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Announcements and Events

Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Visit the 2019 Home Expo, Craft Fair and Chocolate Extravaganza at Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Pkwy. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 763-6044 with questions.

April 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Spring Election. To determine what ward you are in or your polling location visit <http://www.burlington-wi.gov/index.aspx?nid=100>. Contact the City Clerk with questions at 342-1161.

Friday, April 19 - City offices closed for Easter. The Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May through October - Visit the Farmers' Market every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. in Wehmhoff Square, downtown Burlington! Visit burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com or find them on Facebook for more information on the market or vendors.

May 24-27 - ChocolateFest 2019! Chocolate, food, music, games, events and a carnival. Visit chocolatefest.com for more information.

May 27 at 9 a.m. - Veteran's Memorial Day Parade kicks off at Kane and Edward Streets.

Monday, May 27 - City offices and Public Library closed for Memorial Day.

CITY STAFF DIRECTORY

City Hall
 300 N. Pine Street - 342-1161

Jeannie Hefty	Mayor
Carina Walters	City Administrator
Megan Watkins	Assistant City Administrator
Steve DeQuaker	Finance Director/Treasurer
Jason Corbin	Human Resource Manager
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Gregory Guidry	Building Inspector

Fire Department
 165 W. Washington Street - 763-7842

Alan Babe	Fire Chief
Wes Miner	Fire Inspector

Public Library
 166 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1130

Joe Davies	Library Director
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Police Department
 224 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1100

Mark Anderson	Police Chief
Brian Zmudzinski	Lieutenant

Public Works - Streets/Parks/Water
 2200 S. Pine Street - 342-1181

Peter Riggs	Public Works Director
Aaron DeGrave	Park Foreman
Tom Koch	Street Foreman
Glenn Harjes	Water Foreman

Public Works - Wastewater
 2100 S. Pine Street - 342-1181

Peter Riggs	Public Works Director
Don Hefty	Wastewater Foreman

Municipal Court
 300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129

Kelly Iselin	Municipal Court Judge
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Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of March 4 - 8
- Week of March 18 - 22
- Week of April 1 - 5
- Week of April 15 - 19
- Week of April 29 - May 3
- Week of May 13 - 17
- Week of May 28 - 31
- Week of June 10 - 14

March Meetings

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| 3/5 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 3/5 | 6:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 3/5 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/12 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 3/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 3/21 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 3/26 | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 3/28 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 3/28 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |

April Meetings

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| 4/2 | 6:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 4/3 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 4/3 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 4/9 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 4/16 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 4/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 4/23 | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 4/25 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 4/25 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

May Meetings

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



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The City's Official Newsletter



MONEY MATTERS

Money Matters - Real Estate Taxes, Lottery Credits & More!

Real Estate Tax Payment Plans

Spring is around the corner and the first round of tax collection has been completed. If you were unable to make your tax payment, you can call the Racine County Treasurer's office at 262-636-3239 to arrange a payment schedule. By statute, your first installment was due by the grace period extension of February 7, 2019. Penalty and Interest are calculated on the full amount of your tax bill after February 7 at 1.5% per month. This is handled and billed through the County who will be mailing out statements. Please note, only the County Treasurer's office can make payment arrangements.

Lottery Credit

If the property in which you paid the tax is your primary Wisconsin residence and you are not claiming a lottery credit on any other property in Wisconsin, you are entitled to the Wisconsin Lottery Credit. If you did not have it deducted from your tax bill this year, you can file a late claim lottery credit with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) before October 1, 2019. The DOR will send you the lottery credit directly. The credit cannot be issued by the City or the County after February 7, 2019. Visit this link to download a PDF version of the form: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DORForms/18lc-300f.pdf>. The DOR will determine if your property should have had the lottery credit applied. This should carry forward into subsequent year's

property tax cycle.

Real Estate Tax Second Installment

Just a reminder that your second installment is due by July 31, 2019 and checks should be made payable to the "Racine County Treasurer". There typically is a 5 business day grace period for postmarks and in-hand payments. This would make the final day for payments of August 7, 2019. The City of Burlington is a collection point for Racine County for any second installments or arranged payments for any Racine County municipality. You can bring your payment into City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street, and we will issue you a receipt and send your payment to Racine County via courier the next business day.

Again, your check should be made payable to the Racine County Treasurer, not the City of Burlington. Racine County also accepts credit card payments via their website at: <https://racinecounty.com/government/county-treasurer/property-taxes>. Click the "OFFICIAL PAYMENTS" text link near the bottom of the page.

Did You Know?

