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COMMON COUNCIL**

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Announcements

Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Visit the 2014 Home Expo and Chocolate Extravaganza at Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Pkwy. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 763-6044 with questions.

April 18 - City offices closed for Easter.

April 1 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Spring Election. Contact the City Clerk with questions at 342-1161.

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 23-26 - ChocolateFest 2014! Chocolate, food, music, games, events and a carnival. Visit chocolatefest.com for more information.

May 26 at 9 a.m. - Veteran's Memorial Day Parade starts at Kane and Edward Streets.

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 March 2 - 8
- Week of March 16 - 22
- Week of Mar 30 - Apr 5
- Week of April 13 - 19
- Week of April 27 - May 3
- Week of May 11 - 17
- Week of May 25 - 31
- Week of June 8 - 14

March Meetings

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|------|-----------|---------------------|
| 3/4 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 3/4 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/5 | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Com |
| 3/11 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 3/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 3/25 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 3/27 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 3/27 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

April Meetings

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| 4/1 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 4/2 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 4/2 | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Com |
| 4/8 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 4/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 4/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 4/22 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 4/24 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 4/24 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

May Meetings

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

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Follow the Law - Brake for Pedestrians



In Wisconsin, an average of sixty pedestrians are killed each year and more than 1,600 suffer injuries due to vehicular collisions. There have been eight deaths in 2014 thus far in Wisconsin alone. Children ages 5 through 9 and adults over 75 years old are most vulnerable to these collisions.

Although it is important to remember year-round, Spring is a good time to refresh ourselves with the laws and rules as they apply to pedestrians and drivers.

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.

As you travel through the City of Burlington you will notice several crosswalk signs in the middle of the roadway. When pedestrians are waiting to cross, drivers must yield and allow the pedestrians to cross.

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 nine. Motorists are also responsible for child pedestrian safety. Slow down in school zones, near parks and 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.



Property Assessment Revaluation Continues

Accurate Appraisal will be conducting a full-value maintenance program from 2014-2018. A full value assessment



keeps all property values at 100% of market value every year, by physically inspecting a quarter of the properties in the city per year. This program will include an in-home inspection of all properties, an analysis of sale properties, an inspection of new construction, and a check on all properties that took out a building permit throughout the municipality. After a thorough analysis of all sale properties we will adjust values according to style and neighborhood of the property based on 100% full market value.



The physical inspection process entails a walk through of the home that

takes approximately 10 minutes, and a check of the exterior dimensions to correctly figure out the square footage of the home. If you are not home upon the initial visit, we will measure the outside and send you a letter requesting an appointment to view the interior at your convenience. This process insures accurate data collection, which is an integral part of an equitable assessment.

If you have any questions you can contact Accurate Appraisal at 800-770-3927 or send an e-mail to info@accurateassessor.com.

Pavilion Reservations Open for 2014

Park Pavilion Reservations are open for 2014. Reservations can be made for Beaumont, Devor, Echo, McCanna, Riverside and Wehmhoff-Jucker Parks. Pavilions may be reserved from May 1st through October 1st.

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. Questions regarding pavilion reservations can be answered by calling the Department of Public Works at 539-3770.



Remember to License Your Pet!

State and municipal law dictates that all dogs and cats 5 months and older be licensed with the city by March 31 of each year.

If you are licensing your pet for the first time or you have recently vaccinated your pet, a rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. The city is proud to offer low cost fees for licensing as listed below:

Dogs & Cats (Spayed/Neutered) - \$6
Dogs & Cats (Non-spayed/neutered) - \$10
 After March 31 a \$10 late fee is added to the cost of the tag.

Residents that move to the city or have a pet that reaches 5 months of age after the deadline date will not be charged the late fee. A move within the city does not qualify for this exception.

Not only is licensing your pet a requirement of the city, the tag numbers are listed with the Burlington Police Department. If your pet were to stray, the tag is a valuable resource to bring them back home quickly.

