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Announcements and Events

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

June 14 - Sept. 6: B-Town Sounds every other Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Echo Park. Call 262.492.3697 for questions.

June 24 - The Burlington Community Aquatic Center will have their official grand opening on June 24. Visit <http://burlingtoncommunitypool.org/> for more details.

Late June - July 27: 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 27-28: Maxwell Street Days and Community-wide Yard Sale. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information at 763-6044.

July 28: Lions Club street dance in downtown Burlington!

Looking for other events not listed here? Visit the City's or the Chamber of Commerce website at www.burlingtonchamber.org to view the comprehensive Calendar of Events.

CITY STAFF DIRECTORY

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300 N. Pine Street - 342-1161

Jeannie Hefty	Mayor
Carina Walters	City Administrator
Megan Watkins	Director of Administrative Services
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Fire Department

165 W. Washington Street - 763-7842

Alan Babe	Fire Chief
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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 - 342-1181

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 June 25 - 29
- Week of July 9 - 13
- Week of July 23 - 27
- Week of August 6 - 10
- Week of August 20 - 24
- Week of Sept. 4 - 7
- Week of Sept 17 - 21
- Week of Oct. 1 - 5

June Meetings

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| 6/5 | 5:30 p.m. - CDA |
| 6/5 | 6:00 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 6/5 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 6/12 | 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission |
| 6/19 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 6/21 | 6:30 p.m. - Park Board |
| 6/26 | 6:30 p.m. - Library Board |
| 6/28 | 6:30 p.m. - HPC |
| 6/28 | 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee |

July Meetings

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| 7/3 | 6:00 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 7/3 | 5:30 p.m. - CDA |
| 7/3 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 7/10 | 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission |
| 7/17 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 7/19 | 6:30 p.m. - Park Board |
| 7/24 | 6:30 p.m. - Library Board |
| 7/26 | 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee |
| 7/26 | 6:30 p.m. - HPC |

August Meetings

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| 8/7 | 5:30 p.m. - CDA |
| 8/7 | 6:00 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 8/7 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 8/14 | 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission |
| 8/16 | 6:30 p.m. - Park Board |
| 8/21 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 8/23 | 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee |
| 8/23 | 6:30 p.m. - HPC |
| 8/28 | 6:30 p.m. - Library Board |



Inside Burlington

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

When you think of summer, one immediately thinks 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. The City Annual Budget process takes about six 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.

Get Involved in the Budget Process!

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?

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 8, 15, 22 and 29 beginning at 5:30 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 to attending every session.

During these sessions you will see how the City prepares it's 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 run by staff, the City Administrator and the Mayor.

Sign Up - Space is Limited

If you would like to be a part of the CBP Program for the 2019 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!



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
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 18 from 12 to 7 p.m. and on July 19 from 9 a.m. 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 2018 Board of Review meeting date is August 28 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Canadian National Railroad's Calumet Street Project

The Canadian National Railroad (CN) will be expanding their existing siding within the City of Burlington beginning this summer. The project will add a double track from the existing double track just south of Robert Street to a point north of Adams.

The addition of the double track will assist with the flow of trains within the City. On occasion, trains can block rail crossings for extended periods of time. The extension of the second track will help to minimize the amount of time trains will block the rail crossings.

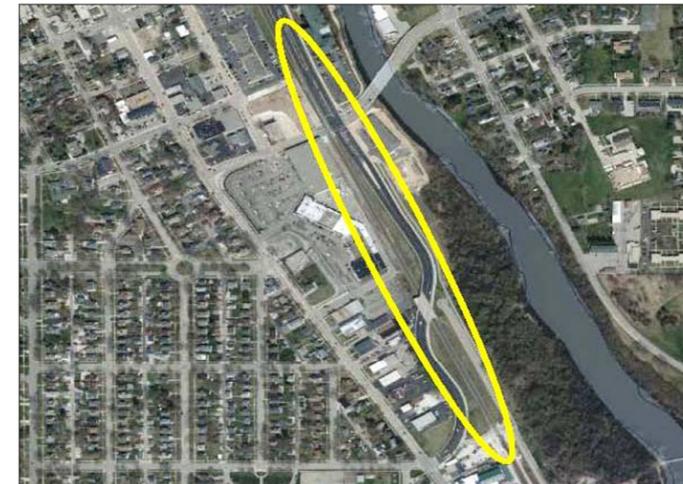
This full project involves the closure of the Robert Street rail crossing, connection of Calumet Street to Bridge Street and relocation of utilities. Staff and City Engineers have worked closely with CN and their engineers on the design of the project.

