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*Announcements*

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

**June 12-23:** 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 8 - Aug. 31:** B-Town Sounds every other Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Echo Park. Call 262.492.3697 for questions.

**June 23 - July 28:** Kiwanis Civic Band every Friday beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Echo Park.

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

**July 28-29:** Community-wide Yard Sale. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information at 763-6044.

**Looking for other events not listed here? Visit the Chamber of Commerce website at [www.burlingtonchamber.org](http://www.burlingtonchamber.org) to view the comprehensive Calendar of Events.**

**CITY STAFF DIRECTORY**

**City Hall**

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

Jeannie Hefty	Mayor
Carina Walters	City Administrator
Megan Watkins	Director of Administrative Services
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Gregory Guidry	Building Inspector

**Fire Department**

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

Alan Babe	Fire Chief
Wes Miner	Fire Inspector

**Public Library**

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

Joe Davies	Library Director
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**Police Department**

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

Mark Anderson	Police Chief
Brian Zmudzinski	Lieutenant

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

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

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Aaron DeGrave	Park Foreman
Tom Koch	Street Foreman
Glenn Harjes	Water Foreman

**Public Works - Wastewater**

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

James Bergles	Public Works Director
Don Hefty	Wastewater Foreman

**Municipal Court**

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

Kelly Iselin	Municipal Court Judge
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**Recycling Collection Schedule**

- Week of June 12 - 16
- Week of June 26 - 30
- Week of July 10 - 14
- Week of July 24 - 28
- Week of August 7 - 11
- Week of August 21 - 25
- Week of Sept. 5 - 8
- Week of Sept. 18 - 22

**June Meetings**

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

**July Meetings**

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 7/5  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 7/5  | 6:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 7/5  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 7/11 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission     |
| 7/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 7/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board          |
| 7/25 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 7/27 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |
| 7/27 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |

**August Meetings**

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

*Inside Burlington*



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## Real Estate Taxes Due July 31

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 - 4:30 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](http://www.officialpayments.com)  
Jurisdiction Code: 5835



## Property Assessments

Each year the City Assessor reviews property assessments and updates the assessment roll according to any changes that occurred during the previous year.

If you have concerns about your assessment, you may want to meet with the Assessor at an "Open Book Conference". Appointments for an Open Book conference can be made with Accurate Appraisal at (800) 770-3927. Open Book conferences will be held on July 24 from 12 to 3 p.m. & 4 to 7 p.m. and on July 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Minor errors and misunderstandings can often be corrected by meeting with the assessor without initiating a formal appeal. 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. The 2017 Board of Review meeting date is August 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.

## Property Maintenance Enforcement - How You Can Help

Are you a proud resident of the City of Burlington that is tired of seeing properties, whether residential or commercial, in disrepair or dilapidated? We need your help!

The City works with SAFEbuilt to provide a complaint-based property maintenance and code enforcement program for both commercial and residential properties. You can help the City by submitting a complaint to City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street or 262-342-1161. You may also download and complete a Property Maintenance Complaint form from the City's website at [www.burlington-wi.gov](http://www.burlington-wi.gov) under the Building Inspection/Property Maintenance page. All complaints may remain anonymous unless you are a tenant and an inspector must enter the property to inspect the violation(s).

Typical property maintenance violations include (please note this is not an all-inclusive list):

### Minimum Housing Standards

All wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens, interior walls, ceilings,

floors, doors, electrical, plumbing and hardware and any other parts of residential structures must be maintained in weather-tight, rodent proof, sound condition and in good repair.

### Overgrowth of Weeds & Grass

Grass must be cut below a height of 12 inches. All noxious weeds, brush, stumps and other vegetative overgrowth must be cut down and disposed of properly.

### Junk, Trash & Debris

Junk, trash and debris are prohibited from being left in the yard and must be disposed of properly. This includes, but is not limited to, junk, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, trash such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc., and debris such as tree trimmings and fallen limbs.

