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COMMON COUNCIL**

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Announcements

**May through October** - Visit the Farmers' Market every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. in Wehnhoff Square, downtown Burlington. Visit [www.burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com](http://www.burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com) for more information.

**June 9-20:** Safety Town will be held 2 hours per day for two weeks. Contact the Burlington Jaycees for more information at [www.burlingtonjaycees.org](http://www.burlingtonjaycees.org).

**June 12 - Sept. 4:** B-Town Sounds every other Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Echo Park. Call 262.492.3697 for questions.

**July 4:** Burlington Firefighter Dance and July 4th fireworks at Echo Park starting at 2 PM.

**July 25-26:** Community-wide Yard Sale

**July 30 & 31:** Open Book to discuss your property assessment with the City Assessor. Call Accurate Appraisal at 800-770-3927 to schedule an appointment.

**August 27:** Board of Review from 4 to 6 PM. Contact the City Clerk at 342-1161 for more details.

**CITY STAFF DIRECTORY**

**City Hall**

**300 N. Pine Street - 342-1161**

Robert Miller	Mayor
Kevin Lahner	City Administrator
Megan Watkins	Director of Administrative Services
Steve DeQuaker	Treasurer/Budget Officer
Patrick Scherrer	Building Inspector
Diahnn Halbach	City Clerk

**Fire Department**

**165 E. Washington Street - 763-7842**

Perry Howard	Fire Chief
John Niederer	Fire Inspector

**Public Library**

**166 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1130**

Gayle Falk	Library Director
Joy Schupp	Youth Services Director
Carole Rybarczyk	Adult Services Director

**Police Department**

**224 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1100**

Peter Nimmer	Police Chief
Mark Anderson	Lieutenant

**Public Works - Streets/Parks/Water**

**2200 S. Pine Street - 539-3770**

Craig Workman	Public Works Director
Dan Jensen	Supervisor - Streets & Parks

**Public Works - Wastewater**

**2100 S. Pine Street - 539-3646**

Craig Workman	Public Works Director
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**Municipal Court**

**300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129**

Marvin Daniel	Municipal Court Judge
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**Recycling Collection Schedule**

- Week of June 8-14
- Week of June 22-28
- Week of July 6-12
- Week of July 20-26
- Week of August 3-9
- Week of August 17-23
- Week of Aug 31-Sept. 6
- Week of September 14-20

**June Meetings**

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 6/3  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 6/3  | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 6/3  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 6/10 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission     |
| 6/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 6/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board          |
| 6/24 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 6/26 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |
| 6/26 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |

**July Meetings**

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 7/1  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 7/1  | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 7/1  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 7/8  | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission     |
| 7/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 7/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board          |
| 7/22 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 7/24 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |
| 7/24 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |

**August Meetings**

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 8/5  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 8/5  | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 8/5  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 8/12 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission     |
| 8/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 8/21 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board          |
| 8/26 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 8/28 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |
| 8/28 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |

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## Pedestrian Safety Awareness Enforcement

In a continued effort to raise awareness of pedestrian safety measures in the city, the Burlington Police Department will again be implementing awareness initiatives this summer. Initiatives include undercover officers and volunteers utilizing various crosswalks throughout the city. Vehicles that fail to stop for pedestrians as required by law could be pulled over and face a citation.

Each year, cars, trucks and buses kill almost 6,000 pedestrians. Sixteen people are hit and killed each day somewhere in the U.S. Sixty pedestrians on average are killed each year in Wisconsin, and more than 1,600 suffer injuries. By using common sense, pedestrians and drivers can help prevent death and injury.

When operating a motor vehicle, the driver must yield to pedestrians who have started crossing at an intersection or crosswalk on a "walk" signal or green light if there is no walk signal. The driver must yield to pedestrians who are crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk (at an intersection where there are no traffic control signals). Drivers should not attempt to overtake and pass any vehicle that stops at an intersection or crosswalk to permit a pedestrian or bicyclist to cross the roadway safely.

