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Announcements and Events

December: Santa's Chalet will be open the first three weeks of December on Fridays from 6-8 p.m., Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. in Wehmhoff Square Park.

December 15 & 16: Burlington Ice Festival - State Competition - The City will be hosting their third annual ice sculpting contest in Wehmhoff Square Park. Carving should begin around 10 am and conclude at 4 pm on Saturday, December 15.

Mid December: 2018 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills to be mailed. First installment payments are due by January 31, 2019. If you want to claim a deduction on your income taxes, you must pay by December 31, 2018.

December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 and 21: Non-emergency City offices will be closed for the holidays.

January 18-20: Hot ChocolateFest -Featuring a Pond Hockey Tournaments, Hot Chocolate Contest, Chili Contest, Snowman decorating contest, campfire story telling with the Burlington F.D. Sunday morning Pancake breakfast and 5K Run/Walk.

March 16: The Annual Home Show & Chocolate Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Parkway.

View more events at <https://burlingtonchamber.org/events>

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166 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1130

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Police Department

224 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1100

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2200 S. Pine Street - 342-1181

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300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129

Kelly Iselin	Municipal Court Judge
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Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of December 10
- Week of December 24
- Week of January 7
- Week of January 21
- Week of February 4
- Week of February 18
- Week of March 4

December Meetings

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| 12/4 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 12/4 | 5:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 12/4 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 12/11 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 12/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 12/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| TBD | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 12/27 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 12/27 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

January Meetings

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

February Meetings

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| 2/5 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 2/5 | 5:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 2/5 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 2/12 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 2/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 2/21 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 2/26 | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 2/28 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 2/28 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |



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The City's Official Newsletter

2018 Real Estate Taxes

The Common Council has approved the 2019 budget. Property tax bills are being prepared and will be mailed around the first week of December 2018. Contact City Hall at 342-1161 first if you do not receive your tax bill OR if you have any questions regarding your tax bill. You may also check the Racine County website for your tax bill – see the sidebar below.

Assessment & Bill Calculations

2018 Property Taxes and Personal Property Taxes are calculated on the assessed value of your property as of January 1, 2018. Property Assessments are handled by Accurate Appraisal. Contact them directly at (800) 770-3927 if you have any questions regarding the assessed value of your property.

All Personal Property Taxes are based on forms received by Accurate Appraisal completed by the owner of the personal property. Even if you rent space in a building, you may be subject to Personal Property Tax.

Paying Your Tax Bill

The first installment of your tax bill is due no later than January 31, 2019 and can be paid at City Hall, Fox River State Bank, BMO Harris Bank, by mail, or online at www.paymentservicenetwork.com.

The City will accept checks, money orders, bank checks, credit card (fee added) or cash. If you are mailing your tax payment, the envelope MUST be postmarked January 31, 2019. The check should be made payable to "City of Burlington Treasurer". Envelopes with postmarks after January 31, 2019 are considered late by the County Treasurer.

The City contracts with Payment Services Network to accept credit cards or electronic checks for your taxes. You may also use your credit card at City Hall or click the link on the City website under the Budget & Finance/Taxes page, or call (866) 917-7368 (option 1). A fee of 2.75% will be added to your credit card for tax payments online or at City Hall.

Make sure you look at your tax bill closely. The accuracy of your tax bill is your responsibility. If you have a change of address or an error in your property tax description, please come to City Hall and we will prepare the necessary forms, or you can change your address online at <https://racinecounty.com/government/county-treasurer/property-taxes>.

Lottery and First Dollar Credits

If you own property in Wisconsin you are eligible to receive the Lottery Credit. If you own multiple parcels, you may only take the credit on your primary Wisconsin residence, or one parcel only. You may also be eligible for the First Dollar credit if you have improved property. First Dollar Credit does not apply to vacant land. Both of these items should be listed on your property tax bill.

If you feel you are entitled to the Lottery Credit, but it does not appear on your tax bill, please bring your bill and payment to City Hall where you can fill out the proper Lottery Credit form. We can then apply the credit at the time of payment. Neither Fox River State Bank, BMO Harris Bank or Payment Services Network can apply a lottery credit to your bill. This must be done at City Hall.