### Building Numbers

All new and existing buildings must have approved address numbers placed in a position so as to be plainly visible from the street or road fronting the property.

### Sign Placement along Roadways

Signs are not allowed in the right of way or medians within the City of Burlington. The right of way generally extends from the street to the edge of the sidewalk.

### Accessory Structures

All accessory structures, including garages, sheds, fences, retaining walls and swimming pools must be properly maintained and in good working condition.



## Bikes, Beaches, Baseball, Burgers and....Budgets??

When you think of summer, one immediately thinks of summer is a great time for the warm weather activities we all love - picnic's, grill-outs, summer sports, water activities - all that "fun stuff". For the City, summer also means - BUDGETS!

Staff is always surprised at how fast the budget season comes around. Seems like we just finished the last one and the next one starts up right away. Point in fact, the City Annual Budget process takes about 6 months of planning and preparation. From line items like utilities, fuel and paper clips, to large items like road repair, park improvements, vehicle purchases to even larger issues like buildings and infrastructure.

Have you ever wondered: How does the City come up with their budget? How does the budget relate to my tax bill? Is there really any thought that goes into spending my tax dollars or is the City just trying to plug holes? Who is that person that showed up at my door and wants to look at my property?

In 2011, The City started a program called Citizen Budget Partners (CBP).

This program was designed to take City residents on a journey through the City budget process and to have those participants give their views and ideas on programs and projects. The program has had 5 to 13 participants since the beginning of the program and has been very successful. Many people have commented after going through the budget process that they were amazed at the detail and thought going into the budget. They are also surprised to learn of the hurdles and challenges we face as a City due to state mandates and requirements.

This year, the CBP program will be held August 16, 23, 30 and September 6 beginning at 5:45 pm in the Public Works Facility Community Room, 2200 S. Pine Street. Generally the program runs until 8 pm. You do not have to have budget knowledge, financial knowledge or any municipal experience at all - you only need to have an interest in learning new things and try to commit attending every session.

During these sessions you will see how the City prepares its budget. We actually

walk you through our budget process just like we do with the Common Council during their budget workshops in October. We also have an exercise that allows you to discuss items you are concerned about as a resident and tax payer in the City of Burlington. All of the information given to us by the CBP participants is shared with the Council. The CBP sessions are not attended by the Council, but are hosted and ran by staff, the City Administrator and the Mayor.

If you would like to be a part of the CBP Program for the 2018 Budget year, please contact the City Treasurer at 342-1161 or you can contact your aldermen and let us know your interest. You will not be disappointed!



## Burlington Community Pool Project Update

The Burlington Community Pool construction is slotted to begin immediately after Labor Day, September 2017. It is likely ground work on the back portion of Devor Park will commence during the late Spring/Summer months of 2017; however, confirmation of this work is not available at the time of print. Stay tuned to the City's Community Pool webpage at [www.burlington-wi.gov](http://www.burlington-wi.gov) under the "My Community" tab for updates or via the City's Facebook page. In the meantime, don't forget to visit the pool all summer long for great events, relaxation and good old summer fun!

## Downtown Parking Enforcement

The mission of the City of Burlington is to support the viability of the historic downtown, while balancing the competing demands for limited parking spaces between downtown employees, shoppers and visitors. On-street parking in downtown Burlington consists primarily of free, two-hour time limited parking, with a number of short-term 15-minute parking spaces intended for quick stops and parcel loading/unloading. The City also has five off-street public parking lots and a parking structure that are strategically located throughout the downtown area, which have no time restrictions. All municipal parking is free. In addition to the municipal parking facilities that are open to the general public, the downtown area has a number of private lots that are reserved for use by private businesses

that are not available to the general public.

The City of Burlington Police Department employs parking enforcement personnel dedicated to performing morning and afternoon enforcement on random weekdays to gain compliance. It is the responsibility of parking enforcement staff to enforce parking ordinances for the City of Burlington and issue citations accordingly.

