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*Announcements and Events*

**October 26:** Noon to 5:30 p.m. Autumn Rib Festival downtown historic Burlington and Wehmhoff Square Park. Come get some ribs, listen to music and visit the vendors!

**October 26:** 9:30 am to 2 pm - Spooky City. Downtown trick or treating, hayrides, costume parade at 10:30 am Wehmhoff Park and much more. Kick off party at Greenwood State Bank.

**October 31:** 6:00 to 8:00 pm - City-wide Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

**November 22: Light Up the Night.** Look for the lights and enjoy shopping in Historic Downtown Burlington from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Many of the downtown businesses will have extended hours and the sky will be illuminated with search lights to guide you to fantastic Christmas shopping deals!

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

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

**December 14 & 15: Save the Date!!** Burlington Ice Festival in Wehmhoff Square Park. Visit the fourth annual Ice Festival with the State of Wisconsin Ice Carving Championship, activities, horse and wagon rides through downtown, and more!!

**Looking for other events not listed here? Visit the Chamber of Commerce website at [www.burlingtonchamber.org](http://www.burlingtonchamber.org) to view the comprehensive Calendar of Events.**

**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
Diahnn Halbach	City Clerk
Jason Corbin	HR Manager
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 Sept. 3
- Week of Sept. 16
- Week of Sept. 30
- Week of Oct. 14
- Week of Oct. 28
- Week of Nov. 11
- Week of Nov. 25

**September Meetings**

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 9/3  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 9/3  | 5:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 9/3  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 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 | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 9/26 | 5:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |
| 9/26 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |

**October Meetings**

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|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 10/1  | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA                 |
| 10/1  | 5:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 10/1  | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council      |
| 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 | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board       |
| 10/24 | 5:30 p.m. | - HPC                 |
| 10/24 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee   |

**November Meetings**

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



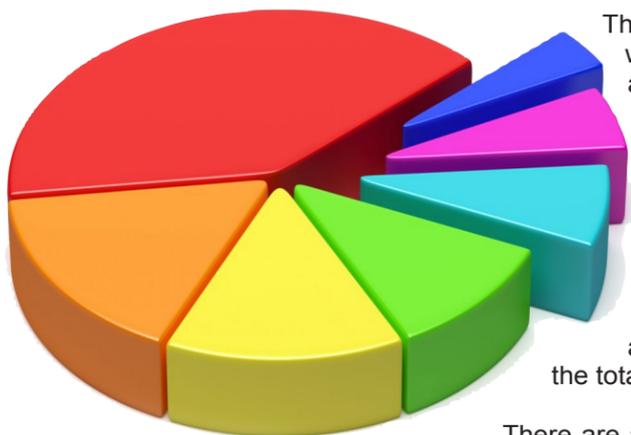
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# MONEY MATTERS

## Tax Time Tutor



The budget amount becomes what is called the Levy. There are several jurisdictions that submit their levy to the City to determine an overall tax rate. There is a City Levy, County Levy, School District Levy and Technical College Levy, all which are based on budgets. These are all added together to become the total Levy.

There are also Levy Credits which are determined by the State of Wisconsin and applied to the Total Levy to reduce the Total Levy. Each taxing jurisdiction has a credit and there is an overall school credit. When we know the total City levy, the total value of the City and the total City credits, we can then figure out a proportionate share of tax per parcel called a MIL rate or dollar rate per \$1,000 of assessed value. The math is pretty simple: (Total Levy) divided by (total assessed value) times \$1,000. This is the MIL rate. As an example, a total City levy of \$7,000,000 with a total City value of \$890,000,000 generates a City MIL rate of \$7.87 per \$1,000.

Similar calculations are completed for each taxing jurisdiction, then added together, less the credits, to come up with the total MIL rate. 2018's total tax MIL rate for the City was \$20.55 (rounded). This rate is then charged against the assessed value of each property and personal property (or "parcel"), as determined and reported by the assessor, to determine the tax per parcel. Some parcels also have a further deduction of Lottery Credit and First Dollar Credit.

