! Supplies are limited!

Park Pavilion Reservations Available

Park reservations are now being taken for the 2012 season. A reservation will allow you to reserve pavilions within the parks for your special occasion. Park reservation fees are \$50 for City Residents and \$100 for non-residents. A refundable \$100 Security Deposit is required by all. The reservation fee includes use of the park pavilion, beverage holding tank, electric outlet, grills and other amenities.



Reservations can be made for: Bushnell, Devor, Echo, Echo Park Gazebo, Riverside, Wehmhoff-Jucker and McCanna Parks. Additional picnic tables and benches (benches for the gazebo only) are available upon request for \$5 each payable at the time of registration. Please check

availability by calling the Department of Public Works at 539-3770. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis, and must be made in person. No phone reservations taken.

Remember Bicycle Safety

Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle! Here are some safe riding tips:



Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet. Protect your brain, save your life.

Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit. Stand over your bicycle. There should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the top tube (bar) if using a road bike and 3 to 4 inches if a mountain bicycle. The seat should be level front to back. The seat height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level as the seat.

Check Your Equipment. Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly, inflate tires properly and check

that your brakes work.

See and Be Seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a

driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.

Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards. Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash. If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.

Bicycles in many states are considered vehicles, and cyclists have the same rights and the same responsibilities to follow the

rules of the road as motorists. When riding, always:

Go With the Traffic Flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow – not against it.

Obey All Traffic Laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you're a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.

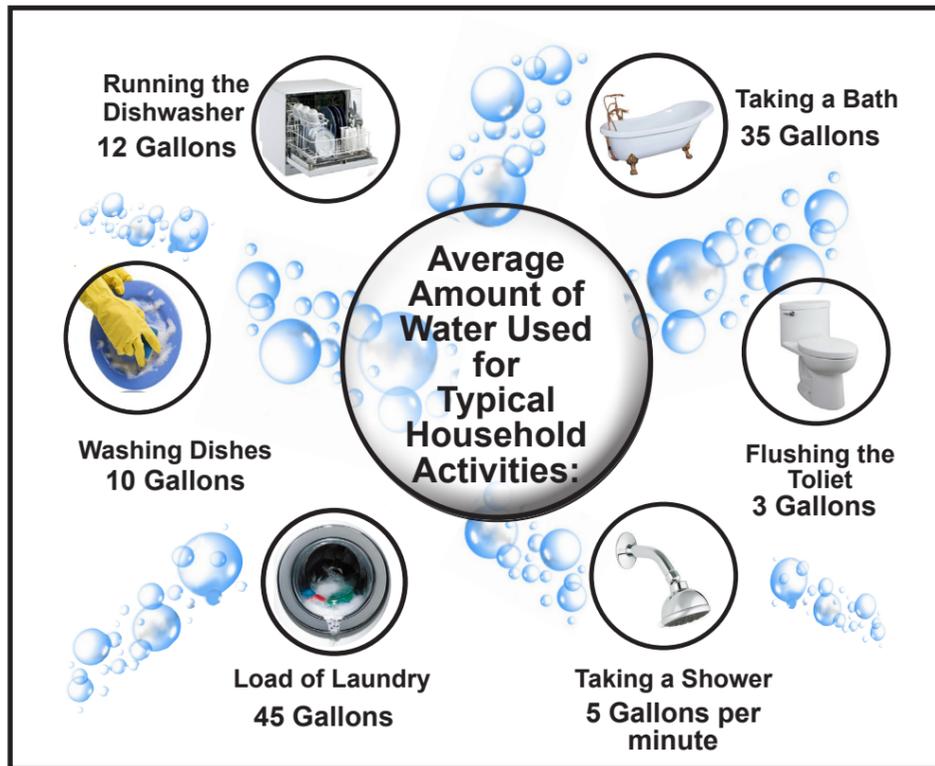
Stay Alert at All Times. Use your eyes and ears. Watch out for road hazards that could make you lose control of your bike. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset when you ride a bike.

Look Before Turning. When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left – or right – turning traffic.

Watch for Parked Cars. Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).

Water Saving Incentives

The Burlington Water Utility together with WayToSave Burlington, Lavelle Industries and Reineman's True Value have put together a water saving program for residents and businesses. See the attached flyer or visit the Home Expo and Reineman's True Value for more information!



Causes for Sewer Backups

In 2011, the City of Burlington Wastewater Treatment Collection System Crew responded to eleven calls for sewer backup problems. More often than not, the cause of a sewer backup is in the sewer lateral, not in the City's main sanitary sewer system. Sometimes items that are not intended for the sanitary system are flushed down the toilet such as toys, diapers, underwear, paper products (other than toilet paper), keys, and false teeth. To avoid flushing such items, remember to close the toilet lid after use. Also be aware that roots from trees or other vegetation close to the lateral can plug it.

The sewer lateral, from the house to the main collection system line, is the property owner's responsibility. If you suspect that your lateral is plugged, call the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 262-539-3646 before you call a plumber. We will check the sewer line in the street and inform you of our findings. If the problem is not in the main collection line, you may then wish to contact a plumber.

