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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 14: Burlington Ice Festival - State Championship - The City will be hosting their fourth annual ice sculpting contest in Wehmhoff Square Park. Carving should begin around 10 am and conclude at 4 pm on Saturday, December 14.

Early-December: 2019 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills to be mailed. First installment payments are due by January 31, 2020. If you want to claim a deduction on your income taxes, you must pay by December 31, 2019.

December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 and 20: Non-emergency City offices will be closed for the holidays.

January 17-18: Hot ChocolateFest -Featuring 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 14: The Annual Home Show & Chocolate Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Parkway.

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

CITY STAFF DIRECTORY

City Hall

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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

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Municipal Court

300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129

Kelly Iselin	Municipal Court Judge
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Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of December 9
- Week of December 23
- Week of January 6
- Week of January 20
- Week of February 3
- Week of February 17
- Week of March 2

December Meetings

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| 12/3 | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 12/3 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 12/3 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 12/10 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 12/17 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 12/19 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| TBD | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 12/26 | 5:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 12/26 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |

January Meetings

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| 1/7 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 1/7 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 1/13 | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 1/14 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 1/16 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 1/21 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 1/23 | 5:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 1/23 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 1/28 | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board |

February Meetings

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| 2/4 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 2/4 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 2/10 | 5:00 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 2/11 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 2/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 2/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 2/25 | 6:30 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 2/27 | 5:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 2/27 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |



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2019 Real Estate Taxes

Property tax bills are being prepared and will be mailed out the first week of December 2019. Contact City Hall at 262-342-1161 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 at www.racinecounty.com.

Assessment & Bill Calculations

2019 Property Taxes and Personal Property Taxes are calculated on the assessed value of your property as of January 1, 2019. Property Assessments are conducted 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, 2020 and can be paid at City Hall, Greenwood State Bank (Formerly Fox River State Bank), BMO Harris Bank Burlington, by mail, or online via credit card through a link on the City website at <http://www.burlington-wi.gov/107/Taxes>. Please contact the banks for their hours of operation. City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. City Hall is closed December 24th, 25th, 31st, January 1st and 20th.

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 by January 31, 2020. The check should be made payable to "City of Burlington Treasurer". Envelopes postmarked after

January 31, 2020 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>. This link will also allow you to view your tax bill, parcel history and payment information.

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 Greenwood 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 20

GREENWOODS 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.
December 24 - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
December 31 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Closed: December 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 12 p.m.
Dec. 31 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Closed: December 25, January 1 & 14

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Payment Service Network Site**:
<http://www.burlington-wi.gov/107/Taxes>

Click the PSN Link on the page

**A fee of 2.75% is charged

The City of Burlington Presents:

Burlington Ice Festival

WISCONSIN STATE
ICE CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019
WEHMHOF SQUARE PARK
335 N. PINE STREET

CARVING TO BEGIN AROUND 9 A.M.
ICE CARVING COMPETITION • CAROLERS • HORSE & WAGON RIDE
SANTA IN THE CHALET • REINDEER IN THE PARK • BONFIRES & S'MORES



Are You Interested in Running for Mayor, Judge or Alderman?

Members of the Common 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, Mayor, and Municipal Judge

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, 2019 is the first day to circulate nomination papers and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

The Spring Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020. In the event a

primary will be necessary, the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

