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*Announcements*

**Through September 26:** 3 to 7 p.m. - Burlington Farmers at Wehmhoff Square Park and Washington Street.

**September 14:** 3 to 7 p.m. - City Block Party at Devor Park, 394 Amanda Street. See article in this newsletter for more information.

**October 8 & 9:** Open Book to discuss your property assessment. Call Accurate Appraisal to schedule an appointment at 800-770-3927.

**October 26:** 11 a.m. to noon - Spooky City. Downtown trick or treating, costume parade at 10:30 a.m. Wehmhoff Park and many more activities. Kick off party at Fox River State Bank.

**October 30:** Board of Review from 4 to 6 p.m. Call the City Clerk at 342-1161 for more details.

**October 31:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - City-wide Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

**November 28 & 29:** City offices closed for Thanksgiving.

**December 6:** Starting at 6:30 p.m. - Annual Christmas Parade beginning on Kane Street.

**CITY STAFF DIRECTORY**

**City Hall**

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

Robert Miller	Mayor
Kevin Lahner	City Administrator
Megan Watkins	Director of Administrative Services
Steve DeQuaker	Treasurer/Budget Officer
Patrick Scherrer	Building Inspector
Diahnn Halbach	City Clerk

**Fire Department**

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

Perry Howard	Fire Chief
John Niederer	Fire Inspector

**Public Library**

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

Gayle Falk	Library Director
Joy Schupp	Youth Services Director
Carole Rybarczyk	Adult Services Director

**Police Department**

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

Peter Nimmer	Police Chief
Mark Anderson	Lieutenant

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

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

Craig Workman	Public Works Director
Dan Jensen	Supervisor - Streets & Parks

**Public Works - Wastewater**

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

Craig Workman	Public Works Director
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**Municipal Court**

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

Marvin Daniel	Municipal Court Judge
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**Recycling Collection Schedule**

- Week of September 2-6
- Week of September 16-20
- Week of Sept. 30 - Oct. 4
- Week of October 14-18
- Week of Oct. 28 - Nov. 1
- Week of November 11-15
- Week of November 25-29
- Week of December 9-13

**September Meetings**

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 9/3  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 9/3  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 9/4  | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 9/10 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission     |
| 9/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 9/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board          |
| 9/24 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 9/26 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |
| 9/26 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |

**October Meetings**

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|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 10/1  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 10/1  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 10/2  | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 10/8  | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission     |
| 10/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 10/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board          |
| 10/22 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 10/24 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |

**November Meetings**

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|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 11/5  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 11/5  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 11/6  | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 11/12 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission     |
| 11/21 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board          |
| 11/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 11/26 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| TBD   | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |
| TBD   | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |

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## Leaf Collection and Yard Waste Disposal Options

### Leaf Collection

Leaf collection generally begins around September 15 and ends around November 15 (weather permitting). Leaves should be placed in the street next to the gutter, while leaving the flow line of the curb clear for stormwater to pass. **Please keep all garden waste (tomato plants, pumpkins, etc.) and sticks out of the leaves** so that we may spend our time more efficiently.



The Department of Public Works strives to provide the best service possible to the public and request your help in doing so. If you have any questions regarding leaf pick up please contact the DPW at (262) 539-3770. Also, the compost site is available through the end of November to receive your leaves, garden waste, and brush.

### Brush Pick-Up

Brush pick-up continues on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please call the Department of Public Works to have your address placed on the list. You must call no later than the Tues-

day before the second or fourth Wednesday. The DPW Crew only picks up brush from addresses that have been called in.

### City Compost Site

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue is open until November 30. The site remains free of charge to City

residents. There will be an attendant on site during open hours.

### Hours of operation until November 30

Sunday - 12 to 6 PM  
 Tuesday - 3 to 8 PM  
 Thursday - 12 to 8 PM  
 Saturday - 10 AM to 6 PM  
**Closed Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

Contractors using the City of Burlington Compost site will be charged a dumping fee. Contractors will be required to register at the City Department of Public Works, 2200 S. Pine Street, which will allow the City to bill their business on a monthly basis. An attendant will be on site to verify necessary information and collect data for invoice processing. Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 5" in diameter. No plastic bags, plastic containers, foreign debris, stumps or root balls will be allowed.

