

IT'S YOUR CITY WEST ALLIS



January, February & March

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A Neighborhood Association Is Born

Never underestimate the impact a few passionate neighbors can have on the place in which they live, work, and play.

Using NextDoor.com, a group of eighteen neighbors in northwest West Allis decided to meet and discuss how they could create a stronger neighborhood via a neighborhood association. The group wasted no time in creating a name, defining borders, and establishing its mission statement: *The purpose of the Rainbow Gardens Neighborhood Association (RGNA) is to enhance life, develop a strong community spirit, and improve safety through networking, creativity and neighborhood activities.*

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C.A.A.D.

New Year's Eve Family Night

The WAWM Community Alliance Against Drugs (C.A.A.D.) will host its annual New Year's Eve Family Night on Wednesday, December 31, at Central H.S., 8521 W. Lincoln Ave., 6:30-11:00 p.m. The evening will include Music by Eagle Entertainment, open swim, basketball, volleyball, large and small inflatable attractions, and a large rock-climbing wall. Clowns will provide balloon art and face painting, and a family-friendly movie will be shown. Food and refreshments available for a nominal fee. Admission is free to CAAD members. Non-members can join CAAD the night of this event. For complete details and costs, please see the City's web site at www.westalliswi.gov or call the Community Services Bureau at (414) 302-8050.

Christmas Tree Collection

REMINDER: Christmas trees should be placed **where refuse is collected**, either at the alley if you have alley collection or at the curb if you do not have an alley. Please do not place the trees in the street.

Refuse And Recycling For The Holidays

The Municipal Yard will be closed for drop-off, DPW offices will be closed, and refuse and recycling will not be collected on

- Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25
- Thursday, January 1, 2015

The Municipal Yard will be open to accept drop-off materials on

- Saturday, December 27

Please note the holiday schedule below and plan ahead to set out your refuse and, if appropriate, recyclables by 7:00 a.m. according to this modified schedule.

Be aware that a snowstorm may further alter this collection schedule.

REGULAR COLLECTION DAY SET OUT REFUSE OR RECYCLABLES ON

Monday, December 22	Monday, December 22
Tuesday, December 23	Monday, December 22*
Wednesday, December 24	Tuesday, December 23*
Thursday, December 25	Friday, December 26*
Friday, December 26	Saturday, December 27
Monday, December 29	Monday, December 29
Tuesday, December 30	Monday, December 29*
Wednesday, December 31	Tuesday, December 30*
Thursday, January 1	Wednesday, December 31*
Friday, January 2	Friday, January 2

*Refuse and recycling collections are affected by weeks with a holiday. Crews may work ahead or fall behind the normal route schedule during these weeks. Any refuse or recyclables not collected should be made available on the next scheduled work day.

As always, questions regarding your collection may be directed to the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800 or the Recycling Office at (414) 302-8831, weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by viewing information on the City's website at www.westalliswi.gov.

City of West Allis
Proposed 2015 Budget - Fact Sheet

	Budget Year 2014	Tax Rate	Budget Year 2015	Tax Rate	Change
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 56,774,454	\$ 9.19	\$ 57,227,199	\$ 9.25	0.80%
General Government	\$ 21,855,426	\$ 3.54	\$ 21,568,385	\$ 3.49	-1.31%
Public Safety	\$ 21,927,501	\$ 3.55	\$ 22,640,366	\$ 3.66	3.25%
Engineering & Public Works	\$ 9,318,894	\$ 1.51	\$ 9,312,747	\$ 1.51	-0.07%
Health, Culture, Recreation	\$ 3,672,633	\$ 0.59	\$ 3,705,701	\$ 0.60	0.90%
Assessed Value	\$ 3,732,039,400		\$ 3,724,450,300		-0.20%
General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 33,342,813	\$ 9.19	\$ 33,472,719	\$ 9.25	0.39%
Health Fund Tax Levy	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0.54	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0.54	0.00%
Parking Fund Tax Levy	\$ 43,000	\$ 0.01	\$ 43,000	\$ 0.01	0.00%
Debt Fund Tax Levy	\$ 3,781,184	\$ 1.01	\$ 3,790,078	\$ 1.02	0.24%
TID Levy	\$ 970,951		\$ 946,112		-2.56%
Total Levy /Total Tax Rate	\$ 40,137,948	\$10.75	\$ 40,251,909	\$10.81	0.28%
Taxes on \$150K home:	\$ 1,612.50		\$ 1,621.50		
Change in Taxes:			\$ 9.00		
Total Employees (FTE)	515.53		513.53		-0.4%
Projected Fund Balance	\$ 6,610,904		\$ 6,610,904		0.0%
Fund Balance as % of Gen Fund Exp	11.6%		11.6%		0.0%

More Convenient Ways to Pay Your Property Tax Bill

More than 22,000 2014 property tax bills will be mailed to West Allis taxpayers. While many taxpayers prefer to pay their taxes in person at City Hall, it may surprise you to know that there are more convenient alternatives to paying in person.

You can avoid long lines at City Hall by using one of these convenient payment methods:

- Mail in the tax payments using the return remittance envelope enclosed with your tax bill.
- Use the overnight drop box. Your payment will be credited the next business day.
- Make tax payments at any one of the Tri City Bank locations in the City of West Allis, including inside Pick N Save stores. Tri City Bank accepts tax payments through January 31, 2015. With five Tri City locations in West Allis, there is certainly a branch convenient to you.
- Pay the taxes in full using the electronic payment options on the city website (fees apply).

By far, the best option is paying at any of the Tri City Bank locations. Lines are shorter and hours are longer, with Pick N Save branches open until 8:00 pm.

More importantly, for many taxpayers who escrow, any refund from a tax escrow check is returned to you at the time you make your payment at Tri City Bank. Conversely, if you make your payment at City Hall, all refunds are mailed to taxpayers and can take several weeks to receive.

Due dates for tax payments are:

- 1st Installment (or payment in full): January 31, 2015
- 2nd Installment: March 31, 2015
- 3rd Installment: May 31, 2015

Avoid the lines at City Hall and use one of the four other convenient payment options!

Holiday Closings

The West Allis City Hall, Public Works-Municipal Yard, Health Department, and Senior Center will be closed on the dates noted below in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2015

See front page of Newsletter for P.W.-Municipal Yard holiday schedule.

See page 7 for Library Holiday Hours.

NOTE: The Municipal Yard is closed for drop-off and there will be no refuse and recycling collection on Wednesday, December 24; Thursday, December 25; and Thursday, January 1, 2015. Crews may work ahead or fall behind the normal route schedule during these weeks.

City of West Allis Offices are **open** for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 19

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16



Saturday, February 7, 2015
6:30-9:30 PM

Nathan Hale High School
11601 W. Lincoln Ave.

Winterfest is an annual event sponsored by the Community Alliance Against Drugs (C.A.A.D.) in cooperation with the West Allis Police Department. Winterfest Family Night will feature DJ, face painting, several inflatables, and open gym style basketball. Open swimming is from 7-9 pm. A family movie will be shown in the auditorium, and food at a nominal price will be available. Free admission for C.A.A.D. members or \$3.00/person for non-members.

Visit www.westalliswi.gov early in 2015 for further details or call the Community Services Bureau at (414) 302-8050.

SAVE THE DATE

Community Dinner/Dance

The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation in partnership with the West Allis Rotary Club, Woman's Club of West Allis, and WA-WM Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 26th Annual West Allis Community Dinner/Dance on Saturday, March 21, 2015, 6-11 p.m. at the Zoofari Conference Center, 10001 W. Bluemound Road. The event will benefit the West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation Department's "Champion for a Child" program.