Street & Sidewalk Construction Projects for 2014

The City of Burlington is planning the 2014 construction season. Work includes the following projects:

Cedar Drive

Asphalt pavement will be resurfaced from Karyl Street to Bear Meadows Subdivision with spot repairs to the curb and gutter.

Karyl Street

Asphalt pavement will be resurfaced from Cedar Drive for approximately 740 feet with spot repairs to the curb and gutter.

Joseph Court

Asphalt pavement will be resurfaced on the entire road with spot repairs to the curb and gutter.

Bridge Street

Asphalt patching, crack filling and slag sealing from E. Chestnut Street to Adams Street.

McCanna Parkway

Asphalt patching, crack filling and slag sealing on the entire road.

Brookview Avenue

Asphalt patching, crack filling and slag sealing from Industrial Drive to dead end.

Industrial Drive

Asphalt patching, crack filling and slag sealing from Brookview Avenue to Krift Avenue.

Krift Avenue

Asphalt patching, crack filling and slag sealing from Industrial Drive to dead end.

Longmeadow Drive

Asphalt patching, crack filling and slag sealing on the entire road.

Sidewalk Reconstruction

Sidewalks will be replaced at various locations around the City.

Report a Street Light Problem

Any problems with street lights should be reported to the Department of Public Works at 539-3770. The DPW will then obtain the pole number and report it to WE Energies. Repair turnover time from WE Energies should be within 72 hours. You may also log on to WE Energies website and report an outage directly at www.we-energies.com/night_aura/contact/rptoutage.htm. Follow the prompts and identify the street light with the problem.



Clean Sweep to be Held April 26!

Join us for the 2014 Clean Sweep Program where you can dispose of household hazardous waste, electronics and prescription medicine on Saturday, April 26 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. There is a \$10 charge for televisions and monitors (each).

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, propane, containers over 5 gallons, 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. will also be on site to collect food, clothing and household item donations.



NOT ACCEPTED: Syringes, latex paint, explosives, propane containers over 5 gallons, medical waste or radioactive material.

Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Available



As part of our green initiatives, the City accepts used motor oil and antifreeze at the Public Works Facility, 2200 S. Pine Street, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oil and antifreeze will only be accepted at the designated drop off point. Residents must stop in the office to show proof of residency and to make sure someone is there to take your containers. Whenever possible, we ask you to bring in containers that you do not need back. The DPW crews empty the containers as time allows. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 539-3770.

Compost Site Opens April 1

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue will be opening Tuesday, April 1, 2014. 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.



It's Easy Being Green

Being environmentally conscientious is not only a recent trend but a much needed habit to protect the environment for future generations, live healthier and be economically savvy. The City of Burlington has been 'going green' for years within all of the departments. Below is a list of some of the ways we are helping to save the environment:

- Collection and recycling of mercury-based products including thermometers, light bulbs & liquid mercury
- Collection and recycling of oil, antifreeze and lead acid batteries
- Collection of printer ink, pharmaceuticals and Clean Sweep Programs
- Collection of leaves, brush and city use of the Compost Site
- An extensive city-wide bi-weekly recycling program offered to residents
- Implementation of electronic correspondence for Council members to reduce paper waste
- Use of methane for energy at the Wastewater Treatment Plant saving about \$100/month
- Biosolids Management Program at the WWTP which includes the application of treated solids on local farm fields, ensuring the safe agricultural re-use of the plant's sludge
- Implementation of a Comprehensive Energy Savings Plan which aims to reduce the City's operating costs, which includes lighting, mechanical, and electrical upgrades throughout the city
- Open space and landscaping requirements for new developments and subdivisions
- Stormwater runoff management programs to minimize erosion
- Creation of bike paths throughout the city
- Successful Farmers Market offering farm-fresh & organic products
- Use of Slag Seal, made of by-products from coal plants, for street resurfacing
- Recycling of construction materials with city projects



The city is always looking for ways to conserve energy, preserve the environment and save the taxpayers money. Please take part in our initiative to go 'green' in your daily activities for future generations.