Make Payments at These Convenient Locations

CITY HALL

300 N. Pine Street • Burlington, WI
(262) 342-1161
Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed: December 24, 25, 31,
January 1 and 14

FOX RIVER STATE BANK*

241 E. Jefferson Street • Burlington
(262) 763-8600
Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Closed: December 24, 25 & January 1

* No credit cards. Tax payments will not be accepted at bank drive-up windows.

BMO HARRIS BANK*

1000 Milwaukee Ave • Burlington
(262) 763-9141
Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Dec. 24 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dec. 31 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed: December 25, January 1 & 14

* No credit cards. Tax payments will not be accepted at bank drive-up windows.

www.paymentservicenetwork.com**
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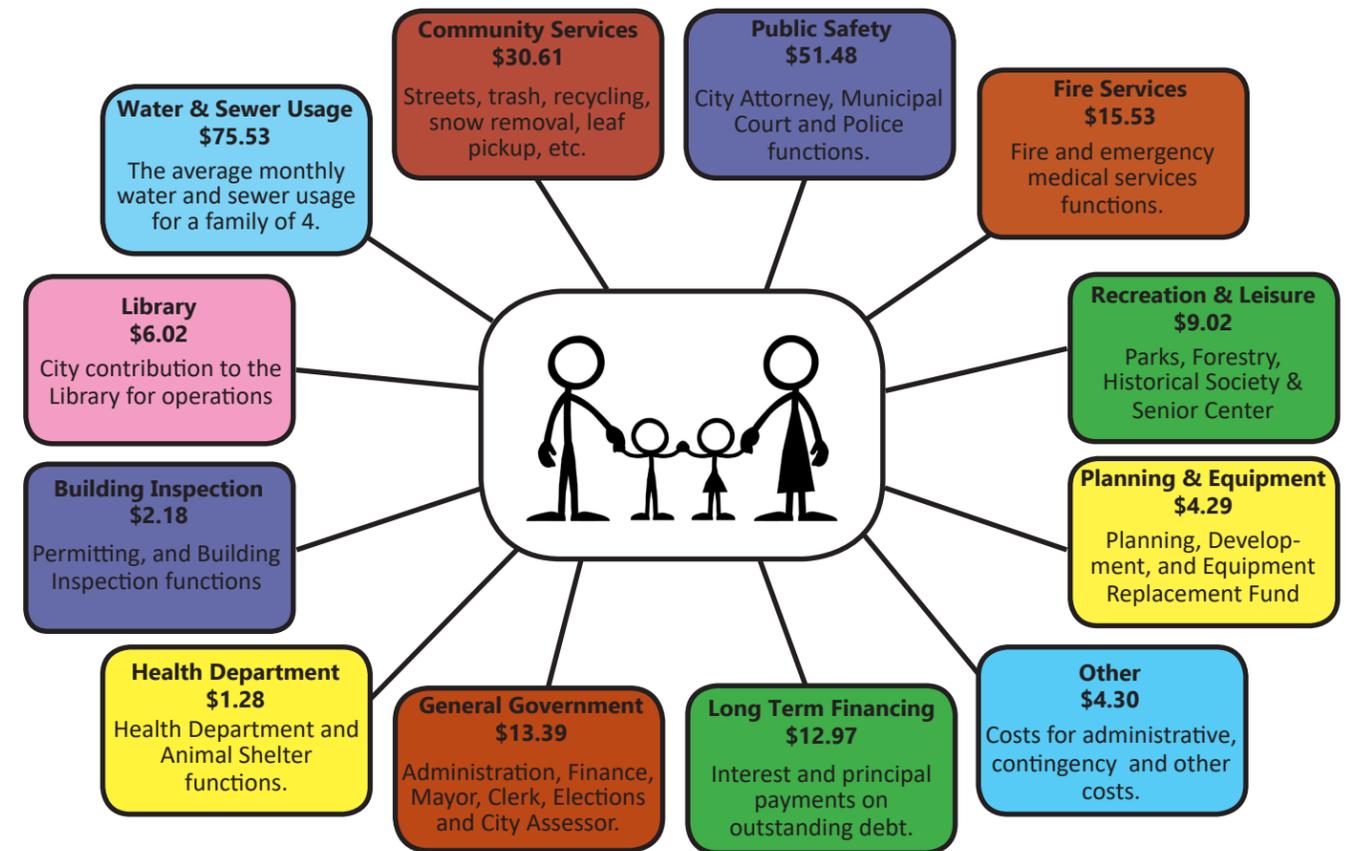
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**A fee of 2.75% is charged

How is my money being spent at the City of Burlington?

