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Information/Item	Department/Organization	Phone Number
Assessment Questions	Accurate Appraisal Corporation	800-770-3927
Brush & Leaf Pick-up	Public Works Department	262-342-1181
Building Permits	Building Inspection	262-342-1164
Burning Permits	Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	262-763-7842
Digging Underground	Digger's Hotline	800-242-8511
Dog & Cat Licenses	City Clerk	262-342-1161
Elections	City Clerk	262-342-1161
Health Services	Central Racine County Health Department	262-898-4460
Marriage Licenses	City Hall	262-342-1161
Parks – Rental & Maintenance	Public Works	262-342-1181
Recycling & Refuse Collection	ASDA Enterprises	262-539-2086
Sidewalk & Street Repair	Public Works	262-342-1181
Street Light Outages	Public Works	262-342-1181
Tax Bills (Property Tax)	City Treasurer	262-342-1161
Traffic Tickets	Municipal Court Clerk	262-342-1129
Vital Records	City Hall	262-342-1161
Water/Sewer Bills	Public Utilities	262-342-1173

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	Utility Manager

Municipal Court

300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129

Kelly Iselin	Municipal Court Judge
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October Meetings

10/6 5:30 p.m. - CDA
10/6 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
10/12 5:30 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm.
10/13 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission
10/15 6:30 p.m. - Park Board
10/20 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
10/22 5:30 p.m. - HPC
10/22 6:30 p.m. - Airport Comm.
10/27 6:30 p.m. - Library Board

November Meetings

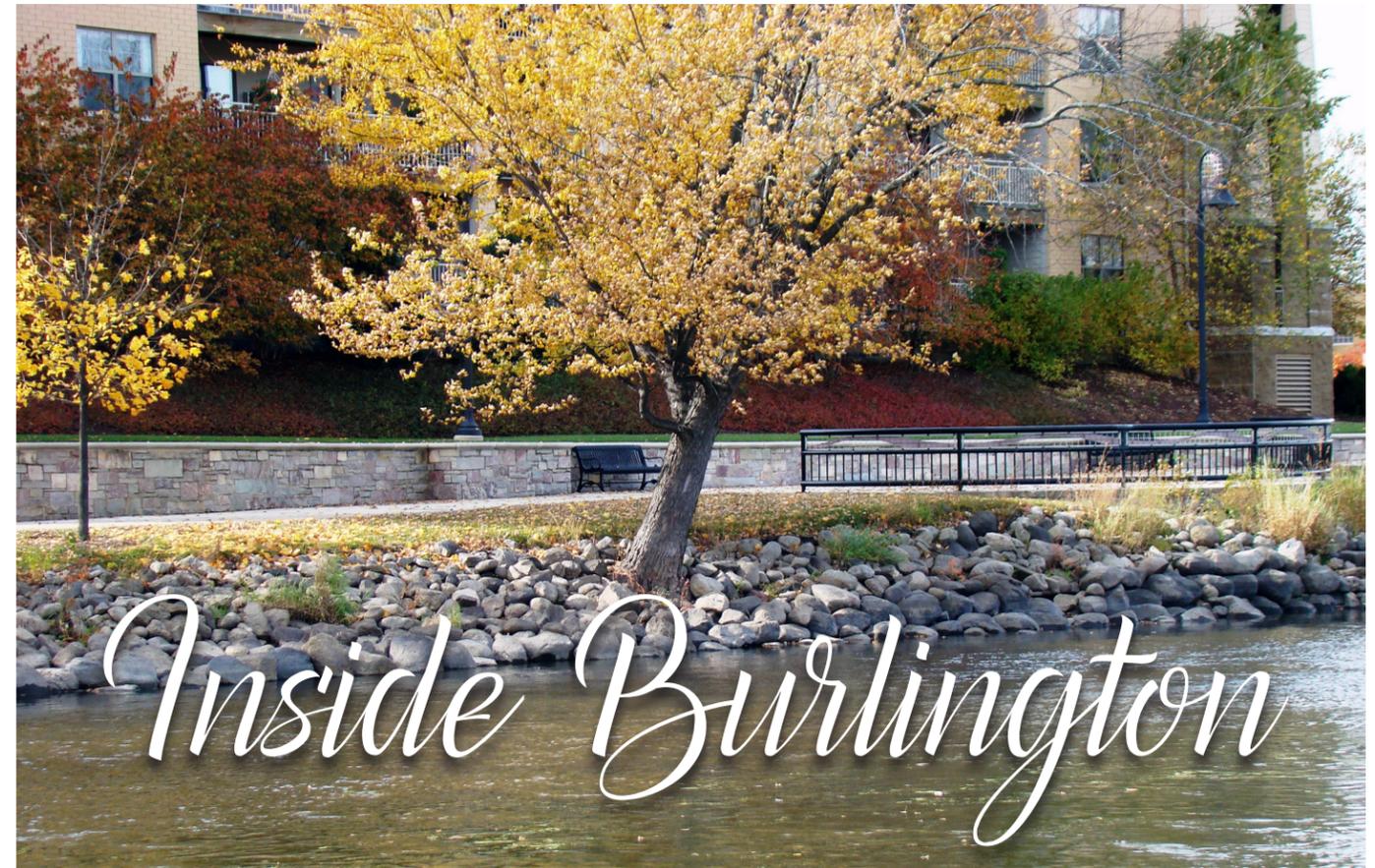
11/4 5:30 p.m. - CDA
11/4 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
11/9 5:30 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm.
11/10 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission
11/17 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
11/19 6:30 p.m. - Park Board
11/24 6:30 p.m. - Library Board
TBD 5:30 p.m. - HPC
TBD 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee

December Meetings

12/1 5:30 p.m. - CDA
12/1 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
12/8 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission
12/14 5:30 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm.
12/15 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
12/17 6:30 p.m. - Park Board
12/22 6:30 p.m. - Library Board
TBD 5:30 p.m. - HPC
TBD 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee

January Meetings

1/5 5:30 p.m. - CDA
1/11 5:30 p.m. - Police & Fire Comm.
1/5 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
1/12 6:30 p.m. - Plan Commission
1/19 6:30 p.m. - Common Council
1/21 6:30 p.m. - Park Board
1/26 6:30 p.m. - Library Board
1/28 5:30 p.m. - HPC
1/28 6:00 p.m. - Airport Committee



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The City's Official Newsletter

The City of Burlington is undertaking a collaborative planning process with community residents and stakeholders to create a Comprehensive Plan. Burlington Vision Plan 2040 will outline important policies and strategies related to land use and development, downtown, housing and neighborhoods, open spaces and natural resources, transportation, historic preservation, quality of life, infrastructure and capital improvements, and community sustainability and resiliency.

Burlington Vision Plan 2040 will capitalize on the community's existing assets including its traditional downtown core and neighborhoods, location along the Fox River and nearby lakes, quality of life amenities, and rich history. The plan seeks to visualize and assess the appropriate land use mix, community character, housing and economic development needs – while considering planning strategies for sustainable growth, enhancing community appearance, and adding new recreational and open space amenities.

Burlington Vision Plan 2040 is a three phased planning process:

Phase 1: Analyze

(July 2020 – November 2020)

The goal of Phase 1 is to analyze existing conditions and better understand the community character, demographics, competitive marketplace, land use mix, and infrastructure systems. As part of Phase 1, our team will conduct two focus group discussions with civic leaders, City staff, business/property owners, and key stakeholders.

Phase 2: Visioning

(November 2020- February 2021)

The goal of Phase 2 is to explore and test a range of ideas, strategies, and concepts for future improvements to key opportunity areas in Burlington. As part of Phase 2, our team will conduct an Open House, which will allow for a wide range of community input. The range of ideas developed by the team, with feedback from the community, will evolve into defined plans and policies as we move

into the Final Vision 2040 Plan Phase.

Phase 3: 2040 Plan

(February 2021– April 2021)

The goal of Phase 3 is to synthesize and finalize the concepts and policy formation from the Visioning phase and create the Vision Plan 2040.

Sign Up!

