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Announcements

Through September 25: 3 to 7 pm - Burlington Farmers at Wehmhoff Square Park and Washington Street.

September 13: 3 to 7 pm - City Block Party at Devor Park, 394 Amanda Street. See article in this newsletter for more information.

September 27: 10 am to 1 pm - Racine County Medicine Collection Day at the Rochester Village Hall, 300 W. Spring Street.

October 25: 10 am to noon - Spooky City. Downtown trick or treating, costume parade at 10:30 am Wehmhoff Park and much more. Kick off party at Fox River State Bank.

October 31: 6:00 to 8:00 pm - City-wide Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

November 4: 7 am to 8 pm - General Election

November 27 & 28: City offices closed for Thanksgiving.

December 5: Starting at 6:30 p.m. - Annual Christmas Parade beginning on Kane St.

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
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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 September 1-5
- Week of September 15-19
- Week of Sept. 29 - Oct. 3
- Week of October 13-17
- Week of October 27-31
- Week of November 10-14
- Week of November 24-28
- Week of December 8-12

September Meetings

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| 9/2 | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 9/2 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 9/2 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 9/9 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 9/16 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 9/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 9/23 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 9/25 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 9/25 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

October Meetings

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| 10/7 | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 10/7 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 10/7 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 10/14 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 10/16 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 10/21 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 10/23 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 10/23 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 10/28 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |

November Meetings

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| 11/4 | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 11/5 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 11/5 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 11/11 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 11/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 11/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 11/25 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |
| TBD | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| TBD | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

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Leaf Collection and Yard Waste Disposal Options

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection generally begins around October 15 and ends around November 15 (weather permitting).

Leaves should be placed in the street next to the gutter, while leaving the flow line of the curb clear for stormwater to pass.

Please keep all garden waste (tomato plants, pumpkins, etc.) and sticks out of the leaves so that we may spend our time more efficiently.

The Department of Public Works strives to provide the best service possible to the public and request your help in doing so. If you have any questions regarding leaf pick up please contact the DPW at 539-3770. Also, the compost site is available through the end of November to receive your leaves, garden waste, and brush.

Brush Pick-Up

Brush pick-up continues on the second and fourth Wednesday of each

month. Please call the Department of Public Works to have your address placed on the list. You must call no later than the Tuesday before the second or fourth Wednesday. The DPW Crew only picks up brush from addresses that have been called in.

City Compost Site

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue is open until November 30. The site remains free of charge to City residents. There will be an attendant on site during open hours.

Hours of operation until November 30

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

Contractors using the City of Burlington Compost site will be charged a dumping fee. Contractors will be required to register at the City Department of Public Works, 2200 S. Pine Street, which will

allow the City to bill their business on a monthly basis. An attendant will be on site to verify necessary information and collect data for invoice processing. 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, foreign debris, stumps or root balls will be allowed.

A Reminder About Open Burning

There is no open burning in the City of Burlington. Burning Restrictions prohibit the burning of yard waste and leaves in the city.



Carbon Monoxide - The Silent Killer

With the heating season fast approaching, all residences and businesses should have carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are required in all residential rental dwellings.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that kills more than 500 Americans each year. To prevent or eliminate carbon monoxide (CO) in the home, never use gas fired appliances like generators, grills, camp stoves, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning devices inside your home, basement or garage.

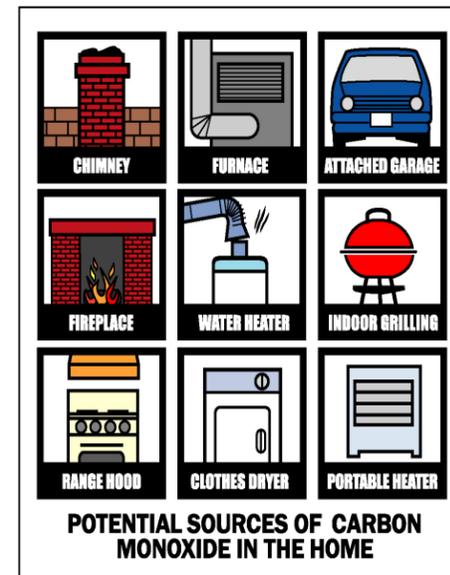
Carbon monoxide is also produced from malfunctioning fuel burning appliances like your furnace, stove, water heater and room heaters. Additionally, closing the damper on your wood stove or fireplace, before the fire is totally extinguished can cause harmful carbon monoxide and other toxic gasses to enter your home.

The early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting and fatigue. Late signs of Carbon Monoxide poisoning include disorientation, confusion, seizures and coma.