Currently, the average assessed value of a residential home in the City is \$183,300. The 2017 City tax rate was \$9.89/\$1,000 of value. The chart below answers some basic questions:

- Average Assessed Value: \$183,300
- Average Quarterly Water/Sewer Bill: \$226.59 (for a family of 4)
- Property Tax City Portion: \$1,812.84
- Monthly Cost: \$151.07 (Tax Portion) - Monthly Cost: \$73.53 (Utility Portion)

Total Monthly Cost: \$226.60 for an average family of 4 household in the City of Burlington.



Are You Interested in Running for Alderman?

Members of the Council are responsible for the implementation of programs and services provided by the city. As the Legislative Body, the Council has the responsibility of passing ordinances, resolutions, orders and motions for the City's government. Along with those responsibilities, the Council is also in control of the City's property, finances, and appropriation of all money spent on behalf of the taxpayers.

The Office for each of the four Aldermanic Districts will be included on the Spring Election ballot. If you are interested in seeking an office, you may obtain Candidacy and Nomination papers from the City Clerk

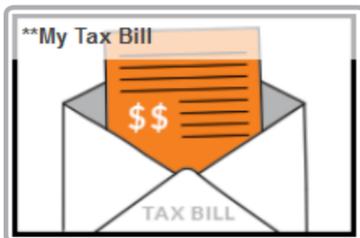
at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. December 1, 2018 is the first day to circulate nomination papers and the final day for filing nomination papers is 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

The Spring Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019. In the event a primary will be necessary, the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.



View and Print Your Tax Bill Online

This year, the City and the County are using a web-based program for tax bill collection. The County website will now be updated live as payments are received at any municipality in the County. You can view and print your 2014 - 2018 property tax bills, reprint receipts, check the payment status of tax bills or any number of other features on the Racine County website with an app called "My Tax Bill".



My Tax Bill allows property owners within Racine County to search their property by address, parcel number, or owner name to view and print tax bills. You can also zoom in with a "map" feature. A four year history of the property tax bills are available to view and print. You will also have the ability to change a tax bill mailing address and view assessment and other tax information. My Tax Bill can be located on the City's website under the "Budget and Finances - Taxes" page within the page at <http://www.burlington-wi.gov/index.aspx?nid=473>. Current year tax bills will not be available until early December 2018.



2018

Burlington Ice Festival

STATE ICE CARVING COMPETITION!!!

WEHMHOF SQUARE PARK - 355 N. PINE STREET IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON, WI

DECEMBER 15 & 16

CARVING BEGINS AT 10 AM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Saturday, December 15

- Ice carving competition
- Horse and wagon rides
- Sled dogs from Door County
- Reindeer in the park
- Cookie walk downtown
- Bonfires in park & s'mores
- Carolers
- Santa in the Chalet
- Crafts for kids at the Library
- Carvings lit up at night!

Sunday, December 16

- Carving competition awards
- Horse and wagon rides
- Santa in the Chalet
- Games in the park
- Entertainment at Mercantile
- Bloody Marys & mimosas at Bubbas Brickyard
- Carvings lit up at night!

*Activities subject to change



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Protect Yourself From Imposter Scams

At some point in the not so distant past we can think of a time when we answered a phone call and immediately hung up because we were sure it was a scam. Hanging up is the easiest, quickest, and best way to handle the unknown caller.