Just an interesting side note: The taxes you paid during the months of December and January totaled over \$15,200,000. The City does not get to keep all of that money! Those dollars are paid out to the underlying taxing jurisdictions (percentages are approximate and

rounded): 41% to the Burlington School District, 4% to Gateway Technical College and 16% to Racine County. The City retains its portion of approximately 39%.

By January 20, 2019, the City makes the first of two payments on taxes collected through December 31, 2018 to the taxing jurisdictions. We make a second payment by February 20, 2019 on the remainder of taxes collected between January 1 and February 7. The payments are made based on the percentages above.

Racine County then settles the final amount of taxes due to each jurisdiction by August 20, 2019 since they are collecting second installment and other tax payments on behalf of the Municipality. Basically, the City will operate almost 8 months of its budget on roughly 60% of the revenue needed for the budget year. In future newsletters, we will take a look at some common issues facing finances, how general city finances work, debt, personal property taxes and other interesting topics. Stay tuned!

Finally, if you have any questions on your tax bill, payments or lottery credits, you can contact the City Treasurer at 262-342-1170, or the County Treasurer's office at the phone number at 262-636-3239.

Property Assessment Appeals

Each year the City Assessor reviews property assessments and updates the assessment roll according to any changes that occurred during the previous year.

If you have concerns about your assessment, you may want to meet with the Assessor at an "Open Book Conference". Appointments for an Open Book conference can be made with Accurate Appraisal at 800-770-3927. Open Book conferences will be held on

July 24 from 12 to 7 p.m. and on July 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minor errors and misunderstandings can often be corrected by meeting with the assessor without initiating a formal appeal. To be heard by the Board of Review you must first provide written or oral notice of your intent to file an objection to the Board with the City Clerk, 300 N. Pine Street or 262-342-1171. This notice must be made at least 48 hours before the Board's first scheduled

meeting. You may only appeal the current year's assessment. The 2019 Board of Review meeting date has not been set yet, so stay tuned!



County Services Moved

Racine County is excited to announce the Racine County Service Center has a new location! As of February 11, 2019, the service center is located at 1072 Milwaukee Ave., in Burlington's Fox River Plaza between Big R and Pizza Hut.

County services available at the new location include Extension Racine County UW-Madison (formerly UW-Extension), a full range of family-supportive services, Racine County Workforce Solutions, Energy Assistance, Rescare's W2 and FSET case management, and Veterans Services.

The County continues its commitment to a strong presence on the west end in efficiently delivering services to residents. Previously located at 209 N. Main St., many of the Racine County Service Center offered in Burlington are meant to promote independence, protect the vulnerable and encourage wellness.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closing daily between noon and 12:30 p.m. For information by phone, call 262-767-2900 for a directory.

The City of Burlington continues to partner with Racine County to provide County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer services at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street.

We Value Your Input!

As a resident of our community, the City is striving to seek for your input in decision making that will affect our city for years to come. The City has partnered with Polco, a public engagement platform, to provide citizens like yourself an exciting new way to get involved in our community's important decisions. Through Polco's innovative online platform, the City will be able to post polls, questionnaires and information related to projects and issues within our community.

Residents will be able to create their own Polco account to respond to these questions, as well as provide feedback and view poll results. Polco's 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. Stay tuned for more announcements in March when our Polco site goes live. We look forward to hearing from you!



2019 Spring Election



The Spring Election, scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 includes the Aldermanic seats from each of the four districts in the City of Burlington, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge District 2, Circuit Court Judge (for Racine County) Branch 3 and Branch 7, County Executive and School Board.

In-person Absentee Voting at City Hall, 300 N Pine Street, will begin on Monday, March 18, 2019 until Friday, March 29, 2019. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are someone that due to age or illness has difficulty getting to the polls, there is the option of being placed on a permanent list in which a ballot will be sent to you for every election. Please call the City Clerk at 262-342-1161 to request more information on how to be placed on this list.

Skip the Lines for Voter Registration

At www.myvote.wi.gov, an online tool and resource center, electors can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see your sample ballot, view voting history and check provisional ballot status.

If you plan to register online, go to the My Vote website and select what type of voter you are. You will be asked several questions that will allow My Vote to complete the registration form. Once you complete your registration you will be prompted to print your application and be instructed to take the form, along with proof of residence, to the City Clerk at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street.

Don't Forget Your Photo ID!

Interoperability Approach Secures Federal Funding For New Firefighting Equipment

In March of 2018 the City of Burlington, Town of Burlington, the Rochester Volunteer Fire Company, and the Tichigan Volunteer Fire Company submitted a joint application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The joint application was completed in an effort to secure funding for new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). In August of 2018, the four departments received confirmation that the AFG application was approved and the grant would be awarded.