This process provides you and members of your community a unique opportunity to participate and communicate your vision for the City of Burlington in 2040.

Stay up to date on project updates and upcoming online surveys or community events, by signing up to receive emails, please visit the Vision 2040 Plan website at www.thelakotagroup.com/projects/burlingtonwi-vision2040-plan/ to sign up for updates and notifications.

The City Continues to Explore Rebranding



identify why people come to Burlington. Brooks compiled a list of about 70 suggestions in which the City, Village and County could improve and increase visibility and tourism.

Two of his suggestions were to develop a new wayfinding system and re-brand the City. As we began exploring what this meant, a grass roots committee comprised of community stakeholders began exploring re-branding. This included re-examining whether or not we are still the "Chocolate City" or have we evolved towards a new brand.

The City of Burlington has recently engaged GrahamSpencer, a branding firm, to conduct thorough research and prepare strategic recommendations to effectively and creatively re-brand our community. To determine our

unique position and brand voice, GrahamSpencer will assist the City in identifying its community perception both from stakeholders and visitors to study, communication problems and opportunities with an eye toward defining audience, and target markets and competitive context.

The work will concentrate on elements of branding within Burlington, with respect to the opinions, perceptions, misperceptions and biases of its community members, visitors, partners, business owners, neighbors and other key stakeholder audiences. They will audit the City's current brand of "Chocolate City, USA", and review the proposed brand of "City of Trails" and the role of outdoor recreation in detail to identify the positioning for Burlington.



The General Election for President, Vice-President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, even-numbered Wisconsin State Senate seats, all Wisconsin Assembly seats and all District Attorney Offices is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Also included on the ballot are the offices for Racine County Clerk, Racine County Treasurer and Register of Deeds.

As a reminder, a photo ID is required to vote. If you do not have a driver's license and are in need of a valid photo ID, one may be obtained through your local Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Polling Locations

The polling location for all Wards (1-10) is Veterans Terrace, 589 Milwaukee Avenue. The polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm.

Election Inspectors

We are always looking for additional poll workers and if this would interest you, please contact the City Clerk at 262-342-1161.

Absentee Ballots

In-person Absentee Voting at City Hall, 300 N Pine Street, for the General Election will begin on Monday, October 20, 2020 until Friday, October 30, 2020. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are not already

Presidential Election November 3, 2020

registered, you will need to register to vote before an absentee ballot can be sent to you. You must provide proof of residence in order to register.

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.

Voter Registration Options

Anyone wishing to vote in the State of Wisconsin, where they are required to register, has four options to register:

1. By Mail: Download the Application for Voter Registration, complete the form and mail it to City Hall, attention the City Clerk's office. A copy of proof of residence must be included when submitting the registration application. The deadline to register to vote by mail is Wednesday, October 14. After this date, electors must register in person at City Hall or at the polling location on Election Day.
2. In Person: Register at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street. Please note, Friday, October 30, 2020 is the last day for in-person registration. After this date electors must register at the polling location on Election Day.
3. Online: Eligible Wisconsin Voters who have a current and valid Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin State ID Card can now register completely online! Visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> and select what type of voter you are. You will be asked several questions that will allow MyVote to complete the registration form.

4. At the Polling Place on Election Day: If you wish to register to vote at your polling place, you must bring proof that you have lived at your present location for at least 28 days preceding the election.

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

Ballots for City residents can be returned by:

- Sending via US Mail
- Hand-delivered to City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.
- Hand-delivered to the polling location, 589 Milwaukee Avenue on Election Day until 8 pm.
- Placed in the secure ballot drop box inside the Public Library, 166 E. Jefferson Street during open hours.

DON'T WAIT TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT!

Are You Interested in Running for Alderman?

December 1, 2020 is the first day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the April 6, 2021 Election. The final day for filing nomination papers is Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

The following seats are up for election:

- 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 Real Estate Taxes

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.

Paying Your Tax Bill

The first installment of your tax bill is due no later than January 31, 2021 and can be paid at City Hall, Greenwoods 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 18th.