The "Champion for a Child" program provides scholarship funding to over 58% of children in our community living at or below the poverty level. The scholarship funding allows for these children to be actively enrolled and engaged in high quality after school programs or allows them to participate in youth sports programs that help them develop character, learn the value and importance of teamwork, and to be physically active. It is a great way to improve the quality of life for our youngest residents, those that rely on caring community members to provide them with great life experiences.

The Dinner/Dance will feature a buffet dinner by Rupena's Catering, the "Taste of West Allis" sweet table, dinner music by the Shining Strings and dancing to the great sound of Altered Five, and an exciting Silent Auction.

Tickets will be available after January 30, 2015 at \$50/person or \$400/Table of 8. For more information, contact the Foundation at (414) 302-8292 or visit www.westalliswi.gov.

MARK MARCH 21 ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW



*"CREATING PATHWAYS
FOR FUTURE CHAMPIONS"*

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Neighborhood Association

What the group did in the next sixteen days was incredible. They formed partnerships with neighborhood churches, local businesses, the WAWM Recreation Department, Milwaukee County Parks, and their alderman. They planned their first social event and first official association meeting. And they assembled and hand-delivered event invitations to over 1,350 neighborhood addresses.

On October 25, 250+ neighbors attended the First Annual "RGNA Fall Gathering" at Walker Elementary and Rainbow Park. The event featured an "ideas" board, information, free snacks, door prizes, fall crafts, face painting, and friendly visits from the police and fire departments.

The Rainbow Gardens Neighborhood Association was officially established at a well-attended neighborhood meeting at Lane Intermediate on November 5. Newly-registered members elected their first executive board, neighborhood volunteers and initiatives were identified, and dues were collected to fund future neighborhood events, activities, and beautification initiatives.

Want to start a Neighborhood Association? Contact your alderperson, or visit <http://www.westalliswi.gov/neighborhoods>.



Coffee with the Mayor

Coffee with the Mayor is held on the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings start at 9:00 a.m. and go until at least 10:00 a.m. These bi-monthly meetings are held at local coffee shops. Bring your ideas on how we can make West Allis an even better place to live!

Visit www.westalliswi.gov to learn the location of meetings for early 2015.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

West Allis Health Department

Be Prepared

A public service campaign designed to educate and empower residents to prepare and respond to emergencies is easily accessible at www.westalliswi.gov. Click on the City Channel icon to view the "Are You Prepared?" video series that cover severe weather situations, extreme weather conditions, and overall emergency preparedness. On one of the chilly days to come, grab a soothing, warm cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate while viewing one or all of these informational videos. There's no time like the present to learn how to be prepared!

Public Health Is Everywhere

Public Health is much more than one might think. The West Allis Health Department Marketing Committee along with the City Cable Department has prepared a short video explaining Public Health's role. In less than two minutes, one can see the variety of services offered to help ensure the health and safety of our West Allis-West Milwaukee residents. Please take time to view "This Is Public Health" at www.westalliswi.gov under Spotlight. Here's to your good health!

Two For The Show

Two for the Show is a free, fun-filled event for all two year olds living in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and their parents/guardians. Professionals from the West Allis Health Department, WAWM School District, and other agencies will be on hand to answer questions on topics ranging from speech development to toilet training to dental care. Parents will receive helpful tips on establishing routines, lead poisoning, nutrition, dental health, safety, and more, and every two year old will receive a bag of goodies designed to stimulate curiosity and development.

Where: West Allis Health Department
7120 W. National Ave.

When: Monday, March 30 Tuesday, March 31
3:00 – 6:15 p.m. 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Please call (414) 302-8600 to make an appointment. Space is limited. Appointments are available every 15 minutes. Plan 45 minutes to enjoy the fun.



Downtown Thanks You

West Allis Downtown would like to send a special thank you to everyone who sponsored, volunteered, attended and supported our 2014 events in the Downtown. West Allis A La Carte (1st Sunday in June) 24th Annual Downtown West Allis Classic Car Show (1st Sunday in October) Halloween Hunt (last Saturday in October) and Christmas On The Avenue (1st Saturday in December) all **reached record-breaking attendance**. It is a great feeling to have community support behind our events and the changes and improvements that our organization is making. This time of year inspires us to count our blessings—To you and your family “Holiday greetings and best wishes for the New Year.”

Christmas Parade

Thank you to the following major sponsors for their generous support of the 2014 Christmas parade.

- Backdraft Builders LLC
- City of West Allis
- Clinicare Corporation
- Downtown West Allis, Inc.
- Krueger Bearings
- Milwaukee Entertainment LLC
- Quad/Graphics Inc.
- Riviera Lanes
- Thera-Dynamics Physical Therapy
- Village of West Milwaukee
- WaterStone Bank
- West Allis Knight of Columbus

A special thank you everyone who sponsored, volunteered their time or participated in the parade. Your involvement helped make the parade a success.

The West Allis Christmas Parade Committee

Breakfast Of Thanks & Giving Sponsors

Special thanks to the **Breakfast Food Pantry Sponsor** Dawes Rigging and Crane Rental, Inc. and **Friend of the Foundation** Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home and Crematory. Through their generous contributions, the pantries will receive monetary gifts to help the needy of our community during the holiday season.



Employment Opportunities

SPRING TEMPORARY LABORERS

The City of West Allis is recruiting for temporary laborers for its Department of Public Works/Engineering – Forestry Division, 40 hours/week (weather permitting), 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Work duties include cutting grass, pulling weeds, trimming, etc. The hourly rate is \$10.00 for City of West Allis residents or \$9.80 for non-West Allis residents. Applicants must have a valid WI Drivers License, possess a good driving record, and be at least 18 years of age. (NOTE: Returning applicants must re-apply annually.)

Spring Employment: Mid-April through Mid to Late-May

Applications are available January 2, 2015, on-line (www.westalliswi.gov) and at the Human Resources Department, City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214, (414) 302-8270. **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 27, 2015** at 5:00 P.M. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on hold for future consideration.

SUMMER LABORER

Attention college students residing in West Allis. The City of West Allis is recruiting for summer laborers to perform a variety of manual work for the Department of Public Works/Engineering beginning on or about mid-May and ending on or about mid-August. Current hourly rate is \$8.50 (first year students), \$9.00 (second year returning students), \$9.50 (third year returning students), and \$10.00 (fourth and fifth year returning students), working 40 hours/week (weather permitting), Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: There is also a 40 hours/week position at the West Allis City Dump (116th and Morgan), Tuesday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age or a 2015 graduating senior in High School, possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license and a good driving record, AND be college bound for the Fall 2015 semester.

Applications are available at www.westalliswi.gov or Human Resources Department, City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214, (414) 302-8270. **DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015**, at 5:00 P.M.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Citizen Advisory Communications Committee Looking for Interested Participants

Mayor Devine is forming a City of West Allis Citizen Advisory Communications Committee in order to seek citizen input on current City communications and how effective that effort is. Basically, how well does the City communicate with its residents and businesses and how can it improve.

We are looking for persons of all ages, from young to mature adult, to participate in this endeavor. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mayor Devine by January 5, 2015 at (414) 302-8290 or ddevine@westalliswi.gov

Christmas In West Allis

Christmas on the Avenue, along with the City's Annual Community Sing and Christmas Tree Lighting and the Community Christmas Parade, was held on Saturday, December 6. Caroling by the West Allis Wesleyan Church Choir, Horace Mann Elementary Chorus, and Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate Wildcat Voices was enjoyed by all, and the lighting of the Christmas Tree signaled the start of the Parade, sponsored by the West Allis Community Christmas Parade Committee.

Each year a child is chosen to help the Mayor light the tree. Children's names are placed in a drawing when they drop off a non-perishable food item as part of the City's holiday food collection. This year, the lucky person was Kimaya Brown, age 6. Items collected were included in a donation to eleven West Allis food pantries.

SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- When approximately three inches of snow falls in a storm, the Department of Public Works usually plows all City streets and alleys.
- A "SNOW EMERGENCY" is declared through a radio or television announcement when a full scale plowing operation is initiated.
- Once declared, **all parking is prohibited on major emergency thoroughfares only for the duration of the emergency.**
- For residential parking, normal alternate side parking would be allowed during declared snow emergencies. Past practice of staying on the same side of the street for the duration of a declared snow emergency has been **eliminated**. Regular residential parking restrictions would apply for all overnight parking.
- Snow emergency regulations shall supersede all other overnight parking regulations for the duration of the snow emergency.
- Finally, on certain streets other than emergency thoroughfares where one side of the entire block is permanently posted NO PARKING AT ANY TIME year-round, parking will be allowed on the opposite side during the declared snow emergency regardless of the calendar date on which the emergency is declared.

Snow Courtesy

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please do not blow, plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow or ice from your property onto their property. It is a small request, but a greatly appreciated one.



Don't Bury The Fire Hydrant

Please don't let your neighborhood fire hydrant remain undercover!

In the event of a fire emergency, could firefighters find the fire hydrant near your home? Does it get buried under a snow pile during the winter? In the event of a fire, firefighters have to locate and shovel out the fire hydrants before hooking up to them. Precious time is lost.

Keep your fire hydrant visible and accessible, because you never know when it may make the difference for yourself or a neighbor.

Adopt a hydrant to help this effort:

<http://www.westalliswi.gov/adoptahydrant>

Snow Removal From Your Property

- Snow should be removed from the public sidewalk to a width of at least three feet within 24 hours of the ending of a snowfall.
- The area around fire hydrants and catchbasins should be cleared.
- Curb ramps, the portion of the public sidewalk that leads to the street crosswalk area, are considered a portion of the public sidewalk and therefore should also be cleared.
- If ice has formed, sand, salt or other abrasive materials should be applied to prevent slipping hazards.
- Failure to remove snow from the public sidewalk and curb ramp can result in a municipal citation and the property owner paying all expenses associated with the City removing the snow.
- Shoveling, plowing or blowing snow or ice from your property onto the roadway or alley is subject to a fine.



Emergency Thoroughfares

- S. 60 St. from South City Limits to North City Limits
- S. 66 St. from W. National Av. to W. Burnham St.
- S. 67 Pl. from W. Beloit Rd. to W. Rogers St.
- S. 68 St. from South City Limits (South of W. Arthur Av.) to W. National Av.
- S. 69 St. from W. Becher St. to W. Lincoln Av.
- S. 70 St. from W. Mitchell St. to North City Limits
- S. 76 St. from North City Limits (North of W. Pierce St.) to W. Oklahoma Av.
- S. 81 St. from W. Greenfield Av. to W. National Av.
- S. 84 St. from W. Oklahoma Av. to W. Schlinger Av.
- S. 88 St. from W. Lincoln Av. to 500 feet south of W. Lincoln Av.
- S. 90 St. & W. Hayes Av. from W. Lincoln Av. to S. 92 St. (includes Hospital Emergency Intersection)
- S. 92 St. from W. Oklahoma Av. to North City Limits
- S. 100 St. from W. Madison Pl. to W. Schlinger Av.
- S. 101 St. from W. Madison Pl. to W. Greenfield Av.
- S. 108 St. from North City Limits to W. Morgan Av.
- S. 113 St. from W. Greenfield Av. to W. Lapham St.
- S. 116 St. from W. Lincoln Av. to S. Curtis Rd.
- S. 124 St. from North City Limits to W. Morgan Av.
- W. Becher St. from S. 67 Pl. to dead end west of S. 99 St.
- W. Becher Pl. from W. Burnham St. to S. 67 Pl.
- W. Beloit Rd. from East City Limits to W. Oklahoma Av.
- W. Burnham St. from East City Limits to S. 66 St.
- W. Cleveland Av. from S. 84 St. to S. 124 St.
- S. Curtis Rd. from S. 116 St. to North City Limits (W. Fairview Av.)
- W. Electric Av. from W. Lincoln Av. to East City Limits
- W. Greenfield Av. from S. 56 St. to S. 124 St.
- W. Lapham St. from S. 108 St. to S. 113 St.
- W. Lincoln Av. from East City Limits to S. 124 St.
- W. Madison Pl. from S. 100 St. to S. 101 St.
- W. Mitchell St. from East City Limits to S. 71 St.
- W. National Av. from East City Limits to S. 124 St.
- W. Oklahoma Av. from East City Limits to S. 116 St.
- W. Schlinger Av. from S. 100 St. to S. 84 St.
- W. Theo. Trecker Way from S. 116 St. to S. 108 St.



WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The West Allis Senior Center is located at 7001 W. National Avenue. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Closed Holidays and weekends. Phone: (414) 302-8700, Fax: (414) 302-8701.

Membership at the West Allis Senior Center is open to anyone age 55 or older. The membership year begins September 1 and runs through August 31. Membership fees are \$15 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. The Senior Center offers a wide variety of weekly classes and activities, along with many special events and informational programs throughout the year.

Hunger Task Force's Stockbox Program is dedicated to providing healthy foods to low-income older adults who meet residency, age, and income guidelines. To see if you qualify for this monthly box of nonperishable foods, call "211."

Transportation for Senior Citizens. The Lilac Bus transports area senior citizens to and from social events, entertainment and local shopping areas. Group trips are planned monthly. Riders pay a nominal fee. Call (414) 302-8715 for more information.

Area Agency on Aging – Senior Nutrition Programs. For West Allis residents age 60 and over. Nutritious balanced hot lunches are served weekly at 11:30 a.m. at the West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave., Phone: (414) 302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92 St., Phone: (414) 840-1704. Suggested donation is \$2.50 per meal. Advance reservations are required to guarantee your meal. For more information, contact the meal sites directly or call the Area Agency on Aging at (414) 289-6995.

Selected Events for January, February, March

A New Year, A New You - Lose 8 Pounds in 8 Weeks. Weekly weight loss program with facilitator Cheryl Pena, begins Wednesday, January 7 through February 25, 11-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10.

Public Health Nurse Visits. First Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m.–Noon. Have your blood pressure checked or discuss health questions and concerns. Sponsored by the West Allis Health Department.

Volunteer Opportunities. The Senior Center is seeking volunteers to help in a variety of meaningful ways to benefit the following ongoing programs and activities: Fitness Room Monitors, Computer Room Monitors, Door Monitors, newsletter collators, class leaders, piano player, special event helpers, etc.

Gifts of Warmth Program accepting donations of baby yarn and 4-ply yarn used to make knitted and crocheted items for the Stork's Nest, Vince Condella's Coats for Kids, Warm Up America, area schools, and area homebound older adults. New and like-new yarn donations may be dropped off at the Senior Center weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Drumming Circle Workshop. Discover the benefits of traditional drumming with Judy Hilzer. Free, five-week session meets on Tuesdays, 2–3 p.m. Call (414) 302-8700 for next session dates.

Quilting Groups. The Intermediate/Advanced Quilting Group meets on Tuesdays, 9–11 a.m. The "Quilty" Pleasures Group for beginners meets Tuesday afternoons, 12:30–1:45 p.m. Learn basic quilting techniques in a fun and relaxed group setting. Participants provide their own fabric, thread, and batting. Sewing machines, rotary cutters, and mats provided. Membership required.

Knit & Crochet Group. Wednesdays, 12:30–2:00 p.m. Learn how to knit or crochet, or bring in a project you've already started. Membership required.

Learn how to play Computer Solitaire, Spider, and Mahjong. Wednesday afternoons, Noon–1:45 p.m.

Support Groups: "Beat the Blues" support group for those coping with grief meets weekly on Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. **Depends on You – AA for the Older Adult** group meets Thursdays, 2:00 p.m.