If you think you have a faulty detector, or are feeling ill you should evacuate the building and contact the fire department by dialing 911. The fire department will respond and check the building for carbon monoxide and other gasses that may present harm to you or your family while also treating any individuals with signs of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The goal of the City of Burlington Fire Department is to reduce the number of carbon monoxide incidents in Burlington and discourage anyone from using the range or oven to heat their home. Install CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of accumulating CO. Have your heating equipment inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.

- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and CO alarms.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location and call 911 for help. Remain at the fresh air location until emergency personnel approve re-entry.



- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries or other trouble indicators.

The City of Burlington Fire Department wants everyone to be warm and safe this winter. Make sure your home has carbon monoxide alarms. For more information, contact the fire department duty officer at 763-7842.

Prepare Your Home for Winter

Clean the gutters

Once the leaves have fallen, and before the snow has fallen check your gutters to prevent ice damage in the winter.

Tune up the furnace

You're going to turn the furnace on soon, get them tuned up now. It adds years of life to a heating system. At the very least the filters should be changed when you switch from cooling to heating.

Inspect chimneys

Now is the time to have them inspected and, if necessary, clean them. This is for those people who use a wood stove or fireplaces. Get them cleaned and checked out by a professional.

Weatherstripping

Put your hands near windows and doors and feel for those cool drafts. Install weatherstripping and door sweeps where necessary.

Prevent ice dams on the roof

Make sure your roof is vented properly, if your house is designed to have a vented roof. Make sure your soffit vents aren't blocked and your gable vents are open.

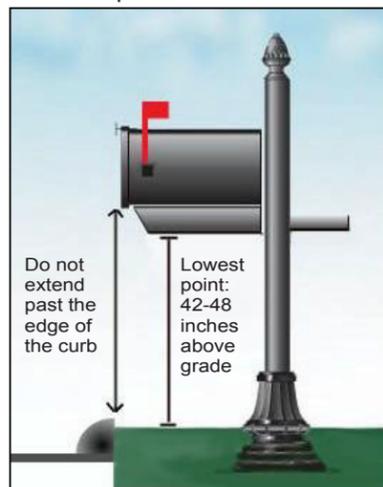
Drain sprinkler systems

If you have irrigation systems blow them out so they don't freeze. Drain hoses and outside spigots as well.

Check your mailbox

A properly installed mailbox should not extend past the curb line and be 42 inches from the lowest point of the

unit to the ground. Adding a newspaper box to the bottom or side of your mailbox increases the surface area of the mailbox. No part of the mailbox can extend past the back of the curb.



Kane Street Historic District Added to the National Register of Historic Places

The National Park Service Director, Jonathan B. Jarvis, recently announced that the Kane Street Historic Neighborhood District has been added to the National Register of Historic Places on July 25, 2014. This action follows the November 22, 2013 addition of the District to the State Register of Historic Places.

The National Register is the official Federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. National Register properties have significance to the history of their community, state, or the nation. A professional review board in each state considers each property proposed for listing and makes a recommendation on its eligibility. Generally, properties eligible for listing in the National Register are at least 50 years old. Properties less than 50 years of age

must be exceptionally important to be considered eligible for listing.

The state and federal governments provide a number of more tangible



benefits: eligibility for state and federal income tax credits for rehabilitating historic properties; eligibility for federal grants, when available; consideration in the planning of federally assisted and state assisted projects, as

well as projects of local governments and school boards, when those projects affect the property; eligibility to use the state's Historic Building Code, which may facilitate rehabilitation; qualification for state and federal charitable income tax deductions for the donation of historic preservation easements; and eligibility for official State Register of Historic Places plaques.

Listing a property in the Registers does not impose restrictions on the private property owner. The private owner is free to sell, alter or demolish the property. Of course, if the property owner is utilizing any public federal or state funding or assistance, the proposed projects are reviewed to ensure that historic values of the property are taken into consideration.

Autumn Activities!

Programs For Children at the Public Library



10:30 a.m., Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7. The second Fall session will run Oct. 21 and 28 and Nov. 4, 11 and 18. No registration necessary.

Story Time with Ms. Joy

Come listen to books, learn finger plays and rhymes, and sing and dance! Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend on Tuesdays in the Meeting Room at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 16, 23 and 30 and Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28. No registration is necessary.

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; or bring your own toys. Free coffee available. No registration needed.

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

Wii Gaming

Tweens, come game on Thursdays at the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

ABC, Music and Me

Music from Kindermusik International provides a fun way to sing, listen, move, play, learn and build early literacy skills. Open to children ages 2-4 years old and their adults (siblings are welcome), the class will meet Wednesdays at the library, Sept. 17 and 24, and Oct. 1 and

8 at 9:30 a.m. To register, contact Linda Breuer, Children's Resource Coordinator at Love, Inc. at 763-6226 ext. 107.

