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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 13 - Sept. 5: B-Town Sounds every other Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Echo Park. Call 262-492-3697 for questions.

June 1 - The Burlington Community Aquatic Center will open for the season. Visit <http://burlingtoncommunitypool.org/> for more details.

June 21 - July 26: Kiwanis Civic Band every Friday beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Echo Park.

July 4: Burlington Fireman's Dance and July 4th fireworks at Echo Park starting at 2 p.m.

July 26-27: 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

City Hall

300 N. Pine Street - 342-1161

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| Jeannie Hefty | Mayor |
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| Megan Watkins | Assistant City Administrator |
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Fire Department

165 W. Washington Street - 763-7842

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| Alan Babe | Fire Chief |
| Wes Miner | Fire Inspector |

Public Library

166 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1130

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| Joe Davies | Library Director |
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Police Department

224 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1100

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| Mark Anderson | Police Chief |
| Brian Zmudzinski | Lieutenant |

Public Works - Streets/Parks/Water

2200 S. Pine Street - 342-1181

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| 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

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| Peter Riggs | Public Works Director |
| Don Hefty | Wastewater Foreman |

Municipal Court

300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129

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| Kelly Iselin | Municipal Court Judge |
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Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of June 24 - 28
- Week of July 8 - 12
- Week of July 22 - 26
- Week of August 5 - 9
- Week of August 19 - 23
- Week of Sept. 3 - 6
- Week of Sept. 16 - 20
- Week of Sept. 30 - Oct. 4

June Meetings

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

July Meetings

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| 7/2 | 5:30 p.m. - CDA |
| 7/2 | 6:00 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 7/2 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 7/9 | 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission |
| 7/16 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 7/18 | 6:30 p.m. - Park Board |
| 7/23 | 6:30 p.m. - Library Board |
| 7/25 | 5:30 p.m. - HPC |
| 7/25 | 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee |

August Meetings

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| 8/6 | 5:30 p.m. - CDA |
| 8/6 | 6:00 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 8/6 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 8/13 | 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission |
| 8/15 | 6:30 p.m. - Park Board |
| 8/20 | 6:30 p.m. - Common Council |
| 8/22 | 5:30 p.m. - HPC |
| 8/22 | 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee |
| 8/27 | 6:30 p.m. - Library Board |



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MONEY MATTERS

Assessing the Unassessable - Whats Up With That?



Taxes, taxes, taxes. Besides death, so the saying goes, it is inevitable. You can't escape paying taxes. It seems like everything is taxed. Food, gas, entertainment, internet purchases - everybody WANTS a piece of the tax pie. As it turns out - despite the negativism around paying taxes - that is the vehicle used by governments to pay for the things we as taxpayers need, expect or demand, however you want to put it. We pay it up front for something in return.

Without getting into the weeds on the positives or negatives about taxes, lets take a look at what the City of Burlington does with collected taxes and the process involved.

There are three types of taxes collected by the City of Burlington. One you are very familiar with every year around Christmas, and that is Property Taxes. The second one involves the equipment used in a business (as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue) and it's called Personal Property Tax. If you run a business and you have items you use to make that business work, you will have personal property taxes to some level.

The third, less known tax collected by the City is Room Tax. This is tax collected on the rental of hotel rooms by visitors, the people who come and stay at one of our three hotels or motels in the City: Skyview, Hampton and the AmericInn. The city charges 6% of the room rate as a local tax to be used for Tourism in the City. Well, at least a portion is.

Real Estate Taxes

Real estate taxes are what we are all most familiar with. Each year the City uses an assessing firm, Accurate Appraisal, to determine values of property in the City. The assessors come into the City, typically in June, to look at permits that have been pulled, sales of property (residential and commercial) and to review businesses that may have left or are new to the City. While assessing may seem like an art, it is strictly regulated by the Local Government Services division of the Department of Revenue.

Personal Property Taxes

In the same way, the assessor sends out Personal Property Tax forms to each known business in the City of Burlington. These forms are generally sent in January or February with a March due date. These forms assess and/or credit items used in the running of a business. It doesn't matter if you rent the building or own it, Personal Property Tax is separate. If you are a manufacturer in the City, the State of Wisconsin has its own assessing system for both personal property and real estate.

If for some reason, the form is not returned to the assessor for personal property (even if the value of the property is ZERO on the form) a business can be assessed. Doomsage as defined in state statutes. Basically doomsage is an estimate by the assessor on how much personal property should be valued based on the business. Bottom line - turn in those forms - even if they are ZERO!