Recreational Activities. Non-sanctioned bowling league meets September - June. Recreational activities include Pocket Billiards and Wii Bowling. Consider joining others who are interested in starting shuffleboard or dart ball groups. Call (414) 302-8700.

Health & Wellness Activities. Low-intensity Aerobics and Gentle Stretching Sessions; Arthritis Exercise Classes; Fitness Equipment – treadmills, Keiser weight machines, Nu-Steps and recumbent bikes.

Rambling Roses' Red Hat Group. Meets monthly to plan special events and outings. Dates and times vary. Contact the Senior Center for more information.

Open Computer Labs. Monday mornings/afternoons, Wednesday afternoons, and Thursday/Friday mornings. Call (414) 302-8700 for more information.

Facts About Home Heating Fires

- ◆ From 2008-2010, an average of 50,100 heating fires in residential buildings occurred in the United States each year.
- ◆ Heating was the second leading cause of all residential building fires following cooking.
- ◆ Residential building heating fires peaked in the early evening hours between 5 and 9 p.m. This 4-hour period accounted for 30% of all residential building heating fires.
- ◆ Residential building heating fires peaked in January and declined to the lowest point during the summer months.
- ◆ Confined fires, those fires confined to chimneys, flues or fuel burners, accounted for 87% of residential building heating fires.
- ◆ Thirty percent of the nonconfined residential building heating fires occurred because the heat source was too close to things that can burn.

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the City of West Allis to provide language access services to populations of persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) who are eligible to be served or likely to be directly affected by our programs. Such services will be focused on providing meaningful access to our programs, services and/or benefits.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE

Upon reasonable notice the City will furnish appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and to enjoy the benefits of a service, program or activity provided by the City.

NON DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The City of West Allis does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, age, marital or veterans' status, sex, national origin, disability or any other legally protected status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs or activities.

Children's Department Information

Preschool Story Times are designed for children ages 3, 4 or 5 years old. Programs are 30 or 45 minutes with a craft or video. The adult who brings the child may choose to attend or not attend story time but must stay in the library during the session.

Toddler and Lapsit Story Times are designed for children under age 3 with an adult caretaker. Sessions are 30 minutes, and the last 10 minutes of each program consists of playtime with age appropriate toys. Adults are active participants as they interact one-on-one with their child.

Register for Story Times either in person or online at <http://www.westalliswi.gov/activities> or call (414) 302-8502. Siblings are welcome at all story times.

January Preschool Story Times for Ages 3, 4 And 5
Mondays, 1:00 - 1:45 PM,
January 5, 12, 19, 26
Tuesdays, 1:00 - 1:45 PM,
January 6, 13, 20, 27
Tuesdays, 6:30 -7:15 PM,
January 6, 13, 20, 27

January Toddler Story Time for 2-Yr Olds and Caretaker
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 AM,
January 7, 14, 21, 28

Leisure Timers

The West Allis Leisure Timers Programs are for adults who enjoy viewing films and live presentations relating to travel, history, and other subjects of interest. The presentations are held in the Constitution Room at the West Allis Public Library on Monday mornings, 10:00-11:00 AM.

Drop In Computer Lab Sessions@ The Library

Do you need help setting up an email account? Have questions about your Internet Job Search? Want to learn more about Microsoft Word? Need assistance with downloading eBooks? The library will offer Drop-in Computer Lab sessions this winter to assist you with standard computer software and the Internet. Registration is not required, but space is limited to 4 people at one time. Sessions are for patrons ages 12 and up with a valid Milwaukee County library card. Stop by the Adult Information Desk or call (414) 302-8500 for a list of session dates.

February Preschool Story Times for Ages 3, 4 And 5
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:15 AM,
February 4, 11, 18, 25

February Lapsit For Ages 9 – 23 Mos. and Evening Toddler Story Time
Monday Lapsit, 9:30–10:00 AM,
February 2, 9, 16, 23
Tuesday Toddlers, 6:30 -7:00 PM,
February 3, 10, 17, 24
(Three year olds and older siblings are welcome and need not be accompanied by a caretaker.)

February 14 Family and Friends Party @ The Library
Saturday, February 14, 2:00–4:00 PM. Enjoy a short movie (2:05-2:20 PM), games, treats, and crafts at the library. (Drop in anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Treats and crafts available while supplies last.)

Lego Club for School Age Kids
Saturdays, January 3, February 7, March 7, 2:00–3:00 PM

New For March! Evening Family Time - Best for Ages 5 and Under
Tuesday, 6:30–7:00 PM,
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Children under 3 must be accompanied by a caretaker. Older siblings welcome. Register in person, on-line, or call (414) 302-8502.

Teen Events

Friday Fun January 23, February 27, March 27 3:30-5:30 PM
Library Constitution Room

Are you looking for a place to go after school, where you can talk and hang out with your friends and not be bugged about being quiet or having to buy something? Then come to the library! We're going to open our Constitution Room for teens after school one Friday in January, February, and March for teens to just hang out. We'll have snacks, games, and maybe a craft or two to try.

All programs are open to teens, ages 12-18, or those students in grades 6-12 living in Milwaukee County. Unless otherwise noted, programs are drop in without registration. Check out the blog for more information about teen events @ the library: www.waplteens.blogspot.com

Adult Programming

Harry Potter Book Night
Thursday, February 5, 6:30 PM

The library's first ever, all-ages Harry Potter celebration! Wizards and Muggles of all ages are invited to join us in the Constitution Room for an evening of games, snacks, crafts, costume contests, and more.

Getting Crafty
Mondays: January 12, February 9, February 23, March 9, 7:00 PM

Getting Crafty is back! Like to make things or just want to try something new? Then join us for these new craft projects for adults ages 18 and up. Each free session will feature a different project: Inset Greeting Cards, Painted Wooden Signs, Watercolor Tote Bags, and Woven Paper Journals. Each session is limited to 25 participants. To register, please stop by the Reference Desk or call (414) 302-8500.

DIY Kitchen Herb Garden
Thursday, February 12, 7:00 PM

Join us for this free, do-it-yourself program about creating a simple kitchen herb garden. Participants will put together their own "garden," plant herb seeds, and learn tips and tricks for getting their plants to flourish. Limited to 20 participants. Stop by the Reference Desk or call (414) 302-8500 to register.

Recipe Exchange
Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 PM

What better way to banish the chilly winter than by collecting a batch of new, warming recipes. Participants may bring their favorite cookbooks or recipes on cards and we'll provide the rest.

Holiday Closings

The library will be **CLOSED**:
Thursday, January 1, 2015 - New Year's Day

EARLY CLOSING — NEW YEAR'S EVE
On **Wednesday, December 31**, the library will close at **5:00 p.m.**



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Blue Bag Recycling



Residents are reminded to properly close their blue recycling bags to avoid spillage and breakage of recyclable items. Be sure to tie the yellow handles on the bag so that when the recycling crews pick up the bag, your items do not end up on the ground. Glass items are especially a concern if broken on the pavement, as tires may go flat if driven over glass fragments. Crews do their best to clean up these spills but may not catch everything. Please do your part and properly tie the blue bag closed and everyone benefits from your thoughtfulness.

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VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 10-11	Wonderful World of Weddings	WEC
Jan. 16-25	Milwaukee Boat Show	WEC
Jan. 24-25	Rummage-A-Rama!	Products Pavilion
Jan. 31	Great Lakes Pet Expo	WEC
Feb. 7	CSG Badger Challenge	WEC
Feb. 7	Woman Up!	WEC
Feb. 12-15	NARI Spring Home Improvement Show	WEC
Feb. 13-15	Milwaukee Muskie Expo	Products Pavilion
Feb. 20-22	World of Wheels	WEC
Feb. 21-22	Rummage-A-Rama!	Products Pavilion
Feb. 23	Workforce Career & Internship Fair	WEC
Feb. 26-March 1	Milwaukee RV Show	WEC
March 4-8	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show	WEC
March 6-8	36th Annual Salto National Invitational	Products Pavilion
March 13-15	Greater Milwaukee Golf Show	WEC
March 13-15	Milwaukee Woodworking Show	WEC
March 14-15	Winter Pow Wow	Products Pavilion
March 20-29	Realtors® Home and Garden Show	WEC
March 21	V100.7 Family Affair Expo	TGT Youth Center
March 23	Snowmobile Sneak Peek	Products Pavilion
March 28-29	Rummage-A-Rama!	Products Pavilion

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK CONTACT INFORMATION

All dates and event information are subject to change.