Building Blocks Story Time

Music and movement, children's books and social play time are introduced to provide families opportunities to engage in the "Building Blocks" of early learning in this program. Open to children ages birth to 4 years old and their adults. We meet Wednesdays at the library at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 22 and 29 and Nov. 5, 12, and 19. Contact Linda Breuer to register at (262) 763-6226 ext. 107.

LEGO Family Night

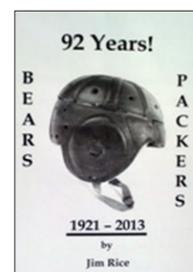
Imagine and create with LEGOs provided by the library on Thursdays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 23 from 5-6:30 p.m. Registration is required; limited to 20 children and their adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Autumn Activities!

Programs For Adults at the Public Library

Saturday, September 27 11 a.m.
92 Years of Bears-Packers, 1921-2013



Jim Rice has recently penned his third book on the NFL and the Green Bay Packers. He will be talking about his most recent book 92 Years Bears-Packers 1921-2013. The Burlington Public Library has a Packer

game ball signed by Datone Jones #95 to give to one lucky attendee. We have requested a game ball from the Bears. Will they come through? Attend the program to find out. A set of Jim Rice's books will be given to the best Fan costume. Books will also be available for

Life Writing

This informal writing group meets to share stories and practice writing. Members are inspired to gather their own memoirs and to collect family stories. Second and Fourth Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

October 9: Things that stress me out

October 23: I am determined to....

November 13: My favorite color

November 27: No class

December 11: My perfect day is

December 25: No class

Saturday, November 22 at 10 a.m.
Jessica Michna Portrays Christmas at Balmoral

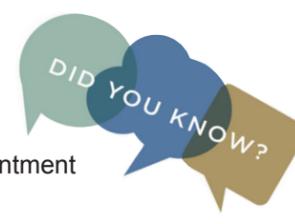
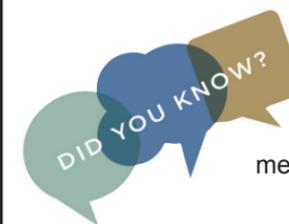
You are cordially invited to join the Christmas festivities at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. Meet Margaret Cummins, head housekeeper of Balmoral during the reign of Queen Victoria, as she prepares for the arrival of the royal couple and their nine children. Become a member of the royal household as Mrs. Cummins instructs her staff in the traditions of the season.



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

Come Visit with the Mayor!

Mayor Miller holds open office hours from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month to meet with the public. Do you have something you'd like to discuss with the mayor? Do you just want to meet the mayor? Come see him at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street! No appointment is necessary. The Mayor would love to meet with you!



Book Clubs for Adults at the Library

Afternoon Adult Book Club

September 11 at 1 p.m.
Flora by Gail Godwin

October 9 at 1 p.m.
Every Last Cuckoo by Kate Maloy

November 13 at 1 p.m.
This is the Story of a Happy Marriage by Ann Patchett

Evening Adult Book Club

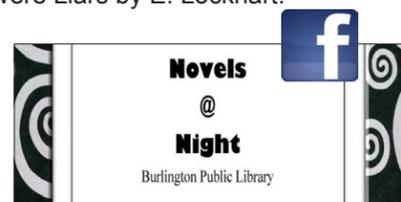
September 22 at 7 p.m.
Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

October 27 at 7 p.m.
A Hologram for the King by Dave Eggers

November 24 at 7 p.m.
The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Novels @ Night

Can't make it in to the Library or like being in the comfort of your own home? Try participating in Novels @ Night, a new online Facebook book club. Novels @ Night is an open book group for anyone who'd like to discuss the novels we vote to read, either at your leisure or in real time. To join, search for Novels @ Night on Facebook, click "Join Group" and that's it! Live discussions of books are at 8 pm on the second Wednesday of the month or you can choose to comment throughout the month. Join the Library on September 10 to discuss *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.



Have You Visited the Senior Center?

Come to the Burlington Senior Center (BSC), located at 201 N. Main Street, to meet with old friends and make new ones. Play card games like Bridge, Euchre, Hand & Foot, Pinochle and Sheepshead, or play Bunco and Mexican Train Dominoes. Throughout the year, there are opportunities to join 50+ Sports such as bowling, pickle ball, softball or volleyball. BSC offers a jam session, movies, Wii games, an in house library, Fox River Harmony Club, Meals on Wheels and more. Call the Burlington Senior Center for more information at 767-9880 or visit their website at www.burlingtonseniorcenter.com. Below is a schedule of some of the weekly activities at the BSC:

- Bridge: Monday and Friday, 9 am
- Bunco: 2nd Friday, 1 pm
- Cards: Sheepshead/Schafkopf: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9-11 am
- Cards: Pinochle: Tuesday, 12:30pm
- Cards: Euchre, Sheepshead/Schafkopf and Hand & Foot: Tuesday, 1pm
- Dominoes: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 9:30-11:30am
- Harmony Club: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 9 am-3 pm
- Jam Session: 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm
- Library (BSC): Open daily
- Movies: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 9:30-11:30am
- Senior Sports (55+): October - April. Volleyball and more. Contact Katie Mawhinney at 763-3441 for information.