Personal Property assessed values and Real Estate assessed values are added together to come up with a total value of the City. Values can be either up or down year to year depending on sales, demand and other factors. A created budget combined with the values, generate a rate (tax rate or MIL rate), which then generates a tax. These taxes pay for operations: Fire, Police, Public Works, Administration, Council, City Clerk, Municipal Court, Debt and other funds. It does not pay for Water or Sewer, since those are based on

quarterly billing fees. (Your Water/Sewer bill).

Room Taxes

As mentioned previously, the City collects a 6% Room Tax on the room rate for transient visitors using hotels/motels in he City. These dollars are reported and paid to the City on a quarterly basis. The City then pays 70% of that revenue collected to two entities who generate tourism for the City. Half of the 70% goes to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and the other half goes to Real Racine, which is the Racine County Convention and Tourism Bureau. The remaining 30% of the room tax is held by the City for operations, or however the Common Council decides to use the money.

That's it - those are the taxes collected by the City. In the next article we will look at how the values and the City (and others) budget(s) generate a tax rate which determines what you pay. We will also review why some years you get a refund and then the next year you have to pay.

Real Estate Taxes Due July 31

In Person
Burlington City Hall
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI
53105

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

Open Mon - Fri
8 am - 4:30 pm

- or -

Racine County
Courthouse
730 Wisconsin
Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Open Mon - Fri
8 am - 5 pm

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

Tree Cost Sharing Program



Newly implemented this year is a resident cost share program for parkway tree planting. The intent of the program is to support reforestation of City parkways due to the loss of trees to disease. This program provides greater control to private property owners concerning timing of installation, location of installation, and species choice.

The Common Council provided \$10,000 in funding in the 2019 Budget to support this program. The funding provides for 50 awards of up to \$200. The award is reimbursement to property owners for expenses related to the purchase, delivery, and installation of trees planted in the public parkway adjacent to their property. Awards will be limited to one award per property, per year.

Applications will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Per Park Board policy, reforestation is the priority before all other reasons for tree planting. Staff will be utilizing a 2013 parkway tree inventory list to verify tree removal history. Properties that have not had a parkway tree removed will be placed on a waiting list. If funding is still available, and there are no reforestation applications on the waiting list, then awards will be made available to properties that have not had parkway trees removed since the 2013 tree inventory. Funding for these wait list applications will occur after September 1st of each year.

To participate in the program a property owner would need to do the following:

1. Complete a Tree Planting Cost Share Program Application providing a map showing the intended location of the planting.

2. Choose the species of the tree from the 2018 Recommended Tree Planting List available at City Hall, 300 N Pine Street, Department of Public Works, 2200 S Pine Street or on the City's website at www.burlington-wi.gov.

3. Obtain a right-of-way (ROW) permit available at City Hall, 300 N Pine Street, the Department of Public Works, 2200 S Pine Street or on the City's website

at www.burlington-wi.gov (ROW permit fees are waived for tree planting). DPW staff will review the application for appropriateness and work with the applicant on any potential concerns. Applicants will then be sent an acceptance notice if their application is satisfactory.

Once the application is approved by City staff, the property owner may proceed with their project adhering to the tree planting and care policies in addition to the requirements of the ROW permit. Most importantly, this means they (or their contractor) must call Digger's Hotline for utility locates prior to any digging.

Upon completion of the project, the property owner must submit notice of completion and receipts for their costs. DPW staff will then inspect the project to confirm the planting is compliant with policies and the application. Award funds will be released once DPW staff certifies the project was completed in compliance with policies and the approved application. The property owner will be responsible for correcting any deficiencies at their expense.

Any questions or if you are interested in the program contact the Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181.

There Goes the Neighborhood...Online!

The City of Burlington is now on Nextdoor, a neighborhood-based social media network that provides users a place to connect and share information online. Unlike platforms like Facebook, Nextdoor networks are locality-based, connecting residents specifically within neighborhoods. Once online, neighbors can look for service recommendations, share events and discuss local happenings with one another.

The City of Burlington is excited to join our neighborhoods on Nextdoor and share in community conversations. The City plans to post information and events on the platform to keep residents up-to-date and well-informed. One exciting

function of the Nextdoor platform is that it will allow the City to target specific neighborhoods with information pertinent to them. For example, if a water main break will affect service to a particular neighborhood, the City can geo-target a message to our Nextdoor subscribers within that area and provide neighborhood specific information for them.