Disposal & Recycling of Other Household Materials



to be placed on the Brush Pick Up 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. You may also bring your brush to the Compost Site during operational hours.

Light Bulb & Mercury Collection

Mercury thermometers and fluorescent lightbulbs can be taken to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2100 S. Pine Street, for free disposal.

Latex Paint

To dispose of latex paint either remove the lid and let the paint dry or fill the can with kitty litter and replace the lid. Paint cans can be put out with your regular trash.

Brush Pick-Up Service

Brush pick-up continues on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please call in your address to the Department of Public Works at 539-3770

Recycling

Recycling is collected every other week for single and two-family residences.

Items allowed with recycling pick up include: aluminum cans, steel or bi-metal cans, glass (clear, brown and green), plastic bottles coded 1-7 on bottom (i.e. plastic milk and soda bottles, etc.), cardboard, office paper, magazines, newspaper, catalogs, phone books and mail.

Items not accepted in recycling include: drinking glasses, mugs, ceramics, light bulbs, window glass, scrap metal, hangers, aerosol cans, eye glasses, lids from bottles & jars, mirrors, light bulbs, motor oil bottles, paint cans, pizza boxes, plastic bags, plastic, cat litter bottles, plastic flower pots/planters, plate glass, pots, pans, Pyrex dishes, styrofoam packaging materials and styrofoam egg cartons.

For questions please call Advanced Disposal at 800-232-0860.

Programs For Children

Time Out for Play

Join the library's new 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. No registration needed.

Building Blocks

Play and learn with Linda Breuer from Love, Inc.'s Family Smart/Kid Friendly Partnership. This program of musical activities, books and social play is for babies and toddlers up to age 4 and their families. This session runs Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9. Register onsite in the library Meeting Room.

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., March 18 and 25, and April 1, 8, and 15. No registration is necessary.

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., March 18 and 25, and April 1, 8, and 15. No registration is necessary.

Music Matters @ the Library!

Two fun music classes with Miss Lynn, funded by a grant from Music Matters,



will be offered over four weeks at the library:

- Grades K-2: Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 4 - 4:30 p.m.
- Grades 3-5: Fridays, April 11, 18, 25 & May 2 from 4 - 4:30 p.m.

"Sing a Story, Tell a Song"

K-2nd graders will enjoy an interactive program with plenty of room for singing, dancing, playing instruments, and wiggling, too! Registration is required; please visit the library to sign up, or call (262) 342-1130. This program runs Tuesdays, Apr. 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 4-4:30 p.m.

"Sing Your Story, Tell Your Song"

3rd-5th graders have tales to tell, and in this class we'll be putting our adventures into musical stories using rhythm, rhyming, and storytelling. By the end of class, every child will have created their own song with a familiar tune. Registration is required; please visit the library to sign up, or call (262) 342-1130. This program runs Fridays, Apr. 11, 18, 25 and May 2 from 4-4:30 p.m.

WannaWatchaMovie?

Come watch a recently released movie at the library Friday, Mar. 21 and Thursday, Apr. 17 at 1:45 p.m. Check the library web site, www.burlingtonlibrary.com, for movie titles. Register at the Circulation Desk or call (262) 342-1130. Everyone who signs up gets a free treat!

Kiwanis Student Art Show

The library will once again host the artwork of area students Mar. 10 through 31. This display of extraordinary local talent is available to view during normal library hours.

Wii Gaming

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

Book Clubs For Adults



Afternoon Book Club

March 13 at 1 pm
Me Before You by JoJo Moyes

April 10 at 1 pm
The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

Evening Book Club

March 24 at 7 pm
The Dinner by Herman Koch

April 28 at 7 pm
House Girl by Tara Conklin

May 19 at 7 pm
Ishmael by Daniel Quinn

Programs For Adults

Life Writing Class 10:30 am

March 13: Write to a younger family member about peer pressure.

March 27: Traveling alone

April 10: My favorite meal is. . .