A committee comprised of members from all four departments completed an

abundance of research and performance evaluations of multiple SCBA models. Ultimately, the committee selected the MSA G1 Air Pack. The G1 SCBA offers integrated and enhanced solutions to exceed the needs of today as well as years into the future.

The City of Burlington's portion of the awarded grant money, approximately \$221,000, will fund 33 SCBA units, 12 extra face pieces, and 66 air bottles.



Regular Disposal of Household Items

Weekly Bulk Item

John's Disposal provides weekly bulk pick up for one to four-family residential units. Items include furniture, mattresses, carpeting, appliances, tires, construction and demolition materials (in 36 gallon cans that weigh less than 60 pounds). For questions contact John's Disposal at 262-473-4700.

Light Bulb & Mercury Collection

Mercury thermometers and fluorescent lightbulbs can be taken to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2100 S. Pine Street, for free disposal.

Electronic Recycling

There are several electronic recycling facilities located in Racine and Walworth counties. To find a location near you, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle/wisconsin.html>.

Oil and Antifreeze

City residents can dispose of oil and antifreeze at the Department of Public Works Facility located at 2200 S. Pine St. Please bring in containers that you do not wish to have back. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

Medication Drop Boxes

There are several medication drop boxes throughout Racine County for residents to dispose of unwanted medications, including the Police Department at 224 E. Jefferson Street. Visit www.crchd.com for a comprehensive list of locations.

Brush Pick Up & Yard Waste Disposal

Brush Pick Up

Brush pick-up continues on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please call in your address to the Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181 to be placed on the Brush Pick Up List. You must call no later than the second or fourth Tuesday of the month. The DPW staff will only pick up brush from addresses that have been called in. You may also bring your brush to the Compost Site during operational hours.

For the safety of our crews, and to ensure we can serve all customer requests in a timely manner, we ask that you limit branches to no more than 8 feet in length and limit brush piles to less than 2 cubic yards of material (2 pick-up truck beds). This program is designed to assist residents with small brush removal needs and not intended for chipping of large trees removed from private property. If you remove a tree from your private property, please work with your tree service provider to dispose of the wood and brush.

Compost Site

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue will be opening Tuesday, April 2, 2019, weather permitting. The site will remain free of charge to City residents.

However, you will be asked to show identification that shows you are a City of Burlington resident. There will be an attendant on site at all times. Contractors must register and pay a volume based fee for using the site.

Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips, root balls and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 8 inches in diameter. No plastic bags, plastic containers, foreign debris of any kind and no tree stumps.

Compost Site Hours of operation

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



Clean Sweep April 27th

Join us for the 2019 Clean Sweep Program where you can dispose of household hazardous waste, appliances, electronics and medication on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to noon.

With the help of Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grants, the City of Burlington, Town of Burlington, Town of Dover, Village of Rochester, Village of Union Grove and Village of Waterford have collaborated to hold this event at the City of Burlington Public Works Facility. Entrance for the event will be next door at the Burlington Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2100 S. Pine Street (south of the bypass). You must be a resident of one of the listed communities and show current identification to participate in the program.

Medications Allowed

Prescription and non-prescription pills, creams, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, vials, liquid medications. Keep in the original packaging.

Medications Not Allowed

Needles/sharps, illegal drugs, inhalers, biohazardous material and personal care products.

Paint

Latex paint will not be accepted for 2019. Paints must be in their original containers with a tight lid. All brands (except latex) will be accepted but the label must be legible.

Electronics

Electronic devices will be accepted. There is a \$30 cash fee to ASDA for all tube tv/monitors and a \$10 cash fee for flat screen tv/monitors. Payment is required at the time of disposal. The charge for tv/monitor disposal is subject to change based on recyclable markets.

Items Not Accepted

Ammunition, explosives, latex paint, medical waste, sharps, propane, radioactive materials, alkaline batteries, containers of liquid over five (5) gallons or syringes will not be accepted.

How to Organize Your Items

Please separate chemicals, paint, medications, appliances and electronics before drop off. Chemicals and paint will be removed first. Please contact the Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181 with questions.

Annual CLEAN SWEEP & NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

April 27, 2019 8 am to noon

Love, Inc. will also be on site to collect food, clothing and household item donations.