To create a Nextdoor account, visit nextdoor.com, there you will be asked to provide your name and address. To verify that you reside in the neighborhood in which you are joining, Nextdoor will send an invitation in the mail to your address. One you receive your Nextdoor

invitation you may follow the instructions on the postcard to complete the signup process.



City Compost Site

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue is open the following times:

Hours of operation

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

The site is free for 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. Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 6" in diameter, stumps or root balls.

Need wood chips or compost?

Residents are able to take wood chips and compost from the compost site for free. You must load and haul the materials yourself.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at 342-1181 with questions.

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.

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 12 inches.

Complaints may be submitted to the Department of Public Works at 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.

Whats Up With My Water Bill?

A water rate increase for the City of Burlington was approved by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission effective March 13, 2019. The water rate increase is necessary to keep pace with the rising cost of energy, equipment replacement, labor, aging infrastructure, and meeting state and federal regulatory requirements.

The City bills customers four times per year for municipal services including water, sanitary sewer, and fire protection. The average three-month residential utility bill contains 2,100 cubic feet of usage. The current total utility bill at this usage is \$193.02, \$73.84 of which is water service and usage. With the new water rate increase this bill would be \$204.79, \$82.35 of which is water service and usage. The total average bill increases by \$11.77. A portion of this increase is due to the increased rate for water service and usage (\$8.51) and the remaining is due to the increased rate for fire protection (\$3.26).

Below are the City of Burlington's water rates (Effective March 13, 2019).

| Quarterly Water Service Charges: | Service | Fire Protection |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 5/8 inch meter | \$28.80 | \$28.50 |
| 1 inch meter | \$42.00 | \$69.00 |
| 1 1/2 inch meter | \$57.00 | \$141.00 |
| 2 inch meter | \$87.00 | \$225.00 |
| 3 inch meter | \$138.00 | \$426.00 |
| 4 inch meter | \$228.00 | \$708.00 |
| 6 inch meter | \$324.00 | \$1,416.00 |

| Water Usage Metered Charge: | Charge per 100 cubic ft |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| First 5,000 cubic feet | \$2.55 |
| Next 240,000 cubic feet | \$2.48 |
| Next 500,000 cubic feet | \$2.35 |
| Next 750,000 cubic feet | \$1.70 |

For more information visit our website at: <http://www.burlington-wi.gov/177/Water-Sewer-Rates> or call the City of Burlington Water Utility at 262-342-1173.

Keep Grass Clippings out of the Street

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.



Outdoor Fire Safety

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

Portable Fire Pits

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



Recreational (Camp) Fires

- Recreational fires are permitted

with verbal permission from the Fire Department. You must call in and obtain permission on the day you wish to have a recreational fire at 763-7842.

- Recreational fires are permitted only between the hours of 6 AM and 11 PM.
- Recreational fires shall not be located within 25 feet of a structure. The total fire area shall not exceed three feet in diameter.

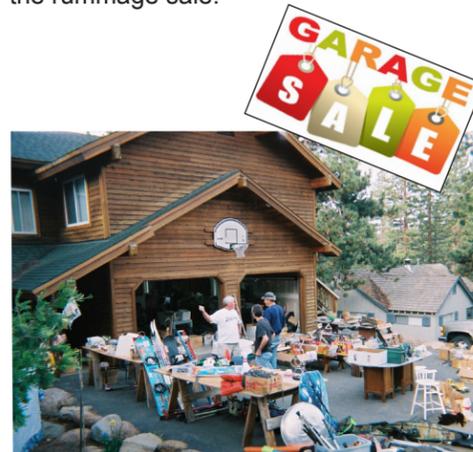
All Fires

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

Rummage Sale Time!

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

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



Staying Safe During a Tornado

A tornado is a rapidly spinning, fast-moving, funnel-shaped cloud. Most tornadoes occur during late spring and summer, in late afternoon. But they can strike anywhere, at any time.

Is it a watch or a warning?

A tornado watch means there is the possibility of a tornado in the area. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted. Seek shelter immediately.

At home:

- Secure things that might fall, such as a TV & put heavy objects on lower shelves.
- During a tornado warning, immediately go to the basement. If there is not a basement, go to the lowest floor. Stay in an inner room, away from windows and doors.
- Get beneath a sturdy piece of furniture, such as a desk or table.

Outdoors:

- If there are no buildings nearby to shelter in, lie flat in a ditch.
- Cover your head with your arms and hands.
- Never lie under trees

In a car:

- Don't try to out-drive a tornado if it is close, if it is moving toward you or if there is traffic.
- Get out of the car immediately. Look for shelter or a ditch to lie flat in.
- Don't go beneath a bridge or highway overpass.