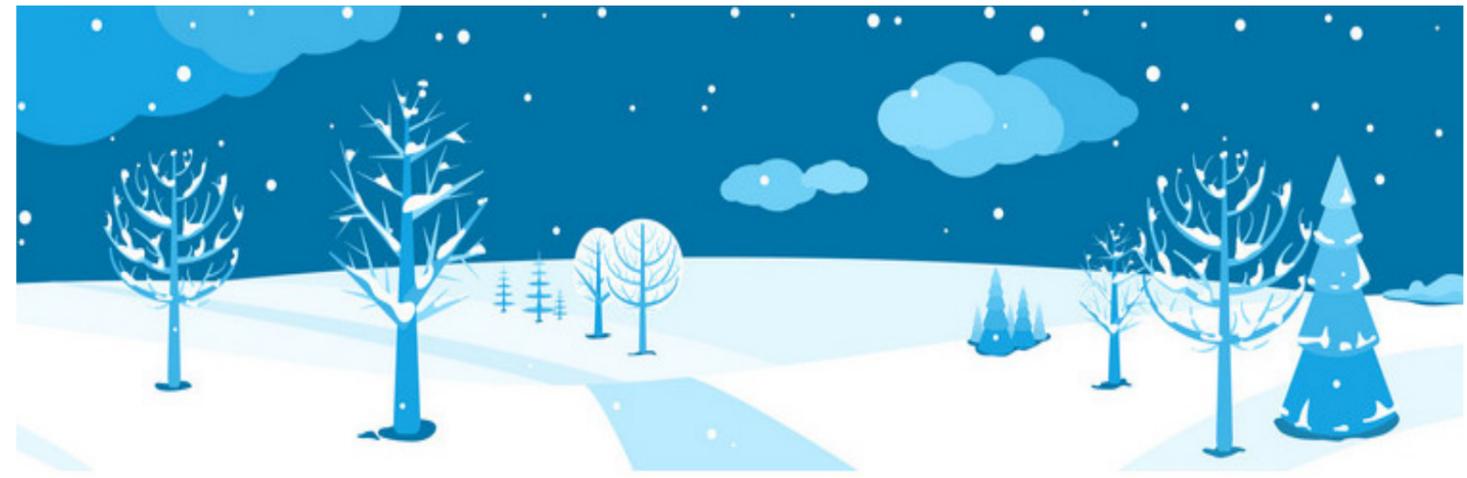


ENERGY SAVING TIPS IN THE WINTER



Keep your housing energy bills under control, while keeping your family warm during the time of cold

- Winterize pipes when not in use.
- During the winter months, your furnace will be running and windows will be shut., so you need to install carbon monoxide detectors near your bedrooms.
- Be cautious when using portable heaters. Place them three feet away from anything flammable and never leave them running when you are gone or asleep. Don't let children or pets play around the heaters, and never dry clothing or mittens on heaters.
- Keep the area around your furnace clear, so it has room for good air circulation. Keep flammable materials, such as paints, paint thinners, fuels, solvents, clothing, and boxes away from the furnace.
- Never heat a room with a gas range or an open oven door. The un-vented products of combustion can quickly build to toxic levels.
- Installing storm windows can also decrease your heat loss by up to 50%. Clear plastic tacked across your windows also works well.
- Have your furnace serviced once a year by a qualified heating contractor.
- Consider installing a high-energy efficient furnace, air conditioner, or appliances. A new energy efficient furnace can save up to 30% in energy costs and provide for a pay back of its costs in just a few years.
- Change or clean furnace filters every 30 days, or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Weather strip and caulk windows and doors to keep the cold out and the heat in.
- Seal any cracks or holes in the foundation of your house to prevent any cold air from entering your home.
- Turn your thermostat down to 68 degrees for a comfortable temperature when you are awake. Every degree that you lower your thermostat could save you up to 3% on your heating bill. Lower the thermostat by 5 degrees when asleep. Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with the ill, elderly, or infants.
- Use fireplaces and wood stoves wisely. An open damper, when not in use, can be like leaving a window wide open.
- Consider reversing ceiling fans to push down warm air without creating a draft.
- Close vents and doors in unused rooms, that do not have water lines.
- Consider adding attic or side wall insulation, one of the fastest forms of providing energy savings.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater.
- Consider using a humidifier to add moisture to your home, as moister air retains heat better than dry air.



Take Note of 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.



1'0"
6"

Make your pet legal.
DOG & CAT LICENSES AVAILABLE DEC. 31

Spayed/neutered - \$6
Not spayed or neutered - \$10
\$10 late charge after April 1, 2020

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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 trees will be in conjunction with brush pick up the same days. Residents should call the Department of Public Works at (262) 342-1181 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 have been called in.

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

Watch out For Deer



- When one deer appears, look for more. Deer seldom run alone.
- If you find a deer looming in your headlights, don't expect it to move away as headlights can confuse a deer and cause the animal to freeze.