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS, MEDICATION, & APPLIANCE DISPOSAL*

Burlington (City & Town) - Dover - Rochester - Union Grove - Waterford (Village) Residents
Proof of residence required

Accepted Items	Dry Cleaning Solvent Electronics Antifreeze Appliances Batteries (non-alkaline) Battery acid Brake Fluid Car batteries Car Wax, solvent based Contact Cement Driveway Sealer	Fiberglass Epoxy Floor Care Products Furniture Polish Gasoline and other Fuels Glue, solvent based Hair Remover Insect Spray/Killer Light Ballasts	Lighter Fluid Medication (Prescription & OTC) - No sharps Metal Polish Mothballs Nail Polish Remover Oil Filters Oils-based Paints (no latex) Oils (Auto & Other) Oven Cleaner Paint Thinner	Paint Stripper Pesticides Pool Chemicals Rat Poison Rechargeable Batteries Shellac & Stain Shoe Polish Spot Remover Solvent-based Cleaners Stump Remover Televisions/Monitors (\$30)	cash only fee for tube tv/monitors, \$10 for flat screen tv/monitors) Transmission Fluid Varnish Weed Killer Wood Filler Wood Preservative
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2100 S. Pine Street - Burlington

Electronic Devices Will Be Accepted
A Fee Of \$30* Will Be Charged For Tube TV/Monitors, \$10* Fee For Flat Screen TV/Monitors - CASH ONLY
**The charge for TV/monitors is subject to change based on recyclable markets*

Help Keep our Waterways Clean

Stormwater is runoff from rain or snow that can't be absorbed through surfaces like driveways, parking lots, roads, sidewalks or roofs. As water travels over these surfaces, it may pick up dirt, trash, oil, grease, pesticides, fertilizers, pet waste and other pollutants, carrying them into the waterways.

Stormwater management is an up and coming issue for the City of Burlington. As the city has a population of over 10,000, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has recognized Burlington as an MS4 storm water permitted

community. The MS4 permits require municipalities to reduce polluted storm water runoff by implementing storm water management programs with best

management practices.

As a resident of the city you can do simple things around the house to help out. Preventing trash, grass clippings and yard waste from collecting on the street curb and gutter will help reduce pollution of our rivers and lakes. Anything that accumulates in the curb and gutter will get washed directly to the rivers and lakes that receive the storm water during rain events. For more contact the Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181.

The City of Burlington thanks you for your help and together we can keep our rivers and lakes clean!



Latex Paint Disposal

Latex paint will not be accepted at this year's Clean Sweep event. You may dispose of latex and water-based paint with your trash. You must either fill the can with cat litter to absorb the paint or remove the can lid to let the paint completely harden.

Oil based paint, lacquers, mercury products and other hazardous waste cannot be disposed of in the trash. You can dispose of these items at our annual Clean Sweep events.



City Employee Benefits Since Implementation of Act 10

The Wisconsin Budget Repair Bill, or more commonly referred to as Act 10, was a bill in response to a projected multibillion-dollar State deficit. Proposed by Governor Scott Walker and passed by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 2011, part of Act 10 significantly reduced collective bargaining and affected compensation and benefits for most public sector employees. Public employees exempted from the changes of Act 10 include firefighters and most law enforcement workers. Two areas where Act 10 made significant changes for City of Burlington employees include collective bargaining and pension contributions.

Pension Contributions

Before Act 10, City employees paid little or nothing toward their pensions. The bill now requires most employees of Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) employers (City of Burlington) to contribute half of the annual pension payment. For 2019, the City and most employees will equally contribute the required 6.55% of salary to WRS; Police Officers will contribute 6.55% and the City will contribute the required 10.55% of salary to WRS.

Collective Bargaining

Before Act 10, most non-exempt City employees were represented by a union, including administrative and Public Works employees. The bill made various changes

to limit collective bargaining and wage increases for most public employees, exempting most law enforcement and fire personnel from these changes. Police Officers and Firefighters are the only City employees to have retained collective bargaining rights and are union represented.

What is a comprehensive salary survey and how has the City implemented it?

In June 2016, the City of Burlington Common Council retained the services of Carlson Dettmann Consulting to conduct a comprehensive salary survey. The survey studied compensation and classification for all City non-contractual employees, excepting employee members of the Police and Fire Department Unions.

Based on the consultant's analysis and subsequent recommendation, the City of Burlington Common Council approved a step plan and combination step/merit plan for all non-contractual and non-represented City employees to be implemented on January 1, 2017. The estimated cost of approximately \$123,000 for implementation was provided for in the 2017 budget. Approved implementation included:

- A single, step-based pay plan with 14 pay ranges.

- 11 steps in each pay range (with range-spread of 29% from pay range minimum to maximum).
- Annual progression when performance meets expectation (merit-based hybrid for department heads).
- Employees at less than minimum compensation were placed at range minimum upon implementation.
- Employees in range moved to the step of the new pay plan that provided an increase.
- Pay is frozen for employees at greater than range.
- Annual review of pay plan for adjustment based on market conditions, cost-of-living, and City's ability.
- Regular market testing to maintain relevancy.