Safety rules to remember after a tornado:

- Leave the building if you smell gas or chemical fumes.
- Watch for fallen power lines or broken gas lines. Report them immediately.
- Stay away from disaster areas.



Dogs in Parks: The New Rules

With the warm weather finally here, residents in Burlington will be heading to our beautiful city parks to enjoy the sunshine and scenery. New this year, dogs will now be allowed to join in on the summer fun in parks throughout the city. In accordance with an amendment passed by Common Council this spring, dogs are now permitted in the City of Burlington parks so long as they are leashed and under control.

To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience in our parks there are some rules to be aware of if you are planning on bringing your dog with you to the park.

- All dogs must remain on a leash, no longer than 6 feet in length, at all times.
- Anyone who brings a dog into the park is also responsible for immediately cleaning and removing any defecation left by the dog.
- Dogs must be under control and removed from the park immediately if they exhibit any aggressive behavior.
- If you are bringing a dog into any city park you also assume all liability for any injury or damage caused by the canine.

The violation of any of these rules may

result in you receiving a citation and monetary fine.

By allowing your canine companions to accompany you on your visits to our parks, the City hopes to enhance the overall recreation experience in our community. It is important to note and follow the rules set forth by this ordinance change to guarantee all residents and visitors safely enjoy their visit to our fine parks. As a reminder, while dogs will be required to be leashed in city parks, an exception is the City Dog Park at 480 S Calumet Street where dogs may be unleashed under owner supervision.

The City wishes all of our park visitors, both two and four-legged, a safe and fun summer season!



Give Us Your Input!

The City of Burlington is excited to continue to utilize Polco, an online survey platform, to engage and receive feedback on a variety of topics pertaining to our community. Residents can take online polls and surveys as well as provide open comment feedback. This platform allows the City to obtain crucial feedback from our most valuable stakeholders, citizens like you! It also allows residents like yourself an opportunity to shape some of our community's most important decisions.

To create your own Polco account and start responding to our surveys, visit <https://polco.us/groups/city/burlington-wi> or look for the Polco link on the City's website. The Polco platform will be available via web, mobile app and email. The service is free for all city residents. You'll simply enter your name, zip code, and email address. Polco is committed to a strict privacy policy where they only share aggregated de-identified results. Participants' individual data and votes are never shared.

Through this exciting platform, Burlington residents like yourself will be able to make your voice heard on a variety of important topics that will directly affect you and your family. We look forward to hearing from you!



Summer Fun at the Library for Adults!

Tech Help Classes

Tech Help Tuesdays
Tuesdays, June 4 – August 27
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? 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, June 20 - August 8
2:00 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.

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| June 20 | Converting Document Formats |
| June 27 | Google Drive |
| July 11 | Computer Basics |
| July 18 | E-Mail for Beginners |
| July 25 | Internet Fundamentals |
| August 1 | Tablet & Smartphone Basics |
| August 8 | Cutting the Cable TV Cord |

Memory Café

Friday, June 7, 11:00 a.m.
Burlington Public Library

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 3 – August 26, 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.

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| A Star is Born | June 3 |
| The Mule | June 10 |
| The Rider | June 17 |
| On the Basis of Sex | June 24 |
| Upside | July 1 |
| They Shall Not Grow Old | July 8 |
| First Man | July 15 |
| Ben is Black | July 22 |
| Sorry to Bother You | July 29 |
| Fighting with my Family | August 5 |
| Hidden Figures | August 12 |
| Widows | August 19 |
| Love, Simon | August 26 |

Adult Summer Reading Program

Monday, June 10 through July 27

Time to pour a glass of iced tea and start your reading for the summer. Our theme this year is "A Universe of Stories". See how many you can enjoy this summer and enter your results in our weekly drawing. Sign up at the Reference Desk for games, terrific reading, weekly prizes and a grand prize to be awarded in early August.

Gardening Class

We will be hosting Master Gardener Jennifer Yaris with monthly classes. Each class will be offered twice each month with Tuesday classes at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday classes at 10:00 a.m.

