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Announcements

Through October 25 - The Burlington Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. in Wehmhoff Square next to the Public Library.

September 3 - City Offices closed for Labor Day.

September 15, beginning at 3 p.m. - City Block Party and Fireworks at Riverside and Wehmhoff-Jucker Parks. See article in this newsletter for more information.

October 27, 11 a.m. to noon - Spooky City. Downtown trick or treating, costume parade at 10:30 a.m. Wehmhoff Park and many more activities. Kick off party at Fox River State Bank.

November 6, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Presidential Election.

November 22 & 23 - City offices closed for Thanksgiving.

December 7, starting at 6:30 p.m. - Annual Christmas Parade beginning on Kane Street.

CITY STAFF DIRECTORY

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Robert Miller	Mayor
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John Niederer	Fire Inspector

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Joy Schnupp	Youth Services Director
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Carole Rybarczyk	Circulation Supervisor

Police Department - 224 E. Jefferson St. - 342-1100

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DPW—Streets/Parks/Water - 2200 S. Pine St. - 539-3770

Dan Jensen	Supervisor - Streets & Parks
Tom Koch	Street Department Foreman
Aaron DeGrave	Park Department Foreman
Judy Gerulat	Engineering Technician

DPW—Wastewater - 2100 S. Pine St. - 539-3646

Connie Wilson	Public Works Director
Glenn Harjes	Foreman

Municipal Court - 300 N. Pine St. - 342-1129

Debra Dillon	Municipal Court Clerk
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Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of September 3 -7
- Week of September 17-21
- Week of October 1-5
- Week of October 15-19
- Week of Oct. 29 - Nov. 2
- Week of November 12-16
- Week of November 26-30
- Week of December 10-14

September Meetings

9/4	5:30 p.m.	- CDA
9/4	6:30 p.m.	- Common Council
9/5	6:30 p.m.	- Police & Fire Comm.
9/11	6:30 p.m.	- Plan Commission
9/18	6:30 p.m.	- Common Council
9/20	6:30 p.m.	- Park Board
9/25	4:00 p.m.	- Library Board
9/27	6:00 p.m.	- Airport Committee
9/27	6:30 p.m.	- HPC

October Meetings

10/2	5:30 p.m.	- CDA
10/2	6:30 p.m.	- Common Council
10/3	6:30 p.m.	- Police & Fire Comm.
10/9	6:30 p.m.	- Plan Commission
10/16	6:30 p.m.	- Common Council
10/18	6:30 p.m.	- Park Board
10/23	4:00 p.m.	- Library Board
10/25	6:00 p.m.	- Airport Committee
10/25	6:30 p.m.	- HPC

November Meetings

11/7	5:30 p.m.	- CDA
11/7	6:30 p.m.	- Common Council
11/7	6:30 p.m.	- Police & Fire Comm.
11/13	6:30 p.m.	- Plan Commission
11/15	6:30 p.m.	- Park Board
11/20	6:30 p.m.	- Common Council
TBD	6:00 p.m.	- Airport Committee
TBD	6:30 p.m.	- HPC
11/27	4:00 p.m.	- Library Board

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Leaf Collection and Yard Waste Disposal Options

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection generally begins around September 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.**

The City unveiled its newest leaf removal machine in 2011 with great success. However, one of the drawbacks was the time spent removing sticks from the nozzle that collects them. We are asking for your help of keeping sticks and garden waste out of the leaf piles so that we may spend our time more efficiently.

The Department of Public Works strives to provide the best service possible to the public and request your help in doing so. If you would have any questions regarding leaf pick up please contact the DPW at (262) 539-3770. Also, the compost site is available through the end of November to receive your leaves, garden waste, and brush.



Brush Pick-Up

Brush Pick-Up continues on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please be reminded to call in your address to be placed on the Brush Pick-Up List. You must call no later than the Tuesday before the second or fourth Wednesday. The DPW Crew only picks up brush from addresses that have been called in.

Please call the Department of Public Works to have your address placed on the list, or with any questions regarding brush pick up.

City Compost Site

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue is open until November 30. The site remains free of charge to City residents. There will be an attendant on site during open hours.