If a collision with a deer is unavoidable:

- Brake firmly and stay in your lane.
- Avoid swerving as swerving can confuse

deer as to where to run, and can also cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

If you do hit a deer:

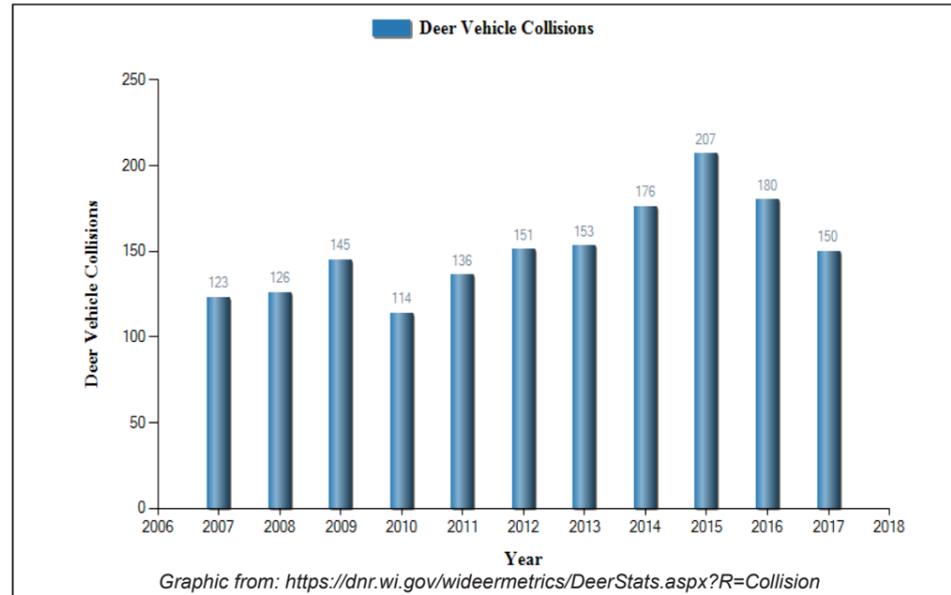
- Get your vehicle safely off the road if possible. Turn on the emergency flashers and call law enforcement.
- Don't attempt to move an injured deer.

While there has been a general decline in deer-related crash injuries and fatalities, more than 500 people were hurt in deer crashes and four motorcyclists were killed in 2018 in Wisconsin.

Deer-related crashes tend to peak during October and November during the white-tailed deer mating season.

Tips for avoiding deer collisions

- Be especially vigilant in early morning and evening hours when deer are most active.
- Slow down and eliminate distractions.
- Make sure all vehicle occupants are buckled up.
- If you see a deer, slow down, and use your vehicle's horn to frighten the animal away.



Christmas Tree Fire Safety

As the holiday season approaches, we should all take a minute to think about safety during the holidays. Every year, thousands of people are injured or killed due to faulty Christmas decorations. Careful planning on all our parts can help prevent any needless injuries. The members of the City of Burlington Fire Department would like to encourage everyone to use the following fire safety tips to ensure a safe and happy holiday season:

- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. The tree is sticky with resin, and when bounced on the ground, the tree shouldn't lose needles.
- Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over and be sure to keep it filled with water.
- Carefully plan where your tree is to be placed. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any source of heat. Never block a door or hallway.
- Use only lights that have been tested by a recognized laboratory. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use the lights. Check each set for broken or cracked sockets, bare or frayed wires and throw away any strings away. Use no more than three strands connected together at a time.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "fire-resistant," and never use electric lights on a real tree.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or use a timer.
- Never use candles on a live tree.
- Keep a watchful eye on small children and pets around the tree.
- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are very dangerous if left in a garage or next to the house.



Celebration and joy can quickly turn into sorrow and anguish because basic fire safety guidelines were neglected. Don't let this happen to your family. Be safe this holiday season! We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Holidays in the Kitchen



the oven. Unplug any appliances that start acting funny, then have them repaired or replace them.

- **Unplug electric appliances when not in use.** Toaster ovens, mixers, coffee makers, and so on, continue to draw electricity even when they're not turned on. So if the wiring is old or faulty, or if the thermostat overheats, a fire could break out.