Pedestrians should keep in mind this law only applies when crossing at a marked crosswalk or unmarked intersection. Pedestrians should always be diligent and take extra care in the evening hours. Never assume drivers can see you and obey traffic rules to reduce the chance of being struck by a motor vehicle.

Adults need to take special care to teach children to behave safely when they are around vehicular traffic. Supervision is crucial through about age 9. Motorists are also responsible for child pedestrian safety. Slow down in school zones, near parks, pools and in neighborhoods. Parents dropping off children at school are a major threat to walking children and to those leaving motor vehicles. Stay cautious after dropping off your own child.

Both drivers and pedestrians have certain safety responsibilities that depend on both circumstances and common sense.



### Common Myths & Facts

**Myth**  
 A "Walk" signal for the pedestrian means it is safe to cross.

**Fact**  
 A "Walk" signal means that the pedestrian has the right-of-way, but the pedestrian should still wait and search for vehicles before stepping into the street.

**Myth**  
 A pedestrian is always safe in a crosswalk.

**Fact**  
 Many pedestrians are in crosswalks when hit by a motor vehicle. Many motorists do not look for pedestrians when approaching a crosswalk, especially when preparing to make a turn. A motorist may be looking for a gap in traffic or is just distracted.

**Myth**  
 As a pedestrian, if you can see the driver of a motor vehicle, the driver sees you.

**Fact**  
 Don't assume that a driver sees you, even though it appears that the driver may be looking at you. Make sure the driver sees you by stopping for you before stepping into a vehicle's path.

**Myth**  
 Pedestrians can only cross the street where the painted crosswalks exist.

**Fact**  
 Pedestrians have the right-of-way when crossing at a location where a crosswalk exists (marked or unmarked), but a pedestrian can cross the street at any location, unless specifically prohibited. However, if a pedestrian crosses at a location that is not a crosswalk, the pedestrian must yield to motor vehicle traffic.

## Real Estate Taxes Due July 31

Second installment Real Estate tax payments are due by July 31. As a new service for Racine County residents, payments can be made at Burlington City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street between 8 AM and 5 PM or mailed to the Racine County Treasurer at the address listed below. Second installment payments made at City Hall will be marked as "received" and forwarded on to the County Treasurer for processing. Delinquent payment on a preauthorized payment plan can also be paid at City Hall. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment to receive a receipt from the Racine County Treasurer.

Second installment payments for all Racine County municipalities can be made through July 31 via the following options:

<p><u>In Person</u>                  Burlington City Hall                  300 N. Pine Street                  Burlington, WI 53105                  Open Monday - Friday                  8 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p><u>By Mail</u>                  Racine County Treasurer                  Dept 3964                  PO Box 2088                  Milwaukee, WI 53201-2088</p>
- or -	
<p>Racine County Courthouse                  730 Wisconsin Avenue                  Racine, WI 53403                  Open Monday - Friday                  8 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p><u>Online</u>                  www.officialpayments.com                  Jurisdiction Code: 5835</p>

**Checks must be made payable to the "Racine County Treasurer"**

## Partisan Primary Election

There will be one election this summer. The Partisan Primary will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2014. State offices to be elected include Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Congress, State Senate & Assembly, Sheriff and Clerk of Courts.

### 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.

### Absentee Ballots

If you are unable to get to the polls on Election Day, you can request an absentee ballot or stop at City Hall prior to the election to vote absentee. The last day to vote absentee in person is the Friday prior to the election. The ballots are generally at City Hall a couple weeks prior to the election. If you are not already registered, you will need to register to vote before an absentee ballot can be issued to you.

## Fire Department First Responder Program



On March 1, 2014 the City of Burlington Fire Department started a first responder program. The City was granted a license to operate as a non-transport emergency first responder agency by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

### What is the program and what do the first responders do?

The fire department responds initially with a minimum of two (2) medically trained personnel to establish patient care, stabilize a patient's condition, administer approved medications, obtain vital signs and assist the local rescue squad in patient packaging or movement.