The proposed design of the project improves public safety by eliminating a rail crossing, improves access to facilities on Calumet by providing access off Bridge Street, and protects underground utilities by relocating them out of the project site. Canadian National will be responsible for all aspects of this

project, including all costs associated with it.

Access to the Burlington Dog Park off Calumet Street will always be available during construction. Canadian National will first construct the ramp connecting Calumet Street to Bridge Street, leaving Robert Street accessible. Once the ramp is completed and Calumet Street is open to traffic from Bridge Street, Robert Street will be vacated.

Canadian National will begin this project this summer and anticipates completion within four to six months.



Project area



Calumet St. connection to Bridge St. (overpass)

Keep Grass Clippings out of the Street - It's the Law

When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. This debris can be a safety hazard to motorists, can clog the stormwater system, increase the presence of standing water, and lead to flooding. This organic material also contributes to nutrient loading and oxygen deprivation in receiving streams, lakes, and stormwater basins, while creating conditions conducive to bacteria growth.

Burlington has a MS4 Permit with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which regulates stormwater and pollution which may enter the streams from the storm system. Lawn clippings blown into the street and not cleaned up by the homeowner may enter the storm

system and is a violation of the MS4 Ordinance and is a fineable offense.

When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains.

Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets and gutters will have significant benefits for your local lake or stream. You can reduce the amount of phosphorus entering a lake or stream and keep one of our most precious renewable resources clean for the next generation.



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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Accessory Structures

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



Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect native to Asia that infests, and ultimately kills, ash trees. EAB was discovered in southeastern Michigan in 2002. Since then, the insect has spread to 32 states, including Wisconsin, and killed millions of ash trees. It is highly likely that all Ash trees in the City of Burlington have some level EAB infestation. Signs of infestation can be slow to appear, sometimes taking years to surface. These signs include: crown death, excessive dead and brittle branches, excessive new "sucker" growth, bark peeling and sloughing, D-shaped holes in the bark of the tree, and S-shaped tunnels under the bark of the tree. Once a tree shows the signs of infestation it is very unlikely it will be able to recover to a healthy tree in the future and should be removed.

The City of Burlington has been actively managing EAB infestation since 2013 in accordance with an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. The plan called for treatment of ash trees to prevent

infestation and removal of infested trees. Treatment does not reverse the damage caused by infestation, it can only prevent the infestation from occurring. Unfortunately, treatment did not achieve the desired effectiveness and has been discontinued.

There is a significant volume of infested ash trees in city parks and parkways. The City will be assessing and removing ash trees based on their condition.

Where are we now?

Since the EAB Management Program began, 253 ash trees have been removed from city parks and parkways. There are still another estimated 570 yet to be removed due to damage from EAB. Due to the unexpected number of trees removed and budgetary restraints, the City of Burlington is working toward a parkway tree replacement plan that will be fiscally responsible, yet timely, for property owners that had trees removed.



If you have questions or would like to report a dead or hazardous park or parkway tree please contact the Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181.

Do You Need a Permit for That?

It is unlawful to commence work before this permit is placed in a conspicuous place on the premises.

CITY OF BURLINGTON BUILDING PERMIT

Construction Plumbing Electric HVAC Erosion Other

Project:

Issued To:	PROJECT:	PERMIT NUMBER:
Issued By:	DATE:	

Comments:

NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSE: This communication shall not be deemed a notice of non-response, or any other administrative action, unless it is specifically stated as such.

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

- New construction
- Furnace & Air Conditioning
- Decks, porches and pergolas
- Demolition work
- Additions/Remodels
- Basement upgrades
- Kitchen and Bath upgrades
- 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, call the Building Department at 262-342-1164 for information before starting your work. Obtaining the appropriate permit(s) is the property owner's responsibility. Permit applications can be obtained at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street, or on the City's website at www.burlington-wi.gov.