To view the City's Downtown parking map or parking regulations, visit the City's website at [www.burlington-wi.gov](http://www.burlington-wi.gov) under the "Maps" link.



## Goose Removal from Echo Park

Perhaps you have noticed that the geese at Echo Park this year have nearly been non-existent. Recently, the City of Burlington Park Board approved contracting with a company that specializes in the use of trained dogs and a remote control boat to gently scare the geese away as a method of wild fowl control. The dogs are trained to only scare the geese and not hurt them. The methodology, which sets out to irritate the birds with light, sound, and the dogs, allows for a solution that not only protects the wildlife, but eliminates the nuisance situation in a manner that is acceptable to everyone. To date, it has proven to be very successful at Echo Park with the elimination of a large goose population, as well as their droppings within the park, especially where children play.



## Summer Fun at the Library!

### Programs For Children

#### ••• JUNE •••

#### Summer Reading Program

Join us at the Burlington Public Library for "Build a Better World!" this summer! We have a Reading Program where children of all ages can earn prizes by completing weekly bookmarks of fun reading activities. Kids will also have a chance to win a grand prize. And while you're here, take advantage of these fun events:

- June 12: Summer Registration Begins
- June 19: First day to turn in reading record
- August 18: Summer Reading Program Ends
- August 21: Grand Prize Drawing

#### Teen Volunteers Needed

We need your help with this year's summer reading program, and you need community service hours. So, let's work together! Sign up for 2017 Summer Reading Program at BPL (<http://signup.com/go/CenEGQT>) on @SignUp.com today!

#### Lap-Sit

Finger plays, bouncing movements, rhythmic play and stories are the core of this program for children up to the age of five and their parents/caretakers. We meet Tuesdays at 10 a.m. No registration necessary.

#### Story Wagon Series

Professional performers will make five appearances at the library this summer, all on Fridays at 10 a.m. These free performances fill up fast. Be sure to see:

- June 16: Bobby Hunt, Circus Boy
- June 23: Michelle Harrell, Michelle's Magical Poodles
- June 30: Emily Roberts, Snake Discover
- July 14: Ben Jimenez, Ben's Bubble Show
- July 22: Doug Jarecki & Matthew Huebsch, Kidsplay-interactive theater

#### Special Events

No registration required unless stated

- Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teacher Night at the Library. Teachers from Burlington Schools will be here to read with kids and to do fun projects.

- June 13, 10-11:30 a.m.: June Dairy Day at the library, from 10-11:30 a.m. This event, with free ice cream, a petting zoo, face painting, and games is courtesy of Kan-Do 4-H and Burlington Back 40 4-H, Racine County Dairy Promotions, and WI Milk Marketing Board. This event will be located in Wehmhoff Square Park.
- June 14 and July 27, 10 a.m.: Lego Build. All ages welcome. We will provide the Legos
- June 15, 10 a.m.: Summer Crafts. Come and have fun making crafts. All ages!
- June 21, 11 a.m.: Zumba for Kids (and families, too!) in Wehmhoff Square Park. It's fun and fast, and don't forget to bring your water bottle!
- June 22, 10 a.m.: Herb Garden Creation. Tweens/Teens-come learn about herbs and create an herb garden to keep. Ages 10 and up. Only 20 herb garden kits available. Registration required.
- June 26, 10 a.m.: Kohl's Wild Theater will present "A Tale of Two Hemispheres"
- June 27, 10 a.m.: Interactive Music with Ms. Linda Breuer for preschool ages.
- June 28, 10 a.m.: Kidsstuff-Musician David Drake. All ages!
- June 29, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.: Popcorn and a Movie-The Lego Batman Movie.