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 the county website link noted above. 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 Greenwoods State Bank, BMO Harris Bank or Payment Services Network can apply a lottery credit to your bill. This must be done at City Hall.

Please see the insert in your tax bill envelope for alternative payment locations, hours of operation and credit card payment information.

Your City Budget

Each year the Mayor, the City Council, and City staff work together to must forecast the expenditures and revenues it will incur in the upcoming year, resulting in the Municipal Budget. While the Budget is being created, all parties must make decisions on how to utilize the limited revenues that the City receives in order to produce the greatest benefits for the citizens.

Budget Workshops

www.zoom.us/join
Webinar ID: 882-0433-0307,
Password: 441655
Telephone Dial: (312) 626-6799

- October 14 at 6:30 p.m.
- October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Budget Public Hearing

www.zoom.us/join
Webinar ID: 837-4237-0640,
Password: 441655
Telephone Dial: (312) 626-6799

- November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Budget Adoption

www.zoom.us/join
Webinar ID: 837-4237-0640,
Password: 441655
Telephone Dial: (312) 626-6799

- November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Safety with COVID-19

What is the City of Burlington Fire Department doing to keep rescue patients safe?

When a 911 call is made for help, the call taker will ask a series of questions which will include Covid-19 screening questions. The Fire Department is dispatched to a rescue call and our EMTs will arrive wearing a mask and gloves and will immediately place a mask on the patient, if they are not already wearing one. If there are any concerns of the patient having any Covid-19 symptoms, the EMTs will also be wearing a surgical gown and eye protection. After the patient is helped or transported to the hospital, the ambulance is then thoroughly cleaned and may go thru a decontamination with a special machine, called a Halofogger, that kills Covid-19.

Our number one concern is the health and safety of our residents and those we transport therefore, we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe.

For reliable information you can trust, about staying safe and what to do if you have COVID-19 symptoms, go to www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19. For local up-to-date health information, recommendations, and advisories, visit <https://crchd.com/> or the Central Racine County Health Department Facebook page.

Keeping Police officers and motorists safe

The coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic is continuing to change our communities more profoundly than what many could have predicted. It has changed much of the "routine" of what was once our daily routines. The City of Burlington Police Department, as well as other first responder agencies, have had to comply with health organizations' recommendations while we continue to engage in enforcement activities. This has been a challenge at times as effective law enforcement is built on personal contacts; but when personal contact is how the virus spreads, the business of law enforcement fundamentally changes.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol found that as the pandemic began to spread, traffic volume across the state decreased by 48 percent, similar to drops in other states and countries. With the reduction in traffic volume, initially, there was a dramatic drop in traffic stops and crashes. As traffic started to increase, a gradual

increase in traffic crashes was expected, but, something different occurred. In May 2020, traffic volume was still down, but fatal crashes were up 20 percent.

The challenge law enforcement agencies face in 2020 is how to modify behavior of the motoring public, while keeping officers and motorists safe by limiting potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus. As we restart grant-funded traffic patrols, the Burlington Police Department has received direction and guidance from the Central Racine Health Department and the Center of Disease Control as it was imperative to ensure safety as we maintain roadway safety. The agency stresses the use of hand sanitizer, thorough squad cleaning, and the use of surgical masks when dealing with members of the public.

One thing is certain—regardless of the path the pandemic follows, law enforcement agencies will need to continue to find ways to modify behavior. Motor vehicle crashes claim the lives of too many people for traffic safety teams to sit idle. Until society can gain voluntary compliance for all traffic laws, law enforcement has to be proactive to save lives, reduce injury, and make the roadways safer for everyone.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Not everyone with COVID-19 has all these symptoms. For many, symptoms are mild, with no fever. It is important to know that you can still spread (transmit) the virus to others even if you have mild or no symptoms. Two to 14 days after exposure, people may experience fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste, sore throat, headache, body or muscle aches, loss of sense of smell, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

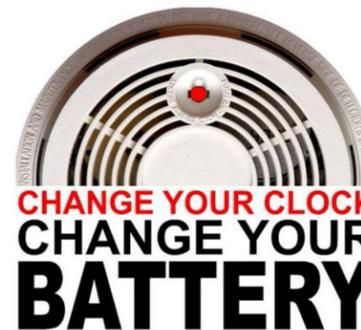
What should I do if I develop symptoms?