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Wisconsin Exposition Center.....	414/266-7300



2015 YARD WASTE AND BRUSH COLLECTION

Yard waste is leaves, weeds, thatch, flowers, vines and other non-fruit or vegetable matter.

PLEASE DO:

- ONLY place yard waste in the street at the curb-line during the spring collection from April 5 thru April 19 and the fall collection from September 13 thru November 8.
- Remove soil and pots from potted plants before placing in the street at the curb-line.

PLEASE DON'T:

- Put yard waste in the street at the curb-line except during spring and fall collection times.
- Put grass clippings in the street.
- Put yard waste in bags, boxes or containers in the street.
- Mix brush into yard waste piles; they clog the street sweeper brooms.

Brush is branches from trees and shrubs and trimmings from bushes (woody material).

The City will pick up 1½ cubic yards of brush from the curb on your recycling day from **March 23 - October 2**.

Brush **will not be picked up** during the holiday weeks of **May 25, June 29 and September 7**.

PLEASE DO:

- Cut brush into lengths of 5 feet or less.
- Bundle brush pile and place between the sidewalk and curb.
- Put smaller pieces of brush in a box or can marked "brush."
- For pick up, call the Sanitation and Street Division at 414-302-8800.

PLEASE DON'T:

- Put brush in bags.

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NO brush collection during BOXED holiday weeks.

Spring Yard Waste Collection

Fall Yard Waste Collection

*****ID REQUIRED*****

Municipal Yard

6300 West McGeoch Avenue

Between Beloit Road and Burnham Street

(414-302-8800 and 414-302-8831)

- 7:15 - 3:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- 7:15 - 5:00 Wednesday
- 8:00 - 3:30 Saturday

DROP-OFF AT THE MUNICIPAL YARD

FREE

- Motor Oil/Antifreeze
- Household Refuse
- Recyclables: Paper, Glass, Aluminum, Plastics #1, 2, 4, & 5
- Brush
- Yard Waste

CHARGE

- Construction Debris
- Tires
- Asphalt/Concrete
- Sod/Grass
- Stone

CLOSED

- January 1, 2015
- July 4
- December 24 & 25
- May 23 & 25
- September 5 & 7
- January 1, 2016
- November 26 & 27

*****ID REQUIRED*****

Morgan Avenue Yard

3601 South 116 Street

South of Morgan Avenue

Memorial Day thru Labor Day

- 7:30 - 2:30 Monday
- 7:30 - 7:00 Tuesday through Friday
- 8:00 - 3:30 Saturday

Labor Day thru Mid-October

- 7:30 - 2:30 Monday through Friday

DROP-OFF AT THE MORGAN AVE. SITE

FREE

- Yard Waste
- Brush

CHARGE

- Sod/Grass
- Asphalt/Concrete
- Stone

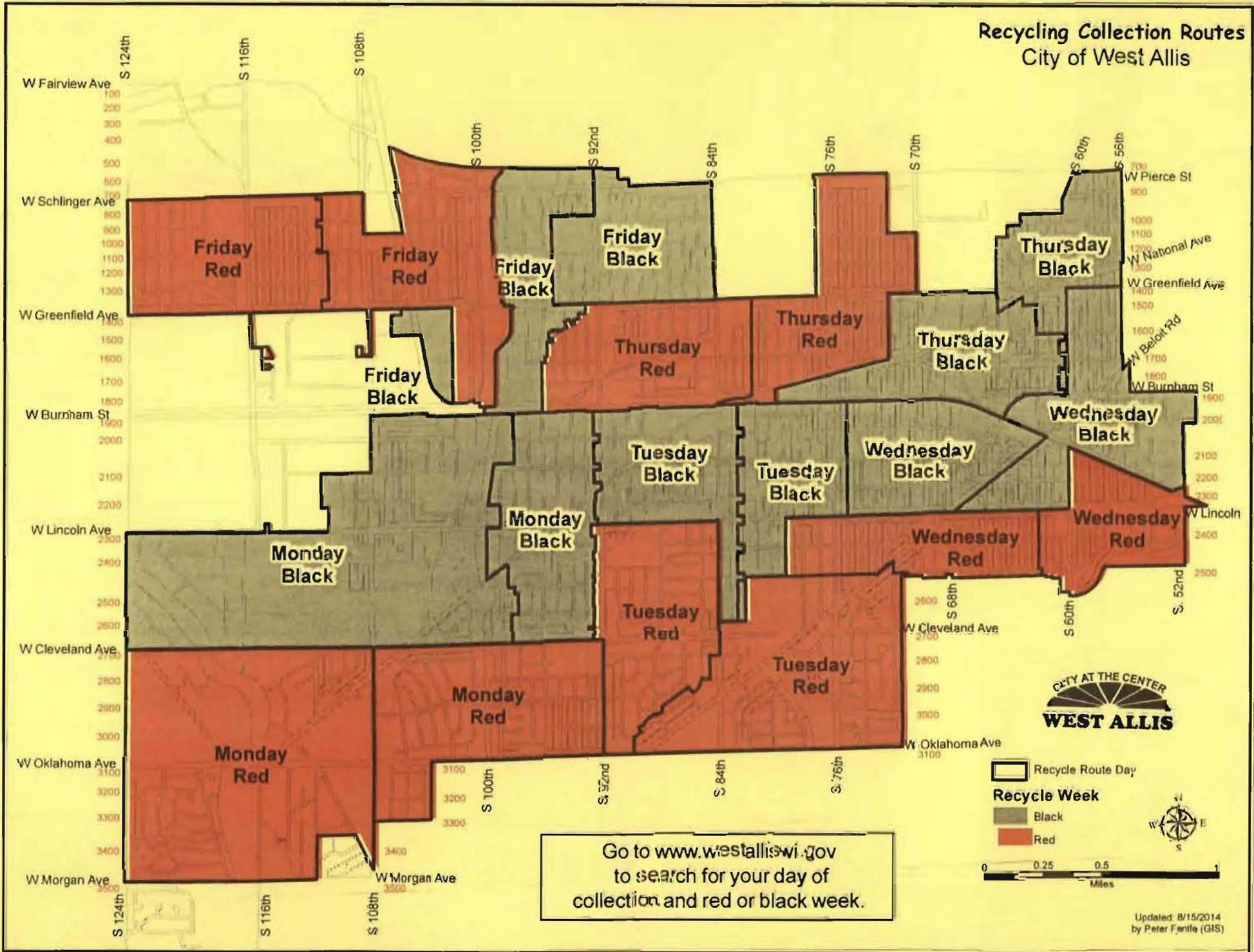
NOT ACCEPTED

- Household Refuse
- Recyclables
- Construction Debris
- Motor Oil/Antifreeze
- Tires

CLOSED

- July 4
- September 5 & 7
- October 10, 2015 through May 30, 2016

Recycling Collection Routes City of West Allis



Go to www.westalliswi.gov
to search for your day of
collection and red or black week.

**CITY AT THE CENTER
WEST ALLIS**

Recycle Route Day
Recycle Week
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Updated: 8/15/2014
by Peter Ferrite (GIS)

CITY OF WEST ALLIS

"Recycling for the Future"

HOW TO RECYCLE

(Suggestion: Post on your refrigerator or next to your garbage can.)