Hours of operation

Sunday - 12 to 6 PM
 Tuesday - 3 to 8 PM
 Thursday - 12 to 8 PM
 Saturday - 10 AM to 6 PM

Closed Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Contractor's using the City of Burlington Compost site will be charged a dumping fee. Contractors will be required to register at the City Department of Public Works, 2200 S. Pine Street, which will allow the City to bill their business on a monthly basis. An attendant will be on site to verify necessary information and collect data for invoice processing. Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 5" in diameter. No plastic bags, plastic containers, foreign debris, stumps or root balls will be allowed.

Prepare Your Home for Winter

Clean the gutters

Once the leaves have fallen, and before the snow has fallen check your gutters to prevent ice damage in the winter.

Tune up the furnace

You're going to turn the furnace on soon, so best to get them tuned up now. It adds years of life to a heating system. At the very least the filters should be changed when you switch from cooling to heating.

Inspect chimneys

Now is the time to have them inspected and, if necessary, clean them. This is for those people who use a wood stove or fireplaces. Get them cleaned and checked out by a professional.

Weatherstripping

Put your hands near windows and doors

and feel for those cool drafts. Install weatherstripping and door sweeps where necessary.

Prevent ice dams on the roof

Make sure your roof is vented properly, if your house is designed to have a vented roof. Make sure your soffit vents aren't blocked and your gable vents are open.

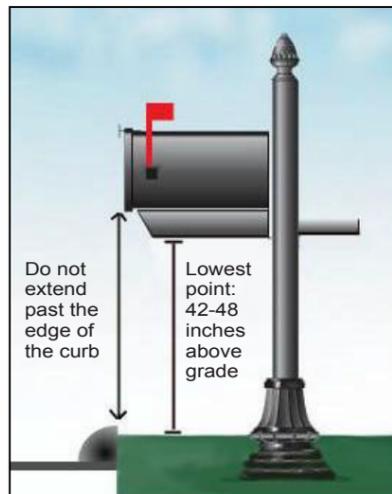
Drain sprinkler systems

If you have irrigation systems blow them out so they don't freeze. Drain hoses and outside spigots as well.

Check your mailbox

A properly installed mailbox should not extend past the curb line and be 42 inches from the lowest point of the unit to the ground. Adding a newspaper box to the bottom or side of your mailbox increases

the surface area of the mailbox. No part of the mailbox can extend past the back of the curb.



Know the Signs of Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive wood boring beetle that feeds on the tissues under the bark of ash trees and kills them. The metallic green beetle is native to East Asia and was accidentally imported to the United States within the wood of shipping crates from China. EAB was first discovered near Detroit, Michigan in 2002. Since then the beetle has spread to a number of eastern and Midwestern states, including Wisconsin. In southeastern Wisconsin EAB was discovered in 2008 in Newburg, a small community in Ozaukee County. Recently, EAB has been discovered in neighboring communities surrounding the City of Burlington.

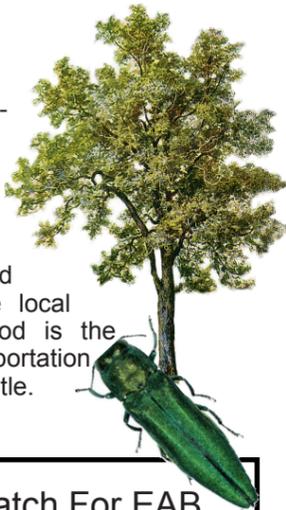
EAB is not a threat to human health but it does threaten our forest and urban tree populations. Unless treated, EAB is 100 percent fatal to our native ash trees of any size, any age, healthy or unhealthy.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources (DNR) and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) have resources on their websites that discuss proactive ways in which residents can try to limit the impact and slow the spread of EAB. Additionally, if you suspect an infestation of EAB, please contact the DATCP hotline at 1-800-462-2803 or e-mail DATCPEmeraldAshBorer@wisconsin.gov.

The City of Burlington is currently developing a plan to combat EAB infestation. Please contact Dan Jensen at (262) 342-1183 with questions regarding this plan. Currently, the city is not offering assistance for ash trees on private property. Residents concerned about an ash tree on their property are encouraged to call an International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborist. A listing of certified arborists "for hire" can be found on the Wisconsin Arborist Association website at www.waa-isa.org.

Finally, we recommend that city residents use only firewood from their property or that has been purchased from a reputable local dealer as firewood is the primary transportation means for the beetle.