#### ••• JULY •••

- July 6, 10 a.m.: Wehr Nature Center Outreach Presents: Let's Leave it to the Beavers! Learn about beavers. Ages 5 and up.
- July 7, 1 p.m.: Tween/Teen crafts. Kids Ages 10 and up invited to come and create some cool crafts. Registration Required!
- July 12, 10 a.m.: Burlington High School Juggling Club shows off their skills and will even let you try your hand at juggling their gear! Program in Wehmhoff Square Park.
- July 13, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.: STEAM 3 Little Pigs. Ages 5 and up. Come build

a house and see if it can be torn down. Registration required.

- July 18, 1 p.m.: Parachute Fun! School age children come and have some parachute fun in Wehmhoff Square Park.
- July 25, 1 p.m.: Bubble fun! Come have fun with bubbles in Wehmhoff Square Park. For kids of all ages.
- July 26, 10:30 a.m.: Mammal Exploration. Come learn about mammals from a DNR expert. For kids of all ages.
- July 29, 10 a.m., noon & 2 p.m.: Maxwell Street Days-Storytimes in the park with Ms. Jane.

#### ••• AUGUST •••

- Every Tuesday in August at 10:00 a.m.: Sensory Play in Wehmhoff Square Park. Children ages 5 and under and their caretakers come and explore hands-on activities that involve your senses. No registration necessary.
- August 10, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.: STEAM-Art/3D Doodler Pens. Create some STEAM Art while also getting a chance to play with 3D Doodler pens.
- August 11, 11 a.m.: Fox and Branch Musical Duo. Funded by a Music Matters grant, Burlington Public Library will host this musical duo from Milwaukee, WI. This duo performs tours all around the U.S. and are winners of four Parent's Choice recommended awards.
- August 16, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.: Popcorn and a Movie. Movie TBD.
- August 18, 1 p.m.: Volunteer Thank You Pizza Party. All teen volunteers are invited for a pizza celebration. Registration Required.
- August 21: Summer Reading Grand Prize Drawing. Winners will be notified this week.



## Summer Fun at the Library!

### Programs For Adults

#### **Adult Summer Reading Program - Build a Better World**

Who is ready to have some fun, explore new interests, AND be eligible for prizes? If that sounds like your cup of (iced) tea, join in the Adult Summer Reading Program at the Burlington Public library (BPL). Why let the kids have all the fun? Show them how much you enjoy sitting with a book—it's a great opportunity for positive role modeling. You can try new literary genres, sit back with your favorites or use your computer skills to complete easy quizzes for an opportunity to win one of two grand prizes: gift certificates for a local spa. Joining is easy and for each book you read you will receive an entry slip for both the weekly drawing and the drawing for the second grand prize. Sign-up begins June 12 at the reference desk.

#### **Homebuyer's Workshop**

Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Did you ever wonder about the steps you need to purchase your own home? Join us at BPL as we welcome a local mortgage loan officer, realtor, and insurance agent who will explain the process and answer questions about where to start, who can help, credit scores, financing, resources and the vocabulary associated with home buying. This is an informational session only. No registration or sign-up will be requested. For questions, please call Barb at 262-342-1130.

#### **Wiscon-Sing**

Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome popular folk singer David HB Drake as he returns to the BPL with songs that introduce Wisconsin from the original inhabitants through the European immigration up to our present day farmers and Great Lakes sailors. David plays a variety of handmade and historic instruments including Indian Courting Flute, Mountain Banjo, Dulcimer and Concertina in addition to Guitar in this sing-along and slide-show portrait of the State of Wisconsin. No registration is necessary.

#### **Tackle Your Old Photos - The Clutter-Free Life**

Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m.

How many boxes of old photos are languishing in your closets and basement?

They're out of sight, but not forgotten. Clutter Coach Kathi Miller will help you decide what to keep, what to toss, and how to organize what's left. Bring 2 or 3 boxes or bags of photos to class. Space is limited, so please register at the Burlington Public Library or call 262-342-1130.

#### **Does YOUR Resume Sell You the Way YOU Want it to?**

Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.