State Law and City Ordinance require that all residents separate the following materials for recycling. Prepare recyclables as shown below.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES



- Bundle or put in separate paper bags
- Flattened cereal boxes or other boxboard
- Only put out full bags for collection

CORRUGATED BOXES

(rippled interior)



- FLATTEN
- Cross-tie in 2'x2'x8" bundles with heavy cord or twine
- No pizza, food-soaked or waxed boxes*

ITEMS FOR OFFICIAL PRESTO® BLUE BAG-place all of these items in the same blue bag

ALUMINUM



- Rinse thoroughly
- FLATTEN cans
- Clean foil and trays accepted

*NO FOOD RESIDUE ON FOIL OR FOIL TRAYS

GLASS



- Rinse thoroughly
- Discard lids, caps and rings
- Bottles and jars only
- Avoid breaking

*NO WINDOWS, MIRRORS, BROKEN GLASS, DISHES OR LIGHT BULBS

PLASTIC



- Rinse thoroughly
- #1, #2, #4 and #5
- Containers and lids-no bags

*NO USED OIL CONTAINERS, PLASTIC BAGS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAINERS

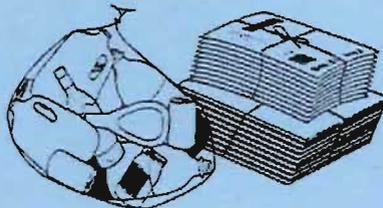
STEEL/TIN CANS



- Rinse thoroughly
- FLATTEN, if possible

*NO HAZARDOUS WASTE, AEROSOLS OR PAINT CANS

*These items may still be put in the regular trash.



- Do not place blue bag in garbage can for collection.
- Place blue recycling bag and recycling bundles at the curb or alley edge by 7 a.m. on your regular refuse collection day, every other week, according to the recycling schedule.
- Keep recyclables separate from the regular refuse.
- Do not use the blue bags for refuse.
- Set out recyclables only when necessary.

For more information call the Sanitation Office at 302-8800 or the Recycling Office at 302-8831 or see the City's web site at www.westalliswi.gov.

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS - RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS

WHY BAGS INSTEAD OF BINS OR CARTS?

The bag-based recycling system is the most cost-effective method of collecting recyclables. Bags provide these benefits:

- More efficient to collect
- Expandable to handle excess recyclables
- Protect materials from blowing away
- Easier to carry than bin
- No need to distribute/maintain inventory
- Cost of carts would have been over \$1 million

WHY DO WE HAVE TO BUY THE BAGS?

"We", as taxpayers, are the City. If the City gave "free" bags to residents, there would be a cost for this, paid for by your tax dollars. The "free" bags may not be used as effectively, resulting in additional waste and expense. Each resident controls their bag usage and is not paying for carelessness by others.

WHERE CAN I BUY THE BAGS?

At the time of this printing these retail stores carried the official "blue bags" in Presto® brand cardboard boxes with a round orange seal. You may wish to call before traveling to the store to make sure the bags are in stock. Ask a store clerk if you cannot locate the bags.

- Ace Hardware – 11003 West Oklahoma Avenue
- CVS – 7552 West Oklahoma Avenue
- CVS – 9220 West Greenfield Avenue
- Menards – 2535 South 108 Street
- Pick & Save – 6760 West National Avenue
- Pick & Save – 2625 South 108 Street
- Pick & Save – 11111 West Greenfield Avenue
- Piggly Wiggly – 10282 West National Avenue
- Rupena's – 7641 West Beloit Road
- Walgreens – 6101 West Greenfield Avenue
- Walgreens – 8333 West Greenfield Avenue
- Walgreens – 10725 West Greenfield Avenue
- Walgreens – 2677 South 108 Street
- West Allis Foods – 5909 West Lincoln Avenue

HOW CAN I SAVE MONEY?

Put your blue bag out for collection only when full. Extend the use of each bag by flattening your plastic and metal containers.

CAN I RECYCLE WITHOUT USING THE BAGS?

Yes. The Municipal Yard at 6300 West McGeoch Avenue (between Beloit and Becher) accepts recyclables. There are separate containers for paper and metal/glass/plastic.

Municipal Yard Hours (closed Holidays):

- 7:15-3:00 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- 7:15-5:00 - Wednesday
- 8:00-3:30 - Saturday

HOW IS MY REFUSE COLLECTED?

Refuse and recycling are picked up by separate crews, generally on the same day of the week. Refuse is collected **weekly** at the curb or alley edge. Recycling is collected **every other week** at the curb or alley edge. Collections may be affected by holidays and snow emergencies.

WHAT IF I DON'T RECYCLE AND PUT RECYCLABLES INTO MY REFUSE?

Wisconsin Law and West Allis ordinance prohibits the landfilling of any recyclable. If your refuse has recyclables in it, the refuse will not be collected and you may be subject to a fine.

WHAT KIND OF PLASTICS WILL BE COLLECTED?

#1, #2, #4 and #5 plastic containers and lids can be recycled- no plastic bags. Look for the recycling triangle on the bottom of the plastic container; the number is inside the triangle.



CAN I RECYCLE OTHER TYPES OF PLASTICS?

Plastic containers coded #3, #6 and #7 (such as Styrofoam®) should be discarded with the regular refuse. The City is not required to collect these difficult-to-recycle materials. Do not recycle plastic store bags, toys, buckets, flower pots, or dishes.

WHAT DO I DO WITH YARD WASTE?

All yard waste is banned from disposal with regular refuse. Two drop-off sites for brush, leaves, and other yard waste are open for public use. Grass clippings are not accepted and should be left on the lawn or composted on-site. A free biweekly city-wide curbside collection of 1 ½ cubic yards of brush operates from March to October (except holiday weeks), coinciding with your recycling week. Yard waste such as leaves and garden debris are collected from the street every spring and fall.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH OLD TIRES AND USED OIL?

Tires are banned from Wisconsin landfills and are not picked up with regular refuse. Tires **without rims** are accepted at the Municipal Yard for a disposal fee. Fees vary by size. Illegal disposal of tires may result in fines and forfeitures of up to \$200. Waste oil is accepted at the Municipal Yard at no charge.

CAN I RECYCLE ANY OTHER PAPERS?

The City also collects mixed paper curbside. Items such as unwanted mail and thin cardboard boxes (cereal boxes, soda cases, etc.) may be placed with your newspaper and magazines for pick-up on your recycling day. NO paperboard egg cartons, trays or dishes.



It's Time to...

Enroll or Re-enroll for Health Insurance

Insurance Marketplace is open

**November 15, 2014 –
February 15, 2015**

Visit the new and easier healthcare.gov website to enroll for the first time or re-enroll for continued health insurance coverage.

**www.healthcare.gov or call 211 for
local enrollment help.**

See *"A Path to Better Health"*

An Initiative of the West Allis Community Health Improvement Assess to Care Workgroup - 2014



A primary care provider helps you manage all areas of your health



A primary care provider **UNDERSTANDS YOU** and your personal medical history



A primary care provider is **YOUR CONNECTION** to specialty care when needed

A path to **BETTER HEALTH CARE**

Take charge of your health



MAKE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES
exercise, control your weight, quit smoking, eat healthy



UNDERSTAND what your health insurance covers



TAKE MEDICATIONS as directed - talk to your doctor if you make any changes



KEEP A CURRENT LIST of all your prescription and over-the-counter medications



Get regular health screenings and **CHECK-UPS**

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SERVICES CAN SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY



OFFICE VISITS/PRIMARY CARE/SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS

- provide annual check-ups and preventive care
- help manage conditions such as asthma, diabetes and high blood pressure
- treat minor medical concerns such as cuts, rashes and earaches



WALK-IN AND URGENT CARE CLINICS

- treat illnesses or injuries that need medical care but are not life-threatening
- offer extended morning, evening and weekend hours for when your regular doctor is not available



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Emergency care is meant for serious and life-threatening medical conditions. If a situation is dire or life threatening, it's important to call 911.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

DECEMBER 2014 EDITION

A newsletter for the West Allis-West Milwaukee School Community

Enjoy Holiday Concerts in December

What would the holidays be without music? A lot of practice and preparation is done by our students and staff for this festive time of year. During the month of December many of our schools will host concerts to showcase their talented musicians. A complete list of concert dates is posted on the district website. We hope that you will join our schools to celebrate the holidays as well as support our students and listen to wonderful performances.