- **Install a smoke detector near, but not in the kitchen.** You don't want the small amount of smoke or steam that cooking sometimes generates to constantly trigger the alarm — but you do want it to sense an actual kitchen fire.

This time of year it is especially important to be informed about home fire safety, as most fires are reported in the winter months. Many of the winter month fires originate in the kitchen. Please take a few minutes from your busy holiday plans to read the following fire safety tips. They may save you and your family's life.

- **Keep appliances serviced, clean, and in good repair.** Dump the crumb tray and clean out the toaster crumbs periodically from the toaster or toaster oven. Wipe out the microwave. Clean

- **Use caution when lighting the pilot light or burner on a gas stove.** Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

- **Don't use metal in the microwave.** The sparks can turn into fire or can seriously damage your microwave.

- **Don't overfill pots or pans with oil or grease.** The hot oil or grease can splatter and cause a fire.

- **Wipe up spills and don't cook on a dirty stove.** Grease buildup is flammable. A clean stove is a fire-free stove.

- **Always roll up long sleeves and tie back long hair when cooking.** You don't need your beautiful flowing silk sleeves trailing in the spaghetti sauce, and you certainly don't need to catch on fire!

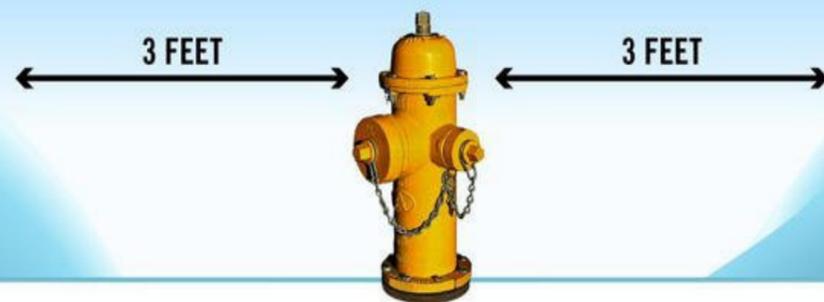
- **Never leave cooking food unattended.** Stay in the kitchen, especially if you're cooking in grease or if the oven is at a very high heat. Turn off the burner or oven if you need to leave the house or get caught up in a phone call.

- **Keep dish towels, pot holders, and paper towels away from the stove.** You might have left a burner on by accident, and built-up heat could ignite combustibles left near or on the stove or oven.

- **Never use the stove to heat your home.** A gas oven may go out or burn inefficiently, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning. An electric oven was not designed for space heating.

EVERY SECOND COUNTS IN AN EMERGENCY KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW

- **REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM THE HYDRANT**
- **CLEAR AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET AROUND THE HYDRANT**
- **CLEAR A PATH FROM THE HYDRANT TO THE STREET**



Winter Youth & Teen Library Programs

Movement Mondays

Mondays, Dec. 2 - Feb. 24, 10 a.m.

(There will be no Movement Monday during Christmas and New Year's weeks)
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, bells, parachutes and more. Perfect for those active toddlers!



Storytime with Ms. Jen and Ms. Jane

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Dec. 3 - Feb. 27, 9:15 a.m. & 10 a.m.

(There will be no storytimes during Christmas and New Year's weeks)
Come listen to books, learn finger plays and rhymes, and sing and dance! Children ages 5 and under are invited. Thursday is a repeat of Tuesdays. No registration necessary.

Annual gingerbread house decorating will be December 17 and 19 during storytimes.

Cosplay

Mondays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Welcome fellow cosplayers! 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! (1st open Monday of each month)

Ugly Sweater Night

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 5 to 8 p.m.

Bring your own sweater or sweatshirt to decorate. We will provide materials or bring some of your own. This program is for all ages and sure to be a laugh!



Crafts before the Holiday Parade

Friday, Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m.

Join us to make a craft and make a snack before the "Hogwarts Christmas" parade begins at 6:30 p.m. The library will be open during the parade for anyone who wants to warm up or take a break.

Anime Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays, Dec. 12 & 26, Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 13 & 27, 3:30-5 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.

Ice Festival Crafts

Saturday, Dec. 14, 12 to 2 p.m.