In 2017 the top fraud was again Imposter Scams, with nearly 350,000 reports. Nearly 1 in 5 people who reported an imposter scam lost money – a whopping \$328 million lost to someone pretending to be a loved one in trouble, a government official, tech support, or someone else who's not who they say they are, but who wants your money, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

The imposter scams are evolving and changing based on technology and the popularity of certain websites. This year the Burlington Police Department investigated a scam which involved a

dating website. During the exchange of messages the victim was told the subject she was messaging was part of the United States Armed Forces and deployed overseas. Once the victim felt comfortable with the unknown person she allowed him access to her cell phone account where he proceeded to charge over \$3000 worth of merchandise with the promise to repay once he completed his tour of duty.

The Burlington Police Department is committed to the education and safety of our citizens. There are several ways to handle a potential scam, but here is what we recommend. If you receive a phone call from an unknown caller, let the call go to voicemail. If your phone has the ability to block numbers, do so!

Keep in mind scammers have the ability to "spoof" phone numbers. If you answer

the phone and the subject claims to be a loved one in trouble, a government official, tech support, or anyone else wanting money sent to them, simply hang up and call the Burlington Police Department for assistance.

If you meet someone on a dating website do not send them money or allow them access to your accounts or personal information until you physically meet them in person.

Keep in mind for some people this is a job to them. No doubt with a loss nationwide of \$328 million, these people are very good at what they do. They may have personal information about you and your relatives to assist in making the scam very believable to you. Do not hesitate to call us for advice if you're ever found in any of the positions referenced above.

Christmas Tree Recycling



Give your Christmas tree a second chance by recycling it! Christmas tree collection will be available the second and fourth Wednesdays of January and February.

Pick up of the trees will be in conjunction with brush pick up the same days. Residents should call the Department of Public Works at (262) 539-3770 to have their address placed on the pick up list. In an effort to be cost effective, we only pick up Christmas trees and brush that has been called in.

Please call by the prior Tuesday to have your address added to the list.

Park Pavilion Reservations Open January 2, 2019

Park Reservations for 2019 may be done after January 2, 2019. Residents must come in person to make the reservation and they are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations are available for: Devor, Echo (pavilion & gazebo), Bushnell, McCanna, Riverside, Wehmhoff Square and Wehmhoff-Jucker Parks.

Reservation fees are \$50.00 for City residents and \$100.00 for non-residents. A \$100.00 security deposit is required by anyone renting a City park and will be returned after the event is over so long as all rules and requirements have been met.



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of



Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **7** reported home fires and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.

Keep anything that can burn at least **3** feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your home.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10** feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

Plug only **1** heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Keep snow and ice 3 feet away from fire hydrants.

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

What to expect during a snowfall

Resident Responsibility

Sidewalk Clean-up

Property owners must clear snow and ice from sidewalks within 18 hours of the snowfall. Failure to do so may result in fines and fees for removal service.

Mailboxes

Unfortunately, snow plowing operations can sometimes damage mailboxes. Do your part to minimize the chance your mailbox is damaged by ensuring it is installed to USPS standards and that it is in good repair.

Private Snow Removal

Please do not plow, shovel, or blow snow into the street. Doing this creates a hazard, slows down our response, and violates local ordinance.

Winter Restricted Parking

No on-street parking is allowed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when over 3 inches of snow has fallen. This parking restriction stays in effect for 48 hours or until plowing is completed. If possible, please avoid parking on the street during any kind of snow event. Parked vehicles slow down our response and impact the quality of the response.

Snow Emergencies

During more severe snow events the Mayor may declare a snow emergency. No parking is allowed on any City street, alley, or public parking lot at any time during a snow emergency.

City Responsibility

Preparation

We monitor road conditions and weather forecasts continuously so we can respond as soon as possible to winter weather. With help from the Police Department we can ensure 24 hour attention to pavement conditions.

Pre-treatment

Occasionally, we apply salt or other anti-icing chemicals before a storm starts. This helps prevent bonding of ice to the road and can buy time before hills and bridges become slick.

Removal Plan

In most cases, we start our response on high volume roads, such as marked highways or the downtown. We also prioritize access to critical facilities like hospitals and schools. After these areas are plowed we plow residential streets and alleys.