Signs to Watch For EAB

- Dieback of the upper and outer crown or sprouts on the trunk or at the base of the tree
- D-shaped holes in the bark of ash trees where adult beetles have emerged
- Cream-colored, flattened larvae boring under the bark of ash trees
- S-shaped galleries under the bark created by larvae feeding
- Bullet-shaped, metallic green adult beetles present from June to August

EPA Determines Burlington Water Safe

The Burlington Water Utility is pleased to present this annual report regarding its water supply. This report is intended to summarize the water sampling results done in 2011. The Utility is committed to providing high quality water to its customers in amounts that meet their needs and protect their health at a fair price. The Utility will provide services with sensitivity to customers' concerns and diligently strive to conserve vital resources, support community interests and growth.

We are proud to report Burlington water meets all USEPA standards, except for radium and gross alpha. Burlington water contains natural radium measured up to 8.89 pCi/L and gross alpha measured up to 17.7 pCi/L. These do not meet the present USEPA standards of 5.0 pCi/L for radium and 15 pCi/L for gross alpha. The City of Burlington has been removing radium since February 2012, but the DNR requires that we continue to test radium and gross alpha levels for a one year period before we are fully in compliance.

Source of Water

The source of water for the Burlington water distribution system consists of five

drilled groundwater municipal wells (numbered 7-11), each finished in the deep sandstone aquifer. The wells range from 300,000 to 500,000 gallon storage with discharge rates of 900 gallons per minute to 1,500 gpm.

Water System Information

We ask that all of our customers help us protect our water sources by conserving water and by participating in upcoming City efforts to increase awareness of groundwater protection. The Burlington Water Utility intends to continually maintain your confidence. Thank you for your support and for allowing us to continue providing high quality drinking water, a most precious resource. Please feel free to call our office if you have questions or any other water supply issues.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

The Phase II Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades and Improvements Project is underway. The contractor, Staab Construction Corporation, specializes in wastewater treatment plant work. All of the construction activity will be performed at the existing wastewater plant and at the old wastewater plant which is now the Raw Wastewater Pump Station. There will be no disruption of services for this construction project.

The areas covered as part of this upgrade include rehabilitating clarifiers, improving and modifying biofilters and aeration basins, replacing sludge pumps, replacing aeration blowers, and adding a new supervisory control and data acquisition system. The contractor is scheduled to have this work completed in eighteen months.

Autumn Fun at the Library!

Programs For Children

ABC, Music and Me

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring two to four-year-olds to this program, offered by Family Smart/Kid Friendly Partnership. It's a fun way to sing, listen, move, play, learn and build early literacy skills through the music of Kindermusik International. This session runs Wednesdays Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7 from 9:30-10 a.m. For more information and to register, contact Linda Breuer, Children's Resources at Love, Inc., 763-6226.

Wii Gaming

Tweens, come game on Thursdays at the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

Story Time with Ms. Joy

Come listen to books, learn fingerplays and rhymes, and sing and dance! All pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome. Tuesdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2 and 9 at 10:30 a.m. No registration necessary.

Building Blocks

Linda Breuer from Love, Inc., hosts this program for children up to four years old and their families. Join us for musical activities, books, and social play. This session runs Wednesdays Nov. 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5 and 12 from 9:30-10 a.m. There is no cost; for more information and to register, contact Linda Breuer at Love, Inc., 763-6226.

Book Clubs

Join the Burlington Public Library Evening Book Club to discuss the following great reads:

Monday, September 24 at 7pm

Turn of Mind by Alice LaPlante



Jennifer White has moved from mental derangement to clarity so often since developing Alzheimer's disease that her friend Amanda O'Toole once said she kept reappearing "like some newly risen Christ." But the 64-year-old Chicago widow seems to need another kind of miracle after Amanda turns up dead with four fingers surgically removed from her right hand. As an orthopedic surgeon, Jennifer is a person of interest to the police and can't or won't remember if she killed her friend. Can she save herself as her mind betrays her? Her effort to understand what happened to her friend becomes, whether or not she realizes it, a journey both psychological and spiritual.

Join the Burlington Public Library Afternoon Book Club to discuss the following great reads:

Thursday, September 13 at 1pm

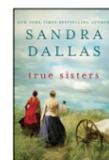
The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton



A tiny girl is abandoned on a ship headed for Australia in 1913. She arrives completely alone with nothing but a small suitcase containing a few clothes and a single book -- a beautiful volume of fairy tales. She is taken in by the dockmaster and his wife and raised as their own. On her twenty-first birthday they tell her the truth, and with her sense of self shattered and with very little to go on, "Nell" sets out on a journey to England to try to trace her story, to find her real identity.