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.

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 Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181. 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.

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 is open for the season for all your composting needs. 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 the site is open. 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, plastic bags, plastic containers, foreign debris of any kind and or tree stumps.

Compost Site Hours of operation

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



Protect Your Property from Theft

As the cold and gray of winter transitions into the warmth and colors of spring and summer, we would like to extend some friendly reminders to you and your families regarding the warmer months and what you can do to protect your property. As the mercury rises, traditionally so does our outdoor activities throughout the community and households, the City of Burlington Police Department would like to remind everyone to secure their property after use by making sure everything is locked up and secured.

Personal Property Theft

First and foremost, make sure your house and vehicles are secured when not in use. Most theft from vehicles occur overnight and from unlocked vehicles. If you park your vehicle on the street or outside in your driveway at night, make sure your windows are rolled up and the vehicle is locked. Another good practice is to make sure valuables such as GPS units, purses, and wallets are removed from the vehicle or placed out of sight. Change and loose cash in a vehicle should also be hidden from sight or removed as this is the most commonly taken item from vehicles. Following these basic practices will make your vehicle less of a target for criminals and less likely to be damaged for valuables inside.

As for residential properties, the best practice is to make sure all windows and doors are locked when nobody is home. If windows are to be left open, utilizing window stops will allow the window to remain open, yet not be opened any further to allow entry into your home.

Utilizing deadbolt locks on exterior doors also allows for more protection and should be utilized at all times when sleeping or away from your house. Furthermore, after grilling out or spending quality time in the yard with friends and family, make sure all valuable property is picked up and stored in sheds or outside buildings which are secured after use. This should include all garages whether they are attached or not. Also any unsecured vehicles with garage door openers left inside can also be used to gain access. Again, make sure any vehicles left outside are secured.

Bicycle Theft

Another type of theft the City of Burlington Police Department sees a spike in during the warmer months is bicycle thefts. The City of Burlington Police Department recommends everyone with bicycles get them registered with the city. When a bicycle is registered, all identifying information is obtained including the bicycle's serial number. If a bicycle happens to be stolen, this will assist officers in its recovery. Another good practice is to purchase a bicycle lock and to use it regularly when in public or when securing a bicycle to a bicycle rack. Making sure bicycles are put away at night and stored in a secure building will also help keep your property safe.

Report Suspicious Activity

Though members of the City of Burlington Police Department remain on patrol 24 hours a day looking for criminal activity afoot, we still ask for all citizens to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings and to report any illegal or suspicious circumstances to law enforcement.

This can be done by contacting Racine County Communications at 262-886-2300 or by dialing 911 for emergencies. Tips can also be provided to the City of Burlington Police Department through our Facebook page or through Crime Stoppers of Racine County. The City of Burlington Police Department wishes everyone a very safe and happy summer season.

Underage Curfew Law

The City of Burlington Police Department is also aware school will be ending soon for students and summer break will begin shortly. A reminder of curfew hours for the city are 10:30pm to 5:00am Sunday through Thursday, and 12:00am to 5:00am Friday, Saturday or any day preceding legal holidays. Some of the exceptions to curfew include any minor using the shortest and most direct route while performing an errand directed by a parent or guardian, returning home from a supervised school, church or civic function, or from work. For a full and complete understanding of the City of Burlington Curfew ordinance, please review ordinance 211-1. Any minor found to be in violation of curfew will have a parent/guardian contacted and may receive a municipal citation. A good practice for any parent is the 10:00pm check – "Do you know where your child is at 10:00pm?"

Can I Shoot My Pellet/BB Gun in My Yard?

The answer is no. Per Ordinance 308-3 of the Municipal Code, it is unlawful to discharge a firearm, rifle, air gun or arrow within the city limits (unless you are law enforcement or at an authorized shooting range), regardless of public or private property. Use of a dangerous weapon within city limits could result in a violation and fine.

An air gun (often called pellet gun or BB gun depending on the projectile) is any variety of pneumatic weapon that propels

projectiles by means of compressed air or other gas, in contrast to firearms, which use a propellant charge.

Non-powder guns, including BB, air, and pellet guns, are inherently dangerous weapons that can inflict potentially severe or lethal injuries, particularly on children and animals.