Downtown Removal

We remove snow from downtown curbs, corners, and public parking areas after heavy snowfalls, or when enough snow has accumulated. We notify late night business owners and post signage before the removal event.

Winter Youth & Family Library Programs

Movement Mondays

Mondays, Dec. 3 - Feb. 25, 10 a.m.

Research shows there are positive correlations between movement and learning so bring your shoes and move with us. This program will have a dance component and then movement exploration like hula hoops, balls, scooters, jingle bells, parachutes and more. For 2 to 5 year olds with caregiver. Perfect for those active toddlers!



Cosplay

Mondays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, & Feb. 4, 6 to 8 p.m.

Come join local cosplayers on these evenings to learn ton of tips and tricks for starting, continuing, or evolving your cosplay skills. Sessions will teach basic skills that are essential to cosplay, including how to plan, modify, and make your own cosplays. You can also learn a lot about making props and accessories, styling wigs, and perfecting your makeup. Also look for our special guest to tell you all there is to know about how to get the professional photos you want of your new creations!

Storytime with Ms. Jen and Ms. Jane

Tuesdays & Thursdays, December 4 - February 28, 10 a.m. (Thursday is a repeat of Tuesday)

Come listen to books, learn fingerplays and rhymes, and sing and dance! Children ages 5 and under invited. December will be holiday themes complete with Gingerbread creations on December 18th and 20th. No registration necessary.

Crafts before the Holiday Parade

Friday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.

Join us to make a jingle bell craft and decorate a cookie before the "Jingle All the Way" parade begins at 6:30 p.m. The library will remain open during the parade, so please stop in!

Ice Festival Crafts

Saturday, December 15, 12 to 2 p.m.

During the Ice Festival in Wehmhoff Square Park, the library will have winter crafts in the library. Make an ornament and dig into some ice exploration fun.

Young Breakers Workshop

Thursday, December 27, 10 a.m.

This is a 45 minute introductory breakdancing workshop for kids 6 and older. The workshop will touch on some brief history of hip hop and the breakdancing culture and then the kids will learn some breakdancing moves. This class will be taught by Jade Sisouphone from Burlington Dance Academy.

After School Tech Time for Kids

Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 3:30-5 p.m.

Starting in January kids can come and explore with technology after school on Wednesdays. We will have Makey Makeys, Ozobots, Spheros, and Little Bits for kids to explore. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

The Door County Sled Dogs Special Presentation: The Making of a Sled Dog Team

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.

ALL AGES! Dynamic, interesting, and often humorous-meet Sled Dog Sebastian and Musher Dan (as seen in Woman's Day and USA Today) and learn all about the sport of mushing, good pet care, leadership skills, and team building! Special Photo Opportunities AND MORE!

Stuffed Animal Puppy Adoption Party

Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.

We'll have puppy stories, games, crafts and more. Go home with your newly adopted puppy. Ages 3-7 year olds. Call the library to register 262-342-1130.

Author Visit: Andrea Debbink

Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m.

Meet author and American Girl Magazine editor Andrea Debbink and help celebrate her new book *Spark: A Guide to Ignite the Creativity Inside You*. There will be opportunity to talk with Andrea and explore your own creativity. Visit her website at www.andreadebbinck.com to learn more about her.

Supper Storytime with Ms. Jen & Ms. Jane

Tuesday, February 12, 6 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs and a baked potato bar supper. Please call the library to register 342-1130.

Coming in April: Geocaching Club

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. Mark your calendar for the following dates at 10:00 a.m. at the library: Saturdays, April 20, May 18 and June 15.

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. We will start with small searches in town.

Winter Adult Library Programs

Hour of Code

Thursday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Hour of Code teaches people the basics of computer programming in 60 minutes in a fun, simple way. No prior coding knowledge is necessary! The library will have some laptops available, but please bring your own tablet or laptop if you have one.

Introduction to Calligraphy

Saturdays, December 8, January 5, February 16, 10 to 11 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.

Christmas at the Library

Dawn Soeth on violin & Lina Schaal on keyboard
Wednesday, December 12, 2 p.m.

Dawn and Lina will share their musical talents in a Christmas concert here at the library. Join us for some milk and cookies to celebrate this December!