### Why does the Fire Department respond with a fire engine?

Sometimes the fire department

responds with a fire engine and other times with an approved SUV. When two or more personnel are available and in quarters, the medically trained personnel respond in a staffed fire engine for reasons that include:

- (a) Having a staffed fire engine immediately respond.
- (b) Allows for limited out of service time should a second call or fire call come in after the first call.
- (c) To provide approved protection and blocking for emergency services personnel when working in the roadway on accidents.
- (d) The fire engine carries specialized tools that may be needed to gain entry to a home, vehicle or to remove a patient from being trapped.
- (e) Sometimes two medically trained personnel respond in an approved SUV or pick-up truck in place of a fire engine.

### What level of training do the Fire Department first responders have?

There are several members that have advanced emergency skills training that include Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate training and Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic skills.

### How do the first responders get notified?

The Fire Department First Responders are notified at the same time as the local rescue squad to prevent any delay in emergency response. When you call 911 for an emergency, both the Fire Department and the rescue squad are dispatched simultaneously.

### Are the first responders paid for their response/service?

A large majority of the fire department first responders are volunteers serving their community to provide enhanced services. The City does not charge a fee for the first responder service.

# Summer Fun at the Library!

## Programs For Children



### July 9

Sharon Coyle presents "Whatever the Weather". Science is fun!

### July 16

Sgt. Fisher and Knatz of the Burlington Police Department present a K-9 Unit Demo.

### July 23

Fun Kitchen Science with Courtney. Let's make our own ice cream and a few other cool things. Please note: Registration is required for this program.

### July 31 at 10 a.m.

Nature's Niche will bring some cool critters to the library where we learn about "Amazing Animals of Science." No registration necessary.

## #FIZZ#BOOMREAD

### WannaWatchaMovie?

We will show a just-released film on June 17 in which Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO mini-figure, is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person ever and the key to saving the world. Rated PG. Registration is required.

### Time Out for Play

Join the library's informal play group for kids and their adults on Mondays in the Children's Room from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Puppets, puzzles, and books provided; bring your own, if you'd like.

### Lap-Sit with Ms. Jane

Finger plays, bouncing movements, rhythmic play and stories are the core of this program for toddlers ages 2 and under and their caretakers. We will meet in the Children's Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., June 17 and 24 and July 1, 8 and 15. Please register at the Circulation Desk for every date you can attend.

### Wii Gaming

Tweens, come game on Thursdays at the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

### ABC, Music and Me

Musical activities created by Kindermusik International provide a fun and educational way to build early literacy, movement and language skills. Open to children ages 2-4 years old and their parents (siblings are welcome), the

class will meet Wednesdays at the library, June 25 and July 2, 9, and 16 at 9:30 a.m. To register, contact Linda Breuer, Children's Resource Coordinator at Love, Inc. at 763-6226 ext. 107.

### Summer Storywagon

Fridays are fun at the library! See professional performers from 10-11 a.m. on these dates: June 20 – Magician Glen Gerard; June 27 – Musician Duke Otherwise (a Burlington native!); July 11 – Ventriloquist Wayne and WingNut; July 18 – Science Alliance.

### Monday Movies for Kids and Teens

Come see a free full-length movie (which our license does not allow us to name) at 1 p.m. Registration is required for all four movies; please call or visit the Circulation Desk. Everyone signed up gets free popcorn!

June 16: The adventures of misfit kids, including rascal Spanky, the dreamer Alfalfa, the enigmatic Buckwheat and Darla, the cute little girl who is the object of Alfalfa's eye. Rated PG.

June 30: A little boy and his family adopt a runt of a dachshund and name her "Shelly" in honor of shelter dogs everywhere, never dreaming the boy would enter her in wiener races! Rated G.