## Changes To Your Property Assessment

Each year the City Assessor reviews property assessments and updates the assessment roll according to any changes that occurred during the previous year. Real estate taxes are based on the property's assessment figure. Currently, Accurate Appraisal is conducting a full market revaluation of all city properties to bring the equalization factor back into alignment at 100 percent. A full value assessment will be conducted by physically inspecting a quarter of the properties in the city per year. This program will include an in-home inspection of all properties, an analysis of sale properties, an inspection of new construction, and a check on all properties that took out a building permit throughout the municipality.

Once the assessment roll is completed, the Assessor is required to notify property owners of any changes in their assessment from the previous year. If you receive such notice or if you have concerns about your assessment, you may want to meet with the Assessor at an "Open Book

Conference" prior to the Board of Review hearing. Appointments for an Open Book conference can be made with Accurate Appraisal at (800) 770-3927 once the assessment roll is completed this Fall. Open Book conferences will be held on October 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and October 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m..

### What is the Board of Review?

The Board of Review is responsible for correcting errors in property assessment. Each year the Board examines the assessment roll, corrects any errors in description or computation and adds any property the assessor may have omitted. The Board has the authority to hear sworn testimony, receive documentary evidence, and accepts the Assessor's assessment unless there is competent sworn testimony presented as evidence that proves the assessment to be incorrect. The Board of Review meetings are open

to the public. 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. This notice must be made at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting. Each assessment year stands alone. You may only appeal the current year's assessment. You are not required to meet with the assessor before appealing to the Board of Review (BOR), although it is highly recommended. Minor errors and misunderstandings can often be corrected by meeting with the assessor without initiating a formal appeal.

The Board of Review meeting will be held on October 30 from 4-6 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, 224 E. Jefferson Street.



## Staying Safe by Properly Installing Smoke Detectors

Does everyone in your home know what the smoke alarm sounds like? Did you remove the batteries when they started chirping instead of replacing them?

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of fire related deaths in half. Unfortunately, many homes have smoke alarms that just don't work. In fact, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. About one in five of smoke alarm failures was due to dead batteries.

The City of Burlington Fire Department is urging you to be sure that your smoke alarms are equipped to help protect your family from fire by putting the following tips into action:

- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home (including the basement), outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms. Never remove or disable smoke alarms.
- Interconnection of smoke alarms is

safety advocates will be emphasizing:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.

- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.

- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.

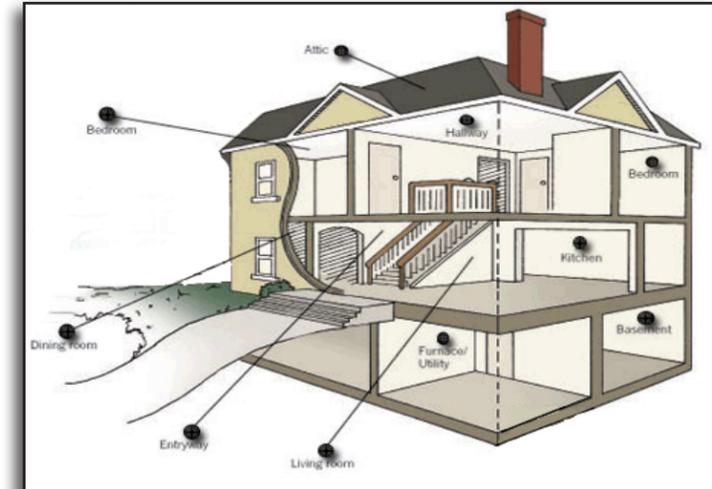
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper



highly recommended; when one smoke alarm sounds, they all do. (This is particularly important in larger or multi-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning, especially for sleeping individuals.)