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| Tues. May 14 & Sat. May 18 | Weeds! |
| Sat. June 15 & Tues. June 18 | Succesion Planting |
| Tues. July 16 & Sat. July 20 | Common Garden Pests |
| Sat. August 17 & Tues. August 20 | Perennial Basics |

Adult Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, June 13, 1:00 p.m.
Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston

Following 1931 interviews with Cudjo Lewis, Hurston tells the true story of this man's capture, imprisonment in a barracoon, shipment to America, and enslavement. The author offers insight into the tragedy of slavery and the historical, lasting effect it has had on all Americans.

No Book Club in July

Thursday, August 8, 1:00 p.m.
Future Home of the Living God by Louise Erdrich

Following a biological apocalypse in which the natural world is transformed, a young pregnant woman is pursued by the religious government interested in ensuring that her "normal" baby is safely delivered for the government's own purposes. Raising deep spiritual questions, the novel explores the plight of women in an unkind universe.

Evening Book Club

Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.
Miracle Life of Edgar Mint by Brady Udall

An accident in which a young Apache boy is run over by a mailman leads to this recounting of his larger-than-life experiences. Edgar remains filled with hope and optimism as he seeks out the man responsible for the accident and eventually discovers an unexpected home.

No Book Club in July

Monday, August 26, 7:00 p.m.
Creature from Jekyll Island by G. Edward Griffin

Griffin explores the history of the Federal Reserve and its effects on the financial health of the country. This controversial book contends that the American government and the banking community have used the Reserve to deceive Americans and influence the global economy.

Property Assessment Questions?

As mentioned on Page 2, if you are a property owner in the City of Burlington, you pay property taxes, which are calculated by taking the assessed value of your home and multiplying it by the tax rate that has been determined by your local government.

If you have questions about your assessment, you should contact Accurate Appraisal (1-800-770-3927). If you are unable to contact the assessor, then it is highly recommended you attend the Open Book session.

During this session, the municipality's assessment roll, (which lists all the municipality's properties), is open for examination. The property owner can informally discuss the property value with the local assessor. If the property value

is changed at Open Book, the assessor corrects the assessment roll.

If the property owner is not satisfied with the assessment after attending Open Book, the property owner can bring his/her appeal to the Board of Review (BOR). The Board schedules assessment appeals, requiring property owners to provide evidence proving the assessment is incorrect. After review, if the Board agrees with the property owner's evidence, it can change the assessment.

Once the Board of Review adjourns, the assessment roll is finalized and submitted for the preparation of property tax bills. Assessments can no longer be changed for the current taxing year.

This year's Open Book and Board of Review is scheduled as follows:

Open Book

Appointments made with Accurate Appraisal (1-800-770-3927)

July 24, 2019
12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

July 25, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Board of Review

Appointments made after Open Book session with City Clerk (262-342-1171)

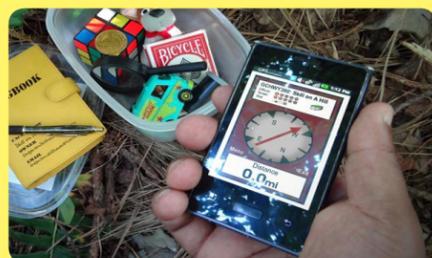
August 27, 2019
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Summer Fun at the Library for Adults and Families!

Geocaching Club

Friday, May 17 and Saturdays, June 15, July 13, August 10, 10:00 a.m.

We had a lot of fun with our geocaching class and decided to get together monthly to search. Geocaching is a fun game in which you use global positioning coordinates to find hidden treasures around the world. There are over 50 geocaches hidden around the Burlington area. We will have a GPS set available...bring your own if you have one. Some phones have coordinate-searching available, too. We will provide little "treasures" to hide! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.



Carrie Catt, Belle La Follette, and How the Battle for Woman Suffrage was Won

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.
Bob Kann

Wisconsin was the first state in the Union to ratify the 19th amendment. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of this historic event as we explore the lives of two Wisconsin women who led the charge in the struggle for women to gain the right to vote.



Intro to Essential Oils: Make and Take Class

Saturday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m.
Presented by Jennifer Vavroch

June Class-Athletes, Muscles and Joints Make and Take:

Your muscles hurting from the yard work? Tired of the bugs? Have allergies? Come learn about Doterra products that can help with bugs, muscles, joints and the skin.

July Class-Sleep and Stress Support Make and Take:

Do you or someone you know suffer from lack of sleep? Worry? Stress? Anxiousness? Then this class is for you (or them)! Learn about the basics of essential oils and which oil combinations to use.

You can pick one Essentials roller bottle of your choice to take home. Please register with our staff at 262-342-1130.

