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Information/Item	Department/Organization	Phone Number
Assessment Questions	Accurate Appraisal Corporation	800-770-3927
Brush & Leaf Pick-up	Public Works Department	539-3770
Building Permits	Building Inspection	342-1164
Burning Permits	Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	763-7842
Digging Underground	Digger's Hotline	800-242-8511
Dog & Cat Licenses	City Clerk	342-1161
Elections	City Clerk	342-1161
Health Services	Central Racine County Health Department	262-898-4460
Marriage Licenses	City Hall	342-1161
Parks – Rental & Maintenance	Public Works	539-3770
Recycling & Refuse Collection	John's Disposal	888-473-4701
Sidewalk & Street Repair	Public Works	539-3770
Street Light Outages	Public Works	539-3770
Tax Bills (Property Tax)	City Treasurer	342-1161
Traffic/Parking Tickets	Municipal Court Clerk	342-1129
Vital Records	City Hall	342-1161
Water/Sewer Bills	Public Utilities	342-1173

Visit the Chamber of Commerce website at burlingtonchamber.org for a list of current events.

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Craig Workman — Public Works Director

Municipal Court
300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129

Marvin Daniel — Municipal Court Judge

Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of May 31 - June 6
- Week of June 14 - 20
- Week of June 28 - July 3
- Week of July 12 - 18
- Week of July 26 - Aug. 1
- Week of August 9 - 15
- Week of August 23 - 29
- Week of September 6 - 12

June Meetings

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

July Meetings

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

August Meetings

8/4 5:00 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm.
8/4 5:30 p.m. - CDA
8/4 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
8/11 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission
8/18 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
8/20 6:30 p.m. - Park Board
8/25 4:00 p.m. - Library Board
8/27 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee
8/27 6:30 p.m. - HPC

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Rummage Sale Rules

Are you planning to have a rummage sale this summer? Please note that per city ordinance, rummage sales can be conducted only between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. Home owners can hold no more that three (3) rummage sales in one calendar year, no longer than three (3) consecutive days in a row.

Advertising signs, 12 square feet or less in area, may be placed only on the property of the residence where the sale is being held or on an other residential property with permission of the homeowner of that property. No signs shall be placed within the right-of-way or public land. Signs must be removed within 24 hours of the close of the rummage sale.

Real Estate Taxes Due July 31

Second installment Real Estate tax payments are due by July 31. As a 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:

In Person
Burlington City Hall
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI 53105
Open Monday - Friday
8 am - 5 pm

- or -

Racine County Courthouse
730 Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, WI 53403
Open Monday - Friday
8 am - 5 pm

By Mail
Racine County Treasurer
730 Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

- or-

Online
www.officialpayments.com
Jurisdiction Code: 5835

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

Summer Irrigation Allowance In Effect

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 usage or the Second Quarter usage, whichever amount is lower. The Sewer Irrigation Allowance is for single family residential customers only. The customer receives this water/sewer bill in October . Please call the Burlington Water Utility at 342-1173 with any questions.

Property Assessment Adjustments

Each year the City Assessor reviews property assessments and updates the assessment roll according to any changes that occurred during the previous year. Real estate taxes are based on the property's assessment figure.

Once the assessment roll is completed, the Assessor is required to notify property owners of any changes in their assessment from the previous year. If you receive such notice or if you have concerns about your assessment, you may want to meet with the Assessor at an "Open Book Conference" prior to the Board of Review hearing. Appointments for an Open Book conference can be made with Accurate Appraisal at (800) 770-3927. Open Book conferences will be held on August 5th from 12 to 3 pm and 4:15 to 7 pm and August 6th from 9 am to noon and 1:15 to 3 pm.

The Next Step

After Open Book conferences, the Board of Review is responsible for correcting errors in property assessment. Each year the Board examines the assessment roll, corrects any errors in description or computation and adds any property the assessor may have omitted. The Board has the authority to hear sworn testimony, receive documentary evidence, and accept the Assessor's assessment unless there is competent sworn testimony presented as evidence that proves the assessment to be incorrect.

To be heard by the Board of Review you must first provide written or oral notice of your intent to file an objection to the board with the City Clerk, 300 N. Pine Street or 342-1171. This notice must be made at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting. You may only appeal the current year's assessment.

You are not required to meet with the assessor before appealing to the Board of Review (BOR), although it is highly recommended. Minor errors and misunderstandings can often be corrected by meeting with the assessor without initiating a formal appeal. The 2015 Board of Review meeting date has not been officially set at this time.

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First Responder Program Celebrates a Year

On March 1, 2015 the City of Burlington Fire Department will have completed the first full year of its' first responder program. In March of 2014, the City Fire Department was granted a license to operate as a non-transport emergency first responder agency by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The fire department responds to requests for assistance with medically trained personnel to establish patient care, stabilize a patients' condition, administer approved medications, obtain vital signs and assist the local rescue squad in patient transportation as needed.