There are two types of smoke alarm technologies – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires – like a pan fire or the smoke from cooking. A photoelectric alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires – like a cigarette, overheated wiring or something hot like a space heater. Install both types of alarms in your home or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms that take advantage of both technologies.

- Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. If an alarm



"chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

- All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired alarms, should be replaced when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.

Properly installing and maintaining your smoke detectors will help keep you and your family safe.

# Autumn Fun at the Library!

GOODE REBEKA

SALEM WITCH TRIALS:  
TRIAL BY FIRE

The Burlington Public Library  
Presents:  
Jessica Michna  
as Goode Rebeka  
Saturday, October 12 1:00 pm

No registration  
Contact:  
262-763-7623  
Handicap  
accessible

Come listen to a presentation of the book, "Salem Witch Trials: "Trial By Fire" on Saturday, October 12 at 1 p.m. Presented by Jessica Michna as Goode Rebeka.

## Book Clubs

Take part in an afternoon or evening book club at the Public Library, 166 E. Jefferson Street!

**Afternoon Adult Book Club**  
**September 12 at 1 p.m.**  
*The End of Your Life Book Club*  
by Will Schwalbe

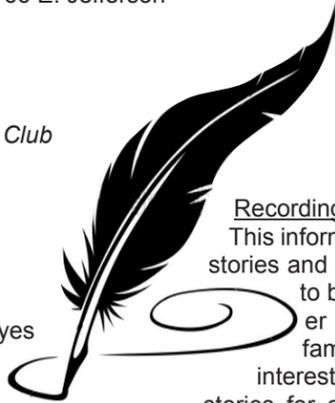
**October 10 at 1 p.m.**  
*Heft* by Liz Moore

**November 14 at 1 p.m.**  
*Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

**Evening Adult Book Club**  
**September 23 at 7 p.m.**  
*The Light Between Oceans*  
by Margot L. Stedman

**October 26 at 7 p.m.**  
*The Dog Stars* by Peter Heller

**November 25 at 7 p.m.**  
*The End of Your Life Book Club*  
by Will Schwalbe



**Recording Memoirs and Family Histories**  
This informal writing group meets to share stories and practice writing. You don't have to be a great or even a "good" writer to work on your memoirs and family history--you just have to be interested in chronicling these valuable stories for all time. Members are inspired to gather their own memoirs and to collect family stories. No registration required. No charge. You are not required to attend every meeting. Bring pen or pencil and paper. For more information contact Carole Rybarczyk at 262-342-1130 or crybarcz@burlington.lib.wi.us

**September 12 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Life Writing Group-My Favorite Vacation

A Musical Tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps  
Saturday, September 21 at 1 p.m.

Bill Jamerson, author, songwriter, filmmaker presents Dollar-a-Day-Boys, a fun nostalgic look at the 1930's Federal Work Program that gave employment to 3.5 million men. Hilarious stories, foot tapping songs and a short video makes this a "must see" experience!

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BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
SATURDAY, SEP. 21 1:00PM

## Programs For Adults

**September 26 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Life Writing Group-My First Computer

**October 10 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Life Writing Group-What is your most valuable possession?

**October 24 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Life Writing Group- If I could choose any year to have been born I would have chosen the year \_\_\_ because. . .

**November 14 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Life Writing Group-Write about historical events that happened the year you were born.

# Autumn Activities!

## Programs For Children at the Public Library

### Wii Gaming

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

### Story Time with Ms. Joy

Come listen to books, learn finger plays and rhymes, and sing and dance! Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend on Tuesdays in the Meeting Room at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 17 and 24; Oct. 1, 8, and 15; and Nov. 5, 12, 19, and 26. No registration is necessary.

### Lap-Sit with Ms. Jane

Finger plays, bouncing movements, rhythmic play and stories are the core of this program for toddlers ages 2 and under and their caretakers. We will meet in the Children's Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 17 and 24; Oct. 1, 8, and 15; and Nov. 5, 12, 19, and 26. No registration is necessary.

