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Burlington, WI
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**CITY OF BURLINGTON
COMMON COUNCIL**

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Questions and concerns regarding this newsletter can be directed to Megan Watkins at (262) 342-1161 or to mwatkins@burlington-wi.gov.

Announcements

May through October - Visit the Farmers' Market every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. in Wehmhoff Square, downtown Burlington. Visit burlingtonwifarmersmarket.com for more information.

June 28 - Aug. 2:, Concert in the Park every Friday from 7 to 8 PM at Echo Park.

June 13 - Sept. 12: B-Town Sounds every other Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Echo Park.

July 4: City offices closed.

July 4: Burlington Firefighter Dance and July 4th fireworks at Echo Park starting at 2 PM.

September 17: Chocolate City Open to support the Chamber of Commerce starting at 11 AM. Call 763-6044 for more details.

October 8 & 9:- Open Book to discuss your property assessment with the City Assessor. Call Accurate Appraisal at 800-770-3927 to schedule an appointment.

October 30: Board of Review from 4 to 6 PM. Contact the City Clerk at 342-1161 for more details.

CITY STAFF DIRECTORY

City Hall
300 N. Pine Street - 342-1161

Robert Miller	Mayor
Kevin Lahner	City Administrator
Megan Watkins	Director of Administrative Services
Steve DeQuaker	Treasurer/Budget Officer
Patrick Scherrer	Building Inspector
Diahnn Halbach	City Clerk

Fire Department
165 E. Washington Street - 763-7842

Perry Howard	Fire Chief
John Niederer	Fire Inspector

Public Library
166 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1130

Gayle Falk	Library Director
Joy Schnupp	Youth Services Director
Carole Rybarczyk	Adult Services Director

Police Department
224 E. Jefferson Street - 342-1100

Peter Nimmer	Police Chief
Mark Anderson	Lieutenant

Public Works - Streets/Parks/Water/Wastewater
2200 S. Pine Street - 539-3770

Craig Workman	Public Works Director
Dan Jensen	Supervisor - Streets & Parks

Municipal Court
300 N. Pine Street - 342-1129

Marvin Daniel	Municipal Court Judge
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A comprehensive staff list can be found on the City's website at www.burlington-wi.gov.

Recycling Collection Schedule

- Week of May 27-31
- Week of June 10-14
- Week of June 24-28
- Week of July 8-12
- Week of July 22-26
- Week of August 5-9
- Week of August 19-3
- Week of September 9-6

June Meetings

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

July Meetings

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 7/2 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 7/2 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 7/3 | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 7/9 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 7/16 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 7/16 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |
| 7/18 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 7/25 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 7/25 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |

August Meetings

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|------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 8/6 | 5:30 p.m. | - CDA |
| 8/6 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 8/7 | 6:30 p.m. | - Police & Fire Comm. |
| 8/13 | 6:30 p.m. | - Plan Commission |
| 8/15 | 6:30 p.m. | - Park Board |
| 8/20 | 6:30 p.m. | - Common Council |
| 8/22 | 6:00 p.m. | - Airport Committee |
| 8/22 | 6:30 p.m. | - HPC |
| 8/27 | 4:00 p.m. | - Library Board |

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Real Estate Taxes Due July 31

Second installment Real Estate tax payments are due by July 31. As a new service for Racine County residents, payments can be made at Burlington City Hall, 300 N. Pine Street between 8 AM and 5 PM or mailed to the Racine County Treasurer at the address listed below. Second installment payments made at City Hall will be marked as "received" and forwarded on to the County Treasurer for processing. Delinquent payment on a preauthorized payment plan can also be paid at City Hall. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment to receive a receipt from the Racine County Treasurer.

Second installment payments for all Racine County municipalities can be made through July 31 via the following options:

In Person

Burlington City Hall
300 N. Pine Street
Burlington, WI 53105
Open Monday - Friday
8 AM - 5 PM

- or -

Racine County Courthouse
730 Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, WI 53403
Open Monday - Friday
8 AM - 5 PM

By Mail

Racine County Treasurer
Dept 3964
PO Box 2088
Milwaukee, WI 53201-2088

- or -

Online

www.officialpayments.com
Jurisdiction Code: 5835

Checks must be made payable to the "Racine County Treasurer"

Fourth of July Dance & Fundraiser!