Introduction to Calligraphy

Saturdays, June 8, July 6, August 3,
10:00 a.m. to 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, but feel free to bring your own. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT IN DELAVAN

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.
Mark Hertzberg

Join local author, Mark Hertzberg, as he discusses Penwern, one of the 40 summer "cottages" designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in the early 1900s. This stunning estate on Delavan Lake has received both national and state recognition and is located practically in our back yard. Hertzberg's new book, Frank Lloyd Wright's Penwern: A Summer Estate, will be published this summer.

Drones 101: A Technology Review

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.
Dr. Chris Johnson

UW Madison professor Chris Johnson will provide an overview of drone technology, commercial applications and the regulatory landscape in this exciting event. Weather permitting, we will be able to move outdoors to see a real drone in action. In addition to his responsibilities as a lecturer at UW Madison, Dr. Johnson is an advisor to the Badger Aviators, the Wisconsin Flying Team and a manager at the UW Flight Simulation Laboratory.



An Adult Class to Delight your Mind

Fridays, June 14, July 12, August 9,
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Coloring generates wellness and stimulates the brain, so does working on puzzles. We'll supply coloring sheets, colored pencils, Sudoku and puzzles. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.



Wildlife Tracking

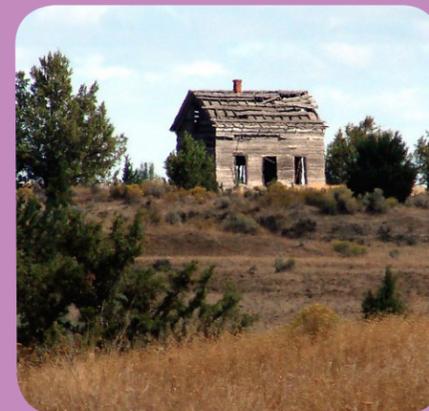
Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.

Join Dianne Robinson from the DNR for tracking basics. We will be meeting at Wadewitz Nature Camp, 2701-2729 Buena Park Rd, Waterford, WI 53185. Please register with our staff at 262-342-1130.

Summer Fun at the Library for Adults and Families!

LAURA INGALLS WILDER: GLOBAL MIGRATION AND MIDWESTERN SENSIBILITIES
Wednesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.
Emily Anderson

Laura Ingalls Wilder is an American icon, known for her novels about her family's experience as American pioneers in the 1870s. But does her Little House on the Prairie series have meaning for today's immigrants and refugees to the Midwest? Indeed it does. Contemporary immigrants have adapted the iconic pioneer girl's story about overland migration to explore current immigration controversies, facts, and myths. In this talk, Anderson will open a discussion about how immigration is perceived today in light of American history, ideals, and representations in pop culture.



Trek Moments

Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

Mark Hertzberg's "Trek Moments" pays homage to his Trek bicycles and to Kodak's famous "Kodak Moments" advertising campaign. Hertzberg, an avid year-round bicyclist, worked as a photojournalist for the Racine Journal Times for 33 years. His presentation shows us how he viewed Racine from two wheels, seeing things he would have missed driving his car and that he never would have seen sitting at his desk as the newspaper's Director of Photography. Hertzberg left his heavy work cameras at home after he retired in 2012, but he continues to look for off-beat Trek Moments with his iPhone.

String Art

Friday, July 26, 2:00 p.m.

Don't miss out on this out of this world String Art Class! Learn how to create a beautiful, personalized wall hanging by hammering nails into a wooden plaque and threading string through and around each nail to make a colorful outline. Each participant will leave class with a finished moon design made with string and nails. Space is limited. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.



Wisconsin's Most Haunted Locations

Thursday, August 1, 6:00 p.m.
Presenter Chad Lewis

Chad has been featured on many television programs and has authored over 20 books. This presentation takes the audience on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in the state. It covers the entire state, from wandering ghosts in the North Woods, to a haunted B&B in Milwaukee. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.

Personality Test

Thursday, August 8, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Let our reference librarian assist you in taking a free computerized test to find out your strengths and weaknesses. It takes less than 12 minutes. You may be surprised to see what you find out about yourself. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.

Wild Edibles

Thursday, August 22, 10:00 a.m.

Join Dianne Robinson from the DNR for learning the basics of searching for and harvesting wild edibles. We will be meeting at Wadewitz Nature Camp, 2701-2729 Buena Park Rd, Waterford, WI 53185. Please register with our staff at 262-342-1130.