### ABC, Music and Me

Linda Breuer from Love, Inc. hosts this program which highlights musical activities featuring Kindermusik for children 2-4 years old and their parents/caretakers. This session runs Wednesdays, Sept. 18 through Oct. 16 from 9:30-10 a.m. There is no cost; for more information and to register, contact Linda Breuer, Children's Resources at Love, Inc., (262)763-6226 ext. 107.

### WannaWatchaMovie?

Come watch a recently released movie at the library! Register at the Circulation Desk or call (262)342-1130. Everyone who signs up gets free popcorn!

**Friday, Sept. 27, at 1:45 p.m.**

Watch the fur fly as a new breed of super hero is born in Disney's latest fun-filled Buddies adventure. An ordinary day at Fernfield

Farms turns extraordinary when Budderball, Mudbud, B-Dawg, Buddha and Rosebud discover mysterious rings that grant them each a unique super power. Rated G; 130 minutes.

**Monday, Nov. 25, at 1:45 p.m.**

Take a trip back in time to when star Monsters, Inc. employees Mike and Sulley were just two promising young students at Monsters University in this frightfully fun Disney/Pixar prequel. Rated G; 95 minutes.

### Volunteering

Do you need credit for high school, 4-H or Scouting? Stop by the library to talk with Linda. You will need to fill out an application form, and then we can set up a schedule.

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

## Come to the Community Block Party!

Please join us at our second annual Community Block Party from 3 to 7 PM on Saturday, September 14 at Devor Park, 394 Amanda Street. Take part in this family friendly event which includes games, activities, inflatable bounce houses, music and great food! Wristbands for \$2 will be available for purchase for unlimited games, activities and inflatable bouncy houses. A family movie to follow in the park. Admission and parking are free.

City of Burlington  
FREE Admission & Parking

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, September 14, 2013  
3:00 to 7:00 pm

DEVOR PARK  
394 Amanda Street

Inflatables - Games - Food - Prizes

Family movie at dark  
\$2 wrist bands for unlimited FUN!

Tell Your Neighbors!  
Bring Your Friends!  
Fun for the Whole Family!

## Emerald Ash Borer in the City

The City of Burlington received confirmation from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources of the presence of EAB within our city limits on Friday, July 26th, 2013. The City is developing an Emerald Ash Borer Impact Mitigation Strategy to determine which of the estimated 700 Ash trees on our city's street parkways,



green spaces, and parks will be removed or treated. Once the city has a complete picture of the scope of work involved our strategy will be to determine the most cost effective method of treating or removing Ash trees depending on tree location, size, and input from the public.

It is the City's intent to solicit comments from the public in late winter or early spring of 2014 once the draft of the initial plan is completed. It is important to realize that there is not a way to stop the spread of or a method that will eradicate the EAB.

Citizens concerned with the condition of an ash tree on their property should contact a tree service company familiar with the EAB or an ISA certified arborist. A listing of certified arborists may be found on the Wisconsin Arborist Association website: <http://waa-isa.org/arborists>

Residents are cautioned that there may be companies traveling to the Burlington area that are looking to scam ash tree owners or inflate prices for tree services. Residents with ash trees on their properties should review the State EAB websites to understand their options before contracting with any tree service company

or arborist. In addition, residents should NOT transport firewood from Burlington to other locations. More information about Emerald Ash Borer can also be found online at: <http://dnr.wi.gov>.

## Park Restrooms Close October 1



The City of Burlington park restrooms officially close October 1st. While you may continue to enjoy the beauty of the parks and other amenities, water supplies will be shut off to restrooms to prevent pipes from freezing.

## Keeping Our Children Safe



As we approach the start of another school year, all road users, including drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists need to be extra vigilant in and around school areas. The safety of school children walking or riding their bicycles to and from school is one of the top most priorities for the City of Burlington.

Every operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school crossing which is controlled by a school crossing guard

shall follow the directions of the school crossing guard. If directed by the school crossing guard to stop, the operator shall stop the vehicle not less than 10 feet, nor more than 30 feet from the school crossing and shall remain stopped until the school crossing guard directs the operator to proceed.

In addition, the operator of a vehicle that approaches from the front or rear of any school bus which has stopped on a street or highway when the bus has its flashing red warning lights on, shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights.