Math again - if your home is assessed at \$200,000 and the MIL rate is \$20.55 per \$1,000 then your gross tax is \$200,000 times \$20.55 divided by \$1,000 or \$4,110. You would then be

able to subtract appropriate lottery or first dollar credits to get your net tax bill. To understand lottery and first dollar credits in Wisconsin go to the State of Wisconsin website at [www.wisconsin.gov](http://www.wisconsin.gov). You can find all of this information on your real estate tax bill.

There are limits on how much a municipality can tax and additional revenues a municipality can get if their budget meets certain criteria. Taxes make up most of the City's revenue to operate their budget, but there are also state revenues which help reduce the overall Levy need.

## Your City Budget

The City of Burlington's Fiscal Year begins on January 1. Each year, the City Administrator and Finance Director compile the operating budget for review by the Common Council and residents before final adoption in December.

### Important Dates

**Budget Workshops**  
2200 S. Pine Street

- October 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- October 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m. (if needed)

**Public Hearing**  
224 E. Jefferson Street

- November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

**Budget Adoption**  
224 E. Jefferson Street

- November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

## Come See Officer Hayes - Our Child Safety Seat Technician!

Traffic crashes can happen to anyone at any time. Statistically, you have about a nine percent chance of being involved in a vehicle collision every year. That is about five collisions in a lifetime (National Safety Council Injury Facts, 2012). While traffic crashes affect people of all ages, it is especially concerning that crashes are the leading cause of death of children in the United States. Just as concerning is in most cases, child passenger injuries and deaths can be prevented. Many injuries and deaths occur as a result of the misuse of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts.

A child passenger safety seat technician (CPST) assists the community by using one-on-one personalized instruction on how to properly use and install a child's car seat. Officer Hayes with the City of Burlington Police Department is our CPST through Safe Kids Worldwide, and he will be conducting presentations and safety

seat inspections within the community.

Officer Hayes obtained training on how to educate caregivers so they can confidently install and reinstall car seats and booster seats. Presentations and safety seat checks will be posted on the City of Burlington Police Department's Facebook page throughout the year.

A seat check will include:

- Demonstration explaining the proper selection of a seat
- Proper direction of seat
- Proper placing of seat-location
- Proper installation of seat
- Proper harnessing of child

These checks will take approximately one hour. The caregiver, vehicle, and car seat need to be present, and we recommend the child be present to check the seat harness adjustments.

For a comprehensive list of seat belt checks in your area visit <https://www.safekidswi.org>. For questions about the department's CPST program or to inquire about setting up an inspection, you can also contact Officer Hayes at [dhayes@burlington-wi.gov](mailto:dhayes@burlington-wi.gov).



## Follow the Law - Brake for Pedestrians



It is important to remember the laws and rules as they apply to pedestrians and drivers.

When operating a motor vehicle, the driver must yield to pedestrians who have started crossing at an intersection or crosswalk on a

"walk" signal or green light if there is no walk signal. The driver must yield to pedestrians who are crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk (at an intersection where there are no traffic control signals).

As you travel through the City of Burlington you will notice several crosswalk signs in the middle of the roadway. When pedestrians are waiting to cross, drivers

must yield and allow the pedestrians to cross.

Pedestrians should keep in mind this law only applies when crossing at a marked crosswalk or unmarked intersection. Pedestrians should always be diligent and take extra care in the evening hours. Never assume drivers can see you and obey traffic rules to reduce the chance of being struck by a motor vehicle.

## City Releases ID Badge Program for City Employees

As public safety concerns seem to be overwhelming the news lately, the City of Burlington is increasing its self-awareness and enhancing its practices to help keep its citizens and employees safe, and operations secured. One proactive step the City is taking is the implementation of an employee identification badge program. This initiative will allow residents to quickly and confidently identify all city employees they may interact with.

Effective January 1, 2020 all City employees will have a City issued identification badge that will be readily visible or available for presentation upon request. For safety reasons, not every employee will be able to display a badge while conducting dangerous work;

however, all employees will be required to have the badge readily accessible at all times during the conduct of City of Burlington business. You should not hesitate to request an employee to present identification if you feel something isn't right, and especially before allowing a stranger into your home.

The ID badges will all have security features to reduce the threat of counterfeiting that include a dedicated issuing process, holographic overlay, unique card number and card expiration date. If you have any questions or concerns about the City of Burlington employee identification badge system, please direct your thoughts to City Hall.