During the Ice Festival at Wehmhoff Square Park the library will have winter crafts in the Library.

Culver's Library Fundraiser - Friends of the Library

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 5 to 8 p.m.

Eat some yummy burgers and support the Friends of the Burlington Public Library! A portion of all proceeds from the night will be donated to the library to support new and ongoing programs.

Perler Bead Program for Kids

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 4 p.m.

Kids come and do some perler bead crafts. Recommended for ages 6 and up.



Come Read to a Therapy Dog

Tuesdays, Jan. 21, Feb 18 & Mar. 24, 4 p.m.

For kids and/or families. You can sign up for a 15 minute time slot and read to Casey, a Golden Retriever therapy dog.

Stuffed Animal Puppy Adoption Party

Saturday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m.

We'll have puppy stories, games, crafts and more. Go home with your newly adopted puppy. Ages 3-7. Registration Required.

Kid/Family Bingo

Friday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.

Stop in and play BINGO and win prizes! Bingo across, down, or diagonal. The grand prize will be a cover-all.

Learn to play the Ukulele

Thursdays, Jan. 30 & Feb. 27, 6 p.m.

Would you like to learn some fun songs on the ukulele? Beginners and ukulele enthusiasts are welcome to join us to sing and play together. Bring your own uke or use one of ours generously donated by Burlington Music Matters. Great for ages 10 and up. Registration is required.



Storytime and a Craft at the CoffeeHouse - Fundraiser!

Monday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

Come join Ms. Jane and Ms. Jen at the Coffeehouse for a storytime and craft. This will also be a fundraiser night for the library from 4 to 9. Coffeehouse will donate 20% of their sales to the library.

Valentine's Day Drop-In

Friday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come create a Valentine's Day Card and decorate a cookie. We will have all the supplies. All ages!

Sphero Obstacle Course

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m.

Come have fun with a Sphero and learn to use code to control it in an obstacle course.

Kids come celebrate Mardi Gras

Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

Come have fun with crafts and try some New Orleans cooking.



Family Movie

Friday, Jan. 24 and Feb. 28 at 10 a.m.

Enjoy a family movie and free popcorn.

Library Recurring Series Events

Movie Mondays

Mondays, Dec. 2 - Feb. 24, 1 p.m.

Join us every Monday afternoon at 1 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 342-1130. During the month of February, we will show newly-announced Oscar nominees at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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 artists, 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 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.

Tech Help Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 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. 16 - Feb 27, 1 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.

Date	Topic
Jan. 16	Tablets & Smartphone Basics
Jan. 23	Computer Basics
Jan. 30	Internet Basics
Feb. 6	Google Drive
Feb 13	Using the Library Catalog
Feb. 20	Getting started with podcasts
Feb. 27	Free digital books, magazines and more!



NO OVERDUE FINES FOR KIDS AND TEENS MATERIALS

Library Holiday Informational

Library hours will be extended during the Christmas Parade on Friday, Dec. 6. The library will remain open until the end of the parade.

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

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! Or read a digital magazine with Flipster! Use your library card number and PIN to get access to tens of thousands of popular e-books and e-audiobooks instantly.

- Materials belonging to other libraries will still have overdue fines assessed.
- Fines are based on the material type, not the age of the borrower. An adult checking out an Elephant & Piggie book for their child would not be assessed overdue fines. A child whose card is used to check out a James Patterson novel for their parent will be assessed overdue fines.
- All items that are damaged will still be charged for repair or replacement.
- All items that are long overdue will be assumed lost, and a bill will be sent for replacement.

Adult Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Club

- No Book Club in December

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

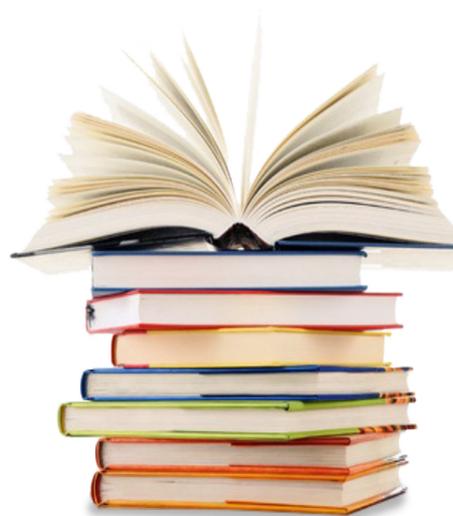
Thursday, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

Inspired by the life of an actual World War II heroine, this tale follows the lives of three women whose stories intersect after one of them is imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp.