December Craft-Mason Jar Dry Snow Globe

Friday, December 14, 3 to 4 p.m.

Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Space is limited, so please sign up with our staff at 342-1130.



Needlework and Crafting Gathering

Saturdays, January 12, February 9, & March 9, 10 a.m.

Want some company while you're working

with your needlework or crafts? Join us for a crafting gathering on these Saturday mornings and share the fun. Knitting, crochet, cross stitch, or any craft that strikes your fancy...let's craft...together!

NEW! Monthly Gardening Classes with Jennifer Yaris

Tuesday, January 15 & Saturday, January 19: Demystifying Seed Catalogs

Saturday, February 16 & Tuesday, February 19: Seed Starting Tips and Tricks

Saturday, March 16 & Tuesday, March 19: Garden Prep and Seed Swap

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

Introduction to Self-Defense

Saturday, January 19, 1 to 2 p.m.
Dennis Dyon from Karate 360 presents this free class and open to the public. This is a very basic self-defense lesson. Please sign up with our staff at 342-1130.

Heart String Art

Friday, February 8, 3 to 4 p.m.

Don't miss out on this 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 heart design made with string and nails. Space is limited. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.

Let's Learn About Rocks

Jason Rehorst, Geologist
Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 pm

Catch the Geology bug by finding out about what geology is, the difference between geology and archaeology, the three rock types, how things fossilize, petrified wood, amber, building a collection, and a bit about Wisconsin geologic history—the shallow seas of the Silurian/Ordovician/Devonian, Ice Age Glaciers, and Lake Superior Agates.

Libraries Rock

Saturday, February 23, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Do you have a rock collection? We would love to see what you have and hear about



your rocks. We will set up tables where collectors can display their collections. We would like to know how many people will be participating (only if you are displaying your collection), so please register at the reference desk and we will reserve a spot for you. The public is encouraged to come in, talk with the collectors, and view the beautiful collections of nature's ancient gifts! All are welcome!

Adult Coloring Class (The Masters)

Saturday, March 2, 10 to 11:00 a.m.

Coloring generates wellness and stimulates the brain. We'll supply your color sheet and colored pencils to use. Please sign up with our staff at 342-1130.

The Gathering Art Displays

The Gathering is a group of local artists who meet weekly to create their unique works of art. We are delighted that members of The Gathering will be displaying their works at the Burlington Public Library. Two member artists will lend their works to the library each month. We look forward to enjoying the talents of these artists. Stop in and see the monthly displays in our new Main Floor Meeting Room.

We also have some interesting displays on tap for the New Year. Barbara Johnson from The Gathering will have some of her stunning watercolors in the Display Case through the end of the year. In January you can stop in to see a Needlework display by Nancy Rausch and in February we are excited about the rocks and fossils that will be shown by Geologist Jason Rehorst. Come in and view his beautiful display and then follow it up by attending the two other programs on rocks later in the month.

Library hours will be extended during the Christmas Parade on December 7.
The library will remain open until the end of the parade.

Burlington Public Library will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.
No items will be due on days that we are closed.

Winter Adult Library Programs



Meet the Author: Ed Anhalt

Mandatory Reading: Open your Mind to 18 of Life's Most Important Questions
Thursday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.

There are some questions that one needs to answer in order to understand the real meaning behind our lives. Author Ed Anhalt began asking these important questions following a health crisis. Join us as he discusses his book and encourages participants to dare to open their minds to the challenging questions of life. Dr. Anhalt will contribute 25% of the proceeds of his book to the Friends of the Burlington Public Library. This is a great chance to help your library!

Memory Café

Friday, January 4, 11 a.m.
Lake Geneva Public Library

Friday, February 1, 11 a.m.
Aram Public Library, Delavan

Friday, March 1, 11 a.m.
Burlington Public Library

Memory Café is a wonderfully welcoming place for individuals with Alzheimer's, any type of dementia 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. Join us for this unique opportunity for support

and socializing. Call the library for more information.

Being Mortal

Dr. Richard Hansen
Thursday, January 10, 1 p.m.