The City of Burlington Fire Department will once again be conducting their annual fundraiser and dance. Raffle tickets for cash prizes will be distributed to residences during June. July 4th festivities commence at Echo Park starting at 2 PM.

A bag toss tournament with DJ playing begins at 3 PM. Lunchmoney Bullies will perform from 6:30 until 10:30 PM, pausing during the fireworks display sponsored by the City of Burlington. Beer, soda, bottled water, food, and popcorn will be available for purchase. This is the only fundraiser sponsored by your city fire department membership. Stop by the park for a great afternoon and evening of fun, see the fireworks, and enjoy the music!

Outdoor Fire Safety

With the summer months finally 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 summer season.

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 AM (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 AM and 11 PM
- 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.

Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

With increased use of the Internet and the convenience of automated teller machines and credit cards, identity theft has become a major problem in the United States. Victims of identity theft usually do not suspect the theft until it is much too late, providing ample time for the thief to commit the crime and obtain property and services from vendors. Simple safeguards such as the tips below can help prevent consumers from falling victim to identity theft.

1. Watch for shoulder-surfers. When giving a PIN number or a credit card number in an ATM machine, over the phone, or on a computer, be aware of who is nearby and make sure no one is looking over your shoulder to make a note of the keys you're pressing.
2. Require photo ID verification. Rather than signing the back of your credit card, write "See Photo ID". The note will direct store clerks to also make sure you match the picture on your photo ID.
3. Shred everything. One way that identity thieves acquire information is by going through the garbage. Buy a personal shredder and shred all papers with personal information on them before disposing of them.
4. Destroy digital data. When you sell,

trade or dispose of a computer, hard drive, CD, DVD or backup tape, take extra steps to ensure the data is completely destroyed. Simply deleting the data or reformatting a hard drive is not enough as anyone with a technical skill can recover data. Consider physically destroying media with personal information on them by breaking or shattering them before disposing of it.

5. Be diligent about checking statements. There are two benefits. First, if you are diligent about checking your monthly bank and credit statements, you will be aware if one of them doesn't arrive and that can alert you that perhaps someone stole it from your mailbox or while it was in transit. Second, you can ensure that the charges, purchases or other entries on the statement are legitimate and match your records so that you can quickly identify and address any suspicious activity.
6. Pay your bills at the post office. Never leave your paid bills in your mailbox to be sent out. A thief who raids your mailbox would be able to acquire critical information in one envelope: your name, address, account number, bank information, and routing numbers from the bottom of your check, and a copy of your signature from your check for forgery purposes.
7. Limit the information on your checks. It

may be convenient to have your drivers license number or social security number imprinted on your personal checks to save some time when you write one, but if it falls into the wrong hands it may reveal too much information.



8. Protect your Social Security number. It is suggested that you do not carry your Social Security in your wallet with your drivers license and other identification. You should never use your Social Security Number as any part of a username or password that you establish and you should never divulge it to telephone solicitors or in response to spam or phishing scam emails either.
9. Buyer beware. If you are buying something online, you should have some level of trust that the company you are doing business with is legitimate and that they take the security of your personal information as seriously as you do. When you do make online purchases, read the company's online privacy policy to ensure you agree with it and make sure you are on a secure or encrypted web site.

Meet Fire Chief Perry Howard!

The Burlington Fire Department began a new era as the City's first full time Fire Chief will took the reigns on June 3. Perry Howard, 32 year veteran and an Assistant Fire Chief with the Beach Park Illinois Fire Protection District and Lieutenant with the Arlington Heights, Illinois Fire Department has been hired after an extensive nationwide search.

Mr. Howard holds a Masters of Business Administration and Human Resource Management from the Keller Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University. He is also a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

Mr. Howard holds several professional certifications including Fire Officer I, II, and III from the Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office and countless other certifications including Hazardous Materials

Operations, WMD Incident Management Systems, Training Program Manager and Incident Safety Officer. Mr. Howard also currently teaches at Southern Illinois University as an adjunct professor.