Visit the Dog Park!

Per City Ordinance, no dogs are allowed in City Parks. This also pertains to all ball fields. Dogs are however allowed at the City Dog Park. The Dog Park is located at 480 S. Calumet Street. Owners are welcome to bring their dogs to run and play with other dogs.

Dogs must be licensed and have all shots. They must also not be aggressive dogs.

Children under 18 are not allowed to bring dogs into the Dog Park unless accompanied by an adult. There are no charges for use of this park, however, please clean up after your dog with bags, which are provided on site.



Construction Projects for 2012

The City of Burlington is planning the 2012 construction season. Work includes the following projects:

Echo Park Bike/Pedestrian Path
A 10 ft. wide asphalt bike/pedestrian path will be installed in Echo Park, along the Milwaukee Ave. side, from the parking lot to the northerly lot line. This path will replace the existing narrow concrete sidewalk.

Bieneman Road Inlet Repair
The storm inlet will be repaired on Bieneman Rd. It is located at the southwest corner of the bridge structure, at the curb line.

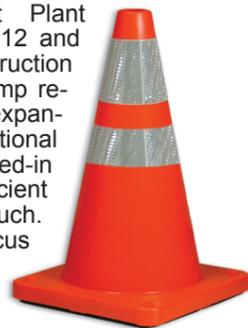
Handicap Ramps
A handicap ramp will be added at Cooper School, midblock on the Kendall St. side. One will also be replaced at Waller School, midblock on the Randolph St. side, to meet current standards.

Sidewalk Reconstruction
Sidewalks will be replaced at various locations around the City, where complaints have been received.

Pedestrian Signals
Pedestrian signals will be added at the crosswalk on W. State St. at Elmwood Ave.

McCanna Pkwy Sanitary Sewer
The sanitary sewer in the McCanna Parkway area, from Meadow Lane to E. State St. will be extended. This is necessary to accommodate the additional flow from the newly installed radium treatment equipment at Well No. 9, on Weiler Rd.

Wastewater Treatment Plant
An upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is planned for 2012 and 2013. This construction work includes pump replacement, plant expansion to allow additional capacity for hauled-in waste, energy efficient blowers and such. Grants from Focus On Energy are anticipated.



Programs For Children

Wii Gaming

Tweens, come game on Thursdays at the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. No registration necessary. Play is in a round-robin style. Check www.BurlingtonLibrary.com for inclement weather closings.

Dog Tales

Four certified therapy dogs visit the library every month to listen while kids read to them. Registration is required; please call or visit the library Circulation Desk to sign up. Buster, Mindy, Cyrus and Eli love stories of all kinds in every language! For more information, call Ms. Joy at 342-1140.

ABC, Music and Me

For parents or caregivers and their children 2-4 years, Family Smart/Kid Friendly Partnership along with music from Kindermusik International provides a fun way to sing, listen, move, play, learn, and build early literacy & language skills. This session runs Wednesdays, Mar. 14 through Apr. 18 from 9:30-10 a.m. There is no cost; for more information and to register, contact Linda Breuer, Children's Resources at Love, Inc. at 763-6226.

WannaWatchaMovie?

Kids, join us each weekday April 9-13 at 2 p.m. for newly released films, a different one each day! Check www.BurlingtonLibrary.com for movie titles and details, then call or visit the Circulation Desk to sign up! Free popcorn for every registrant.

BookFace Contest



Bookfacing is the photographic art of creating the illusion that a book cover is part of your face or body. Look for contest rules at the library and on the library's web site, www.BurlingtonLibrary.com, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/burlingtonwipubliclibrarypg. Entries will be voted on by library visitors as well as online.

Story Time – Read, sing, dance and play with Ms. Joy at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Mar. 6, 13, and 20; Apr. 17 and 24; and May 1. No registration necessary. The goal of Story Time is to encourage children to develop an interest in books and reading. Parents/guardians should be prepared to join their children on the Story Time rug to listen, sing, and learn some rhymes!

Programs For All Ages

Cordelia Harvey: Angel in a Gray Bonnet

Jessica Michna will portray Cordelia Harvey, wife of Wisconsin Governor Louis Harvey at Burlington Public Library on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 1:30 pm. Cordelia Perrine Harvey came to Wisconsin as a young school mistress. She would meet and marry Louis Harvey, who would rise to the governorship of Wisconsin. Cordelia's life unraveled when she was widowed after less than three months in the Governor's Mansion. Her husband's tragic drowning left Cordelia rudderless and without purpose. She would set aside her grief to become the healing angel of a nation wracked by civil war.

Mrs. Michna has appeared as Eleanor Roosevelt and Sari Semple at Burlington Public Library and is famous for her portrayals of Mary Todd Lincoln and Abigail Adams. Mrs. Michna's performances are compelling and emotionally enthralling. Audiences laugh along with her humorous anecdotes and share in her tears as she relates how the horrors of war have impacted families.