In the first year of service, the fire department program with trained Emergency Medical Technicians responded to 625 medical calls for assistance in the City while working in conjunction with the local rescue squad. The Fire Department has responded with an average out the door time (push-out time, also known as reaction time) of 51 seconds to get a vehicle and trained emergency personnel in-route to the scene.

Many of our members are trained to the Emergency Medical Technician level with others trained to advanced standards that include Advanced EMT, Intermediate I-99 and the EMT-Paramedic level. In January 2015, the City Fire Department First Responders, EMT's, advanced skilled personnel and police officers were trained to administer the potentially life-saving medication, Naloxone (Narcan). Narcan is an opioid antagonist that has the ability to reverse the effects of narcotic overdoses.

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.

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

Protect Yourself from Disease-Carrying Pests

As summer approaches, the Central Racine County Health Department wants to remind you to protect yourself against mosquito and tick bites. West Nile virus (WNV) and Lyme disease are two illnesses that may occur during the summer months.

WNV is spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Those who become ill may develop a fever, headache, rash, muscle and joint aches, nausea, vomiting and fatigue that can last a few days. In rare cases, WNV can cause severe disease including encephalitis and meningitis. There is no treatment for WNV infection other than to treat symptoms.

Lyme disease is a bacterial illness that is transmitted by a tick, commonly called the black legged or deer tick. The tick must actually be attached to a person's skin for about 24 hours before it can transmit the bacterium. The illness often, but not always, starts as a roughly circular reddish rash around or near the site of the tick bite. During the rash stage, other symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, stiff neck, muscle and/or joint pain may be present. If left untreated, complications such as meningitis, facial palsy, heart abnormalities, and arthritis may occur. Lyme disease is treated with oral antibiotics. Over 200 cases of WNV and 20,000 cases of Lyme disease have been reported in Wisconsin since surveillance began. If you think you have WNV or Lyme disease, contact your healthcare provider.

Use these helpful tips to protect yourself from misquitos and ticks:

• Apply insect repellant to clothing as well as exposed skin because mosquitoes may bite through clothing.

• Make sure window and door screens are in good repair to prevent mosquito entry.

• Properly dispose of items that hold water, such as tin cans or discarded tires to prevent mosquito breeding. Turn over wheelbarrows, wading pools, boats and canoes when not in use.

• Clean roof gutters and downspouts for proper drainage.

• Change the water in birdbaths and pet dishes at least every three days.

• Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs; drain water from pool covers.

• Trim tall grass, weeds and vines because mosquitoes use these areas to rest during hot daylight hours.

• Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and high socks with pant cuffs tucked into the socks. Light colored clothing will make ticks easier to find.

• Walk in the center of mowed trails to avoid brushing up against vegetation.

• Conduct thorough "tick checks" on yourself and your children after spending time outdoors.

• Promptly remove ticks, even after they have attached.

• Insect repellents containing 0.5% permethrin or 20-30% DEET have been shown to be effective in repelling deer ticks.

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Summer Fun at the Library!

Programs For Children

Are you a hero? Do you know one? Join us at the Burlington Public Library for "Every Hero Has a Story" this summer! Registration begins June 15th for the Reading Program where children of all ages can earn prizes by completing six weekly bookmarks of fun reading activities. And while you're here, take advantage of these fun events:

DPW Truck Rodeo Preview
Come touch a truck or two at the library, courtesy of the Burlington Department of Public Works! Trucks and other DPW equipment will line the library parking lot Tuesday, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for kids and their families to discover. The DPW has teamed up with the library to promote local Public Works heroes as a preview to its Truck Rodeo on Friday, June 19 at the DPW grounds. Free; no registration 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 and 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 meet Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., June 23 and 30, and July 7 and 14. No registration necessary.

Wii Gaming – Tweens, come game and meet other players on Thursdays at the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. through Aug. 27. No registration necessary.

ABC, Music and Me
Musical activities based on Kindermusik, listening to books, and social play are the highlights of this program for babies and children up to 4 years old and their adults (siblings are welcome). Linda Breuer, Children's Resource Coordinator at Love, Inc. hosts this program. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 on July 1, 8, and 15. Free; registration is onsite.

Monday Movies
Films for kids are fun at the library! Register for a full-length, recently released movie on these dates: June 22 and 29, and July 6 and 13 at 1 p.m. Check the library web site or call (262) 342-1130 for movie titles and ratings. Registration is required.