July 7: After being banished to the city, the mischievous Surly Squirrel plans a nut store heist of outrageous proportions and gets caught up in a convoluted bank heist. Rated PG.

July 14: An adventure set in a future world where people are divided into distinct factions based on their personalities, Tris Prior is warned she is Divergent and will never fit into any one group. When she discovers a conspiracy to destroy all Divergents, she must find out what makes being Divergent so dangerous before it's too late. Please note: this film is rated PG-13 and will be open to everyone 13 and up.

# Summer Fun at the Library!

## Programs For Adults

### Life Writing

#### June 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Write about a place you've always wanted to visit

#### June 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Lessons I learned in Home Ec Class or from my mom or 4-H

#### July 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Going to the Dentist

#### July 24

No class: Book Sale

#### August 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Shopping with Mom

#### August 28 at 10:30 a.m.

When I was young I really wanted...



### Literary Elements

Join us as we explore science through literature. Reacquaint yourself with Sherlock Holmes, join a book club and learn about early forensic science or the science fiction predictions for 1984. Learn how to brew beer, interesting science apps, and join us for classic science based movies. Check in at the library for times and schedules.



## Book Clubs For Adults

### Afternoon Book Club

#### June 12 at 1 p.m.

The Good House by Ann Leary  
How can you prove you're not an alcoholic? You can't.

#### July 10 at 1 p.m.

Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt  
A tender story of love lost and found, an unforgettable portrait of the way compassion can make us whole again.

#### August 14 at 1 p.m.

Flora by Gail Godwin  
Flora tells a story of love, regret, and the things we can't undo.

### Evening Book Club

#### June 23

The Poisoner's Handbook by Deborah Blum  
For much of history, the poisoner got away with murder. The most frequently used agents mimicked common illnesses. The Poisoner's Handbook fixes on the moment in history when criminal science finally began to catch up, when two men gave birth to modern forensic toxicology.

#### July 21 (1 week earlier due to booksale!)

1984 by George Orwell  
In 1949, Orwell wrote 1984, his now legendary and terrifying glimpse into the future. Do you believe in Big Brother?

#### August 25

Quiet: The Power of Introverts by Susan Cain  
At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. Although they are often labelled "quiet," it is to introverts we owe many of the great contributions to society.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

July  
24 25 26

#### Thursday

Preview Sale 12-2 PM  
\$5/individual & \$15/family

#### Friday

Regular Sale 9AM-5PM  
Free Admission

#### Thursday

Regular Sale 2-7 PM  
Free Admission

#### Saturday

\$3 Bag Sale 9AM-12PM  
Free Admission

At the Public Library - 166 E. Jefferson St.  
and Wehmhoff Square Park

All programs at the Burlington Public Library are free and open to the public.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

Noticing Pink Ribbons Tied Around Trees? In response to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation, the City is both treating and removing ash trees in the public right-of-way. EAB is an invasive, wood boring beetle which kills ash trees by eating the tissues under the bark. The infestation is currently spreading throughout Wisconsin.

before they are actually removed in order to permit property owners time to have any questions answered.

Ash trees on private property outside of the right-of-way are the responsibility of the homeowner. If you believe a tree on your property needs to be removed, contact a certified arborist to inspect the tree in question.

Property owners will be receiving notices indicating the City has scheduled the removal or treatment of an ash tree in front of their residence. When a tree is identified to be removed, a pink ribbon is tied to the tree. Trees slated for removal are usually marked a week



For questions or comments related to EAB, please contact Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor, at 539-3770.

Additional information on EAB can be found on the City's website at [www.burlington-wi.gov](http://www.burlington-wi.gov) under the Park Department page.

July 4th Fireworks will be displayed over the ChocolateFest grounds on Maryland Avenue.

Fourth of July Dance & Fundraiser!



The City of Burlington Fire Department will once again be conducting their annual fundraiser and dance. Raffle tickets for cash prizes will be distributed to residences during June. July 4th festivities commence at Echo Park starting at 2 PM.

