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Announcements and Events

Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Visit the 2018 Home Expo, Craft Fair and Chocolate Extravaganza at Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Pkwy. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 763-6044 with questions.

April 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Spring Election. To determine what ward you are in or your polling location visit <http://www.burlington-wi.gov/index.aspx?nid=100>. Contact the City Clerk with questions at 342-1161.

Friday, March 30 - City offices closed for Easter.

May through October - Visit the Farmers' Market every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. in Wehmhoff Square, downtown Burlington! Visit burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com or find them on Facebook for more information on the market or vendors.

May 25-28 - ChocolateFest 2018! Chocolate, food, music, games, events and a carnival. Visit chocolatefest.com for more information.

May 28 at 9 a.m. - Veteran's Memorial Day Parade kicks off at Kane and Edward Streets.

CITY STAFF DIRECTORY

City Hall

300 N. Pine Street - 342-1161

Jeannie Hefty	Mayor
Carina Walters	City Administrator
Megan Watkins	Director of Administrative Services
Steve DeQuaker	Finance Director/Treasurer
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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 - 342-1181

Peter Riggs	Public Works Director
Aaron DeGrave	Park Foreman
Tom Koch	Street Foreman
Glenn Harjes	Water Foreman

Public Works - Wastewater

2100 S. Pine Street - 539-3646

Peter Riggs	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 March 5 - 9
- Week of March 19 - 23
- Week of April 2 - 6
- Week of April 16 - 20
- Week of April 30 - May 4
- Week of May 14 - 18
- Week of May 29 - June 1
- Week of June 11 - 15

March Meetings

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| 3/6 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 3/6 | 6:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 3/6 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/13 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 3/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 3/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/22 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 3/22 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 3/27 | 4:30 p.m. | - Library Board |

April Meetings

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

May Meetings

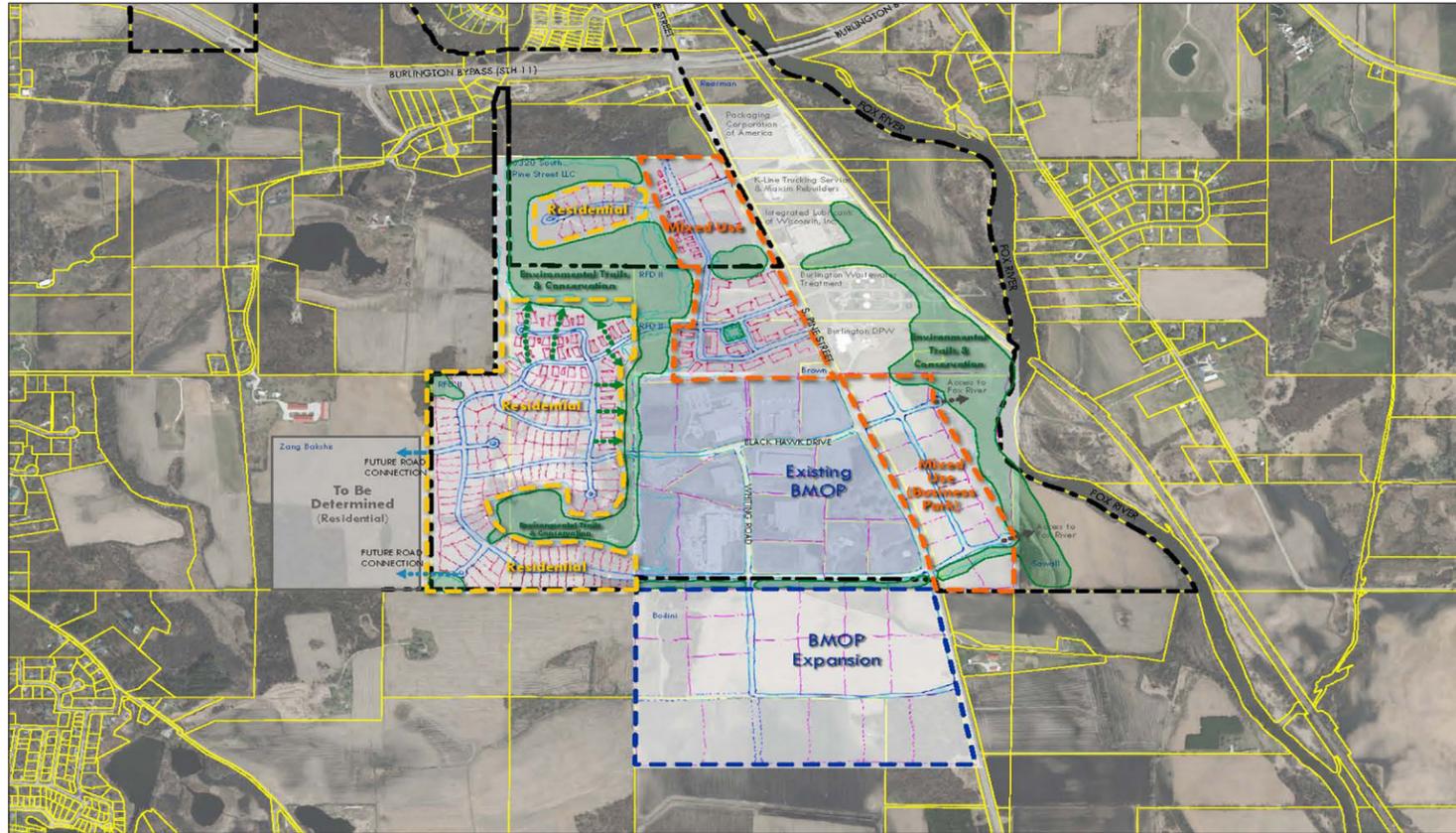
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| 5/1 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 5/1 | 6:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 5/1 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 5/8 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 5/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 5/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 5/22 | 4:30 p.m. |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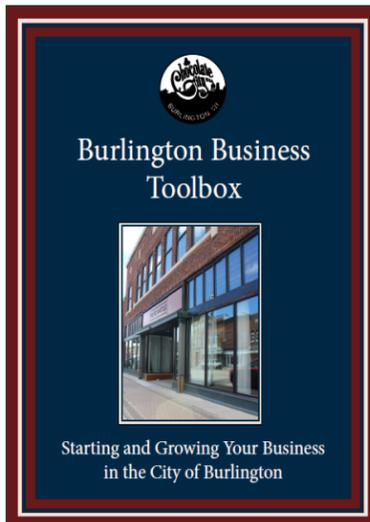
The City's Official Newsletter