It's Not What I Do, It's Who I Am: Firefighter/Paramedic

Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 p.m.
David Siegel

The work of firefighters and paramedics often involves witnessing and enduring human tragedy, as well as triumphing over challenges and calamity. This presentation will provide audiences with a firsthand account of what it is like to make a living and life as a career firefighter/paramedic. David Siegel, a firefighter with the Green Bay Metro Fire Department, will share his own story about how he chose this career and invite the audience to take part in a conversation about the ways our jobs may provide us with a sense of self-worth, meaning, and personal identity.



The Gathering Art Displays

Don't forget to stop in and see the beautiful artwork on display in our main floor Meeting Room. We feature works from local artists, each of whom has his or her unique style and medium. The Gathering will be displaying their works at the Burlington Public Library.



Summer Library Programs for Children & Teens

Anime Club

2nd & 4th Thursday of every month

Come join our new Anime Club, for ages 12 to 18. Come to discuss your favorite Manga and watch some Anime and don't forget to bring a fellow otaku! Snacks will be provided.

Lapsit Storytime

Thursdays, June 13-July 25, 10 a.m.

Fingerplays, bouncing movements, rhythmic play and stories are the core of this program for children up to the age of five and their parents/caretakers.

Story Wagon Series

Fridays, June 14-July 19, 10 a.m.

Professional performers will make five appearances at the library this summer. These free performances fill up fast!

- June 14 – Emily Roberts, Snake Discover
- June 21 – Magician Great Scott
- June 28 – Colossal Fossils
- July 12 – Musicians Fox and Branch
- July 19 – Racine Zoo

Sensory Play in Wehmhoff Square Park

Fridays, August 2-30, 10 a.m.

Children ages 5 and under and their caretakers come and explore hands-on activities that involve your senses.



ABC Music and Me

Tuesdays, August 6-20, 10 a.m.

Musical activities created by Kindermusik International provide a fun and educational way to build early literacy, movement and language skills. Parents participate with their children to share the class experience and to promote further exploration at home. Great for children ages 2-4 and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Summer Reading Program June 10 - August 16



Join us at the Burlington Public Library for "A Universe of Stories!" 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 Reading Registration Begins: Monday, June 10
- First day to turn in reading record: Monday, June 17
- Summer Reading Program Ends: Friday, August 16
- Grand Prize Drawing: Monday, August 19-winners will be notified this week.

Special Events

Monday, June 10, 5-7 p.m.

"Summer Meet & Read Kickoff" at Traxside where kids read for 30 minutes and then skate this night for free.

Tuesday, June 11, 10-11:30 a.m.

"June Dairy Day" at Wehmhoff Square Park. Featuring free ice cream, a petting zoo, face painting, and games.

Wednesday, June 12, 10:00 a.m.

"Lego Build" - all ages are welcome, Legos provided.

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.

"Popcorn and a Movie" - Registration required.

Monday, June 17, 10:00 a.m.

"Kohl's Wild Theater"

Tuesday, June 18, 10 & 11 a.m.

"Milwaukee Public Museum Butterfly Program" - Space is limited, registration is required.

Thursday, June 20 & Thursday, July 18, 1:00 p.m.

"Miniature Kitchen Cooking" - Have you heard of the tiny kitchen, tiny food craze? Come see what it's all about. Ages 10 & up. Space is limited, registration is required.

Monday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.

"Paint Pouring" is a fairly new craft that yields beautiful results with little to no experience. Registration is required. Ages 10 & up

Tuesday, June 25, 10:00 a.m.

"Summer Crafts" for pre-K and early elementary kids.

Wednesday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.

"Zumba for Kids (& Families too!)" in Wehmhoff Square Park at 10:00 a.m.

Bring a water bottle!

Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.

"Stomp Rockets" - We will make paper rockets and will try launching them through stomp power. Limited space, registration is required. Ages 5 & up.

Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 a.m.

"Juggling Club"

Tuesday, July 16 & Thursday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.

"Block Party" - Come build with blocks!

Wednesday, July 17, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

"Rythm for Unity" - Creating rhythm together helps build and celebrate community and it's fun! Hand drumming is an ancient practice. Ages 10 & up. Registration is required.

Monday, July 22, 10:00 a.m.

"Kids Build with Home Depot". Space is limited, registration is required.

Tuesday, July 23, 10:00 a.m.

"Galaxy Rock Painting" Come paint some rocks! Space is limited, registration is required.

Wednesday, July 24, 1:00 p.m.

"NASA Telescopes". Meet Dr. Betsy Banner a NASA Solar System Ambassador as she presents a program called Deep Space Telescopes Ages 10 & up. Space is limited, so registration is required.