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# Autumn Festival

**Saturday, October 26**  
**12 PM to 5:30 PM**

**Downtown Historic Burlington**  
**Wehmhoff Square Park - 355 N. Pine Street**

All proceeds will be applied to the City of Burlington Tree Replacement Program

*Ribs • Music • Vendors*  
*Pie Auction*

*Come for Spooky City - stay for the Autumn Festival!!!*

Sit down or drive-thru rib orders!

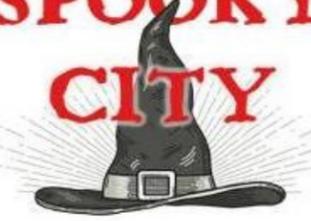


**City of Burlington Fire Department**  
 Pancake Breakfast  
 &  
 Open House  
**September 15th**  
 7 am - Noon

**City of Burlington Fire House**  
 165 W. Washington Street



## SPOOKY CITY



Come downtown on Saturday, October 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and enjoy many activities with the 29th annual Spooky City! Activities include:

- Safe Trick-or-Treating  
The downtown businesses hand out treats to all costumed children from 11 a.m. to noon, or while supplies last.
- Spooky Kick-Off  
Halloween face painting, pumpkin decorating and other family activities kick off the event at 9:30 a.m.
- Free Hayrides  
Free tractor hayrides circle the downtown area beginning at 10 a.m.
- Costume Parade  
Children are invited to show off their costumes in a walking parade at 10:30 a.m.
- Family Movie  
The Plaza Theater will host a free showing of a recently released movie.
- Visit <https://www.facebook.com/SpookyCity> for more information.

## Trick-or-Treat 2019



This year's Trick-or-Treat hours will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 31. The Common Council and City staff encourage everyone to please be safe and enjoy the holiday!

## Tips for Preventing Cooking Fires

Autumn is a season full of cooking. From Halloween treats to Thanksgiving Dinner, chances are you will find yourself busy baking, broiling or frying away this holiday season. However, did you know that unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States. In fact simple everyday kitchen tasks can quickly lead to devastating and life-changing home fires.

Among the safety tips that firefighters recommend is to never leave the kitchen when frying, broiling or grilling food. If you must leave the stove, always turn it off, even if only leaving for a short period of time. You can also try setting a timer to remind you of food in the oven.

Also, always keep any flammable items far away from stovetops. This includes items you may not think of checking for like food wrappers, oven mitts or utensils. You should also always wear shirts or tops with tight-fitting sleeves when cooking. After cooking, double check that burners are off and can cool down without any

objects near them. After the stove has cooled off completely, clean all grease and food residuals from the stove.

If you notice that there is a fire while cooking in a pan, cover it with a lid and turn all stove burners off. If the fire is in an oven, turn the oven off and leave the oven door closed. If the fire is large or has spread, immediately leave the home and call 911 from a safe location.

By remembering cooking safety tips and best practices, you can ensure that you have a holiday season full of tasty treats and free of dangerous fires!



## Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2019

### CBFD Hosts "Swift Water Rescue" Training

The City of Burlington Fire Department hosted Dive Rescue International to train for Swift Water Rescue this past April. The training featured instructor Brad Thavenet, who has been a corporate trainer with Dive Rescue International since 2004. Mr. Thavenet is currently the Chief of Urban Search & Rescue for the Lincoln Fire & Rescue Department in Lincoln, Nebraska. In this role he oversees the day-to-day operations of Nebraska Task Force 1, one of the 28 federal urban search and rescue task forces dispatched to major events.

Under Mr. Thavenet's instruction, members from City of Burlington Fire Department, Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Burlington Fire Department and Racine County Dive Team all participated in this 3-day training. The course of study included rescue and survival tactics, rescuer safety, identifying potential dangers, relevant equipment, hydrology, dynamics of moving water, and other critical tactics of water rescue training.

Training occurred in multiple locations of the river system in Burlington with a final scenario drill at the dam at Veterans Park. This training aids in bolstering the department's ability to respond to such critical rescue events.