Burlington Area Manufacturing & Office Park Expansion Project



The development and adoption of a conceptual master plan for the Burlington Manufacturing and Office Park (BMOP) will advance the City of Burlington's coordinated growth strategy. Core tenets of this strategy include the efficient expansion of utilities and infrastructure, the provision of quality and affordable housing, the creation of family supporting jobs, the preservation of natural resources, and the expansion of the property tax base. As the BMOP is a successful business park and demand for industrial and manufacturing land continues to grow in Racine County, the City of Burlington can position itself to satisfy this demand through the BMOP expansion with attendant commercial and residential development in the surrounding area.

The Burlington Business Toolbox Can Assist You in Opening a Business



As part of the Downtown Strategic Plan initiatives, the Downtown Design Committee was charged with the development of a "how to" guide to help business and property owners navigate City policies, procedures and financial incentives to assist with starting and/or expanding a business.

The Design Committee which is comprised of a group of aldermen, business owners, brokers, developers, real estate professionals and other community members that met several times to examine materials from other municipal entities, desired recruitment targets, priorities from the gap analysis and downtown strategic plan, identify outstanding concerns from business owners regarding starting and/or expanding businesses, and identify available financial assistance.

Out of these meetings, a comprehensive document combining all of the elements above was created based on feedback from the Design Committee, as well as city staff and community members. The Burlington Business Toolbox provides current and perspective property owners access to local, regional, and state resources to assist with jump-starting a new business, expanding an existing company, and supporting business relocation.

The Business Toolbox is designed to provide an understanding of the different facets involved in opening a business within the City and ensure a business owner is on the right path to success.

Stay Informed with the City's Informational Dashboard



The City of Burlington is in the process of implementing a new Informational Dashboard on the City website. The new dashboard, will have City Financial data based on actual dollars and will also include National Commerce data for comparisons of Burlington to any number of cities locally and nation-wide. The information for national comparisons is based on National Census Bureau quarterly data and State of Wisconsin municipal data.

This new dashboard will have more enhanced features over the previous dashboard and allow you to compare Burlington's dollars spent, received, debt, taxes, per capita income and a number of other items to a pre-selected set of cities.

Some National historical data for Burlington is currently available online in the dashboard. Look for the new dashboard to be completed by the end of March 2018.

Visit <http://www.burlington-wi.gov/index.aspx?nid=366> to access the dashboard.

The City of Burlington Website is Receiving a Face Lift



The City of Burlington website is in the process of being redesigned and upgraded. Currently, content, layout, color and design are in development. The new site is being designed with the user in mind and will include all the information and features of our current site within an attractive, user-friendly interface that offers a mobile responsive design for phones and tablets.

An anticipated go live date for the new site is mid-May. Be sure to visit us at www.burlington-wi.gov!

2018 Spring Election



The Spring Election, scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 includes the Mayor, the aldermanic positions from each of the four districts in the City of Burlington, Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, County Board Supervisors - District 20 and 21 and School Board members. Terms for the aldermanic positions will begin April 17, 2018.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots will be available at City Hall beginning March 19. 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 more information on how 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, along with proof of residence, to the City Clerk at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street.

Don't Forget Your Photo ID!

Regular Disposal of Household Items

Weekly Bulk Item

John's Disposal provides weekly bulk pick up for one to four-family residential units. Items include furniture, mattresses, carpeting, appliances, tires, construction and demolition materials (in 36 gallon cans that weigh less than 60 pounds). For questions contact John's Disposal at (888) 473-4701.

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.

Electronic Recycling

There are several electronic recycling facilities located in Racine and Walworth counties. To find a location near you, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle/wisconsin.html>.

Oil and Antifreeze

City residents can dispose of oil and antifreeze at the Department of Public Works Facility located at 2200 S. Pine St. Please bring in containers that you do not wish to have back. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

Brush Pick Up & Yard Waste Disposal

Brush Pick Up

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 (262) 342-1181 to be placed on the Brush Pick Up List. You must call no later than the second or fourth Tuesday of the month. The DPW staff will only pick up brush from addresses that have been called in. You may also bring your brush to the Compost Site during operational hours.