A bag toss tournament begins at 3 PM. Lunchmoney Bullies will perform from 7 to 11 PM, pausing during the fireworks display sponsored by the City of Burlington. Beer, soda, bottled water, food, and popcorn will be available for purchase.

The fireworks will be displayed over the ChocolateFest grounds on Maryland Avenue at dusk.

Pedestrian Safety Awareness Enforcement

Slow down and use caution in residential areas, around schools, playgrounds, parks, bus stops or other areas where children and other pedestrians are common.

If a vehicle has stopped at a crosswalk (marked or unmarked) for a pedestrian to cross, any vehicle approaching from the rear must also stop to allow the pedestrian to cross.

Motorists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing at intersections (a crosswalk exists at every intersection regardless of whether or not it is painted) or in any other marked crosswalk.

When exiting a parking lot or driveway a motorist must stop before the sidewalk, yield to the right, and yield the right-of-way to any pedestrians on the sidewalk before crossing over the sidewalk.

When turning right on red, come to a complete stop and look to the left and right for pedestrians crossing the street in front of your vehicle.

Vehicles must stop at the "stop line" in front of crosswalk and not in the crosswalk.



Tips for Pedestrians

Always look left-right-left before crossing any street and continue to look for vehicles as you cross. Just because you use a crosswalk to cross the street, it does not mean that a motorist will see or even stop for you.

Be a defensive pedestrian and don't put your safety in the hands of motorists. Push the pedestrian signal button; it gives you more time to cross.

Don't walk on the road if there is a sidewalk. A sidewalk should always be used over the road. If you have to walk on the road, walk facing traffic, so you can see oncoming cars and bicycles.

If crossing a road with several lanes and a vehicle in the closest lane has stopped to allow you to cross, make sure vehicles in other lanes see you and stop before proceeding into the path of the next lane. It is easy for you as a pedestrian to be hidden from view of other motorists by the vehicle that has already stopped.

Look out for motorists entering or exiting a parking lot driveway.

When walking at night, wear retro-reflective outdoor clothing or shoes or lights to make yourself more visible. Avoid wearing dark clothing. Don't assume that drivers can see you.

Provide proper supervision and training for children. Their smaller stature also makes them harder for motorists to see. Adults need to take special care to teach children safety when they are around automobile traffic. Supervision is crucial through about age nine.

Summer Irrigation Allowance In Effect

City water users should be aware that the Sewer Irrigation Allowance for water usage during the quarter of June through September is now in effect.

During this summer quarter, outside water usage (watering lawns/landscape, washing vehicles, filling pools) which does not flow through the sewer, is NOT calculated as part of your sewer charge. Instead, the sewer rate for the summer quarter is calculated based on your First Quarter (December to March) usage or the Second Quarter (April to June) usage, whichever amount is lower.

The Sewer Irrigation Allowance is for single family residential customers only and is for water usage during mid-June through mid-September. The customer receives this water/sewer bill in October. Please call the Burlington Water Utility at 342-1173 with any questions relating to the Sewer Irrigation Allowance or any other questions about your water/sewer bill.

Tall Grass & Weeds



Summer time also means lawn maintenance time. Please remember that no home or business owner shall permit the pollination of noxious weeds (including Canada thistle, leafy spurge and field bindweed) or allow grass to grow more than an average of 12 inches.

Complaints may be submitted to the Weed Commissioner at 539-3770. Notices will be sent to property owners who are in violation of weed and tall grass ordinances. If the owner fails to cut the tall grass or remove the weeds, the City is authorized to proceed with removal and invoice the property owner for the work.

City Compost Site Hours

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue is open the following 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 & Friday

The site is free for 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. Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 5" in diameter, stumps or root balls.

Need wood chips or compost?

Wood chips and compost from the compost site are available for free. You must load and haul the materials yourself.

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

Tips for Motorists