Wednesday, July 31, 4:30 p.m.

"Harry Potter's Birthday Party" in Wehmhoff Square Park

Tuesday, August 13, 1:00 p.m.

"Magical Poodles"

FIREWORKS!



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

Fourth of July Dance & Fundraiser!

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

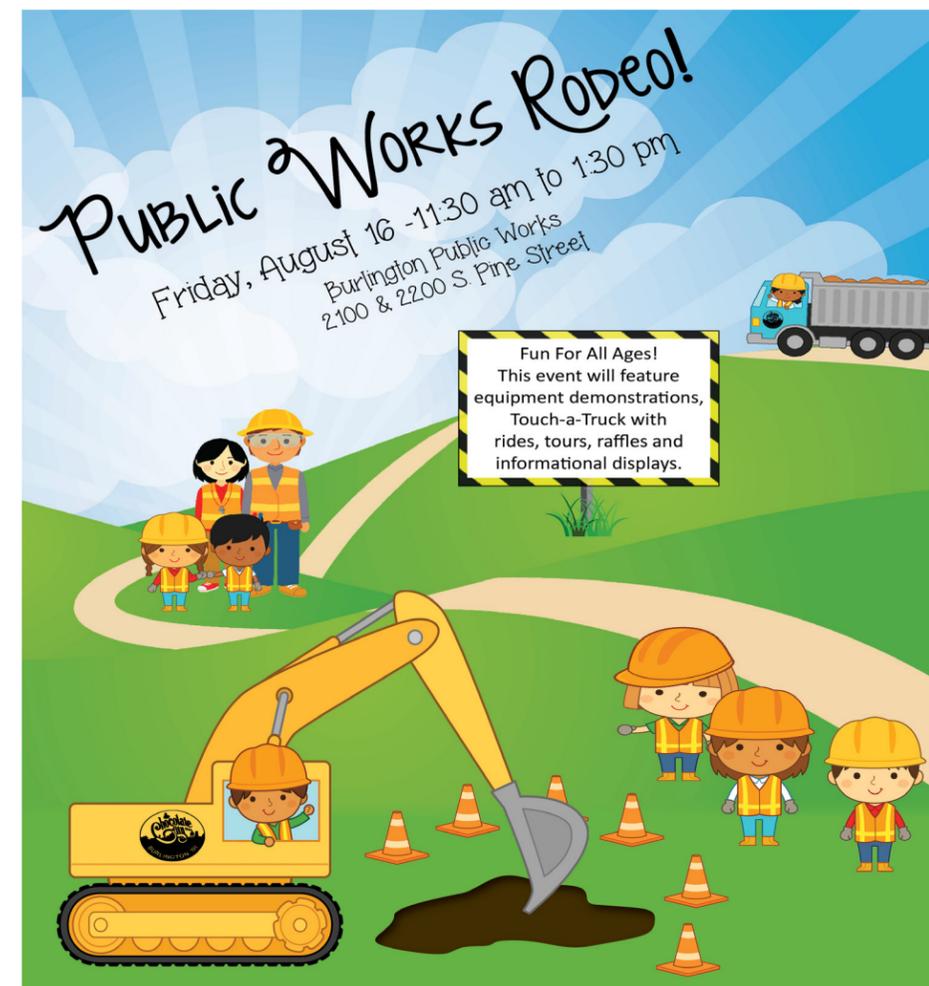
A bag toss tournament begins at 3 p.m. Lunchmoney Bullies will perform from 7 to 11 p.m., pausing during the fireworks display sponsored by the City of Burlington.

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



Attend the Public Works Rodeo!

Children and their parents/grandparents/care-givers can 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!



Annual Summer Book Sale!



July 25: 12 to 2 p.m.

Preview Admission For Friends:
Join at the door for \$5!

July 25-27 - Admission Free

Thursday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Featuring a wide selection of fiction, non-fiction, children's materials, and media items will be available, including donated and ex-library items

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Want to Reserve a Park Pavilion?

Reservations can be made for Beaumont, Devor, Echo, McCanna, Riverside and Wehmhoff-Jucker Parks. All pavilions have electricity, water, tables and all associated parks have restrooms. Reservation fees are \$50 for city residents and \$100 for non-residents. A \$100 security deposit is required for all reservations and will be returned the week after the event is over pending all requirements are followed. Arrangements can be made by stopping at the Department of Public Works located at 2200 S Pine Street. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Call 262-342-1181 for more information.