If you see a violation, it can be reported on our non-emergency phone number 262-342-1100.



Keeping Children Safe in a Vehicle

As of June 1st, 2006, it is Wisconsin law that children must be properly restrained in a child safety seat until they reach age 4 and in a booster seat until age 8.

Why is it Important?

Child safety seats can reduce the risk of a potentially fatal injury and are the best method for protecting your child when traveling in a car.

The law includes the following four step progression for effective child safety protection in vehicles:

Rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat is required when the child:

- Is less than 1-year-old or weighs less than 20 pounds.
- The longer a child is rear facing, the safer they are. Many rear-facing convertible seats have an upper weight limit of 30-35 pounds.

Forward-facing child safety seat in the back seat is required when the child:

- Is at least 1-year-old but less than 4-years-old
- Weighs at least 20 pounds but less than 80 pounds.

Booster seat is required when the child:

- Is at least 4-years-old but less than 8-years-old
- Weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds
- Is not 57-inches (4-feet, 9-inches) or taller.

Safety belt is required when the child:

- Is 8-years-old or older or
- Weighs 80 or more pounds or
- Is 57-inches or taller

Exemptions:

Children whose body-size, physical condition or medical condition makes



safety restrains unreasonable are still exempt from the booster seat and safety belt laws. There is no longer a 'personal needs' exemption allowing the child to be removed from a safety restraint to attend to the child's personal needs, such as feeding or diapering, while the vehicle is moving.

Outdoor Grilling Safety - Don't Get Burned!

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

- Never leave your grill unattended.

- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add

charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.

- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



Propane Grills

- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.

- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for the potential (gas) leaks. To do that:

- Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle.

- Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose).

- If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.

- If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

- If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

When the Grill is On

- As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.

- If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

- If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

Summer Fun at the Library for Adults and Families!

The Lost Battalion

Presented by Robert Laplander
Tuesday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.

Historian, acclaimed authority, and local author Robert Laplander will walk us through the story of one of the most famous events of World War I, what has become known as the Lost Battalion, as we celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Great War. Painstakingly researched material will both entertain and inform participants.

Growing Up Polish in South Milwaukee Meet the Author

Presented by Carol DeMarco
Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.

Local author Carol DeMarco will discuss her latest book, Growing Up Polish in South Milwaukee. The book spans three generations: her immigrant grandparents at the turn of the century, her parents who grew up immersed in the Polish culture, and their three daughters who enjoyed the "happy days" of the 1940's and 50's. Nostalgic, funny, insightful, the book is lightly seasoned with Polish words, recipes, and wisdom, but you don't have to be Polish to enjoy this well-written memoir.

Human Trafficking in Wisconsin

Presented by Rachel Monaco-Wilcox
Wednesday, July 25, 6:00 p.m.

Cases of human trafficking have been identified in all 72 counties in Wisconsin. Yet most people doubt this, thinking "that can't be happening here!" If we are in a state of denial, who is helping survivors? Who is working on policies? Who is educating young people about risks? In this talk, Rachel will address the myths and misconceptions around sex trafficking in Wisconsin, illuminate the situation in Wisconsin, and explain what led her to start the LOTUS (Legal Options for Trafficked and Underserved Survivors) legal clinic in 2013. No registration is necessary.

Cross Stitch Gathering

June 16, July 14, and August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

We will be meeting monthly to spend time working on cross stitch projects. If you are interested in learning to cross stitch or would just like to spend time stitching and visiting, please join us.

Introduction to Calligraphy

Saturday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Are you interested in Calligraphy and not sure how to start? Join us for an introduction to this beautiful art. Materials will be provided. Please sign up with our reference librarians.

Advanced Care Planning

Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.

We are all encouraged to have conversations with loved ones about our goals, values and preferences for future health care needs. And, the best time to do this is before a medical crisis occurs. An advance care plan provides information about your wishes to your family and health care providers in case illness or injury prevents you from telling them yourself. This planning process helps clarify what others need to know if you become unable to make health care decisions for yourself. When you put these wishes in writing, it is called Power of Attorney for Health Care. At this free seminar, you will learn more about advance care planning and how to complete a Power of Attorney for Health Care. Individuals seeking to update their Power of Attorney for Health Care are also welcome to attend.

