



From the Mayor's Corner
January 2017

Decision of Weekly Recycling

At the December 20, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council discussed a three-year contract extension with John's Disposal who provides the city's garbage and recycle collection services. As part of the discussion, it was questioned whether moving to weekly recycling collection would be beneficial to the residents of the City of Burlington. John's Disposal recently gave staff a quote for weekly collection in the amount of \$0.95 per household unit per month, in addition to the current contract service fees. This equates to roughly \$36,548 per year in additional fees or an additional \$11.40 per household unit per year. On the same note, currently a homeowner could rent an additional cart for \$40 per year.

The contract extension will be brought back to the February 7, 2017 Common Council meeting for consideration. **The Common Council and I are seeking feedback from residents as to whether they would like weekly recycling collection or if it should remain the same at a bi-weekly occurrence.** Please provide me your feedback before February 7th through either my email at mayor@burlington-wi.gov or through our Facebook page.

Art in the Windows

As part of the Downtown Strategic Plan initiatives, the Promotion Committee in charge of marketing and enhancing the downtown, is working with 4th through 8th graders from our local schools (BHS, Waller, Cooper, Winkler, Lyons, Dyer, Karcher and St. Mary's) to create original paintings to be hung in the windows of participating downtown vacant buildings. The temporary art pieces will be a great asset to the downtown and bring some color to what otherwise would be an empty storefront window. The paintings should be hung in the next couple of weeks prior to Hot ChocolateFest.

Hot ChocolateFest

Be sure to make your way to Echo Park, 589 Milwaukee Avenue, on February 10, 11 and 12 to take part in the first Hot ChocolateFest. There will be many activities going on including a pond hockey tournament, a 5K run, hot chocolate contest, a chili contest, snowman contest, campfire story telling with the Burlington Fire Department, photo opps with Roscoe from the Milwaukee Admirals, open ice skating and "Pick-up" broom ball. It will be a great time for all ages. I look forward to seeing you there!

K-9 Unit



The newest addition to the Burlington Police Department, Zander, is now in Wisconsin training for both narcotic detection and tracking. Zander will train until March, then come to Burlington to live with his handler for a month. Zander and his handler will then train together for approximately six weeks. The Police Department anticipates Zander will be ready work in May.

If you would like to donate to support the K-9 program, you can send contributions to the Police Department, c/o Chief Mark Anderson, K-9 Program, 224 E. Jefferson Street, Burlington, WI 53105.