Superintendent's Message: *Superintendent Search Begins*



The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Board of Education requested proposals from firms to assist them in the search for the District's next Superintendent. After proposals were reviewed, three firms were selected to be interviewed by the Board.

On November 10th, the Board selected Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates. The Board met with representatives from the firm on November 17th to develop a timeline for the search with the goal of naming the new Superintendent by April 1st and a start date of July 1st, 2015.

The search is divided into a number of phases. Phase one involves identifying specific qualifications and attributes sought in the candidates. The Board and search firm will seek community input from focus groups, forums, and an online survey open to the entire community. Results will be used to put together a leadership profile report. This report will then be used in the recruitment phase of the search.

All residents are invited to complete the candidate survey on the district website. The survey will be posted from December 1st through December 15th, 2014. In addition, there will be a community forum scheduled on December 15th at 6:00pm at the Administration Building located at 1205 S. 70th Street on the 7th floor.

We encourage you to participate in these activities so that your input is considered in the search for the District's next Superintendent.

Paul A. Strobel, PhD

Upcoming Registration Dates

There are several important registration dates that will occur after winter break. On Monday, February 2nd the Intra-District Transfer period begins. This is for students who wish to transfer from the school they are currently attending in our district to a different school in our district. Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 1st, 2015.

February 2nd is also the first day of State Open Enrollment. This is for students who wish to transfer out of their current school district and into a different district. Applications will be accepted until Thursday, April 30th, 2015.

The final registration that occurs at the beginning of February is 4K and 5K Enrollment. 4K Information nights will be held from 6:00-7:00pm on Tuesday, January 27th at Horace Mann and Wednesday, January 28th at the Parkway 4K Center. Registration begins on Wednesday, February 4th and is open until the first day of school for the 2015-2016 school year, which is Tuesday, September 1st, 2015.

Reminder: All current 8th grade students who plan on attending West Allis Central High School or West Allis Nathan Hale High School for the 2015-2016 school year must have their selection sheet turned in to their Intermediate Schools as soon as possible.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Full-day 4K Update

Last spring the WAWM School District conducted a survey for parents regarding educational programming. The results of this survey showed there was significant interest in expanding Four Year-old Kindergarten options to an all-day program.

When the decision was made to move forward with full-day 4K in our District we had to do some creative thinking on how to facilitate this program in schools that simply had no space available. The resolution was to create "Cluster Centers" for four year-old students at existing vacant WAWM facilities. Three "Cluster Center" sites now host full-day 4K: Recreation Center on 68th Street, Franklin Field House, and Parkway.

We have received very positive feedback from parents and staff at the "Cluster Center" sites and school locations that house full-day 4K. We look forward to providing educational opportunities for all families in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and thank you for making WAWM your District of choice to educate your children.

Wisconsin Schools of Promise

Six of our schools received 2014 Promise Schools of Recognition awards at the WI State Capitol honoring their academic achievement from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. These Schools are Franklin, Horace Mann, Jefferson, Longfellow, Pershing and Wilson Elementary Schools.



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Spotlight on Recreation and Community Services

41st Annual Alumni Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments

All graduates from West Allis Central, Nathan Hale, West Milwaukee, and the Alternative Learning Center are invited to get a team together and register for the 2014 Alumni Men's Basketball or Women's Volleyball tournaments. The tournaments will be held on December 29th & 30th.

Registration deadline is Friday, December 12th!

For more information please visit our website or contact Dustin Smith at 604-4938.

You do not have to be a former player on a high school team. Players just need to be a graduate of one of our district high schools

Open Swim and Gym

December 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th

West Allis Central High School

12:00-3:00pm All ages are welcome!

Adults= \$2residents/\$3non-residents

Seniors & Students= \$1residents/\$2non-residents

Reminder: Winter/Spring Activity Guide

Our Winter-Spring Activity Guide will start being delivered via US Mail to residents on December 3rd. You can also access the guide on that date by visiting our website.

Online, Drop-Off, and Mail-In registration for residents begins December 8th

Phone-In and In-Person registration for residents begins December 15th

View the activity guide to find out how you can earn a ticket for a chance to win money off your next recreation program registration

Registration and payment for the 2nd Semester of the SAFE and REACH programs is due January 16th.

BUSINESS

News from THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS

FIRST

Winter 2015

“A city is not an accident, but the result of coherent visions and aims.”

- Leon Krier, The Architecture of Community

National Avenue has been a keystone in the social and economic history of West Allis. Built before there were cars, National Avenue continues to connect homes, businesses, and institutions across several neighborhoods. Today, however, this major urban corridor faces some new challenges.

How do we attract new stakeholders to help create a vibrant business corridor? What is needed to transform the physical and architectural appearance of properties? What identity can be brought to the area to foster a unique business district? What do resident and business owners see or need in the surrounding neighborhoods?



Proposed Facade Improvements - 8004 -10 W. National Ave.

The West National Avenue Corridor will always be an essential economic artery of the city of West Allis. Positive changes have occurred in recent years, including the construction of the Heritage Senior Living apartments and PyraMax Bank, the development of the new West Allis Skate Park, and the attraction of unique restaurants like Chef Paz and Butch's Steakhouse (coming soon).

Between S. 68 St. and S. 95 St. the Corridor is embedded within dense residential development and hosts various food and retail destinations, essential services, and government institutions, all while serving as a major east/west transportation route for automobiles, public transportation, bicyclists and pedestrians.

From interested business and property owners to elected officials, the National Avenue Corridor is recognized as an area in need of a vision to grow and build upon these recent investments to create success. And, a future street reconstruction project planned in 2018 between S. 70 St. and S. 76 St. and between S. 92 St. and S. 95 St., creates the opportunity to analyze the Corridor and design a street that improves the overall business and neighborhood experience of the area.

For any vision to be successful in transforming a neighborhood or business corridor, community input and support are essential. To assist with this process, the City has hired GRAEF, a leading planning firm in the Milwaukee area. In addition to looking at the physical and market condition of the area, they will also look to gather local input through various platforms to assist with the Plan's formation.

In the coming months, GRAEF and the City will embark on the process of welcoming input from stakeholders both within the Corridor and throughout the community as a whole. Be sure to visit our website for updates and opportunities for participation.

www.westalliswi.gov/nationalavenue



Department of Development
(414) 302-8460
www.westalliswi.gov

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Juneau Highlands - TID 6

The Dickman Company has proposed a \$7-million, 120,000 sq. ft., multi-tenant light industrial building for the property of 1960 S. 67 Place. Currently, the City and the Dickman Company are negotiating terms for the sale of the land. The project would start construction in March of 2015 and would be available for occupancy by late fall. The Community Development Authority of the City of West Allis acquired the property in 2004 and prepared the site through the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF), as well as several federal and state grants. Today, the site is pad-ready to accommodate up to a 150,000 sq. ft. building.



92 Commons

Construction of these 38 luxury apartments was completed in November of 2014 and all of the rental units are fully leased. Now valued at nearly \$4 million, the 3-acre site includes two 19-unit buildings with attached garage parking and a range of one and two bedroom floor plans with several attractive amenities to choose from including: dishwasher, washer & dryer in each unit, private entries and hardwood floors. The 92 Commons apartments offer a non-smoking and pet friendly housing option within close proximity to Reservoir Park, Aurora West Allis Medical Center and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Campus.