We are very thankful to the following members who participated in our first Certificate Training; Chief Alan Babe, Engineer Justin Benko, Fire Fighter Brad Eckola, Engineer Daniel Fallon, Fire Fighter John Hanson, Assistant Chief Eric Jones, Lieutenant John McCourt, Inspector Wesley Miner, Captain Adam Mueller, Health/Safety Officer Daniel Rueter, Engineer Joshua Spencer, and Fire Fighter Brian Tilapa.



## Close Before You Doze!

You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, But did you know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety?

Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped. In the event of a fire, the simple strategy of closing doors throughout your home can:

- Reduce heat by 900 degrees.
- Reduce carbon monoxide levels by 90%.
- Limit fire spread by reducing its access to oxygen.
- Keep you safe while you sleep, as 50% of fires happen at night.

Watch "Close Before You Doze" on Youtube to see a real example of this important strategy.



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSP03BE74WA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSP03BE74WA)

## Plan and Practice Your Escape

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out.

Plan ahead for your escape. Make your home escape plan and practice today.

**Home escape planning and practice are more important than ever.**  
 Learn why at [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org)

## Citizen Engagement Initiative

The City of Burlington is aware of a continually changing environment that requires new ways of conducting business. A cooperative style of decision-making is not only required, but results in better decisions. Better government decisions depend on effective government, whereas collaborative government can serve as the leader and partner to developing long-term solutions to problems. This requires a steadfast commitment from everyone involved to embrace the change toward synergistic decision making and working together.

Citizen participation is not a substitute for decision-making by the City, but a very important influence on it. Shared decision-making is not a cure for conflict because it does not mean the final decision will satisfy all. It lets everyone know the reasons for a decision in the hope that all or most participants will accept that decision, even if they do not agree with it.

The goal of our Citizen Engagement Initiative is to provide choice for including citizens' voices in the decision-making process. Residents of the City of Burlington are educated about issues, outspoken in their opinions, and desire to be involved in shaping decisions. The City of Burlington encourages its public officials and employees to engage with its citizens. Therefore, citizens often enjoy good working relationships with staff and decision-makers.

As a part of the City of Burlington's Citizen Engagement program we need involved citizens who want to become active community members. Visit our website at [www.burlington-wi.gov](http://www.burlington-wi.gov) under the Citizen Engagement tab or visit City Hall at 300 N. Pine Street to find out how you can get involved!

The graphic features a collage of four images: a tall brick tower, a wooden bridge with people walking, a person fishing by a lake, and a street scene with buildings. A circular logo in the center reads "Chocolate City USA BURLINGTON, WI". At the bottom, the text "CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT" is written in large, bold, orange letters, with "Building a Better Burlington, Together" underneath in white.

### Are You Interested in Running for Alderman?

December 1, 2019 is the first day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the April 7, 2020 Election. The final day for filing nomination papers is Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

The following seats are up for election:

- Mayor
- Municipal Judge
- 1st District Alderperson (Wards 1-2)
- 2nd District Alderperson (Wards 3-4)
- 3rd District Alderperson (Wards 5, 6 and 10)
- 4th District Alderperson (Wards 7-8)

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.

If you are interested in seeking 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.

### 2020 Elections



The 2020 Elections are just around the corner! They are scheduled as follows:

- 02/18/2020 – Spring Primary
- 04/07/2020 – Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary
- 08/11/2020 – Partisan Primary
- 11/03/2020 – General Election

## Curbside Leaf Collection

Leaf collection generally begins around October 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 (DPW) strives to provide the best service possible to the public and requests your help in doing so. If you have any questions regarding leaf pick up please contact the DPW at 342-1181.



**DO!**

Place leaves in the street next to the gutter allowing stormwater to freely pass



**DON'T!**

Place brush or garden waste in the street

## 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 to dispose of the wood and brush.

### Compost Site

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue is open for the season for all your composting needs. 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 the site is open. 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, plastic bags, plastic containers, foreign debris of any kind and or tree stumps.

### Compost Site Hours of operation

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

The Compost Site closes for the season on Tuesday, November 26



### Oil and Antifreeze

City residents may drop off oil and antifreeze at the DPW building located at 2200 S. Pine Street. Drop off hours are 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and residents must stop in the office to show identification.

## Avoid Past Due Utility Charges on Your Real Estate Tax Bill

Third quarter utility bills will be sent to customers the first week in October for the period of mid-June to mid-September. Utility customers will need to make payment of the full "balance due" amount by October 31, 2019 to avoid a 1% late penalty charge.