Thursday, October 11 at 1pm

True Sisters by Sandra Dallas

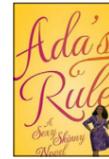


In a novel based on true events, New York Times bestselling author Sandra Dallas delivers the story of four women---seeking the promise of salvation and prosperity in a new land---who come together on a harrowing journey.

In 1856, Mormon converts, encouraged by Brigham Young himself, and outfitted with two-wheeled handcars, set out on foot from Iowa City to Salt Lake City, the promised land.

Thursday, November 8 at 1pm

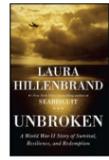
Ada's Rules by Alice Randall



Ada decides to embark on a "healthing" campaign. She is determined to lose 100 pounds before her class reunion, which is in one year. As Ada begins her weight loss program, she begins to make rules -- 52 rules to be exact. Not only does Ada just begin losing weight, she looks at her body on the inside and the outside. She looks at her marriage too and decides it needs a makeover as well. She's determined to find out why Lucius is ignoring her. She has grown suspicious of his activities lately. Is he having an affair with another woman?

Monday, October 29 at 7pm

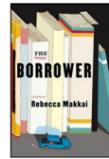
Unbroken by Lauren Hillenbrand



Rated The Best Book of 2011 by BookBrowse Members On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.

Monday, November 26 at 7pm

The Borrower by Rebecca Makkai



Lucy Hull, a young children's librarian in Hannibal, Missouri, finds herself both a kidnapper and kidnapped when her favorite patron, ten-year-old Ian Drake, runs away from home. But is it just Ian who is running away?

Who is the man who seems to be on their tail? And should Lucy be trying to save a boy from his own parents?

All programs at the Burlington Public Library are free and open to the public.

Autumn Fun at the Library!

Take Part in Activities at the Senior Center!

Come meet with old friends and make new friends at the Burlington Senior Center (BSC)! Play cards, join the Party Bridge Club, join Chocolate City Card Club, play Bunco, use the BSC Book Club library, play Wii, attend a Jam Session, participate in the Fox River Harmony Club, participate in the Lunch program, or volunteer to help out with Meals On Wheels. Join Senior Sports to play softball, dodge ball, volleyball, kick ball or pickle ball. Bowl with the Jolly Seniors. We are located at 201 N. Main Street in Burlington. Below is a schedule of some of the weekly activities at the BSC:

- Bridge: Monday and Friday, 9 am
- Bunco: 2nd Friday, 1 pm
- Cards: Sheepshead/Schafkopf: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9-11 am
- Cards: Pinochle: 12:30pm
- Cards: Euchre and Sheepshead: Tuesday, 1pm
- Dominoes: 2nd and 4th Wednesday: 9:30-11:30am
- Harmony Club: 1st & 3rd Wednesday (call Dawn at (262) 898-8900)
- Jam Session: 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm (call Nancy at (262) 534-6138)
- Library (BSC): Open daily
- Movies: 1st and 3rd Thursday 9:30-11:30am
- Senior Sports (55+): Wednesday, 6-8 pm at Evergreen School in Waterford (Call Katie Mawhinney at (262) 939-3181).



Call the Burlington Senior Center for more information at 767-9880 or visit their website at www.burlingtonseniorcenter.com.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Information/Item	Department/Organization	Phone Number
Appliance/Special Trash Pick-up	Veolia Environmental Services	800-232-0860
Assessment Questions	Accurate Appraisal Corporation	800-770-3927
Brush & Leaf Pick-up	Public Works Department	539-3770
Building Permits	Building Inspection	342-1164
Burning Permits	Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	763-7842
Crime Stoppers	Police Department	342-1100
Digging Underground	Digger's Hotline	800-242-8511
Dog & Cat Licenses	City Clerk	342-1161
Elections	City Clerk	342-1161
Health Services	Community Health Department	763-4930
Library Services	Burlington Public Library	342-1130
Marriage Licenses	City Hall	342-1161
Parks - Rental & Maintenance	Public Works	539-3770
Recycling - Refuse Collection	Veolia Environmental Services	800-232-0860
Sidewalk & Street Repair	Public Works	539-3770
Snow Plowing	Public Works	539-3770
Street Lighting	Public Works	539-3770
Tax Bills (Property Tax)	City Treasurer	342-1161
Traffic/Parking Tickets	Municipal Court Clerk	342-1129
Vital Records	City Hall	342-1161
Water/Sewer Bills	Public Utilities	342-1173

Presidential Election November 6



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 6, 2012. Also on the ballot are the offices for Racine County Clerk, Treasurer and Register of Deeds.