In addition, the Common Council adopted the following health benefit changes over the first five years:

- Increase in employee contribution of total premium to Plan C (\$500/\$1000 deductible plan).
- Increase in employee contribution of total premium to Plan D (H.S.A. plan).
- Elimination of City contribution to employee Plan D deductible.

K-9 Officer Zander and Officer Eric Willms Team Up



K-9 Zander (full name: Zander vom Shrebergarten) was born August 3, 2014 in Karlsruhe, Germany and has been with the City of Burlington Police Department since April 2017. K-9 Zander is currently assigned to Officer Eric Willms who is 27 years old and been with the City of Burlington Police Department since

August of 2016.

Officer Willms attended the Gateway Technical College Police Academy and graduated from there in December 2016. Besides being a K-9 handler, Officer Willms is also a Field Training Officer, a member of the Department Honor Guard, a Crowd Control Officer, and is a Shift Commander.

K-9 Zander and Officer Willms attended an intense 5 week long training course at Steinig Tal Kennels in Campbellsport, Wisconsin where they became certified as a dual-purpose K-9 team. As a dual-purpose K-9 team, Zander and Officer Willms are able to perform duties such as tracking and searching for missing persons or offenders, offender apprehension and evidence recovery. K-9 Zander is also able to detect the odor of narcotics. K-9 Zander and Officer Willms complete a minimum training of 16 hours per month together in order to improve their skills.

Having K-9 Zander available is a major asset to the City of Burlington Police Department. K-9 Zander's presence alone has increased offender's

compliance in high-risk situations. K-9 Zander also helps improve officer safety, as well as aide Officers in the detection and removal of narcotics from the City of Burlington. K-9 Zander has also assisted officers in searching for and apprehending offenders. If you would like to schedule a K-9 demonstration, email Officer Willms at ewillms@burlington-wi.gov.



Broken or Damaged Sidewalks?

As the winter weather melts away, you may notice that sidewalks throughout the city may have cracked, heaved or been damaged in the cold weather. We know that well-maintained sidewalks are not only aesthetically pleasing but also ensure residents and visitors in our community can safely enjoy leisurely activities while utilizing our City's sidewalks. For these reasons the City is encouraging residents who notice these damaged sidewalks to call the Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181 and report its location. This feedback will ensure the City is aware of any potential sidewalk issues and allows us to plan accordingly.

Per City of Burlington Municipal Code §274-3 Construction & Repair of Sidewalks:

(1) The Department of Public Works shall inspect existing sidewalks in locations determined by the Common Council each year. Sidewalks found that do not

meet City standards shall be repaired by the City or its agents. Notice of public hearing shall be sent to affected property owners prior to letting of bids to repair such sidewalks.

(2) In the non-inspected areas each year, sidewalks may be caused to be repaired by the City if found necessary and urgent. Citizen complaints, legal actions, adjacent construction and natural disasters are examples of reasons to repair sidewalks.

(3) Construction costs. When sidewalks are directed by the Common Council to be repaired or replaced, the cost of sidewalk/installation will be borne by the property owner and the City on a 50/50 percent basis, per § 66.0703, Wis. Stats.

As we look forward to another sunny season of walking through the City's beautiful neighborhoods and natural scenery, again please help us ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable

experience by reporting any broken or damaged sidewalks.



“When Lives Depend on Highly Trained Professionals”



In February of 2017, multiple area fire departments met to discuss the idea of joining forces to construct a training facility. In August of the same year, that idea became a reality when the Tri-County Fire & Rescue Training Association was formed. Made up of members from four fire departments across three counties in Southeast Wisconsin, the founding departments include: City of Burlington, Town of Burlington, Rochester and Wheatland. The focus of the organization is to provide an exceptional, higher level of training to department members, therefore providing a higher level of service to the citizens.

Staying true to their mission, the association continued with the training facility project. After countless meetings and fundraisers a milestone was reached on Saturday July 7, 2018, when the four departments held an official ground

breaking ceremony for the facility. The site, located at the Burlington Department of Public Works, was made possible through the generosity and support of the City of Burlington Common Council and other elected officials within the city.

The 100% donation-funded project went from conception to completion in October of 2018 and officially opened on December 1, 2018 following a training program focused on the operation and maintenance of the new training facility.