For customers with past due amounts indicated on the October bill, the balance must be paid by October 31, 2019 or it will be transferred to the 2020 property tax bill with an additional 10% service fee added to the past due amount (per Wisconsin Statute 66.0809).

For questions regarding your account, please contact the Water Department at (262) 342-1173 or by email at [lwasik@burlington-wi.gov](mailto:lwasik@burlington-wi.gov).

The City offers online bill payment as a convenience to residents and owners. To sign up to pay utility bills online, visit the City's website at [burlington-wi.gov/494/](http://burlington-wi.gov/494/) payments-online. You can sign up to make a one time payment, or schedule auto-payments for the full bill amount or a budgeted amount. The utility bill information is updated daily so you can see your account history and be notified by email when a new utility bill arrives.

## Autumn Fun at the Burlington Public Library!

### Movie Mondays

Mondays, September 9 - November 25, 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](http://burlingtonlibrary.org/film), or call the library at 342-1130.



### Memory Cafe

Friday, September 6, 11:00 a.m.

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. Additional meetings will be held at the public libraries in Lake Geneva and Delavan. Participants will attend the meeting with their caregivers 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.

### Tech Help Tuesdays

Sept. 3 – Nov. 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

Having trouble with your tablet or smart phone? Got a new device and not sure where to start? 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

Sept. 19 – Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12 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](http://burlingtonlibrary.org/class) or call 342-1130.

Date	Topic
Sept. 19	Microsoft Word Basics
Sept. 26	Microsoft Word Intermediate
Oct. 3	Microsoft Excel Basics
Oct. 10	Microsoft Excel Intermediate
Oct. 17	Microsoft PowerPoint
Oct. 24	Tablet & Smartphone Basics
Oct. 31	Facebook
Nov. 7	Twitter
Nov. 14	Information Literacy

### An Adult Class to Delight Your Mind

Fridays, Sept. 6, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m.

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

## Programs for Adults at the Burlington Public Library!

How to Remodel the Aging Brain  
Tuesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m.  
George Barry

It's not too late to avoid dementia! Learn steps you can take to aid your brain in building the neurons it needs to thrive. Dismiss common messages we send ourselves that can actually increase the speed of cognitive deterioration. Burlington resident George Barry has studied the brain for nearly thirty years. Join us for this exciting and entertaining look at brain health!



### Learn About Investments

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Jacob Hutchins, Edward Jones

Learn about the world of investments. Refreshments will be provided.



### Hospice Volunteering

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Nicole Herrig, St. Croix Hospice

Do you have a couple of hours each month that you want to fill? If so, come learn all about volunteering with St. Croix Hospice. We provide companion, veteran and vigil services to our patients and provide you all the training you need to make a successful impact in their journey! Come discover the difference you can make in your own community.



### MEDICARE 101

Tuesday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.  
David and Kelly Zauner

This free educational event will help current Medicare enrollees and those approaching 65 to understand the Medicare process. Attend either or both sessions. No registration necessary.

### Resumes That Work

Wednesday, Sep. 25, 7:00 p.m.  
Tom Kipp, Cardinal Stritch Career Counselor

Searching for work but not sure your resume is working for you? Spend an evening with Career Counselor Tom Kipp to learn proven strategies for writing resumes that get results.

### Old Family Photos in the Digital Age

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Presented by C.T. Kruger

We all have "photo piles" of film prints in drawers and cabinets, and digital pictures stored in our devices and computer. This seminar explores your options to cull, sort and organize film prints for albums and scanning, as well as what to do with slides.



### The Collyer Brothers. America's Most Notorious Hoarders

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.  
Presented by Cathy Polovina

In 1947, two notoriously reclusive brothers were found dead in their NYC mansion under 140 TONS of trash. What led the once productive and respected pair to make lurid headlines with their strange lives and pathetic deaths?

### A Wealth of Nature

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.  
Presented by Eddee Daniel

If you love the outdoors or if you feel like you don't get out enough, we have a program for you! Spearheaded by Eddee Daniel and Preserve Our Parks, a non-profit dedicated to the preservation and promotion of parks and open space, Eddee will describe the project and share his beautiful photographs of parks throughout SE Wisconsin—with an emphasis on the Burlington area. Visit [www.awealthofnature.org](http://www.awealthofnature.org) for more information!