Using Herbal Medicines to Maintain and Regain Health for Women

Presented by Maureen McNulty and Kimberly McGuinness-Rook
June 20, 6:30 pm

Over the course of millennia, plants have provided us with the phytochemicals and nutrients which our genes readily recognize and utilize in order to maintain our health and overcome disease. Pressures from prescription drug manufacturers have led us to believe synthetic drugs will help us; though potent these medications may have serious adverse effects on the body. Instead of resorting to a drug to treat symptoms or address a condition, phytochemicals may truly help the body heal. Kimberly McGuinness-Rook, Licensed Midwife, will discuss the uses of herbs during childbearing years. Maureen McNulty, Licensed Acupuncturist and Certified Herbalist, will talk about herbal formulas for premenopausal and postmenopausal women.

Geocaching

Saturday, August 18, 10:00 a.m.

This family event will introduce you to the fun of geocaching. Using technology to locate global coordinates that lead to items that have been hidden throughout the city, geocaching provides both the excitement of the hunt and the joy of discovery. We will spend a short time explaining the basics of geocaching and the use of a compass. Then we will provide a list of coordinates for you and your family to locate in the downtown area. Finally, you will discover a special cache that we will have hidden for this adventure. Please register at the Reference desk.

Bird Watching

Presented by Dianne Robinson
Saturday, June 2, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

In this family event you can learn the basics of birding from a wildlife professional. Join Dianne Robinson with the DNR for a basic birding presentation and travel to a nearby park to practice your newfound birding skills. We will provide binoculars to participants to use during the program. Transportation is the responsibility of the participants and parents.

Finding the Shot:

A Photographer's Life in Pictures

Presented by Gary Porter
Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 p.m.

Gary Porter is an award-winning photojournalist named Wisconsin News Photographer of Year six times. After working at the Janesville Gazette for eight years, in 1984 he joined the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. He received the Pulitzer Prize for his work on a story called 'One in a Billion', the story of DNA sequencing of a very sick little boy, Nicholas Volker. Please join us to learn from a master on his craft. No registration is necessary.

Introduction to Guided Meditation

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.

This meditation session will be led by Corynne of Bodhi Tree Acupuncture & Wellness. There will be a discussion about meditation and then a guided meditation. Supplies will be provided. Please sign up with our reference librarians.

Adult Summer Reading Program Libraries Rock!

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. 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. Joining is easy and for each book you read you will receive an entry slip for both the weekly drawing and the drawing for a grand prize. We look forward to seeing you at the reference desk for registration! Sign-up begins June 11.

Memory Café

Friday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Memory Café is a wonderfully welcoming place for individuals with Alzheimer's or any type of the dementias or other brain disorders. Additionally, it is helpful for people with all forms of mild cognitive impairment. Burlington Public Library will be teaming up with Aram Public Library and Lake Geneva Public Library with monthly Memory Café sessions that include programming for individuals in the early stages of dementia. Participants will attend the meeting with their caregiver and will explore varied presentations and experiences each month. Call the library for more information.

Oscar Movie Mondays

Mondays, June 4 – July 2, 1:00 p.m.

Join us every Monday afternoon at 1pm for a free screening of an Oscar winner or nominee from 2018. Enjoy some popcorn and stay afterward to talk about the movie with your neighbors. Film ratings range from PG to R, so this program is intended for grown-ups.

June 4	Darkest Hour
June 11	The Post
June 18	Victoria & Abdul
June 25	Shape of Water
July 2	Marshall

Summer Fun at the Library for Adults!

Tech Help Classes

Tech Help Tuesdays
Tuesdays, June 5 – August 28
1:00 p.m. to 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 to make your life easier? 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, July 12 – August 30, 2 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.

July 12	Tablet & Smart Phone Basics
July 19	Getting Started with E-Mail
July 26	Getting Around on the Internet
August 2	Finding FREE Books, E-Books, & More!
August 9	3-D Printing for Beginners
August 16	Cutting the Cable TV Cord
August 23	Organizing Files and Photos with Google Drive
August 30	What is Coding?