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict

Thursday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m.

Mitza Maric, a brilliant physicist who broke social norms of the time to attend college, forms a partnership of the mind and heart when she marries Albert Einstein, a formidable genius who, along with these same norms, conspires to keep her in his shadow.



Evening Book Club

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Elegance of a Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

Two residents of an elegant Parisian hotel conceal the depth of their intelligence and talent until a new person arrives at the hotel and discovers the reality hidden by the masks they live behind.

City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert

Monday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

Following an unsuccessful college career, a young girl moves to New York to live with her aunt who introduces her to a diverse group of characters who strongly influence the course of her life.

Winter Adult Library Programs

Christmas at the Library

Dawn Soeth and Lina Schaal
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a sing-along concert with Dawn Soeth on the violin and Lina Schaal on the piano. Cookies will be served!

Movement and Music

Parkinson's Disease Exercise
Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18, 1:30 p.m.
WPA's Exercise Coordinator Mary Spidell-Wood will lead this FREE class for people with Parkinson's Disease. This class incorporates stretches, strength training, posture, balance, and walking drills, as well as vocal exercises. Manage your Parkinson's symptoms and improve the quality of your daily life while having fun. To register, email maryw@wiparkinson.org or call 414-430-3561.

Watercolor Holiday Cards with Calligraphy messages

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.

Barbara Duer Johnson and Jen Barbara is a world-renowned artist who can give you some tips. Try out your creativity at making a homemade holiday card using watercolors and calligraphy markers for the messages. All supplies provided. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.



String Art Ornaments

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m.

Small wood ornaments with a small design to get creative. All materials are provided. Space is limited, so please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Grief and Grieving

Sandy Walden

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

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 to share to whatever extent you are comfortable with your own journey through grief, into healing.

Monthly Rock Painting Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18, 6 to 7 p.m.

Are you a rock painter? 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. Have fun painting together and get new ideas for how to design your rocks.



Healthy-Steps: An Adult Health and Wellness Class

Wednesdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

Instructor Karen Jo Smith

Healthy-Steps is an international therapeutic exercise movement program with wonderful music 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 at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Hour of Code

Thursday, Dec. 12, 1 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.

An Adult Class to Delight your Mind

Friday, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, & Feb 7 at 2 p.m.

Coloring and working on puzzles promotes wellness and stimulates the brain. We'll supply coloring sheets, colored pencils, Sudoku and puzzles. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Carl & Mary Anders - Snowman Glass Ornament

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m.

You've seen these displayed at our library and they are awesome. This class is free and for our adults that would like to create a glittery, snowman painted ornament. Class size is limited. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Monthly Gardening Classes with Jennifer Yaris

December: Pruning Basics Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. & Saturday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

January: Garden Planning, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m.

February: Seed Starting and Plant Propagation, Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

Women of an Uncertain Age

Jean Preston and Susan Larkin

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Through prose, poetry and song, Susan and Jean share what it means to be Women of an Uncertain Age. Susan weaves friendly and comic twists into serious and inspiring songs and stories, while Jean's words express the everyday experiences of ordinary and extraordinary women through rich and honest poetry.

Sleep and the Amazing Benefits for the Brain and Body

George Barry

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m.

Brain expert George Barry will talk about the importance of sleep for our overall physical and mental health.

Kenosha/Racine Poets Laureate

Poetry Coming Out Party for West of the "I" - Stephen Kalmar II

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m.

Please join the Kenosha/Racine Poets Laureate community in welcoming the new 2019-2021 Poets Laureate with readings and a meet and greet. Find out more about the Laureates Program. If you have questions please contact Stephen Kalmar II at skalmar@wi.rr.com.