For the safety of our crews, and to ensure we can serve all customer requests in a timely manner, we ask that you limit branches to no more than 8 feet in length and limit brush piles to less than 2 cubic yards of material (2 pick-up truck beds). This program is designed to assist residents with small brush removal needs and not intended for chipping of large trees removed from private property. If you remove a tree from your private property, please work with your tree service to dispose of the wood and brush.

Compost Site

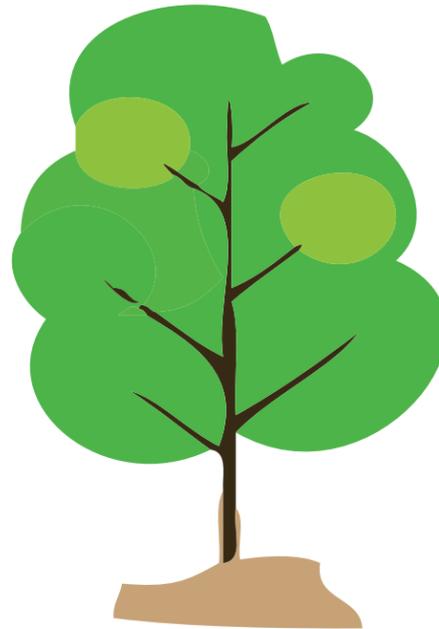
The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue will be opening Tuesday, April 3, 2018, weather permitting. The site will remain free of charge to City residents. However, you will be asked to show identification that shows you are a City of Burlington resident. There will be an attendant on site at all times. Contractors must register and pay a volume based fee

for using the site.

Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips, root balls and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 8 inches in diameter. No plastic bags, plastic containers, foreign debris of any kind and no tree stumps.

Compost Site Hours of operation

Saturday – 8 AM to 4 PM
Tuesday – 2 PM to 8 PM



Clean Sweep April 28th

Join us for the 2018 Clean Sweep Program where you can dispose of household hazardous waste, appliances, electronics and medication on Saturday, April 28 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, Village of Waterford and Town of Yorkville have collaborated to hold this event at the City of Burlington Public Works Facility. Entrance for the event will be next door at the Burlington Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2100 S. Pine Street (south of the bypass). You must be a resident of one of the listed communities and show current identification to participate in the program.

Medications Allowed

Prescription and non-prescription pills, creams, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, vials, liquid medications. Keep in the original packaging.

Medications Not Allowed

Needles/sharps, illegal drugs, inhalers, biohazardous material and personal care products.

Paint

Paints must be in their original containers with a tight lid. All brands (including latex) will be accepted but the label must be legible.

Electronics

Electronic devices will be accepted. There is a **\$30 cash fee** to ASDA for all tube tv/monitors and a **\$10 cash fee** for flat screen tv/monitors. Payment is required at the time of disposal.

Items Not Accepted

Ammunition, explosives, medical waste, sharps, propane, radioactive materials, alkaline batteries, containers of liquid over five (5) gallons or syringes will not be accepted.

Please separate chemicals, medications, appliances, electronics, paint, food, clothing and household items before drop off. Please contact the Department of Public Works at (262) 342-1181 with questions.

Annual CLEAN SWEEP & NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

April 28, 2018 8 am to noon

Love, Inc. will also be on site to collect food, clothing and household item donations.

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS, MEDICATION, & APPLIANCE DISPOSAL*

Burlington (City & Town) - Dover - Rochester - Union Grove - Waterford (Village) - Yorkville Residents
Proof of residence required

Accepted Items				
Acetone	Dry Cleaning Solvent	Light Ballasts	Paint Thinner	Televisions/Monitors (\$30 cash only fee for tube tv/monitors, \$10 for flat screen tv/monitors)
Aerosol Cans, full	Electronics	Lighter Fluid	Paint Stripper	Transmission Fluid
Antifreeze	Fertilizer	Medication (Prescription & OTC) - No sharps	Pesticides	Varnish
Appliances	Fiberglass Epoxy	Metal Polish	Rat Poison	Weed Killer
Batteries (non-alkaline)	Floor Care Products	Mothballs	Rechargeable Batteries	Wood Filler
Battery acid	Furniture Polish	Nail Polish Remover	Shellac & Stain	Wood Preservative
Brake Fluid	Gasoline and other Fuels	Oil Filters	Shoe Polish	
Car batteries	Glue, solvent based	Oils-based Paints	Spot Remover	
Car Wax, solvent based	Hair Remover	Oils (Auto & Other)	Solvent-based Cleaners	
Contact Cement	Insect Spray/Killer	Oven Cleaner	Stump Remover	
Driveway Sealer	Latex Paint and Stain			

* Ammunition, explosives, medical waste, sharps, propane, radioactive materials, alkaline batteries, or containers of liquid over five (5) gallons will not be accepted.

2100 S. Pine Street - Burlington

Electronic Devices Will Be Accepted
A Fee Of \$30 Will Be Charged For Tube TV/Monitors, \$10 Fee For Flat Screen TV/Monitors - CASH ONLY

Local Medication Disposal Sites for You

Unused or expired prescription medications should never be flushed or poured down the drain. These potentially dangerous pharmaceutical substances can contribute to contamination of our water supply if not disposed of properly.