Adult Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, June 14, 1:00 p.m.

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

Historical fiction based on the love affair between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney. Themes of double standards and the role of motherhood are examined as each of the main characters come under the scrutiny and judgement of society.

No Book Club in July

Thursday, August 9, 1:00 p.m.

A Memory of Violets by Hazel Gaynor

A twenty-year-old young woman leaves the comfort of her known environment for the uncertainty of London where she is hired as a housemother in a home for orphaned and crippled children. She finds a diary that tells of two sisters who were separated and she decides to search for the surviving one, Rosie. This search leads to surprising discoveries about both the fate of the sister and the heart of the young woman herself.

Evening Book Club

Monday June 25, 7:00 p.m.

Evicted by Matthew Desmond

The author explores the stories of tenants and landlords in the poorest areas of Milwaukee during 2008 and 2009. Using stories and data, Desmond shows how eviction affects individuals, families and communities, undermining the very fabric of society.

No Book Club in July

Monday August 27, 7:00 p.m.

Nutshell by Ian McEwan

Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She's still in the marital home - a dilapidated, priceless London townhouse, but John's not there. Instead, she's with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness to their plot - the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb. Told from a perspective unlike any other, Nutshell is a classic tale of murder and deceit from one of the world's master storytellers.

Summer Library Programs for Children & Teens

Children's and Teens Materials are now FINE FREE!

Burlington Public Library will no longer charge Overdue Fines on our Youth Materials. Past overdue fines for these materials have been waived. Patrons will still be charged fines for all lost or damaged materials, overdue youth materials belonging to other libraries, and overdue adult materials.

If overdue fines have kept you or your children away from the library, this is a great time to come back!

Cosplay How-To Sessions

Mondays, June 4 – September 10, 6:30 p.m. (see noted dates)

Cosplay is the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game, especially one from the Japanese genres of manga and anime.

- June 4** - Cosplay Planning 101
- June 18** - Modifying Everyday Items
- July 9** - Makeup
- July 16** - Wigs
- July 30** - Sewing Patterns
- August 13** - Sewing Troubleshooting
- August 20** - Props & Accessories
- Sept. 10** - Photography Etiquette

Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program

Join us at the Burlington Public Library for "Libraries Rock" 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:

- Summer Registration Begins: Monday, June 11
- First day to turn in reading record: Monday, June 18
- Summer Reading Program Ends: Friday, August 17
- Grand Prize Drawing: Monday, August 20-winners will be notified this week.

Lap-Sit Story Time

Tuesdays, June 5 – August 28, 10:00 a.m.

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. No registration necessary.

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 to be a 2018 Summer Reading Program Volunteer at BPL today! You can sign up at <http://signup.com/go/DDjmKiB>

Special Events

No registration required unless stated

- **June 12** – 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 next to the library.
- **June 12** – Traxside Skating event – Kids come to Traxside and read for 30 minutes and then you can skate this night for free from 4:30 to 9 p.m.
- **June 13** – Popcorn and a movie – A Wrinkle in Time. 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Registration required.)
- **June 14** – Lego Build at 10:00 a.m. All ages welcome to come and build. We will provide the Legos.
- **June 14** – The Library will have a table at the Farmer's Market. 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **June 18** – Wehr Nature Center presents The Buzz about Bees! 10:00 a.m. (ideal for ages 5-10)
- **June 20** – Zumba for Kids (and families, too!) 10:00 a.m. in Wehmhoff Square Park. It's fun and fast, and don't forget to bring your water bottle!
- **June 26** – Unicorn Party at 10:00 a.m.
- **June 26** – Tech Tuesday for Kids and Teens at 1:00 p.m. (Registration required.)
- **June 27** – Family Bingo at 6:30 p.m.
- **June 28** – Summer Crafts at 10:00 a.m.
- **July 10 & 12** – Block Party at 10:00 a.m.
- **July 11** – Juggling Club Presents at 10:00 a.m.
- **July 12** – The Library will have a table at the Farmer's Market. 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **July 25** – Megan Wells-Grimms Fairytale at 10:00 a.m.
- **July 27** – Kohl's Wild Theater at 10:00 a.m.
- **July 31, August 7 & August 14** – ABC Music and Me at 10:00 a.m.
- **August 8** – Tie Dye T-Shirts in Wehmhoff Square Park at 10:00 a.m. (Registration required.)
- **Every Friday 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.
- **August 20** – Summer Reading Grand Prize Drawing. Winners will be notified this week.