Dr. Hansen will show the 50-minute PBS documentary on *Being Mortal*, the bestselling book by Atul Gawande, and then lead a discussion of the film and the book. This special presentation will coincide with the January Afternoon Book Club discussion. All are invited to attend.

Meet the Local Author: Carol Byrne - Raising My Parents

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.

Carol Byrne will present her new book *Raising My Parents*, a memoir based on her journal entries as her parents struggled with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Included in the book are the author's strategies for coping with the disease as well as links to resources and agencies that were helpful as she cared for her parents. A book signing will follow the presentation.



Psychological Effects of the Internet

Brought to the Library by University of Wisconsin-Madison
Monday, February 4, 6 to 7 p.m.

In this talk, UW-Madison Vilas Professor Morton Ann Gernsbacher will present empirical evidence of several ways the

Internet is positively affecting fundamental psychological processes (communication, education, socialization, development, and aging). Please sign up with our staff 262-342-1130.

Did You Know?

Burlington Public Library has puzzles, holiday music, and holiday movies available for check-out. Using the SHARE catalog, you can reserve items from Kenosha, Racine, Janesville, Beloit, and 20 other libraries for pick-up in Burlington.

Need something to read on a day that we're closed? Check out an e-book on Overdrive! Use your library card number and PIN to get access to tens of thousands of popular e-books and e-audiobooks instantly.

When Angels Carried Them Away: Death & Mourning in the Victorian Era

Black Pointe Estate
Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.

Victorians embraced death as a cause for elaborate ritual. During this era (1876-1915) the ritual of death became increasingly sophisticated and the period saw the development of the modern cemetery, morticians and the public funeral complete with floral arrangements and hearse transportation for the deceased. This program will feature a presentation on Victorian funeral and mourning customs.

Recurring Adult Programs

Oscar Movie Mondays

Mondays, Jan. 28 – Feb. 25, 1 p.m.



Join us every Monday afternoon at 1pm for a free screening of an Oscar-nominated movie. 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.

Academy Award nominees will be announced on January 22nd, and the schedule will be set at that time. For a complete list of scheduled films, visit

burlingtonlibrary.org/film, or call the library at 342-1130.

Tech Help Tuesdays

Tuesdays, Dec. 4 – Feb. 26, 1 to 4 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, Jan. 10 - Feb. 21, 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.

January 10	Computer Basics
January 17	Tablet/Smartphone Basics
January 24	Internet Basics
January 31	Using the Library Catalog
February 7	Twitter
February 14	Google Drive
February 21	FREE Digital Books, Magazines, & More



Afternoon Adult Book Club

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
Thursday, January 10, 1 p.m.

A prominent surgeon discusses the complexities of extending life through medical means while diminishing the quality of life for people who are often left isolated, uncomfortable and with a loss of dignity.

The First Love Story: Adam and Eve by Bruce Feiler

Thursday, February 14, 1 p.m.

The author of *Walking the Bible* addresses the impact that the first couple and their complex experiences in and out of Eden have had on Western society. Feiler explores how the larger paradigm of love, loss, recovery and redemption in the Eden story has cast a long and enduring shadow across the wide spectrum of popular art and culture. (Publishers Weekly)

Educated by Tara Westover
Thursday, March 14, 1 p.m.

Westover was raised in an alternative Mormon home in Idaho where public education was seen as government indoctrination. She escaped her traumatic childhood by teaching herself enough to pass the ACT and attend Brigham Young University where social norms proved more challenging to her than the education itself.

Evening Adult Book Club

A State of Freedom by Neel Mukherjee
Monday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Five characters migrate back and forth across India as their stories gradually blend together in this tightly focused novel that examines the meaning of cast and class.

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
Monday, February 25, 7 p.m.

After an agreement granting underground property rights to the Osage Nation on oil-rich land, tribal members begin violently dying. Attempts to identify the perpetrator fail, leading to the birth of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI.

Future Home of the Living God by Louise Erdrich
Monday, March 25, 7 p.m.

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.

Library hours will be extended during the Christmas Parade on December 7.
The library will remain open until the end of the parade.

Burlington Public Library will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.
No items will be due on days that we are closed.