### Woman Spies of the Civil War

Thursday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Presented by Shannon Ferguson Munns and Jim Munns

Join us to hear the fascinating tales of Belle Boyd, Elizabeth Van Lew and other women of the Civil War as they risked their lives spying on the Confederate and Union forces. Find out why they spied, what made them successful and how their bold actions contributed to the war effort.

### Medicare Supplement Plan v.s. Medicare Advantage Plan

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.  
Kelly and David Zauner, Medicare Strategies, LLC

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!



## Adult Book Clubs

Thursday, September 12, 1:00 p.m.

### To Kill a Mockingbird and Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

It's a two-for-the-month schedule for September. Enjoy both the classic tale about a young girl's coming-of-age experiences in the 1950s in the South and the recently published prelude to the story.

Thursday, October 10, 1:00 p.m.

### Be Frank with Me by Julia Claiborne Johnson

When reclusive author is forced to publish again due to money problems, the publisher sends an assistant to help her with the project. The aide is pulled into the world of young Frank, an imaginative child with few friends and an eccentric personality.

Thursday, November 14, 1:00 p.m.

### Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

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.

Monday, September 23, 7:00 p.m.

### Educated by Tara Westover

Westover was raised in an alternative Mormon home in Idaho. She escaped her traumatic childhood and attended college, where social norms proved more challenging to her than the education itself.

Monday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.

### The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea

As a man nears the end of his life, he calls his family together for a final birthday celebration. When his mother dies the week before the party, the celebration takes on a double focus as the family members share memories of their family's acclimation to the place they now call home.

Monday, November 25, 7:00 p.m.

### Everything Happens for a Reason by Kate Bowler

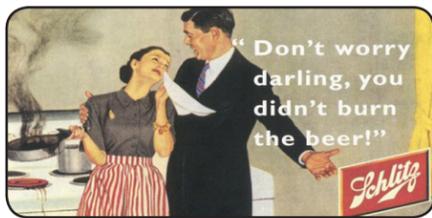
This is the memoir of a professor of divinity who believes in the prosperity doctrine. However, her worldview changes after she is diagnosed with terminal cancer and must find beauty in her new status as a terminally ill woman.

## Programs for Adults at the Burlington Public Library!

**"Mad Men" and Angry Women: Sexist Ads from the "Good Old Days"**

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m.  
Presented by Cathy Polovina

See for yourself how Madison Avenue tempted, bullied, and shamed women back into the home after WWII by setting up the "perfect" image of family life, which required an endless number of products to maintain.



**Grief and Grieving**

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.  
Sandy Walden

Sandy shares her own very personal story of grief and healing because having these conversations is healing. Join us for a frank, direct conversation. You are welcome to share your thoughts, experiences, what you have found helpful as well as what has been more hurtful. This safe environment offers the opportunity for you to share to whatever extent you are comfortable with your own journey through grief, into healing.



**Jenny Appleseed – Lost Lore and Tall Tales**

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Jessica Michna

Almost as soon as the first colonists settled in the New World, stories of exceptional people and situations were told to enthralled listeners. Over time, some of these tales have been lost in the dust of history. Meet Jenny Appleseed, the fictional sister of "Johnny Appleseed", as she takes you on a journey through American Folklore.

**Belle Gunness: Female Serial Killer... Who May Have Gotten Away With Murder**

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m.  
Presented by Cathy Polovina

In the late 19th century, men came to Belle's rural Indiana farm, lured by personal ads with the promise of work or even marriage and were never seen again. Local folks said she produced fine sausages.

**Healthy-Steps**

Wednesdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m.  
Instructor Karen Jo Smith

Healthy-Steps is an adult therapeutic exercise movement program designed to help you thrive physically and emotionally! The Healthy-Steps program improves overall wellness, range-of-motion, balance, strength and endurance, as well as emotional well-being and self-image. Class size is limited. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.



**Globus Europe Land Tours**

Saturday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.  
Presented by Chocolate City Travel

Sit back, relax and listen to our knowledgeable presenter Lori as she describes tours in Europe. This class is designed to show you the must-see-sights and just how reasonable it can be.