Story Wagon Series

Fridays, June 15-July 20, 10:00 a.m. (no Story Wagon on July 6th)

Professional performers will appear at the library this summer. These free performances fill up fast, so feel free to come early. Be sure to see:

- **June 15** - Leonardo Biciunas, Leonardo Music
- **June 22** - Amy Mueller, Libraries Rock Dance Party
- **June 29** - Doug Jarecki & Matthew Huebsch, Kidsplay-interactive theater
- **July 13** - Todd Charles Steinberg, Moogician
- **July 20** - Emily Roberts, Snake Discovery

Partisan Primary Election

The Partisan Primary, scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2018 includes offices of the Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, odd-numbered Wisconsin State Senate seats, and all Wisconsin Assembly seats.

Absentee Ballots

In-person Absentee Voting at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street, will begin on Monday, July 30, 2018 until Friday, August 10, 2018. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

Fourth of July Dance & Fundraiser!



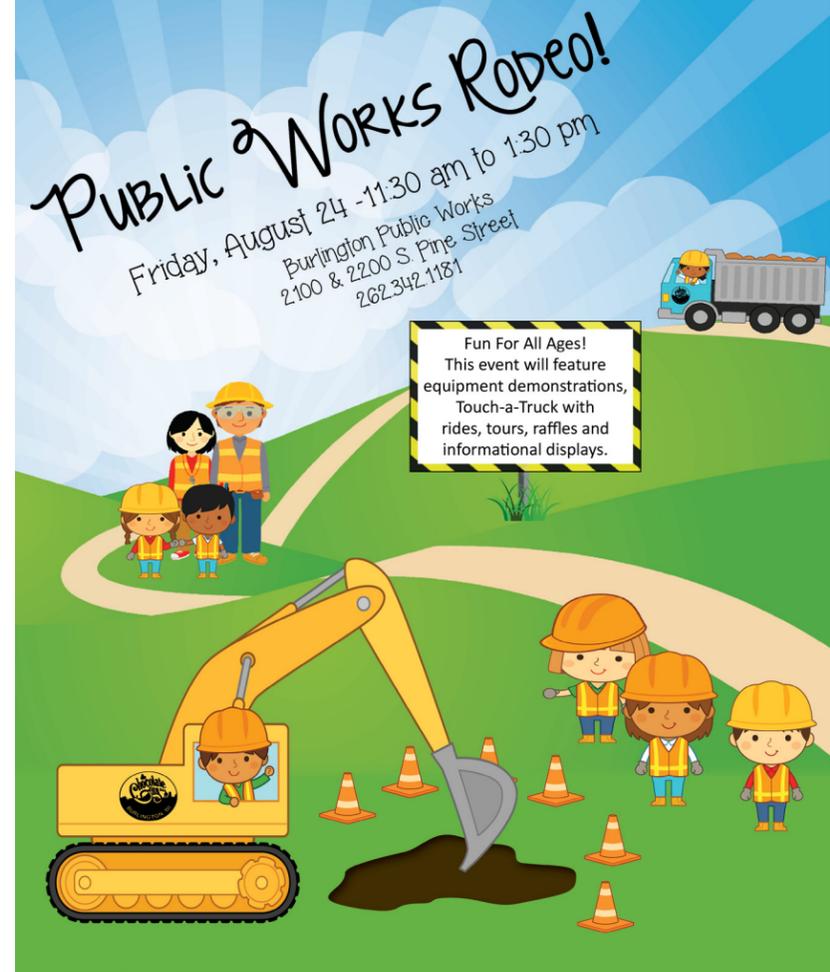
Don't miss out! The City of Burlington Fire Department will once again be conducting their annual fundraiser and dance. Raffle tickets for cash prizes will be distributed to residences during June. July 4th festivities commence at Echo Park starting at 2 p.m. Echo Park is located at 595 Milwaukee Avenue.

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.

FIREWORKS

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



Attend the Public Works Rodeo!

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!