The Fire Department Wants You!

Do you have what it takes to be a City of Burlington Volunteer Firefighter? Many people volunteer within our community and becoming a Volunteer Firefighter or Fires Responder is one way you can help your community while learning new skills. If you are between the ages of 18 to 40 years old, have graduated High School/GED, have the ability to learn new concepts and are interested in joining a diversified work force that benefits you, and your fellow citizens, this may be for you.



The fire department offers in-house training in addition to classes that are available at Gateway Technical College in Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services. The Fire Department offers the opportunity to work as a volunteer firefighter, engineer/pump operator and First Responder. Special teams training is also offered in several disciplines

that include water rescue and recovery, technical rescue, high angle rescue, confined space rescue and trench rescue procedures.

For more information visit the the Fire Department Recruitment page at www.burlington-wi.gov, contact the fire department Duty Officer at 763-7842 or come out and see us at the second annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 12, 2014.

Stretching Your Energy Dollars

In an effort to conserve energy and save on utility costs, the City, in collaboration with Honeywell Energy Services, is nearing the completion of retrofitting existing florescent lighting to LED lighting in all of the city buildings. It is estimated there will be a 46% reduction in energy consumption with a projected annual savings of \$24,000. Concurrently, sixty-two street lights have been retrofitted with LED lighting with a projection of 68% reduction in energy consumption and an annual savings of \$3,055. This is one of several projects under the Energy Savings Performance Contract with Honeywell that will greatly reduce the City's overall energy costs and consumption.



Come to the Community Block Party!

Please join us at our third annual Community Block Party from 3 to 7 pm on Saturday, September 13 at Devor Park, 394 Amanda Street. Take part in this family friendly event which includes games, activities, inflatable bounce houses and great food! Wristbands will be available for \$2 with the donation of a nonperishable food item, or \$3 without a nonperishable item. Wristbands will allow unlimited games, activities and inflatable bouncy houses. A family movie will follow in the park. Admission and parking are free.

Volunteers needed - The City is looking for high school volunteers in need of community service hours and adults to help with this event. If you would like to participate please call Megan Watkins at 342-1168 or email mwatkins@burlington-wi.gov to sign up.

Saturday, September 13 3-7 PM

3rd Annual Community Block Party!

Devor Park 394 Amanda Street

Family movie at dark

All non-perishable food donations will go to Love, Inc. All monetary proceeds will go to the Burlington Pool fund.



2014 Trick-or-Treat

The Common Council approved this year's Trick-or-Treat hours to be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Friday, October 31. City staff encourages everyone to please be safe and enjoy the holiday!



Keeping Our Children Safe

As we approach the start of another school year, all road users, including drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists need to be extra vigilant in and around school areas. The safety of school children walking or riding their bicycles to and from school is one of the top priorities for the City of Burlington.

Every operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school crossing which is controlled by a school crossing guard shall follow the directions of the school crossing guard. If directed by the

school crossing guard to stop, the operator shall stop the vehicle not less than 10 feet, nor more than 30 feet from the school crossing and shall remain stopped until the school crossing guard directs the operator to proceed.

In addition, the operator of a vehicle that approaches from the front or rear of any school bus which has stopped on a street or highway when the bus has its flashing red warning lights on, shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain

stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights.

Parents, make sure your children know how to safely walk to school and that your children obey and respect the directions of the school crossing guard. It is also very important for drivers, including parents of school children, to realize that rushing to beat the traffic or rushing because you are late is not a safe practice.

General Election November 4

Vote The General Election for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Representatives to the Assembly, County Sheriff and Clerk of Circuit Court is Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Election Inspectors
We are always looking for additional poll workers and if this would interest you, please contact the city clerk at 262-342-1161.

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 sent to you.

Campaign Signs

If you choose to display a campaign sign in your yard for the election, please keep in mind, per City Ordinance, no sign may be placed in the street right-of-way. Typically, the right-of-way begins at the the edge of the street and runs to approximately one foot from the sidewalk (yard side).

Please call the Zoning Administrator for specific questions at (262) 342-1161.