Medication Drop Boxes

In coordination with the Department of Justice, many local Racine County law enforcement agencies now have medication drop boxes for residents to dispose of unwanted medications. Boxes are located at:

 Caledonia Police Dept
6900 Nicholson Rd
Caledonia, WI 53108

 City of Burlington Police Dept
224 E Jefferson St
Burlington, WI 53105

 City of Racine Police Dept
730 Center St.
Racine, WI 53403

 Mt. Pleasant Police Dept
8811 Campus Drive
Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406

 Racine Sheriff Patrol Station
14116 Washington Ave
Sturtevant, WI 53177

 Sturtevant Police Dept
2801 89th Street
Sturtevant, WI 53177

 Town of Burlington Police Dept
32288 Bushnell Rd
Burlington, WI 53105

 Union Grove Village Hall
925 15th Avenue
Union Grove, WI 53182

 Town of Waterford Police Dept
415 N Milwaukee Street
Waterford, WI 53185

What Can Be Disposed

Allowed: Prescription and non-prescription pills, creams, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, and vials. Keep in the original packaging.

Not Allowed: Needles/sharps, illegal drugs, inhalers, biohazardous material, aerosols, hazardous waste, thermometers, or personal care products.

For questions contact the Central Racine County Health Department (CRCHD) at (262) 898-4460 or visit www.crchd.com.

Thursday Hydrant Flushing

The Burlington Water Utility will be flushing hydrants on Thursdays during the months of April through July, to reduce and remove the accumulation of rust and iron in the City's water main distribution system. This flushing may cause discolored water in your system. This discolored water is bacteriologically safe and will not harm you.

City residents should check their water supply on Thursdays before engaging in any work that could be affected by the City's flushing of hydrants. Your cooperation and understanding during water main flushing is greatly appreciated.



Spring Fun at the Library!

Programs for Children & Teens

Create and Play

Mondays at 10 a.m. Children ages 5 and under are invited to make a creation then stay for playtime. No registration required.

Lap-Sit with Ms. Jen and Ms. Jane

Come listen to books, learn finger plays and rhymes, and sing and dance! Children ages 5 and under invited Tuesdays or Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. No registration necessary. March will be STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) month.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, March 10 (all things green), April 21 (Earth Day), and May 19 (Nature Walk and Storytime in the Wehmoff Square Park) and at 10:00 a.m. Join us for stories, songs and crafts!

Sensory Storytime with Ms. Jen and Ms. Jane

Come and explore activities that involve your senses. Children ages 5 and under invited on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. No registration necessary.

Peep-O-Rama

Monday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. It's spring break so let's get creative with Peeps. We will provide peeps and all materials. You are welcome to bring in any additional items you may want to use. Please bring your family or friends in and create a fun peeps Diorama together.

Spring Break Crafts

Tuesday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy some Spring Crafts. For kids of all ages. No registration necessary.

Spring Break Movie

Wednesday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Check www.BurlingtonLibrary.org for details, then call or visit the Circulation Desk to sign up! Free Popcorn!

STEAM

Thursday, March 29, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. Come have some fun with MakeyMakey kits. MakeyMakeys are little circuit boards which allow you to turn pretty much anything that conducts electricity into an external keyboard for you to run programs/games on your computer! For ages 8 and up. Registration is required and this class is limited to 8 kids per session.



Adult Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Club

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Thursday, March 8, 1:00 p.m.

This is a moving tale of a young girl born into a poor and somewhat eccentric family in the Williamsburg slums of Brooklyn. The novel tracks the resilient girl, Francie, as she grows from childhood into early adulthood with the hardships she encounters and the perseverance with which she meets them reflected in the very environment in which she lives.

The Girl in the Red Coat by Kate Hammer
Thursday, April 12, 1:00 p.m.

It's every parent's nightmare - An adventuresome 8 year old girl is kidnapped by a man claiming to be her grandfather and taken to America. Told from the points of view of both the girl and her mother, the author captures the horrors of child abduction with the chilling awareness that the abductee is not the only victim in the crime of kidnapping.

The Girl You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes
Thursday, May 10, 1:00 p.m.

As Europe enters into World War I, Sophie is tasked with protecting her family in Paris while her husband is at the front. After Paris falls to the Germans, a Kommandant for the enemy becomes obsessed with Sophie, eventually forcing her to make a somber decision that affects the life of a young widow nearly a century later.

Evening Book Club

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
Monday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

A former Marine and graduate of Yale Law school provides a look at the struggles encountered by America's white working class in this memoir based on his family experience. The struggle to escape poverty and provide an upwardly mobile path for their children and grandchildren proves to be a difficult one that places huge personal demands on all involved.

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.

When author Trevor Noah was born, the union between his white father and black mother was illegal in the apartheid-driven country of South Africa. As apartheid passed into the South African history books, Trevor and his mother are freed to pursue the newly available opportunities open to blacks in the country. The stories in this memoir provide an amusing and emotional portrait of the author as he moves with grace through this transition.

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
Monday May 21, 7:00 p.m.

Elena Richardson is a rule-follower living contentedly in a well-regulated community. All is right with her world until new tenants with a mysterious past move in and challenge the status quo. Elena sets out to discover the secrets in Mia's life with unexpected consequences.

The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Burlington's own Tom Gilding brings Mark Twain to life with a recounting of some of Twain's famous anecdotes and words of wisdom. Bring along some questions for Mr. Twain and enjoy an evening of literary entertainment. No registration is necessary for this free program.