**Visit Walt Disney World**

Saturday, November 23, 1:00 p.m.  
Presented by Chocolate City Travel

It's a small world after all! Come and learn from our expert Lori about travel to Walt Disney World! Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.



**Introduction to Calligraphy**

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:00-11:00 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.



**Book Angels**

Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m.  
Presented by Mary Giese

Feeling creative? Come out and make an angel out of a book. All materials are provided. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.



**Introduction to Essential Oils Make & Take Class**

Saturdays, Sept. 14 at 10:00 a.m., Oct. 12, Nov. 9, at 1:00 p.m.  
Presented by Jennifer Vavroch

**September Class:**  
Join us as we learn the basics of essential oils and which essential oils can help with Back to School time.

**October Class:**  
With the Fall come cold and flu season, respiratory issues, digestive issues, etc.! Come learn the basics of essential oils and how they can help with your Immunity.

**November Class:**  
Happy Holidays...with the holidays approaching it's always great to have gifts on hand for last minute gatherings, teachers, family, friends and who doesn't like to receive a homemade gift!

Participants will get one free make & take courtesy of the Library. Please sign up with our staff at 262-342-1130.

## Programs for Youth at the Burlington Public Library!

Events for Kids & Teens!

**Stomp Rockets**

Saturday, Sept. 28th, 10:00 a.m.

Explore simple rocketry in this program for kids ages 5 and up. How high will your rocket launch? Space is limited, so registration is required.

**Science Festival**

Thursday, October 17

Join us for a science filled storytime at 10:00 a.m., for science related activities, and crafts. Come and be a part of the 2019 Wisconsin Science Festival - Curiosity Unleashed.

[www.wisconsin-science-fest.org](http://www.wisconsin-science-fest.org)

**Ghoulish Crafts**

Thursday, October 31, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

There will be a seed bead craft, where you can create an iconic brooch-style pin. We will also have "design your own ghoulish monster" on a bead tab. All supplies will be provided by the

**Lego Build/Robotics**

Saturday, November 2, 10:00 a.m.

All ages welcome to come and build. The Library will provide the Legos.

**Spooky City - Safe Trick-or-Treating and Autumn Fest**

Saturday, October 26

The library will be handing out treats to all costumed children from 11am to noon, or while supplies last.

**Cosplay**

Mondays, September 9, October 7 & November 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We will be having monthly workshops, brought to you by ATeam Cosplay, to learn about different aspects of creating a personal cosplay outfit. We will also have special sessions dedicated to photography, LARPing, and other specialty aspects of cosplaying. Come dressed up as your favorite character as well! Register at 262-342-1130.

Programs & Clubs for Kids & Teens!

**Monthly Rock Painting Club**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, September 10-November 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Do you like hiding and hunting for rocks around Burlington? Come find out what it's all about and paint some rocks with Burlington Kindness Rock coordinator Kelsey Shoemaker. This event is for adults and older children as acrylic paints will be used. Please bring your own rocks, paints and supplies.



**Anime Club**

2nd and 4th Thursdays, September 12 - November 14, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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.



**Movement Mondays**

Mondays, September 9 - November 25, 10:00 a.m.

For 2 to 5 year olds with caregiver. 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!



**Storytime**

with Ms. Jen and Ms. Jane

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 3 - Nov. 26, 10:00 a.m.

Come listen to books, learn finger plays and rhymes, sing and dance! Children ages 5 and under invited Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Thursday is a repeat of Tuesdays. No registration necessary.



**Escape Rooms Come to the Library!**

Saturday, October 19, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Have you heard of "escape rooms"? Rapidly growing in popularity, an escape room is a live-action, team game where players search for clues, solve puzzles and complete tasks to beat the clock and accomplish a group goal!

Whether you are already an escape room fan or just want to learn more, you are in luck! The library is hosting two escape rooms after hours! For patrons ages 6-8, you will be helping Alfie and Jules find one

of their father's stashes of valuables!

For the young adults and adults, you will be assisting the local authorities in sussing out the culprit intending to sabotage the royal tea tasting. Both rooms have limited availability so please sign-up with our desk clerks to secure a spot. Please register at 262-342-1130.