Made of repurposed shipping containers, the training facility stands 36 feet tall, 40 feet long and 24 feet wide. The interior features an extra-large high temp burn room, heavy duty construction to withstand multiple live fire training evolutions and wireless temperature monitoring systems. Additionally, the facility is equipped to simulate scenarios firefighters would encounter during real incidents: wall breach prop,

vertical roof ventilation prop, forcible entry window and door props — as well as training areas to replicate confined spaces and high angle rope rescue.

Training is the backbone of the fire service. It produces a well-prepared force that through repetition increases the speed of an operation and enhances proper execution while reducing injuries. The new Tri-County Fire & Rescue Training Facility provides that opportunity and more.



Youth Library Programs

Lap-Sit with Ms. Jen and Ms. Jane

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 5 - May 31, 10:00 a.m.

Come listen to books, learn fingerplays and rhymes, and sing and dance! Children ages 5 and under invited. No registration necessary. March will feature ABC Music and Me.

Movement Mondays

Mondays, March 4 - May 20, 10:00 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, parachutes and more. Perfect for those active toddlers! For 2 to 5 year olds with caregiver.

Mini Comic Con

Monday, March 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Come join local cosplayers on these evenings to learn a 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!

Anime Club



Thursdays (2nd and 4th Thursdays)
3:30-5:00 p.m.
March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23

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.

Peep-O-Rama

Monday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.



It's spring break so let's get creative with Peeps. We will provide peeps and all materials. You are welcome to bring in any additional items you may want to use. Please bring your family or friends in and create a fun peeps Diorama together.

Lego Build

Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.

What can you build in one hour? Come and find out! We'll supply the Legos. You supply the ideas.

Beginning Yoga

Kids Yoga: Tuesday, March 26, 4:30 p.m.
(Ages 5 & Up. Registration required.)

Adult Yoga: Tuesday March 26, 5:30 p.m.
(Adults only. Registration required.)

Come learn the basics of Yoga with instructor Mary Spencer

Teen/Tween Crafts

Wednesday, March 27, 1:00 p.m.
Kids ages 10 and up are invited to come and create some cool crafts. Registration Required.

Home Depot Build

Thursday, March 28, 10:00 a.m.
We will have kits from Home Depot for kids to come and build. Children will be hammering and gluing kits together and adult assistance is required. Kits are limited so registration required.

Star Wars Fun Day

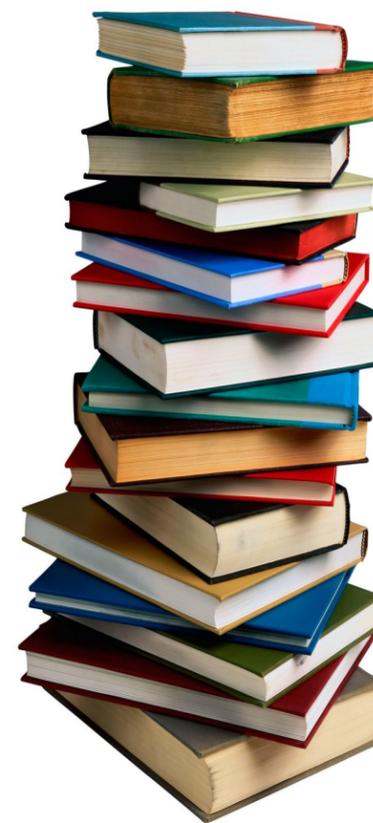
Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.
Come join us for some Star Wars Fun. Dress up and enjoy some crafts and games. May the Fourth be with you!

Mother's Day Pictures

Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m.
Following storytime, join professional photographer Katie Beck for a portrait session with you and your child reading a book just in time for Mother's Day.

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the tragedy of slavery and the historical, lasting effect it has had on all Americans.



BOOK CLUB

Afternoon Book Club

Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson
Thursday, April 11, 1:00 p.m.

After running into a friend from the 1970s, a woman reminisces about the friendships of the past which had promised to last forever until life interrupted the dream. National Book Award winner Woodson presents a Brooklyn that is far from the idyllic world the girls believed existed for them.

Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson
Thursday, May 9, 1:00 p.m.

Rosemary Kennedy was institutionalized in her early twenties and lobotomized when she was 23. She was isolated even from the family over twenty years until she was visited by John Kennedy while he was on the campaign trail. Her condition led to the Kennedy family's support of the disabled in America, changing lives for millions.

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

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

Evening Book Club

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Monday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Following the Bolshevik revolution, a nobleman who has never had to concern himself with mundane issues is imprisoned for life in a hotel across from the Kremlin. His change in circumstance leads him to discover a depth of life he never imagined existed.