Story Wagon Series
Professional performers will make five appearances at the library this summer, all on Fridays at 10 a.m. Be sure to see:

June 19 – Curt Strutz, "The Hillbilly Silly Science Spectacular"

June 26 – Lou Lepore, "Comedy Magic"

July 10 – Dana McCarthy, "Jump Up! Family Music"

July 17 – David Stokes, "My Animal Heroes and Their Stories"

July 24 – Jim Hyatt, "Schlitz Audubon Nature Center's Reptiles and Amphibians"

Wonderful Wednesdays
Weather permitting, we will be outside in Wehmhoff Park next to the library for these free events:

June 24 – "Just Create" with materials we provide at this drop-in program from 1-4 p.m. See what your imagination comes up with! No registration necessary.

July 1 – "LEGO Team Build" is a friendly competition where small teams create a tool or instrument with a "super power" that could "change a life." We give you a set number of LEGO pieces and you do the rest. Name it, describe its purpose, and we'll display it along with other participants' entries. This is a drop-in program; come anytime between 1 and 4 p.m.

July 15 – Zumba for Kids (and families, too!) It's fun and fast, and don't forget to bring your water bottle! 1-2 p.m. No registration.

July 22 – Burlington High School Juggling Club shows off their skills and will even let you try your hand at juggling their gear! 12-1 p.m. No registration.

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

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Summer Fun at the Library!

Book Clubs For Adults

Afternoon Book Club

June 11 at 1 pm
Still Life with Bread Crumbs
by Anna Quindlan
An appealing fantasy about a late-middle-aged empty-nester's resuscitation of her flagging life by making big changes and opening herself up to new energy, inspiration and unlikely love.

July 9 at 1 pm
Flight of the Sparrow
by Amy Belding Brown
An evocative tale that transports the reader to a little-known time in early America and explores the real meanings of freedom, faith, and acceptance.

August 13 at 1 pm
Prayers for the Stolen
by Jennifer Clement
An illuminating and affecting portrait of women in rural Mexico, and a stunning exploration of the hidden consequences of an unjust war; an unforgettable story of friendship, family, and determination.

Evening Book Club

June 22 at 7 pm
One Summer: America, 1927
by Bill Bryson
Chronicles the century defining events involving such noted figures as Charles Lindbergh, Babe Ruth, Al Jolson, and Al Capone.

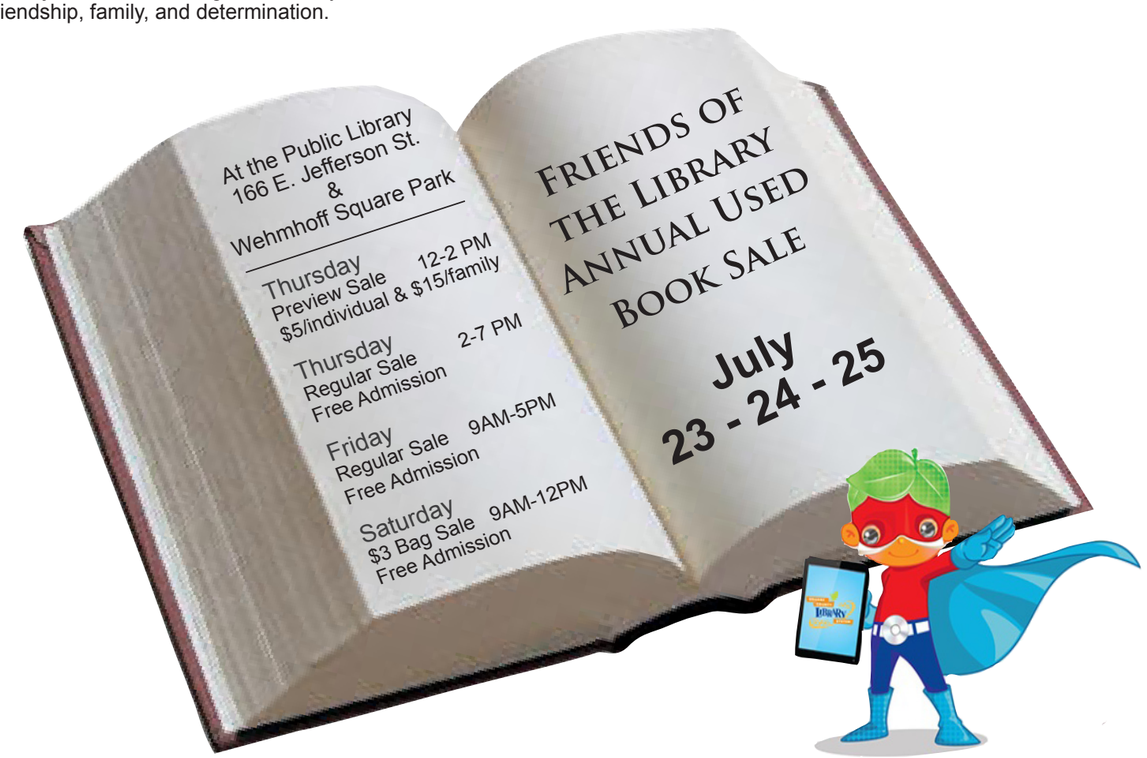
July 27 at 7 pm
Sparta
by Roxana Robinson
A soldier returning from Iraq learns how hard it is to return to the people and places he used to love.