Sewing with Lori

Mondays, March 12 & 19, 1:30 p.m.

Lori Hintz is back with her beautiful patterns for a table runner and a tote/market bag. Sign up in advance to attend these guided sessions. Registration is limited to 6 participants. Register at the library.

Seed Swap and Intro to Seed Library

Saturday, March 24, 1:00 p.m.

Have more seeds than you need saved and ready to plant? Join other seed savers for a seed swap at the Library. Master Gardener Jennifer Reuchlen will be here to introduce the Library's new seed library where patrons will be able to borrow

Spring Fun at the Library!

Programs for Adults

seeds for this year's planting and return the seeds after they are harvested in the fall. There is no charge for this program.

Peeps Dioramas

Monday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.

It's spring break so let's get creative with Peeps. We will provide peeps and all materials. You are welcome to bring in any additional items you may want to use. Please bring your family in and create a fun peeps Diorama together.

Decoupage Tea Light Holder

Saturday, April 14, 2:00 p.m.

Learn the art of decoupage. Glass ball jar and tea light holder are provided. You will use tissue paper and create your own masterpiece. Please sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 342-1130.

Waste Canvas Cross Stitch

Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.

Learn with Barbara Lebak how to do cross stitch on towels, sweatshirts and sweaters with the use of waste canvas, an inexpensive grid that you pin onto your

item, stitch the pattern, and remove. We will provide the waste canvas, you bring in the item you want to stitch on, a pattern (we have many available) and the floss. Please register at the Reference Desk, or by calling 342-1130.

Tea Cup Fairy Gardens

Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.

We supply all the materials to make a truly sweet piece. Just in time for Mother's day! Please sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 342-1130.

The Great War - Black Point Estate

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War. Dave Desimone of the Wisconsin Historical Society will give an overview of Wisconsin's response to the war and the anti-German hysteria that followed our entry into the conflict. This program also looks at the Seipp family (the Chicago brewing family that built Black Point Estate) and their personal involvement with the war to end all wars. No registration is necessary for this free program.

Offered Services

Attention Genealogy Enthusiasts:

Microfilm is available!
Thanks to the diligence and dedication of local historian Don VandeSand, articles from the Burlington Free Press, the Burlington Standard Democrat and the Burlington Standard Press are indexed and ready for you to use in your search for local history. Your ancestors can be looked up by surname, year of death, or other keywords. Check out the Burlington Historical Society website at <http://www.burlingtonhistory.org/people-search> for the index and come into the library to search the microfilm reels for articles about your ancestors!

Interlibrary Loan

Looking to find materials that are not available at the Burlington Public Library? Interlibrary Loan is the answer! Wisconsin libraries have formed a consortium (Wisconsin Public Library Consortium) through which member libraries agree to send materials to patrons at other libraries in an effort to meet the borrowing needs of Wisconsin residents. Talk to someone at the

Reference Desk for assistance in locating that special book you have been waiting to read for years but didn't know where to find!

Digitization Kits

Burlington Public Library has two video digitization kits available for loan. Call or stop by to get on the list today! Once you check out the digitization kit, you'll be able to connect your VCR to your computer to digitize all of your old home movies. You can even upload them to YouTube to share with family and friends!



Ongoing Programs

Tech Help Tuesdays

Tuesdays, March 6 - May 29
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Having trouble with your tablet or smart phone? Got a new device and not sure where to start? Need help finding apps? Need help figuring out a software application like Microsoft Office or Google Drive? Drop in to the Burlington Public Library! Our experienced staff are more than happy to offer you free assistance! If we can't help, we can refer you to computer experts for further assistance. You can make an appointment, or just drop in on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tech Class Thursdays

Thursdays, March 22 - May 24
2:00-3:30 p.m.
These free classes are designed to provide an immersive experience for the beginner while also providing some useful hints for the more experienced user. Space is limited to only six computers, so registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome if space is available. Register at burlingtonlibrary.org/class or call 342-1130.

Get Involved With Your Community!

Burlington is a great city that has been built by the dedication and time of so many volunteers. City officials and staff are currently seeking proud residents that are looking to serve the community. Here are some great opportunities on a municipal level where you can become more involved in our day to day operations.

Become an Alderman

Openings for each of the four aldermanic districts are available every year in April. You must live in the district you wish to run. Nomination papers can be circulated each December with the election the first Tuesday of April. If you are interested in running for alderman, please contact the City Clerk at 342-1161 or at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street for detailed information.

Serve on a Board or Committee

The City of Burlington is always looking for community members to serve on the various boards and committees that help keep the City running smoothly. Visit the City website at www.burlington-wi.gov for information about each of the boards, committees and commissions to see if they might be a fit for you. If you are interested in becoming a member you can contact the Mayor at 342-1161 or your Alderman to request to be appointed.

Become an Election Inspector

The City is always looking for additional election poll workers to assist with various duties on election days. If this would interest you, please contact the City Clerk at 342-1161.

Attend a Meeting

We want to hear from you! Attend a City meeting. Visit the City's website at www.burlington-wi.gov for a complete schedule.

Volunteer for Community Events

The City and the Chamber of Commerce have been adding new special events each year, all of which are volunteer driven. Without volunteers, these events could not happen. Watch the Events Calendar on the Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.burlingtonchamber.org/all-events> for upcoming special events. Contact the staff listed on the event if you are interested in volunteering your time.