What does your resume say about you? Join us for an interactive and fun look at resumes...how they're changing...and how YOU can insure that YOU get the attention YOU deserve from employers. Tom Kipp, who has been heading up the Career Education program at Cardinal Stritch University for the past 18+ years, will be here to discuss Resumes and Self-Advocacy strategies you can incorporate when looking for that next Job.

#### Afternoon Book Club

**The Nest** by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney  
Thursday, June 8 at 1 p.m.

When their joint trust fund, "The Nest," is threatened, members of a dysfunctional family must come to terms with their own frailties and poor choices as they are forced to face power of money to unite or destroy. What was meant as a small inheritance has blossomed into a significant fund which Plumb family members anticipate will fulfill their deepest dreams.

**NO BOOK CLUB IN JULY**

**The Summer Before the War** by Helen Simonson  
Thursday, August 10 at 1 p.m.

A free-thinking young teacher arrives in Sussex to teach Latin to the local children as the threat of war hangs over England. She develops a close friendship with an eccentric family and spends the summer enjoying the lovely landscape

and people of the village. As the summer wanes, the idyllic surroundings and relaxed lifestyle of the characters are contrasted with the death and war that looms ever closer to becoming a reality for England.

#### Evening Book Club

**Homegoing** by Yaa Gyasi  
Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m.

After a slave in Africa gives birth to two daughters born under differing circumstances, the girls' lives take off in distinct directions that eventually result in a legacy of slavery and warfare for their descendants. This saga presents a glimpse at the slavery that exists because of tribalism, greed and the desire for power that are not exclusively the domain of white slavers.

**NO BOOK CLUB IN JULY**

**Thomas Jefferson Dreams of Sally Heming** by Stephen O'Connor  
Monday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

O'Connor explores the effects of slavery on the human soul as the story of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Heming, his slave/lover unfolds. Told from varying perspectives across the centuries, the reader is asked to explore the contradictions that exist between the ideal world of the Founding Fathers and the cruelties of human slavery.

**Big Book Sale**

July 20: 12 to 2 p.m.  
Preview Admission: \$5 per Individual & \$15 per Family

July 21-22 - Admission Free  
Thursday 2 to 7 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Burlington Public Library  
166 E. Jefferson Street  
*Sponsored by Friends of the Burlington Library*

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



**Fourth of July Dance & Fundraiser!**

Don't miss out! 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 p.m. Echo Park is located at 595 Milwaukee Avenue.

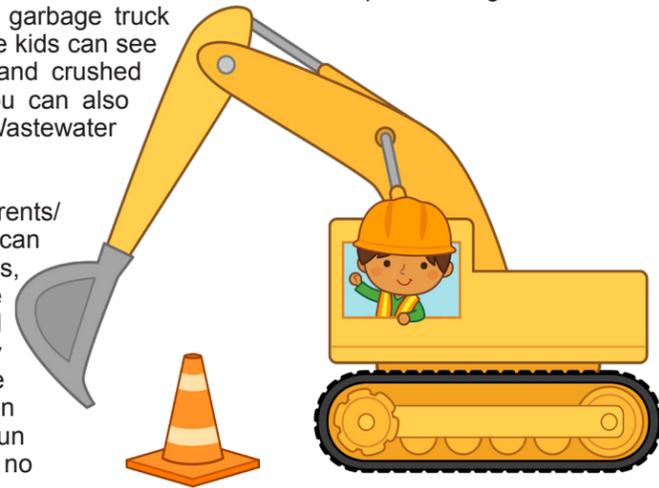
A bag toss tournament begins at 3 p.m. Lunchmoney Bullies will perform from 7 to 11 p.m., pausing during the fireworks display sponsored by the City of Burlington.

Beer, soda, bottled water, food, and popcorn will be available for purchase.