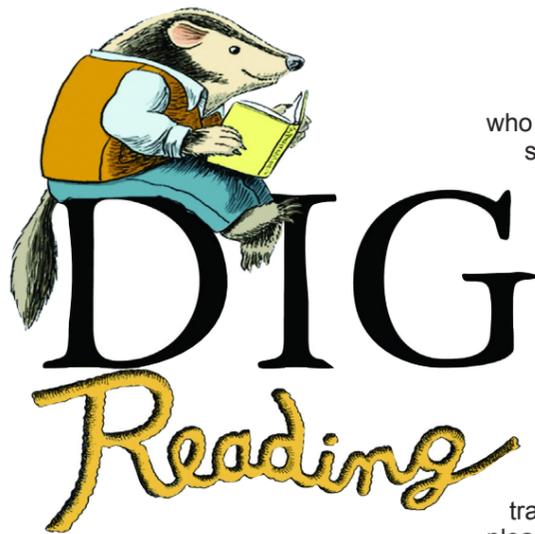
"We are excited to have such a professionally trained and experienced Fire Chief coming to the City of Burlington," said Mayor Robert Miller. "Mr. Howard clearly rose to the top after an extensive national search."

Mr. Howard is also an extensive author having written several journal articles for the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Mr. Howard will head a department with approximately 47 volunteers and four paid fire personnel, including three engineers and a fire inspector.



Summer Fun at the Library!



Dig Into Reading!

Summer Reading Club begins June 17 with lots of events and fun things to do at the library! Register for the Reading Club during the week of June 10-14, then start earning prizes for reading and other fun activities on June 17.

Some of the events planned for Dig Into Reading are:

Monday Movies for Kids

Come see a free full-length movie on Mondays at 1 PM from June 17 to July 15:

June 17: A wacky pack of mismatched animals takes on the human race as they travel to the big city to protest the destruction of their jungle. This hilarious and heartwarming adventure is animated and rated PG.

June 24: Young Ida Clayton has never met her rodeo rider dad, and she's decided it's time she did. On the way she joins the risk-taking Sweethearts of the Rodeo, a group of talented female trick riders. Rated PG, this film will leave you riding tall in the saddle!

July 1: Sammy and Ray star in this animated turtles' tale about hatching a plan to escape an underwater aquarium to reunite with their grandchildren and protect them from the dangers of the ocean. This film is not rated.

July 8: Once upon a time in the West there was a secluded, pigtailed cowgirl

who worked day and night for her wicked stepmother and evil stepsisters in their dusty frontier town. This is a classic fairy tale duded up and filled with adventure, and is rated PG.

July 15: For the fairies of Pixie Hollow, the Winter Woods are strictly off limits. But when a mysterious force draws Tinker Bell to cross the border into this unknown world, she discovers a secret that will change her life forever. This Disney movie is animated and rated G. Registration is required for all five movies; please call or visit the Circulation Desk. Everyone signed up gets free popcorn!

Diggin' in the Park

Join us in activities geared toward kids 3 years and up that may have you dancing, singing, juggling, or learning something new every Wednesday in Wehmhoff Park (next to the library) from 12-1 PM. No registration necessary.

Summer Storywagon

Fridays are fun at the library! See these professional performers from 10-11 AM on these dates:

- June 21 – Creepy Crawly Zoo
- June 28 – Puppet Story Theater
- July 12 – Duke Otherwise, musician
- July 19 – Scott Obermann (Great Scott!), magician.

Creative Story Time

For parents or caregivers and their children ages 3-5 years. This program will be hosted by Linda Breuer at Love, Inc. and will include a creative playtime, book reading with Ms. Joy, dramatic songs and activities, and pre-literacy tips for parents. A craft will also be included. Sign up with Linda at 763-6226 x107 by August 1 for this three-week program on Wednesdays, August 7, 14 and 21.

Kohl's Wild Theater

Kohl's Wild Theater on June 11 at 1 PM in Wehmhoff Park. Come watch a professional stage performance of K-W-T Jamboree, a compilation of small skits about animals and conservation. No registration required.

Programs For Children

Book Blitz!

Do your fingers twitch with anticipation when you see books wrapped in paper? Then you'll love Book Blitz, a new way to discover books with friends. Who: 4th-8th graders; When: Wednesdays, June 12 and August 14 from 2-4 PM Please register at the Circulation Desk.

Dairy Day

June 20 from 10 AM to noon in Wehmhoff Park. We'll have a petting zoo, free ice cream, and games, courtesy of Kan-Do 4-H, Racine County Dairy Promotions, and Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. No registration necessary.

Nature's Niche

Nature's Niche will bring some cool critters to the library where we learn about "Life Underground," August 1 at 10 AM No registration necessary.

Wii Gaming

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

Story Time with Ms. Joy

Come listen to books, learn finger plays and rhymes, and sing and dance! Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM, June 18 and 25, and July 2, 9, and 16. Please register at the Circulation Desk for each day you can attend.