Volunteer at the Library

Burlington Public Library is a great place to volunteer! Adult volunteers help year round with various tasks such as sorting date due cards and washing book covers. The Library is always looking for help with the annual book sale in July. The Youth Services Department offers teens the opportunity to earn community service hours by assisting with the annual summer reading program through helping with programs, distributing reading incentives, and the like. Contact 342-1130 or stop at the library for more information.

Serve as a Student Representative

Become a high school student representative during the school year on one of the following committees: Common Council, Plan Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Park Board or Airport Committee. Contact Christina Coverset at ccoverset@basd.k12.wi.us for more information.

Volunteer with the Fire Department

The City of Burlington Fire Department is a combination fire department comprised of volunteers and full time staff. Volunteers (age 18+) are a group of unpaid firefighters that either respond from their homes or stay at the station helping out in various ways. Volunteers function as active firefighters and/or EMS personnel. The Fire Department also offers an internship program for age 18+. This is a great opportunity to learn how to be a firefighter from on the scene to at the station. You are mentored by the full time personnel and can earn great references to build your resume. Contact the Burlington Fire Department at 763-7842 or at www.burlington-wi.gov to apply or receive more information.

Volunteer with the Rescue Squad

The members of the rescue squad put in approximately 6800 hours of training and time on calls to the Burlington Community. They are a small group that answers almost 1200 calls a year for people in need of emergency medical service. BRS is currently looking for volunteer EMT's, drivers, and associate members (members that can only help on a limited basis). Contact Burlington Rescue Squad at 767-1105 or contact@burlingtonrescuesquad.com with questions or information on how to become a member of BRS.



Consolidated Dispatch Frequently Asked Questions

What is joint consolidated dispatching?

Burlington, Caledonia, Mount Pleasant, Racine, Sturtevant, and the Racine County Sheriff utilize the services of the joint dispatch center located in Ives Groves. This joint dispatch center, known as the Racine County Communications Center (RCCC) dispatches Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services for each of those jurisdictions.

Who runs the County Dispatch Center?

The Racine County Communications Center (RCCC) was formed in 2010 and answers all non-emergency and emergency calls for all of Racine County. RCCC employs 46 dispatchers and 5 supervisors, operating 24/7. RCCC has a Director of Operations who is responsible for daily operations and answers to the County Executive. Burlington's Police Chief and Fire Chief will join the 911 Operations Commission which is comprised of the Sheriff and other Racine-area Chiefs. The Committee meets throughout the year and has the authority over the operational policies and procedures of the joint dispatch center. Like a local dispatch center, any issues regarding the quality of service are resolved by an oversight committee.

How is dispatching handled?

Prior to the new year, land-line calls received within the City of Burlington were routed to and dispatched from our local dispatching center while cellular 911 calls were received the Racine County Communications Center. After January

1, all calls have been routed to and dispatched from the joint dispatch center.

Who will handle the non-emergency calls?

The Burlington Police Department can still be reached at 262-342-1100. The Police Clerk is available from 8 am to 4:30 pm to answer calls. After hours, your call will be routed to the joint dispatch center for response by Police, Fire, or Emergency Medical Services via a simple phone tree. In case of emergency, please call 9-1-1.

How does the City benefit from joining the joint dispatch?

By joining the joint dispatch center, Police and Fire Officer safety will increase as there are several dispatchers working on any given shift. In addition to the months-long training received as a new hire, each joint dispatch employee holds certifications in areas such as: APCO Public Safety Telecommunicator, CPR, NIMS, Telecommunications Best Practices for Missing and Abducted Children, TIME System, Crisis Intervention, Emergency Medical Dispatch, APCO Active Shooter Incidents for Public Safety Communications, and Resiliency in Trauma. RCCC also has a Peer Support Team trained in Critical Incident Stress Management and an Incident Dispatch Team that provides additional dispatch support during large events. The City

will also realize a financial savings to the budget.

The police department used to be a safe zone. How will we continue to be a safe zone?

A telephone in the Police Department lobby will directly dial into the joint dispatch center. There is a room adjacent to the Police Department lobby which will be open and lit. In addition, cameras are being installed in the Police Department lobby to enhance safety.

Can I pay a ticket or bond after hours?

Payments will be accepted at the police department from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. As part of our commitment to providing citizens with efficient and convenient service, the Police Department and Municipal Court have partnered with Official Payments (officialpayments.com) to offer online payments 24/7.



Crime Stoppers of Racine County

Crime Stoppers of Racine County has been in existence since 1989 while serving many Racine County communities. Crime Stoppers has been successful throughout the United States in solving crimes and apprehending wanted criminals and fugitives.

What is Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers is a tax-exempt organization operated and governed by a group of volunteers comprising the community Board of Directors. Crime Stoppers is separate and distinct from police and sheriff departments, however, work in partnership with local law enforcement agencies. Crime Stoppers receives anonymous tips from community members about a crime or wanted criminals. This information is shared with law enforcement and if it results in an arrest and/or closure of a case, the

anonymous tipster may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.

How does Crime Stoppers work?

Crime Stoppers takes anonymous tips by phone at 888-636-9330 or 262-636-9330, on the Crime Stoppers website at www.racine.crimestoppersweb.com, or by the 'P3Tips' app available for mobile devices. When an anonymous tip is received by Crime Stoppers, it is logged into a database with the date, time and a brief summary of the tipster's information. The tipster is furnished with a secret code number which is used in all subsequent transactions while maintaining the individual's anonymity. Crime Stoppers will never ask you for your name!