## Attend the Public Works Rodeo August 25th!

The DPW Rodeo will be held on Friday, August 25, 2017 at the Department of Public Works, 2200 S. Pine Street from 11:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. All City residents are invited to attend this spectacular outing with their children. The children can come and take a ride on a front-end loader, snow and other equipment. A garbage truck will also be on site and the kids can see garbage being lifted up and crushed inside the compactor. You can also take a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Children and their parents/grandparents/care-givers can also enjoy free hot dogs, chips and juice. Raffle drawings will be held for various generously donated items, so make sure to have the kids sign up at the raffle table. A fun filled event for kids, and at no cost to the parents!



## Burlington 2017 Safety Town



The City of Burlington Police Department in partnership with Burlington Jaycees sponsor the annual Safety Town Program which Waller School hosts. This year's safety town is scheduled for June 12th-June 22nd.

This annual program is held in June and is designed for children entering kindergarten in the Burlington or surrounding communities each fall. Children will be taught safety topics such as Stranger Danger, how to use the 9-1-1 system, gun safety, poisons, bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, and fire safety to name a few.

This program consists of morning and afternoon sessions for two weeks. Each day Officer Hayes, Officer Rice, Diane

Weimer, and Deb Butler teach the pre-kindergarten children important safety topics. Added this year will be railroad safety and internet safety.

Burlington's safety town program has been a tradition for over thirty years. Enrollment includes a small fee to cover a shirt, training equipment, and the field trip to the Burlington Police and Burlington Fire Departments. The program concludes with a graduation ceremony and the issuance of certificates.

The program has been a way for young children to learn about safety in a fun learning environment and build a positive relationship with the Burlington Police Department Officers.

## 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 twelve (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.

## Do You Need a Permit for That?

Now that summer is upon us, many home and business owners will take part in remodeling projects. More often than not a building permit is required for construction-related projects.

A permit protects the homeowner and the future occupants of the home. "Pulling a permit" is just the beginning of your relationship with the Building Inspector. Look for him to stop by at key stages of your project to make sure your work is compliant with codes and done correctly.



The following is a list of common construction projects that require a building permit, however, this list is not all-inclusive:

- Furnace & Air Conditioning
- Decks, porches and pergolas
- Kitchen and bathroom remodels
- Demolition work
- Additions
- Electrical work
- Plumbing
- Fences
- Handrails and stairs
- Pool construction or renovation
- Roof repairs or re-roofing
- Sheds and accessory buildings
- Siding

If you have a project planned and don't see it here, call (262) 342-1164 for information before starting your work. Obtaining the appropriate permit(s) is the property owner's responsibility. Permits can be obtained at City Hall, located at 300 N. Pine Street, or on the City's website at [burlington-wi.gov](http://burlington-wi.gov).

**FIREWORKS**

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

## 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 a.m. and 7 p.m. Home owners can hold no more than 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 any other residential property with permission of the homeowner of that property. No signs shall be placed within the right-of-way, on public land, utility poles or traffic control signs. Signs must be removed within 24 hours of the close of the rummage sale.



## Outdoor Fire Safety & Regulations

With the summer months finally here, many of us will be sitting around those warm fire pits and campfires. Here are some safety tips to keep you and your family safe this summer season.

### Portable Fire Pits

- Portable fire pits shall not be used on any balcony, under any overhanging portion of a structure or within 10 feet of any structure and must be placed on a noncombustible surface.
- Portable fire pits shall not be used between 12 a.m. (midnight) and the following sunrise.

### Recreational (Camp) Fires

- Recreational fires are permitted with verbal permission from the Fire Department. You must call in and obtain permission on the day you wish to have a recreational fire at 763-7842.
- Recreational fires are permitted only between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Recreational fires shall not be located within 25 feet of a structure. The total fire area shall not exceed three feet in diameter.

### All Fires

- Burning of yard waste, building materials or other refuse is prohibited; only clean, dry wood can be used.
- Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be used to ignite the fire.
- Smoke shall be limited and not become a nuisance to neighbors or public roads.
- No flame shall exceed one foot in height over the source fuel at any time.
- All fires shall be continuously attended with an adequate means of extinguishment.
- On days when conditions are unacceptable for burning, all fires will be prohibited.