Lap-Sit Story Time with Ms. Jane & Ms. Joy

This program is for babies and toddlers ages 2 and under and their caretakers. Join us to learn finger plays, bouncing movements, rhythmic play and stories on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, June 19 and 26, and July 3, 10, and 17. Please register at the Circulation Desk for each day you can attend.

Volunteering

Do you need volunteering credit for high school, 4-H or Scouting? Stop by the library and talk with Linda to fill out an application form.

Book Clubs For Adults

Afternoon Book Club

June 13 at 1 PM

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail
by Cheryl Strayed

July 11 at 1 PM

Beautiful Ruins
by Jess Walter

August 8 at 1 PM

Still Alice
by Lisa Genova

Evening Book Club

June 24 at 7 PM

When the Killing's Done
by T. C. Boyle

July 22 at 7 PM

The Lifeboat
by Charlotte Logan

August 26 at 7 PM

A Land More Kind Than Home
by Wiley Cash

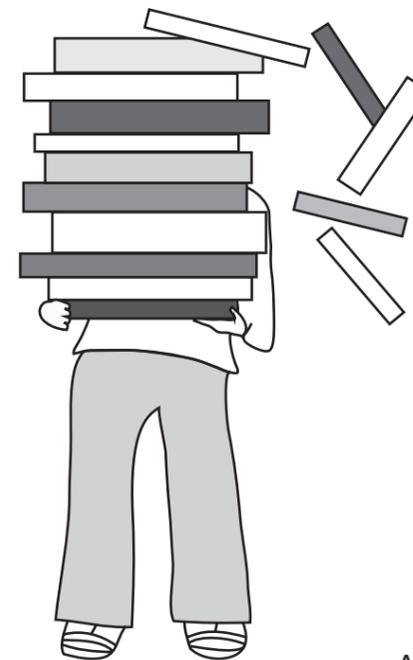
Recording Memoirs and Family Histories



June 13 & 27 and August 2 & 22
10:30 AM - 12 PM (noon)

This informal writing group meets to share stories and practice writing. You don't have to be a great or even a "good" writer to work on your memoirs and family history, you just have to be interested in chronicling these valuable stories for all time. Members are inspired to gather their own memoirs and to collect family stories. No registration required. You are not required to attend every meeting. Bring pen or pencil and paper. For more information contact Carole Rybarczyk at 262-342-1130.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE



July
25 26 27

Thursday
Preview Sale 12-2 PM
\$5/individual & \$15/family

Thursday
Regular Sale 2-7 PM
Free Admission

Friday
Regular Sale 9AM-5PM
Free Admission

Saturday
\$3 Bag Sale 9AM-12PM
Free Admission

At the Public Library - 166 E. Jefferson St.
and Wehmhoff Square Park

Meet with Author Richard Thieme

Saturday, June 29 at 1 PM

Come for a presentation by Richard Thieme, contributing author of the book, "UFOs and Government, A Historical Inquiry".

Governments around the world have had to deal with the UFO phenomenon for a good part of a century. How and why they did so is the subject of UFOs and Government, a history that for the first time tells the story from the perspective of the governments themselves. It's a perspective that reveals a great deal about what we citizens have seen, and puzzled over, from the "outside" for so many years.

The story, which is unmasked by the governments' own documents, explains much that is new, or at least not commonly known, about the seriousness with which the military and intelligence communities approached the UFO problem internally.

Those approaches were not taken lightly. In fact, they were considered matters of national security. At the same time, the story reveals how a subject with such apparent depth of experience and interest became treated as if it were a triviality. And it explains why one government, the United States government, deemed it wise, and perhaps even necessary, to treat it so. Though the book focuses primarily on the U. S. government's response to the UFO phenomenon, also included is the treatment of the subject by the governments of Sweden, Australia, France, Spain, and other countries.

This book is available at the Public Library. No registration required for this event.



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

Summer Irrigation Allowance Now In Effect

City water users should be aware that the Sewer Irrigation Allowance for water usage during the quarter of June through September is now in effect.

During this summer quarter, outside water usage (watering lawns/landscape, washing vehicles, filling pools) which does not flow through the sewer, is NOT calculated as part of your sewer charge. Instead, the sewer rate for the summer quarter is calculated based on your First Quarter (December to March) usage or the Second Quarter (April to June) usage, whichever amount is lower.