• If you become ill, stay home, and call your doctor if you feel you need medical care or advice. If you are having an emergency, call 911.

How can I lower my risk of getting COVID-19?

- Stay home as much as possible to protect yourself and others.
- When possible, shop for two weeks of groceries at a time to expose yourself less often.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds especially after using the bathroom, before eating, and after touching door handles, keypads, pens, and other frequently used surfaces.

Change of Season Are your smoke detectors working properly?



On Sunday November 1, 2020, we turn our clocks back 1 hour. This is a great time to check or replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and review your safety plan with the family. We will also be closing up our homes soon and turning on the heat, so be sure that nothing is blocking your heat vents or radiators that could catch on fire.

The City of Burlington Fire Department receives numerous calls during the year for smoke detectors that are no longer working. Here are a few tips for making sure smoke alarms are maintained and working properly:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home (including the basement), outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms.



Property tax bills will be prepared and mailed out the second week of December 2020. 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/government/county-treasurer/property-taxes

Assessment & Bill Calculations

2020 Property Taxes and Personal Property Taxes are calculated on the assessed value of your property as of January 1, 2020 and adjusted by sales or modifications during the year. 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.

This assessment happens in every community in the state. Each County adds up all the municipal values to identify their total assessed values (Burlington is a Municipality in Racine and Walworth Counties). By the end of the year each group involved in taxes creates a budget, which is approved by their governing board. The Common Council approves the city budget after participating in budget workshops with staff and department heads. This process determines how much money is needed to operate the city in the coming year.

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.

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 24



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, 2020 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, 2020 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.

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/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.

Clearing the way during snow events

Preparation

Staff monitors road conditions and weather forecasts continuously so crews 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, staff applies 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, staff starts response on high volume roads, such as marked highways or the downtown. Staff also prioritizes access to critical facilities like hospitals and schools. After these areas are plowed, staff plows residential streets and alleys.

Downtown Plan

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



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: It stopped snowing an hour ago. When will my street be plowed?

Answer: From the end of snowfall it will take about 6 to 8 hours to completely plow all streets, curb-to-curb.

Question: Can you find someplace else to put the snow besides my driveway?

Answer: Unfortunately some amount of snow will always end up in your driveway. Most of our trucks have wing plows that are fixed and do not allow for us to angle away from driveways when we are plowing. In cul-du-sacs we seek to plow snow to open parkways without driveways, mailboxes, or fire hydrants.

Question: I don't have a driveway to park in. Where can I park my car during a Snow Emergency or Winter Restricted Parking?

Answer: You can park overnight in the municipal parking structure on Dodge Street and Washington Street free of charge.

Question: When do I have to have my sidewalk shoveled by?

Answer: You must shovel your sidewalk within 18 hours after snowfall ends.

Question: Who do I call if I see a sidewalk not shoveled by the required time?

Answer: You can call the Department of Public Works at 262-342-1181 during regular business hours to report an unshoveled sidewalk.

Plowing Priorities

First: High traffic volume roads, hills, and bridges.



Second: Emergency service facilities such as the Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, and hospitals.



Third: Situational high traffic demand areas such as schools, churches, commercial areas and public parking lots. Timing of the event dictates service priority to these locations.



Fourth: All other roads, typically low volume, flat, residential roads and alleys.

Trick-or-Treat October 31



This year's Trick-or-Treat hours will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

The City of Burlington encourages everyone to be safe on Halloween during the current pandemic. Homeowners wishing to hand out candy can get creative, possibly eliminating the traditional communal Halloween candy bowl and set up tables in their front yards where they can hand out individual bags or cups of candy. This helps keep contact to a minimum while still enjoying the holiday.

The Common Council and City staff encourage everyone to please be safe, follow CDC guidelines and enjoy the holiday!



Dog & Cat Licenses Available December 31

State and municipal law dictates that all dogs and cats 5 months and older be licensed with the City by March 31 of each year. City of Burlington tags will be available December 31 at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street.