April 24: Describe your favorite craft or hobby

May 8: Write the story behind a favorite photo.

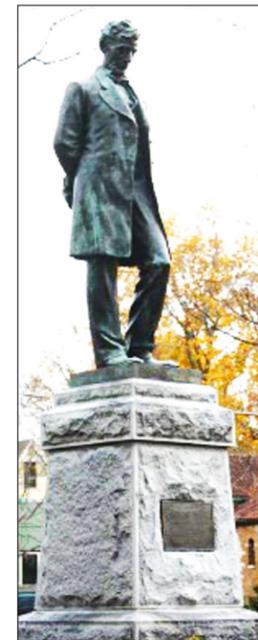
May 22: Write about your siblings

Upcoming Programs

April 12 at 10 am
Baseball in the Attic. Michael will give a history of baseball card collecting and appraise cards.

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Lincoln Statue May 18

The Historical Society, in conjunction with the City of Burlington, will host a program on Sunday, May 18, at 12:00 p.m. celebrating the 100th anniversary of Burlington's Lincoln Statue, located on the corner of Kane Street and State Street.



The statue, sculpted by George Etienne Ganiere, was donated to the City by Burlington native, Dr. Francis W. Meinhardt. It was unveiled in an impressive ceremony in October 1913. The eight-foot-tall statue was cast in bronze and erected on a Vermont granite pedestal. The pedestal itself is eight feet high and tapers from four feet

wide at the base to slightly less than three feet at the top. Near the base of the pedestal, a brass plaque commemorates words from the president's second inaugural address. On the back of the statue, a plaque acknowledges the donation of Dr. Meinhardt.

Steven K. Rogstad, a nationally known Lincoln scholar, will be the main speaker at the program. Mr. Rogstad served as secretary and editor for the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin for twelve years and continues to work as an officer in that organization. He also served as review editor for the Lincoln Herald, a journal published by Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. Mr. Rogstad is the author of numerous reviews and articles related to his Lincoln research. In April 2008 Mr. Rogstad was appointed to the Wisconsin Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. He serves as the Commission's Secretary and is a member of its Memorials and Markers, Committee.

The program is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Some seating will be provided but attendants are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs. Refreshments will be available following the program.

County Services Offered at City Hall

City Hall began its third year providing certain county services that had previously been provided at the Western Racine County Service Center. The change has been quite successful with over 4,100 patrons using these services at City Hall in the last two years.

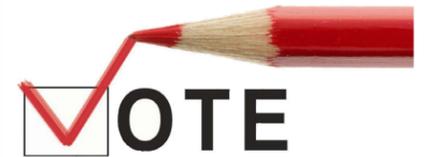
County services available at City Hall, located at 300 N. Pine Street are:

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

• Second installment of property tax payments and delinquent property tax payments year round (County Treasurer).

Both Racine County and the City of Burlington feel this arrangement benefits all county residents, providing a convenience to the communities in western Racine County and helps save taxpayers money by working together.

Visit the City's website at www.burlington-wi.gov under "Racine County Services" for specific details on services offered at City Hall or to locate all other services provided by the county.



2014 Spring Election

The Spring Election, scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014 include aldermanic positions from each of the four districts in the City of Burlington. Terms for these positions will begin April 15, 2014.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are always available at City Hall beginning March 18. If you are someone that due to age or illness has difficulty getting to the polls, there is the option of being placed on a permanent list in which a ballot will be sent to you for every election. Please call the City Clerk at (262) 342-1161 to request to be placed on this list.

Skip the Lines for Voter Registration

At www.myvote.wi.gov, an online tool and resource center, electors can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see your sample ballot, view voting history and check provisional ballot status.

If you plan to register online, go to the My Vote website and select what type of voter you are. You will be asked several questions that will allow My Vote to complete the registration form. Once you complete your registration you will be prompted to print your application and be instructed to take the form to the City Clerk at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street. City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

*** My Vote Wisconsin ***

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