The following are important dates regarding the November Election:

- **October 17, 2012** is the last day to register to vote by mail. Registration may still take place in person in the clerk's office and the day of the election.
- **October 22, 2012** is the first day absent-

tee ballots are available in person in the clerk's office, 300 North Pine Street from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

- **November 1, 2012** at 5 p.m. is the last day for electors (except indefinitely confined electors) to request absentee ballots by mail.

- **November 2, 2012** at 5 p.m. is the last day for electors to register and make application in person for an absentee ballot in the clerk's office and the last day for indefinitely confined electors to request a ballot.

- **November 6, 2012** is Election Day with the polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m.

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.

Polling Locations

The polling location for Wards 1-4 is Cross Lutheran Church, 126 Chapel Terrace with Wards 5-8 voting at Burlington United Methodist Church, 857 West State Street. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

If you are unable to get to the polls on election day, you can request an absentee ballot or stop at City Hall prior to the election to vote absentee. The last day to vote absentee in person is the Friday prior to the election. The ballots are generally at City Hall a couple weeks prior to the election.

If you are not already registered, you will need to register to vote before an absentee ballot can be sent to you.

Come to the Community Block Party!

Please join us at our first ever Community Block Party with fireworks on Saturday, September 15, starting at 3 p.m. at Riverside Park, 517 Congress Street and Wehmhoff-Jucker Park, 408 E. Washington Street. The block party has been planned to coincide with the fireworks that were postponed July 4th. Take part in this family friendly event which includes games, activities, inflatable bounce houses, music and great food! Wristbands for \$2 will be available for purchase for unlimited games, activities and inflatable 'rides'. Fireworks will be displayed at dusk with a family movie to follow in the park. Admission and parking are free.

The City is looking for high school volunteers in need of community service hours to help with this event. If you would like to participate please call Megan Watkins at 342-1168 to sign up.

Stay Aware of the Crime Prevention Triangle

What is the Crime Prevention Triangle? The concept of the crime prevention triangle simply states that in order for a crime to occur all three elements of the triangle must exist:

Desire, Ability & Opportunity

By eliminating any one of these elements a crime cannot occur. Let's look closer at each of these elements.

Desire
The desire of a criminal to commit a crime. If someone really wants to commit a crime they will.

Ability
The criminal's ability to commit a crime. Criminals will find a way. They can be thousands of miles away, use telephones, internet...Not even physical impairment will stop some from committing crimes.

Opportunity
The criminal's opportunity to commit crimes. It is at this point that we can take the appropriate action to prevent crime. By removing the criminals opportunity

for crime to occur, we have broken the "Crime Prevention Triangle" cycle.

Staying Safe

Here is a list of actions the citizens of the City of Burlington can take to ensure the safety of their property:



- Do not leave keys in your vehicle
- Lock residential doors
- Lock vehicle doors
- Register bicycles with the Police Department and use locks when not in use
- Close and lock garage doors
- Replace broken and burnt out porch lights.
- Remove desirable items from your vehicle:
 - Purses
 - Wallets
 - GPS units
 - Money
 - Cell Phones

And remember, "if it sounds too good to be true, it is!"

Pets Out on the Town

While out and about with your leashed pet please remember to clean up after them. Simply cleaning up after your dog in public places and on private property not only helps keep areas clean and hygienic, but failure to do so leaves a mess for someone else to clean up, or step in. Health concerns are also a big motivation to clean up after your dog. There are many parasites that can be transmitted to humans. We hope you enjoy walking your dog, but please remember to take the necessary steps to keep our city clean.

Please note that dogs are not allowed in city parks and baseball fields per city ordinance. They are however allowed at the Dog Park located at 480 S. Calumet Street. The area is fenced off and the dogs are allowed to run "leash-free". Aggressive dogs are not allowed in the park due to the safety of other visitors. Pets must wear collars and tags, be fully vaccinated and licensed.



Park Restrooms Close October 1



The City of Burlington park restrooms officially close October 1st. While you may continue to enjoy the beauty of the parks and other amenities, water supplies will be shut off to restrooms to prevent pipes from freezing.



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

Follow the Law - Brake for Pedestrians

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.