Professional Antique Appraisal

The final event for National Library Week at Burlington Public Library will be antique and collectible appraisals by certified antique appraiser Barbara Eash on Saturday, April 14 from 10am-2pm. Barbara is a member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America and is also the coordinator for Milwaukee Public Televisions annual Appraisal Fair. There is no charge so appraisals will be limited to one item per person. Rather than bring a large piece of furniture such as a dresser or desk, Barbara suggests bringing a drawer which is all she needs for an appraisal. She will not be evaluating firearms, coins or stamps.

Both programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information contact Judy at 342-1130.

Book Clubs

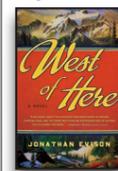
Join the Burlington Public Library Evening Book Club at 7 pm to discuss these titles:

March 26:



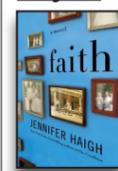
Wingshooters
by Nina Revoyr
Small town Wisconsin in the 70's where racial injustice rears its ugly head.

April 23:



West of Here
by Jonathan Evison
Two intertwined tales of the Olympic Mountain Range, one set in the past, the other 100 years later. This interplay between two generations shows how the dreams of the founders affect those living in the present day.

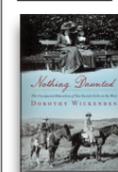
May 21:



Faith
by Jennifer Haigh
This is a frank and timely story of family and institutional heredity; the novel is a devastating portrait of a priest who discovers that he's also a man. FAITH is a haunting meditation on loyalty and family, doubt and belief.

Join the Burlington Public Library Afternoon Book Club at 1 pm to discuss these titles:

March 8:



Nothing Daunted
by Dorothy Wickenden
The true, unexpected education of two society girls in the Old West.

April 12:



The Family Fang
by Kevin Wilson
Not a vampire book! You think you live in a dysfunctional family? You should meet the Fang Family!

May 10: TBA

Spring Election April 3, 2012

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. This Presidential Preference Election ballot will include Local Municipal Offices (Mayor, Aldermen and Municipal Judge), School Board Offices, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge and County Nonpartisan Offices. A sample ballot will be posted to the City website about two weeks prior to the election.

Registration

Registration for voting is available at City Hall until Friday, March 30, 2012 at 5 p.m. Registration is also available at your polling location on Election Day. Proof of residence is required at registration time.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting will be available at City Hall beginning on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 8 a.m. and ending on Friday, March 30, 2012 at 5 p.m. A photo-ID must be presented before you may vote by absentee ballot.

Application

Any qualified absentee elector may make written application to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by one of the following methods:

- In person at the office of the City Clerk.
- By mail, email or fax to the City Clerk.
- By signing a statement delivered to the City Clerk indicating the elector is indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or is disabled for an indefinite period.

Any elector who is registered and who is hospitalized, may apply for and obtain an official ballot by agent.

A federal postcard registration and absentee ballot request form may be used to apply for an absentee ballot if the form is completed in such manner that the municipal clerk is able to determine that the applicant is an elector of this state and of the ward where the elector seeks to vote.

Polling Locations

The polling location for Wards 1-4 is Cross Lutheran Church, 126 Chapel Terrace with Wards 5-8 voting at Burlington United Methodist Church, 857 West State Street. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To determine your Ward please contact the

City Clerk at 342-1161 or visit the City Clerk webpage at www.burlington-wi.gov to view the District and Ward map.

Changes to Ward & District Boundaries



The Common Council recently passed an ordinance to redistrict the city in response to the 2010 Census. If it had been determined that your particular address had been reassigned to a different District, Ward and/or polling place you were notified by mail in February.

Visit the City website at www.burlington-wi.gov to view a District and Ward map to find your location or call City Hall at 342-1161.

Some Racine County Services Moving to City Hall

County Executive Jim Ladwig and Burlington Mayor Bob Miller announced that, effective the week of March 12, 2012, certain county services that have been provided at the Western Racine County Service Center (WRCS) will now be provided at the Burlington City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street.

Racine County emphasizes there will be no change in the availability of Human Services assistance at the WRCS, but that, due to state budget cuts, the county can no longer staff the service counter to provide County Clerk, County Treasurer, or Register of Deeds services. Services for those offices will move to City Hall and will be handled by specially trained city employees.

County services available at City Hall will be:

- Marriage license applications & issuance (County Clerk);
- Birth, death, and marriage certificates and real estate documents (Register of Deeds); and;

- Second installment of property tax payments and delinquent property tax payments (County Treasurer).



In return for the city's help with counter service, Racine County will provide the city eight hours of Human Resources staff assistance per week.

Both Racine County and the City of Burlington feel this arrangement benefits both all county residents and will help save taxpayers money by working together with our municipalities.

To permit movement of equipment and

training of employees, county services will start to be available at Burlington City Hall on Wednesday, March 14th.

Items Available at City Hall After March 14 Include:

- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Marriage Certificates
- Marriage Licenses
- Real Estate Deeds
- Payment of Property Tax (Year-round)

Please continue to call 767-2900 for Human Services (W2 services, Veteran Benefits, Child Support, etc.), Workforce Development, UW-Extension and County Court issues.