This is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel
Monday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

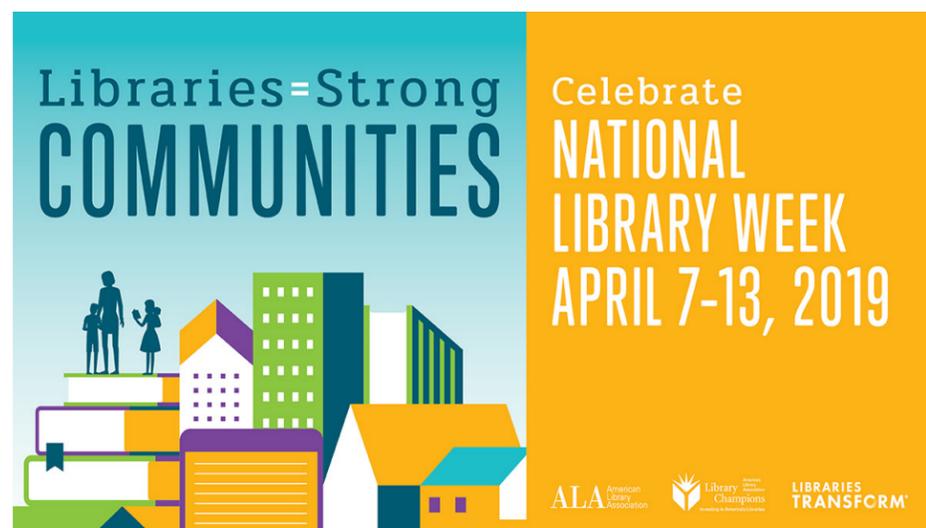
Five-year-old Claude announces that he wants to be a girl when he grows up. His parents and family keep this secret until one day it bursts forth into the world. Frankel examines the hopes and dreams of families who wish only the best for their children and often have to deal with the difficulties and hardships of change.

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

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.

April 7-13 is National Library Week

Stop in this week to see the special events we have planned to celebrate the importance of libraries! National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.



Adult Library Events

Tech Help Tuesdays

Tuesdays, March 5 - May 28
1:00-4:00 p.m.



Having trouble with your tablet or smart phone? Got a new device and not sure where to start? Need help finding apps to make your life easier? Need help figuring out a software application like Microsoft Office or Google Drive? Drop in to the Burlington Public Library! Our experienced staff are more than happy to offer you free assistance! If we can't help, we can refer you to computer experts for further assistance. You can make an appointment, or just drop in on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tech Class Thursdays

Thursdays, May 2 - May 30, 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 262-342-1130.

Date	Topic
May 2	Intro to Microsoft Word
May 9	Intro to Microsoft Excel
May 16	Intro to MS PowerPoint
May 23	Facebook for Beginners
May 30	Building a website

Movie Mondays

Mondays, March 4 - May 20, 1:00 p.m.
Join us every Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. for a free screening of an award nominated or newly-released-to-DVD 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. For a complete list of scheduled films, visit burlingtonlibrary.org/film, or call the library at 262-342-1130.



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Adult Coloring Class (The Masters)

Saturday, March 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Coloring generates wellness and stimulates the brain. We'll supply your colorsheet and colored pencils to use. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.

Introduction to Calligraphy

Saturdays, March 16, April 27, May 25, 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.

Understanding Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Probate

Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m.
Presented by Nicholas A. Egert of Egert Law, S.C.

Estate planning attorney, Nicholas A. Egert, will discuss and answer questions about the most important things you need to know about Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and Probate. In this presentation you will learn the basics on each topic, pick up helpful tips on how to navigate a probate proceeding, improve your understanding of estate planning, and get answers to your questions.

No Charge – Pre registration is required. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.

Memory Café

Friday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.
Lake Geneva Public Library

Friday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.
Aram Public Library, Delavan

Friday, June 7, 11:00 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.

Paint Pouring with Wendy

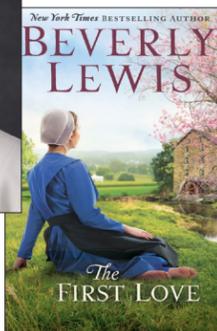
Friday, April 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Paint pouring is a fairly new craft that yields beautiful results with little to no experience. The paintings must dry undisturbed overnight, so participants must return for their paintings the following day. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130. Space is limited.

Author Visit: Beverly Lewis

Friday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Bestselling author Beverly Lewis will be at the Burlington Public Library for a book signing. Attendees are invited to bring in their own books for Ms. Lewis to sign and copies of her new book *The First Love* will be available for purchase.



Crafting Connection

Saturdays, April 6, May 4, and June 1, 10:00 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!

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 artist, each of whom has his or her unique style and medium.