How successful is Crime Stoppers?

Since 1976 across the U.S., Crime Stoppers has cleared over 1 million cases,

including over 720,000 arrests, while recovering over \$4 billion in drug seizures and stolen property. In solving those cases, anonymous tipsters were paid rewards totaling over \$108 million. Crime Stoppers of Racine County has cleared 2,250 cases with 2,200 arrests paid out over \$156,000 in rewards since 1989.

Is it really anonymous?

The Crime Stoppers telephone line doesn't have caller ID. The 'P3Tips' smartphone app strips out cell phone numbers to maintain anonymity. In the past, community members may have been uncomfortable with providing information to law enforcement because of fear, apathy and reprisal by criminals. However, because Crime Stoppers is anonymous, tipsters can provide their information without providing their name while performing their civic responsibility.

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drill April 12

The National Weather Service and Wisconsin Emergency Management have scheduled the 2018 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Drills for Thursday, April 12 at 1:45 pm and 6:45 pm. These drills is to help residents prepare a plan in the event of an actual tornado.

Drill Schedule

1:00 pm – National Weather Service issues a mock tornado watch for all of Wisconsin.

1:45 pm - National Weather Service issues mock tornado warning for all of Wisconsin.

6:45 pm - National Weather Service issues mock tornado warning for all of Wisconsin.

This is a great opportunity for you to practice your tornado emergency plan with family, friends, and co-workers. Hundreds of schools will also participate in the drill. Then during tornado season, Listen, Act and Live. Don't ignore watches and warnings. Listen and take action. Every second counts. Don't wait... go to a safe place right away!

What Can I Expect to Hear/See?

The test may look like regular, local EAS tests that most people are already familiar with, but there will be some differences in what viewers will see and hear. The audio

message will repeat "This is a test." The video message scroll may not indicate "This is a test" due to programming limitations. The message will last for approximately one minute and then regular programming will resume.

Tornado Safety - Listen, Act, and Live

Help prepare for a tornado with these tips:

- In a home or building, avoid windows. Move to a basement, and get under a sturdy table or the stairs. A specially-constructed "safe room" within a building offers the best protection.

- If a basement is not available, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and cover yourself with anything close at hand: towels, blankets, pillows. If possible, get under a sturdy table, desk or counter. Put as many walls as possible between you and the storm.

- If caught outdoors, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to shelter, get into a vehicle, buckle your seatbelt and drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If flying debris occurs while

you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have two options as a last resort:

- Stay in the vehicle with the seatbelt on and place your head below the windows.
- If you can safely get noticeably lower than the roadway, exit the vehicle and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Do not seek shelter under an overpass.

- At school, follow the drill. Go to the interior hall or room. Crouch low, head down, and protect the back of your head with your arms. Stay away from windows and large open rooms like gyms and auditoriums.



Protect Your Home from a Clothes Dryer Fire

In recent years an annual average of 12,700 clothes dryer fires occurred in residential buildings, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. These fires were responsible for an estimated 15 civilian fire deaths, 300 civilian fire injuries and \$88 million in property loss each year.

It is important to know how to stay safe from fire. Continually practice the following rules regarding clothes dryer fire safety.

Clothes Dryer Do's

Cleaning

- Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry. Don't forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up. In addition, clean the lint filter with a nylon brush at least every 6 months or more often if it becomes clogged.
- Clean lint out of the vent pipe every three months.

- Have your dryer cleaned regularly by a professional, especially if it is taking longer than normal for clothes to dry.

Maintenance

- Inspect the venting system behind the dryer to ensure it is not damaged or restricted.
- Put a covering on outside wall dampers to keep out rain, snow and dirt.
- Make sure the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is on.
- Replace coiled-wire foil or plastic venting with rigid, non-ribbed metal duct.
- Have gas-powered dryers inspected every year by a professional to ensure that the gas line and connection are together and free of leaks.
- Check regularly to make sure nests of small animals and insects are not blocking the outside vent.
- Keep the area around the clothes dryer free of items that can burn.

- If you will be away from home for an extended time, unplug or disconnect the dryer.

Clothes Dryer Don't's

- Don't use a clothes dryer without a lint filter or with a lint filter that is loose, damaged or clogged.
- Don't overload the dryer.
- Don't use a wire screen or cloth to cover the wall damper. They can collect lint and clog the dryer vent.
- Don't dry anything containing foam, rubber or plastic. An example of an item not to place in a dryer is a bathroom rug with a rubber backing.
- Don't dry glass fiber materials.
- Don't dry items that have come into contact with anything flammable like alcohol, cooking oils or gasoline.
- Don't leave a clothes dryer running if you leave home or when you go to bed.

Building or Remodeling? You Should Consider Fire Sprinklers. Here's Why.....

Fire kills more people in the United States annually than all natural disasters combined. Home fires often happen at night when people are sleeping. In only three minutes, a room can become engulfed in flames before anyone awakens. Smoke alarms are essential in every household. They're designed to detect, not control a fire. Home fire sprinklers complement the alarm's work, providing a way to fight flames immediately.

Safer fire service: The risk to firefighters is much less. Sprinklers reduce the heat, flame and smoke from a fire.