West Allis DOWNTOWN

Aggie's Bakery & Cake Shop is here!! Owners, Adam Purcell and his mother, Aggie have expanded their baking operations from their current Milwaukee location to 7328 W. Greenfield Avenue.

Items available include: cakes for all occasions, wedding cakes, cookies, cupcakes, fruit dumplings, Danish, brownies, donuts and bagels. They will also be serving coffee, espresso drinks, teas and juices. Stop in on Sunday for hot ham and rolls!

7 West Bistro & Ultra Lounge owners, Ed and Ana Brown, will be opening their business at 7211 W. Greenfield Avenue.

Ed and Ana will provide a high-end upscale lounge and keep the same décor as the previous owners. Plans include updating the kitchen to include more food offerings, adding more lounge chairs and a 50" TV behind the bar. Look for their Grand Opening coming soon.

RC Vintage Furnishings is our newest addition to West Allis Downtown. Located on the corner of 71st & Greenfield, owner, Rodrigo Castaneda, offers unique antiques and collectibles. Take a trip inside for an exceptional shopping experience.

For more information about West Allis Downtown, log on to our website: www.WestAllisDowntown.com.



WELCOME TO WEST ALLIS!

Fusion Café Open in West Allis!

West Allis is fortunate to be home to many excellent restaurants, and the Fusion Café located at 1427 S. 108 St., just south of W. Greenfield Ave., is becoming a local favorite for those seeking authentic Chinese food without the commute to Chicago. The restaurant also features a Chinese bakery with delicious pastries like bbq pork buns, pineapple buns, moon cakes, winter melon... and an assortment of teas.

What customers are saying about the Fusion Café:

"The best hot and spicy beef noodle soup in town... can't wait to go back to try other dishes."

"I haven't been able to find a place that sells bakeries like that without having to go to Chicago's Chinatown."



West Allis West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce

The WAWM Chamber of Commerce and their businesses support our Veterans! Majdecki's Piggly Wiggly hosted the Disabled American Veterans West Allis Chapter 19 on Saturday, September 27th. Volunteers were at the store with their "Forget Me Nots" requesting donations for the DAV. Pawn America in West Allis made a commitment to match funds raised during this event. The "Forget Me Nots" raised \$751.75 and Pawn America presented a check for \$1,000.

We also worked with the General Mitchell PTA families who organized a Food Drive for the Disabled American Veterans which was distributed to the Veterans in need this holiday season!





WAWM Community Coalition Highlights

2014

2015

Coalition Meetings

Wednesdays

5:00-6:30pm

January 21st
WAPD Substation

March 18th
St. Augustine's
Catholic Church

May 20th
Apostle Presbyterian
Church

July 15th
WAWM School
District Administration
Building

September 16th
North Shore Bank

November 18th
WM Community Center



Shared Journeys at
Three To Get Ready



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Spanish language
Parents Who Host
sign

January 2014

WAWMCC previous year Coalition Highlights insert were included in the West Allis city newsletter and reached 32,000 community members.

February 2014

The WAWM Community Coalition offered educational information and other resources at 13 presentations, community events and health fairs. A youth logo and tablecloth was produced for use at community events.



March 2014

Nathan Hale High School and West Allis Central High School students attended an all-day training/refresher for the Peers with Purpose program. Sixteen students from Central and Hale presented programs to over 321 Frank Lloyd Wright 7th graders. The students also presented the program to 100 7th grade students at West Milwaukee Intermediate School. The plan is to do presentations at all intermediate schools in 2014-2015.

The promotoras (Hispanic women trained as health educators and community leaders) from the West Allis Health Department, helped to translate the Parents Who Host materials.

Students from Shared Journeys developed a display for the community event, Three To Get Ready, to help parents become aware of the risks of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

The Year 6-10 Drug Free Communities Grant application was submitted.

April 2014

April as Alcohol Awareness Month was again proclaimed with a Mayoral Proclamation in West Allis and a Village Proclamation from West Milwaukee. Among the many activities during the month was a display in the West Allis Library lobby designed by the students from Shared Journeys, the WAWMCC prezzi was shown on the West Allis city channel, articles appeared in the WA and WM city and Neighborhood Watch newsletters, there were weekly tweets and posts on Facebook and announcements and other activities by WAWMCC youth members were made at the high schools with educational information on prevention.



The Safe and Sober program was held at Nathan Hale High School with the topic of Dangers and Consequences of Prescription and Other Drug Abuse – A Family Perspective. The main speaker was Tyler Lybert, a recovered alcohol, marijuana, prescription drug and heroin abuser, and his family. There were over 300 students and parents in attendance. The Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign was also launched with yard signs, posters and window clings being distributed.

May 2014

The Hispanic Family Group Meeting, attended by 10 women, included a presentation from WAPD, translated by an office from MPD, on the importance and consequences of parents not hosting parties serving alcohol to youth. Spanish language materials were distributed, including Parents Who Host yard signs, WAWMCC parent brochure and Family Pledge.

The May Coalition meeting featured presentations from all four youth groups and a wonderful dinner prepared by meeting hosts Apostle Presbyterian Church.



Peers with Purpose Presentation

June 2014

A new magnet and flyer promoting mobile drop-off locations in the community to start later in 2014 and an updated Medication Log were developed to promote the proper disposal of medications, including the 24 hour drop box at the WAPD.

Members of the youth group welcomed participants to the CAAD Tuesdays in the Park during the summer. The message also included the fact that most youth do not use alcohol or drugs.



West Allis National Night Out

August 2014

Thousands attended the West Allis and West Milwaukee "National Night Out" events. The Coalition provided prevention literature, reusable bags, temporary tattoos and magnets with website and drug drop-off information to attendees. Youth members from Central and the Learning Center/Dotke used a Jeopardy Game designed with questions about underage alcohol and drug prevention to interact with and educate the community.

Youth members at Central High School recruited new members for the youth Coalition group at Fees and Forms Day. More than 20 students expressed an interest in joining the SADD Chapter (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

September 2014

The 6th Annual Safe and Sober program was held at Nathan Hale High School on the topic of Your Brain On Alcohol and Marijuana: Short and Long-term Effects presented by Krista Lisdahl, Ph.D., Associate Professor UW – Milwaukee. Over 300 parents and students attended with over 120 Family Pledges signed. WAWMCC youth members launched a mini Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign distributing yard signs, posters and window clings.

The Coalition received funding from the Drug Free Communities Grant for the next 5 years.



September Safe and Sober

October 2014

Youth members at Central spoke at the Homecoming Pep Rally with the message of having a Safe and Sober homecoming experience.

November 2014

Mobile Rx Drop-offs were held at Apostle Presbyterian Church and North Shore Bank.

WAWMCC had a table at the State Prevention Conference highlighting the Coalition's prevention resources, mobile drop-offs and youth activities.

The 2014 Recognition Award was presented to Sara Swosinski from North Shore Bank.



North Shore Bank

December 2014

Mobile Rx Drop-offs were held at West Allis City Hall.

WAWMCC presented a session at the Drug Free Communities New Grantee Meeting to Year 1 grantees on coalition collaborations and partnerships.

Recognition was also given to Citlali Mendieta-Ramos, owner of Antigua Mexican and Latin American Restaurant, and Kevin Flack, general manager, and Brian and Renee Shecterle, owners/operators, of the Culver's in West Allis, for their continued support of the Coalition and the bi-monthly meetings.

WAWMCC thanks the Coalition Partners and Friends for their support of the Coalition and its mission to reduce underage substance abuse and help the West Allis-West Milwaukee community raise healthy, drug free children. We welcome the support of other community businesses and organizations.



For more information about how to become a Friend or Partner of the Coalition, visit our website at www.wawmcc.org