August 24 at 7 pm
Neverhome
by Laird Hunt
Tells the harrowing story of Ash Thompson during the battle for the South. Through bloodshed, hysteria and heartbreak, she becomes a hero, a folk legend, a madwoman and a traitor to the American cause.

Programs For Adults

Summer Reading Program
Ready for something new? Join us at the library as we ESCAPE THE ORDINARY during this year's Summer Reading Program. Try a new genre, explore heroes and other extraordinary people, places and events, or complete the weekly quizzes for a chance to win a Kindle. To join the fun register at the Reference Desk beginning June 15.

Wednesday Game Nights
Join the fun on the fourth Wednesday of each month as we get together to play board games. We meet from 6:30-around 8:30 pm. Bring your own favorites or use the library's!



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City to Adopt Updated Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

The City of Burlington has a long history of park and open space planning. Under the guidance of the Public Works staff and Park Board, SA Design group is putting the finishing touches on a revised Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for the City. The CORP sets forth the City's vision for the future growth and development of its outdoor recreation parks and facilities and helps fulfill the City's mission of providing residents with a high quality of life. The amendment will guide the City's outdoor recreation facility development through the year 2019. An updated CORP will also enable Burlington to participate in outdoor recreation grant programs through the Department of Natural Resources.

The existing city park system is comprised of 26 active and passive use park areas. The following is a brief description of the five park categories found in the City of Burlington:

Mini Parks - include specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. Desirable size is 1 acre or less.

Community Parks - areas of diverse environmental quality and may include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. Desirable size is 25+ acres.

Special Use Parks - areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities, such as golf courses, nature centers, skate parks, and ball diamonds. And conservancy areas established for protection and management of the natural or cultural environment with recreational facilities as a secondary objective.

Linear Parks (Trail Corridors) - an area developed for one or more modes of recreational travel such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, etc.

The recommendations of the CORP are intended to provide actions to guide the future development or expansion of community parks and open spaces. The following is a list of general recommendations for the entire City of Burlington parks system.

• Retrofit all parks and park facilities to be barrier-free and ADA accessible.

• Cover surfaces directly under play equipment and a safe zone around the play equipment with a 10-inch to 12-inch layer of resilient safety surface.

• Perform systematic routine maintenance of park facilities and equipment and conduct safety audit/inspection of all existing play structures for current National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) conformance.

• Acquire additional parklands as appropriate.

• Improve existing playgrounds as neighborhood gathering places for all ages, and incorporate new neighborhood-focused facilities consistent with the patterns of new residential growth.

• Develop a City-wide, barrier-free, multi-purpose trail system that connects City parks, county and state parks, existing regional trails, and provides access to natural and cultural resources.

• Actively generate funds for park and recreation programs and park development, pursuing grant opportunities to supplement capitol funds for future development and park system upgrades.

• Develop an ordinance to control boating access and storage on public waterways within the City of Burlington.

Want to Reserve a Park Pavilion?

Reservations can be made for Beaumont, Devor, Echo, McCanna, Riverside and Wehmhoff-Jucker Parks. All pavilions have electricity, water and tables and all associated parks have restrooms. Reservation fees are $50 for city residents and $100 for non-residents. A $100 security deposit is required for all reservations and will be returned the week after the event is over pending all requirements are followed. Arrangements can be made by stopping at the Department of Public Works located at 2200 S Pine Street. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.

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.

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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 initatives 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.

Tips to Help Keep You Safe

Tips for driving safely

- Plan your route and use your turn signals
- Don't block the crosswalks
- Focus on the road and do not text Texting while driving is illegal in Wisconsin
- Stop for pedestrians
- Always look for pedestrians and cyclists when attempting a turn
- Make eye contact with a pedestrian before proceeding through a crosswalk
- Never pass a vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk. Always assume they are stopped for a pedestrian

Tips for walking safely

- Use the sidewalk
- Wear bright clothing at night so you can be easily seen
- Use marked crosswalks wherever possible. Do not cross mid-street
- At signals, start crossing the street only when you have the "walk" signal
- Watch for traffic even in a marked crosswalk with the "walk" signal – make eye contact with drivers who are approaching
- Don't be a distracted walker—turn off headphones and pay attention when crossing the street

Tips for biking safely

- Wear light colored outer clothing, preferably with reflective strips, and a helmet
- Use a bright, white light on the front of your bike and a red reflector on the back
- When in the street, follow the same traffic laws required for motor vehicles
- When on the sidewalk travel slowly and yield to pedestrians
- Be predictable - avoid sudden turns or lane changes

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