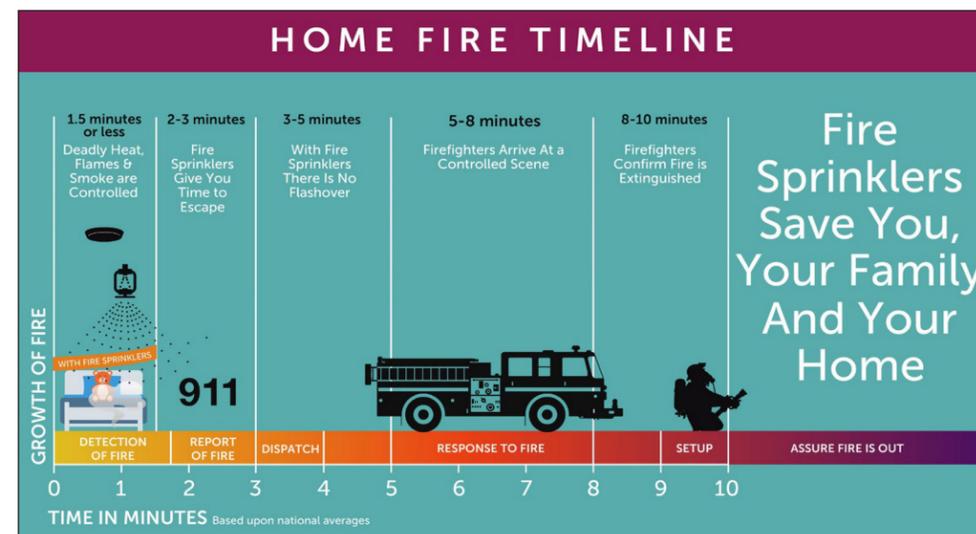
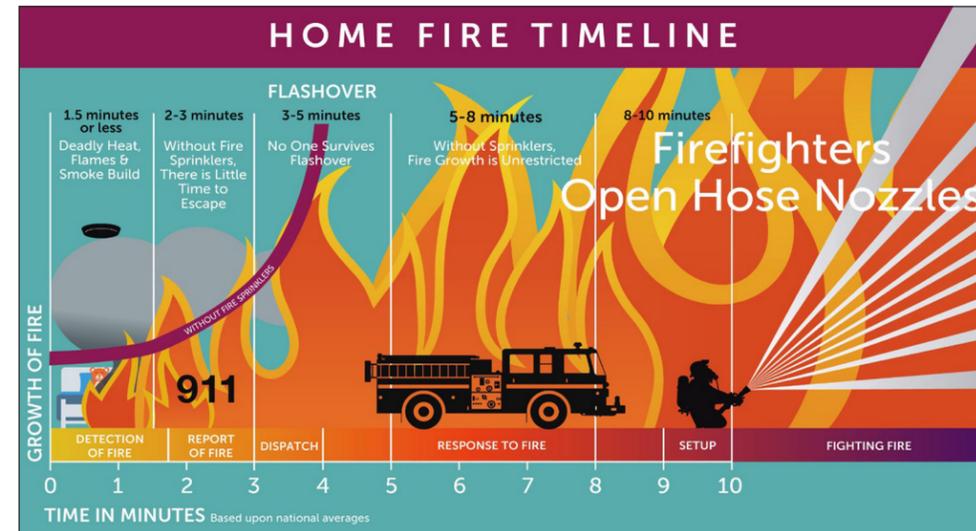
Fast response: Home fire sprinklers are more sensitive to heat than those found in businesses or industrial buildings. This means the fire will be detected much sooner.

Can blend with your home decor: You can buy home fire sprinklers in different colors. Some can be installed flush with the ceiling, so you will hardly notice they are there.

Reliable: Smoke alarms only detect fire, sprinklers extinguish them. Home fire sprinklers only spray when the temperature in the room rises quickly. The sprinkler above the fire is the only one that sprays.

Investment protection: Sprinklers can prevent devastating home damage by putting out flames quickly. Sprinklers can limit the damage caused by smoke and fire. They are less damaging than water damage caused by firefighting hose lines.

Easy installation: Installing a home sprinkler system in a home under construction or being remodeled requires a little extra piping and labor and greatly increases the safety of residents.



Low water requirement: Home fire sprinklers can be connected to the home water supply. They require less water than business and industrial systems.

Low cost: A sprinkler costs about \$1.35 per square foot. This cost is about the

same as upgraded cabinets or carpet.

Lower insurance cost: Installing a sprinkler system has the potential to lower insurance rates by 5-15 percent by meeting code requirements.

Remember the Five P's of Evacuation

Remembering the devastating flood and other natural disasters last summer, we wanted to remind everyone the items to remember in the event you must evacuate your home during an emergency or disaster. You may not know how long you will be evacuated from your home, so remember to take the following three "P's" with you:

People and Pets: Your top priority is

always to ensure that all the people and pets in your home get to safety.

Prepare an animal care pack in advance that includes pet identification, current vaccination records, leashes, prescription medications and pet carrier/ crate.

Paper: Phone numbers, identification, cash, credit cards, insurance information,

legal papers, birth certificates and other important documents.

Prescriptions: Prescription medications, vitamins, over the counter medication (if needed) and eyeglasses.

Personal Needs: At least three days worth of day-to-day conveniences like water, food, clothing, cash, first aid kits, phones, and chargers.