If you are licensing your pet for the first time or you have recently vaccinated your pet, a rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing.

Residents that move to the city or have a pet that reaches 5 months of age after the deadline date will not be charged the late fee. A move within the city does not qualify for this exception. Not only is licensing your pet a requirement of the city, the tag numbers are listed with the Burlington Police Department. If your pet were to stray, the tag is a valuable resource to bring them back home quickly.

The city is proud to offer low cost fees for licensing as listed below:

- Dogs & Cats: (Spayed/Neutered) - \$6
- Dogs & Cats: (Non-spayed/non-neutered) - \$10

After March 31 a \$10 late fee is added to the cost of the tag.

To purchase a pet license by mail, owners will need to send a copy of their rabies vaccination certificate along with payment to City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street, Burlington, WI 53105. Please include your name, address, phone number and pet's name with the vaccination certificate and payment. Proof that your pet has been spayed or neutered is required for those owners wishing to receive the discounted rate. There will be a \$1 additional fee for mailed requests, as the City of Burlington will need to mail the license tag for the pet's collar to the resident. Applications received by mail post-marked after March 31 will be assessed the \$10 late fee. For questions, call 262-342-1161.



Eagle Scout Improves Water Tower Park



Andrew Karnes, a local resident and Boy Scout with Troop 336, recently completed several improvements to Water Tower Park as his Eagle Scout project. Water Tower Park is not a very well known park, had no features to draw visitors into the site, and the landscaping and aesthetics of the old water tower were in need of a makeover.

Andrew sought to breathe some new life into this park and give folks a reason to

visit. Andrew removed old and overgrown landscaping from the base of the tower and replaced it with new beds full of perennials. These new beds will add beauty to the park and attract helpful pollinators. In addition Andrew added two benches to the park for visitors to enjoy the scenic views offered at Water Tower Park. Andrew also spruced up the old door to the decommissioned water tower with a decorative faux door.

Thank you, Andrew, for your contribution to the City of Burlington parks! Also, thank you to those that donated time, material, and equipment to help Andrew with his project including: Nancy Branen, Tom Stentson, Tim Bartelson, Gleason Concrete, Dean Glubka, Reesman Excavating and Landscape, Otter Sales and many other friends and family who came out to help.

Andrew's project builds on other recent improvements to the park including replacement of the old retaining wall and fence, and several tree plantings. If you haven't visited Water Tower Park, now would be a great time to explore this quiet gem of a park. The park provides for passive recreation and is a great location to enjoy a book, picnic, learn a bit about our history, or just a spend quiet moment



Outdoor Fire Safety

With the cool Autumn months here, many of us will be sitting around those warm fire pits and campfires. Here are some safety tips to keep you and your family safe this season while following city ordinance.

Portable Fire Pits

- Portable fire pits shall not be used on any balcony, under any overhanging portion of a structure or within 10 feet of any structure and must be placed on a noncombustible surface.
- Portable fire pits shall not be used between 12 a.m. (midnight) and the following sunrise.

Recreational (Camp) Fires

- Recreational fires are permitted with verbal permission from the Fire Department. You must call in and obtain

permission on the day you wish to have a recreational fire at 763-7842.

- Recreational fires are permitted only between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Recreational fires shall not be located within 25 feet of a structure. The total fire area shall not exceed three feet in diameter.

All Fires

- Burning of yard waste, building materials or other refuse is prohibited; only clean, dry wood can be used.
- Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be used to ignite the fire.
- Smoke shall be limited and not become a nuisance to neighbors or public roads.
- No flame shall exceed one foot in height over the source fuel at any time.

- All fires shall be continuously attended with an adequate means of extinguishment.
- On days when conditions are unacceptable for burning, all fires will be prohibited.



Radon Test Kits Available

You can't see it, smell it, or taste it, but radon may be a problem in your home. Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that may be present in the soil beneath your home and can build up to dangerous levels inside any home. Long term exposure to radon gas can cause lung cancer. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. Testing is inexpensive, easy, and if your house has a radon problem, it can be fixed.