Parents, make sure your children know how to safely walk to school and that your children obey and respect the directions of the school crossing guard. It is also very important for drivers, includ-

ing parents of school children, to realize that rushing to beat the traffic or rushing because you are late is not a safe practice. Take your time while driving to school to drop off or pick up someone. Rushing because you started late is not worthwhile when you consider the possible consequences. After all, it is always better to be safe than sorry.



## On Eagles Wings...Local Eagle Scout Candidate Lends DPW A Helping Hand

**The Problem:** The scene resembled something out of an old western, as tumbleweed blew gently across the tired old basketball court at Wehmhoff Jucker Park. The court had not been graced by a pickup game in quite some time and was in desperate need of a facelift. The Public Works crew was keeping parks mowed, streets maintained, trees trimmed, and performing countless other summer tasks.

**The Solution:** In steps Skyler Krause, senior at Burlington High School and Eagle Scout candidate from Burlington Boy Scout Troop #334, needed to plan, develop, and lead a community service project, and the City was in need of someone to get the court back into shape.

**The Project:** Followed by several cancelled starts due to bad weather, the job took the better part of a week to accomplish. It began with a thorough cleaning and edging of the playing surface, a primer coat mixed with sand, followed by the application of two coats of acrylic resurfacer, and finished off with sharp new lines. In addition to the restoration of the playing surface, the backboards and rims were sandblasted and painted to give the project that extra sparkle.

**The Results:** Thanks to the extraordinary efforts (and patience) of Skyler and his friends from Troop #334, and help from DPW

employees Aaron DeGrave and Joe Phillips, the court is back in shape and something the entire City can be proud of. The scene at Wehmhoff Jucker was much different on the evening of Tuesday August 13, 2013, now resembling something out of the NBA finals, as DeGrave put his best team of Public Works employees up against Krause's youthful group of promising athletes. Both teams played tough as the glistening new court was christened.

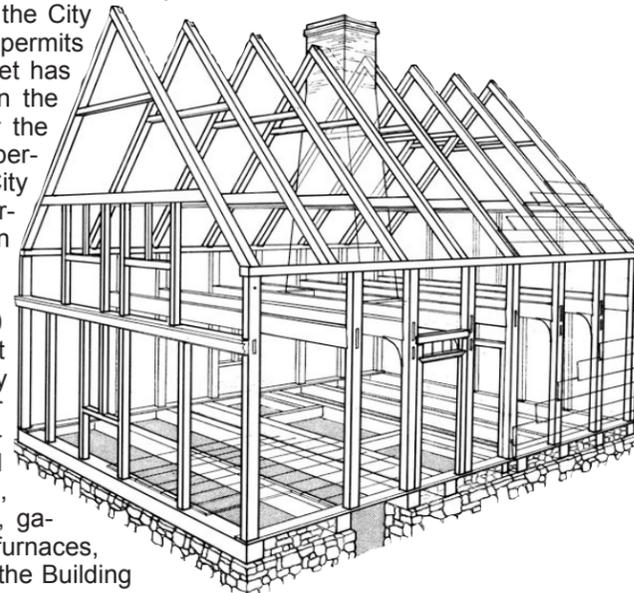


## New Home Building in the City is on the Rise

The City is experiencing a surge in new home construction this year. Not since the 2008 financial crisis has the City issued this many new home permits in a year. The housing market has been down since 2008 when the financial crisis hit. That year the City issued 13 new home permits. This year in July, the City issued eleven new home permits (6 new home permits in 2010, and 3 permits in 2011).

The City issues 400 to 450 permits per year and that number has been remarkably consistent from year to year even during the recent recession. That number includes all permits: commercial buildings, existing residential remodels, garages, decks, pools, fences, furnaces, roofs, and more. Please call the Building

Inspector with any questions regarding permits or construction. 342-1164.



## 2013 Trick-or-Treat Hours

The Common Council unanimously approved this year's Trick-or-Treat hours to be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Thursday, October 31. City staff encourage everyone to please be safe