The Sewer Irrigation Allowance is for single-family residential customers only and is for water usage during mid-June through mid-September. The customer receives this water/sewer bill on October 1, 2012.

Please call the Burlington Water Utility at 262-342-1173 with any questions relating to the Sewer Irrigation Allowance or any other questions about your water/sewer bill.



Tall Grass & Weeds

Summer time also means lawn maintenance time. Please remember that no home or business owner shall permit the pollination of noxious weeds (including Canada thistle, leafy spurge and field bindweed) or allow grass to grow more than an average of 12 inches.

Complaints may be submitted to the Weed Commissioner at 539-3770. Notices will be sent to property owners who are in violation of weed and tall grass ordinances. If the owner fails to cut the tall grass or remove the weeds, the City is authorized to proceed with removal and invoice the property owner for the work.

City Compost Site Hours

The Compost Site located off of Maryland Avenue is open the following times:

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 and Friday

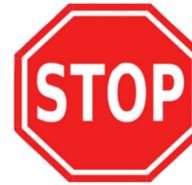
The site is free for City residents; however, you will be asked to show identification that shows you are a City of Burlington resident. There will be an attendant on site at all times. Materials accepted include grass, leaves, garden waste, wood chips and brush. The City will not accept brush or logs greater than 6" in diameter, stumps or root balls.

Need wood chips or compost?

Residents are able to take wood chips and compost from the compost site for free. You must load and haul the materials yourself.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at 539-3770 with questions.

Please Brake for Pedestrians



Did you know that each year, cars, trucks and buses kill almost 6,000 pedestrians? Sixteen people are hit and killed each day somewhere in the United States. Sixty pedestrians on average are killed each year in Wisconsin, and more than 1,600 suffer injuries. By using common sense, pedestrians and drivers can help prevent death and injury. Below are some tips to help keep pedestrians safe:

When operating a motor vehicle, the driver must yield to pedestrians who have started crossing at an intersection or crosswalk on a "walk" signal or green light if there is no walk signal. The driver must yield to pedestrians who are crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk (at an intersection where there are no traffic control signals). Drivers should not attempt to overtake and pass any vehicle that stops at an intersection or crosswalk to permit a pedestrian or bicyclist to cross the roadway safely.



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.

Adults need to take special care to teach children to behave safely when they are around vehicular traffic. Supervision is crucial through about age 9. Motorists are also responsible for child pedestrian safety. Slow down in school zones, near parks, pools and in neighborhoods. Parents dropping off children at school are a major threat to walking children and to those leaving motor vehicles. Stay cautious after dropping off your own child.

Both drivers and pedestrians have certain safety responsibilities that depend on both circumstances and common sense.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Information/Item	Department/Organization	Phone Number
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
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	Advanced Disposal	800-232-0860
Sidewalk & Street Repair	Public Works	539-3770
Snow Plowing	Public Works	539-3770
Street Light Outages	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

RV & Travel Trailer Gray Water Disposal

The City of Burlington Wastewater Treatment Facility allows and encourages the users of Recreational Vehicles and Travel Trailers to dispose of "gray" water at our facility. It has come to our attention that many rest areas along our state highways no longer allow the dumping of waste from RV's and travel trailers at their dumpsites.

Our facility is located at 2100 S. Pine Street (Highway 83), approximately 1 mile south of the Nestle Chocolate Plant. Plant hours are 6 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday. And the best news - it's FREE! Please feel free to contact our office at 539-3646 with any questions you may have.

Visit the Dog Park!



Per City Ordinance, no dogs are allowed in City Parks. This also pertains to all ball fields. Dogs are however allowed at the City Dog Park. The Dog Park is located at 480 S. Calumet Street. Owners are welcome to bring their dogs to run and play with other dogs.

Dogs must be licensed and have all shots. They must also not be aggressive dogs. Children under 18 are not allowed to bring dogs into the Dog Park unless accompanied by an adult. There are no charges for use of this park, however, please clean up after your dog with bags, which are provided on site.

Report a Street Light Problem

Any problems with street lights should be reported to the Department of Public Works at 539-3770. The DPW will then obtain the pole number and report it to WE Energies. Repair turnover time from WE Energies should be within 72 hours. You may also logon to WE Energies website and report an outage directly at www.we-energies.com/night_aura/contact/rp-toutage.htm. Follow the prompts and identify the street light with the problem.