Short-term radon test kits are available for purchase for \$7 at City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street or through the The Central Racine County Health Department at 262-898-4460. Kits are also available at some hardware stores and other retail outlets.

Stay Safe From Lead

Lead-Free Communities Partnership

If you own a home built before 1979, you may qualify for this program which may cover 75% of the costs to reduce lead hazards in your home. This includes projects like window replacement, new siding, soffit, and fascia. Owner-occupied and rental home owners are welcome to apply.

Lead is oftentimes found in the paint and varnish of older homes. Lead paint and varnish found on high traffic or friction surfaces like floors, windows, stairs, and doors can be lead hazards which cause lead poisoning. Lead can also be found in other areas of older homes.

This program serves all the communities of Kenosha and Racine Counties. For more information about the Kenosha/Racine Lead-Free Partnership, please contact 262-605-6783 or visit www.legacyoflead.com.

Lead Home Visit Program

CRCHD now offers a home visit for families with a child who has an elevated blood lead level. Lead can be toxic to everyone, but children under the age of six are at the greatest risk for health problems. Lead poisoning can cause damage to the nervous system, kidneys, and hearing. It can also cause learning difficulties, reduced intelligence, and behavioral disorders.

Children with an elevated blood lead level will be offered a home visit with a Public Health Nurse (PHN) and Registered Sanitarian (RS). During the visit, the PHN and RS will complete a visual inspection of the home, conduct a developmental screening, and provide education and recommendations to help reduce the child's blood lead level.

For more information visit www.crchd.com/lead-prevention-poisoning.

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The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available for free to Burlington Public Library patrons. Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting <https://burlingtonlibrary.kanopy.com/>. Patrons will use their library card and PIN to set-up an account. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

Offering what the New York Times calls "a garden of cinematic delights," Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of

the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS and thousands of independent filmmakers.

Kanopy Kids is a collection of movies and shows for kids available to Burlington Public library card holders. Kids can explore enriching, educational and entertaining films and TV series.

With the motto of "thoughtful entertainment," Kanopy provides Burlington Library patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race, and current affairs.

Adult Virtual Book Clubs at the Library

Burlington Library offers two dynamic book clubs for our patrons. The first meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. and the second meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting lasts exactly one hour. We provide the books, meeting space, and leadership. This Spring we met online and had some very interesting discussions. Join us for a wide variety of topics and to make friends through the library! For information, contact Barb at the library. 262-342-1130.

Afternoon Book Club

Becoming

By Michelle Obama

Thursday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.



Michelle Obama invites the reader into her experiences growing up in America...from a childhood on the South Side of Chicago through her years as the First Lady in the White House. Her lively wit and fascinating experiences will engage the reader from the beginning of the memoir to its end!

Mrs. Everything

By Jennifer Weiner

Thursday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m.



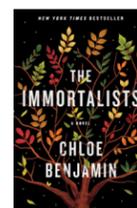
Two sisters from Detroit in the 1950s follow their dreams, one embracing the counterculture of the late 1960s and the other choosing the traditional role of motherhood. The book explores the differences in these two paths and addresses the issue of the role of women in this world.

Evening Book Club

The Immortalists

By Chloe Benjamin

Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.

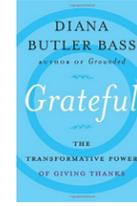


Four adolescents visit a travelling psychic in the late 1960's to find out their fortunes. This event informs the next five decades of their lives as belief and family, destiny and choice combine to drive the actual directions their lives take.

Grateful

By Diana Butler Bass

Monday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.



The author explores the world in which gratitude is often in short supply and posits the need for a rediscovery of the gift of gratitude in our daily lives.

News, Fake News, and Spin

FIGHTING FAKE NEWS

Tuesday, October 27th 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to find accurate, non-fake news. Join US Madison instructor and librarian Michael Edmonds as he sorts through the various news resources to help you determine what is believable and what is not.

Please register on our website at www.burlingtonlibrary.org for this online presentation.

Watch the Burlington Public Library website and Facebook page for updates and current programs during this pandemic.

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