Sordid and Scandalous Lake Geneva

Black Point Estate

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Hear the historic gossip of Lake Geneva including a dish on the 1950s bank robbery, the town's tie to prohibition gangsters and tales of the Geneva Lake Sea serpent. Includes the scandalous past of downtown and the historic Maple Park neighborhood.



Lakeshores Area Memory Café

Friday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.

Burlington - "Old Time Toys"

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1 p.m.

Burlington - "Winter Fun"

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m.

Lake Geneva - "Valentine's Day"

Our rotating Memory Café welcomes two new member libraries, Barrett Library in Williams Bay and Matheson Library in Elkhorn. Beginning with the new year, these libraries will join Aram Memorial Library, Lake Geneva Public Library and Burlington Public Library in presenting interesting programs for anyone in the early stages on the dementia spectrum and their caregivers. This relaxing hour will include a themed presentation as well as snacks and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Advanced Planning

Lowell Guard

Tuesdays, Jan. 21 - Feb. 25, 1 p.m.

Join us for a discussion on the topic of Death and Dying. One of the goals of the class will be to work on and hopefully complete a "Letter of Last Instructions" -- a document which will contain personal and family information along with suggested instructions and wishes to be considered by your family at the time of your death. We'll deal with issues like funeral arrangements, a will, durable power of attorney for financial affairs, a power of attorney for health issues. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Winter Adult Library Programs

Digitization Station Overview

Wednesday, Jan. 15 & Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

Come learn about our Digitization Station. With this station you can convert your analog media, vinyl albums, audio cassettes, VHS tapes, photos, and documents to digital formats. This overview will show you how to use this station so you feel comfortable using our station at another scheduled time.

Carl & Mary Anders-Alcohol Ink Stencil

Saturday, Jan. 18, 1 p.m.

This class is for our adults that would like to create an alcohol ink stencil on a 6 inch ceramic tile for a trivet. Mary is an exceptional artist who will lead you in this class. Class size is limited. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Carl & Mary Anders - Colored Pencil on Graph Paper

Saturday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m.

This class is for our adults that would like to learn to create a drawing with colored pencil on graph paper. Carl is an outstanding artist who can advise you. Class size is limited. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Adult Bingo

Fridays, Jan. 24 & Feb. 21, 2 p.m.

Stop in and play BINGO and win prizes! Bingo across, down, or diagonal. The grand prize will be a cover-all.



Essential Oils Make and Take Class

Saturday, Jan. 4 and Feb. 8 at 10 a.m.

Presented by Jennifer Vavroch, doTERRA Wellness Advocate since 2015

January 4 at 10 a.m.: Winter wellness and emotions. The best part about this class is that after learning the basics about oils, you will learn how to make your own rollers. The library will also be giving away 1 Free roller to every guest who RSVPs and comes to the event. Class size is limited. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

February 8 at 10 a.m.

Fun class for valentines day! Let's make a love potion for him or her? The best part about this class is that after learning the basics about oils, you will learn how to

make your own rollers. The library will also be giving away 1 Free roller to every guest who RSVPs and comes to the event. Class size is limited. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.

Heart Dot Painting on Canvas

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m.

This is a fun and creative class. Come to show off your skills at heart dot painting. All materials are provided. Class size is limited, so please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.



Medicare 101

David and Kelly Zauner

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 5, 6:30 p.m.

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.

Podcast Book Club

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 3 p.m.

Do you love podcasts, but wish that more people had listened to that cool new story so that you could have a conversation about it? Or you're looking for something new to spice up your podcast game? Or you've only heard the idea of podcasts, but want to get in on something cool? Podcast Book Club will meet monthly to discuss podcasts on a specific theme. Our first meeting will be an introductory session where we'll share favorites, provide Podcast listening tech support, and share a 6-episode "reading list" for March. Register by calling the library at 342-1130 or online at www.burlingtonlibrary.org

Storybooking: Sharing Lives. One Story at a Time

Linda Skiles

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Linda Skiles will share her passion for preserving our traditions, values and memories through storybooks. Bound storybooks weave together interviews digital photos, & words that capture our life stories. Discover how to begin your own storybooks as Skiles gives tips & shares examples from storybooks she created for her relatives. Please bring a photo to the program. Please sign up at www.burlingtonlibrary.org.