The Gathering is a group of local artists who meet weekly to create their

Monthly Gardening Classes

with Jennifer Yaris



April: Garden Timing...What to Plant When - Saturday, 4/13 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, 4/16 at 6:00 p.m.

May: Weeds - Tuesday, 5/14 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 5/18 at 10:00 a.m.

June: Succession Planting - Saturday, 6/15 at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday, 6/18 at 6:00 p.m.

Geocaching Club

Saturdays, April 20, May 18 and June 15 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. We will start with small searches in town.

Spring Adult Reading Program

Monday, March 4 - Saturday, April 13

Remember last summer when we had Adult Summer Reading Program with prizes for adults who read? We decided to have a Spring Adult Reading Program this year. Sign up at the Reference Desk for games, terrific reading, weekly prizes and a grand prize to be awarded in mid-April. Let's see if we can make this a springtime event!

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!

Live Storytelling Workshop

(Story-Echo)

Moth Radio Hour Winner Patti McNamee Rosenberg

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Patti McNamee Rosenberg will be leading 3 events on the art of storytelling. In this first session, Patti will talk about Storytelling and will tell some of her own stories. The second event will be a workshop where participants will learn strategies for telling their stories. In the last event, community members will be invited to tell true stories with the theme "New Beginnings." All are invited to submit stories about their own experience of starting over and beginning anew. The stories must have a beginning, middle and end and your tale should have a "stake" in it...how did this experience change you?

Stories need to be submitted to Story-Echo.com by May 1, 2019. Storytellers will be invited to share their stories on May 15 at 6:30 p.m. Ten storytellers will each be given 5 minutes to share their tales, either reading them or (preferably) without notes. This is a non-competitive event. Discover the magic of Storytelling!

Identity Theft

Jeff Kersten, Department of Consumer Protection

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the United States. The more you learn about it, the less vulnerable you are. The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will explain the different types of identity theft, how to recognize it and how to prevent it – including information about Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. Receive tips for safeguarding personal information and how to spot the red flags of a scam. You will also be given helpful brochures to take home with you.

Medicare 101

Kelly and David Zauner, Medicare Strategies, LLC

Tuesday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.

This free educational event will help current Medicare enrollees and those approaching 65 to understand the Medicare process.

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Sari "Ma" Semple – "The Truth, As I Recollect"

Jessica Michna

Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.



In the great oral tradition of the story teller, Sari Semple takes us back to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of the mid-nineteenth century. As Sari spins her tales the listener is transported to those hills. The stories blend together the folklore and the gritty reality of life in the ridges and hollows of Appalachia. Young and old alike will be spellbound by the rich tapestry of words woven by Sari. She is the First Lady of Appalachia.

Medicare Supplement vs Medicare Advantage Plan

Kelly and David Zauner, Medicare Strategies, LLC

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Confused about what route to take for enrolling in Medicare? This free educational event will examine the differences between a Medicare Supplement Plan and a Medicare Advantage Plan. Let us help you understand your options!

Introduction to Essential Oils Make and Take Class

Presented by Jennifer Vavroch, doTERRA Wellness Advocate since 2015

Saturday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Have you been curious about essential oils? Wondering what all the buzz is about? Come sample, learn and take charge of your families' health. In this class you will learn how to use essential oils, why quality matters and how they can benefit you and your family. Even if you have been to a class, have oils or are a seasoned oiler - this class is a great refresher. You can pick one Essentials roller bottle of your choice to take home. The Essentials roller bottle choices include: Sleep and Calm, Happy Head, Seasonal Zen, The Bomb Roller, or Digestive Health. Please register with

our staff at 262-342-1130. With your registration for this class you are entered into a prize drawing.

Mother's Day Etched Glass Vases

Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Just in time for Mother's Day we will teach you the art of glass etching onto a vase. While we are waiting for projects to dry, you can make a gift tag for mom using the art of Calligraphy. This is a free program and space is limited. Please call 262-342-1130 to reserve your space.

Mother's Day Painted Cards and Bookmarks

Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Just in time for Mother's Day we will help you learn to paint flowers with acrylic paints. You will be making a hand painted card and bookmark. Local artist Mary Anders will be leading this fantastic event. Space is limited. Please call 262-342-1130 to reserve your space.

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

Historian Bob Kann

Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Wisconsinites Carrie Catt and Belle LaFollette were two leaders in the fight to win the right to vote for women. Hear tales of Catt, LaFollette, the battles for woman suffrage, and the crucial vote for ratification by a young Tennessee legislator who explained, "... I knew that a mother's advice is always safest for a boy to follow, and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification."

