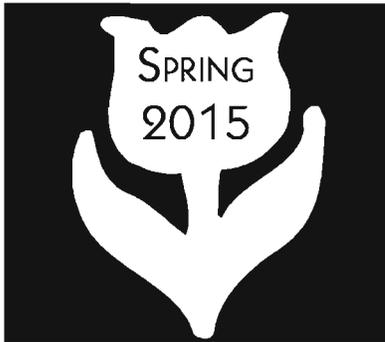


It's YOUR CITY WEST ALLIS



April, May & June

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Spring Is Coming...

Let's Clean Up!



Every Spring, City Departments are swamped with complaints about blighted property conditions, lawns not mowed, and other unsightly situations that a majority of residents would consider unacceptable!

West Allis is a GREAT Community. Please help us keep it clean and healthy.

Spring yard waste collection is April 5-19, 2015.

Assistance Is Available

The City offers loans*:

- Housing Rehab Program.
- TID Rehab Program - within ½ mile of Summit Place TIF District.
- Rental Property Owners - reduced rate loans.

Sanitation Crews will pick up brush at curb (up to 1.5 cubic yards at no charge) during designated time periods.

The City Yards drop-off site is available to residents, often at no charge.*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:15a.m.-3:00p.m.

Wednesday

7:15a.m.-5:00p.m.

Saturday

8:00a.m.-3:30p.m.

If you are experiencing financial or other hardships, we will make every effort to work with you.

Together we can make a difference!

Please Remember To:

- Keep yards mowed and weeded, and keep trees and shrubs clear of the City streets, walks, and alleys.
- Clean up after pets daily.
- Contain refuse and recycling properly to reduce rodent activity.
- Maintain homes and garages - Peeling paint is unsightly.
- Only put out recycling the evening before collection day.
- Have vehicles registered, licensed, and operable. Do not park on grass areas.
- Keep your yard free of trash, debris, and building supplies.
- Clean up around bird feeders daily. Loose birdseed and shells can attract rodents.

Don't Be Afraid To Help A Neighbor



Unfortunate Consequences

- If the City has to mow your lawn, it will cost you \$300-\$350.
- Animal Waste Violations: \$187
- Refuse violations: \$187-\$439
(City Carts are available for \$45)
- Picking through garbage/scavenging recyclables: \$124
- Tickets and court appearances could lead to fines of \$50 - \$500/day for each violation plus court costs.
- Abandoned Vehicles are \$250 for the first violation (\$565 for the second) and will most likely lead to ticketing/towing.
- Property Maintenance Code Violations could lead to daily citations of \$300-\$500 or court fines of \$50-\$500 per violation per day.

* For details, please visit www.keepwestallisclean.com

Holiday Hours

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2015

West Allis City Hall, Municipal Yard, Morgan Site, Library, Health Department and Senior Center will be closed

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Library, Municipal Yard, and Morgan Site will be closed.

City of West Allis Offices are Open Friday before Easter (Good Friday), April 3, 2015

NOTE: There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Monday, May 25, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Collection crews may work ahead or fall behind their normal collection during this week.



Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 25, 2015

Parade - 10:00 a.m.

Parade starts at S. 70 St. and W. Greenfield Ave., proceeds west on W. Greenfield Ave. to S. 75 St., south on S. 75 St. to W. National Ave., and east on National Ave. to Veterans' Memorial Park at S. 70 St.

Memorial Service - 11:00 a.m.

Veterans' Memorial Park, S. 70th St. & W. National Ave.

Any and all Veterans interested in "riding the trolleys" in the City of West Allis Memorial Day Parade should contact Ald. Dan Roadt at (414) 321-7264.



Donate To The VA Vets

The West Allis Community Celebrations Committee is sponsoring a special project for the Memorial Day Holiday in honor of the veterans who reside full time at the VA on National Ave. The Committee will be putting together

gift bags for about 50 vets and are looking for donations of regular size non-perfumed soaps (like Ivory or Dove) and non-perfumed shampoos, facial tissue, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and large print word search puzzles (popular with the vets). The Committee will also provide each veteran with a \$10 coupon booklet they can use at the VA Canteen.

If you are interested in helping out these veterans, many of them without family or loved ones to visit, please drop off your donation at City Hall by May 15. Committee representatives will assemble the items and visit the veterans over the Memorial Holiday weekend to deliver the gifts.

Questions? Call Committee Chairperson, Ald. Rosalie Reinke, at (414) 543-0587 or email rreinke@westalliswi.gov.

Citywide Clean Up is April 18

This year's citywide spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 9:00-11:30 a.m. We will meet at the West Allis Police Department Satellite Station, 6900 W. National Ave., and provide volunteers with supplies and assignments. After the work is complete, all are invited back to the Satellite Station for lunch, provided by Papa Johns. In addition to volunteers, we are also in need of supplies, such as newer, light-colored paint, paint rollers, work gloves, and environmentally-friendly graffiti removal chemicals. If you are able to donate your time or supplies, or have any questions, please contact Lisa in the Community Services Bureau at (414) 302-8050.



Come out and enjoy a fun-filled morning while helping clean up West Allis. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

What is the Great American Cleanup?

The Great American Cleanup, sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, is the nation's largest organized annual cleanup and beautification event. It encourages citizens to get involved in *their own communities*. Millions of volunteers nationwide take part in the Great American Cleanup each spring. The program runs from March 1 through May 31, 2015.

The Wisconsin Great American Cleanup is sponsored by **Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, Inc.** (KGMB) and is part of the national program.

Interested in organizing a clean-up? Contact the City of West Allis Superintendent of Forestry, Mike Rushmer, at (414) 302-8826 or mrushmer@westalliswi.gov.

City Clerk's News

Vote April 7 Election

Offices to vote for include Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judges, Municipal Judge, and West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al. Board of Education. There will be a state referendum question on the ballot.

Visit the City Clerk's election page on the City's website at www.westalliswi.gov for more information about voter registration, absentee voting, important deadlines, and polling place locations. Sample ballots will also be posted on the City's website once they become available. If you are unsure about your voter registration status, you can visit the State's Voter Information Center website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.

Dog And Cat Licensing Reminder

Dogs and cats are required to be licensed. The fee for neutered/spayed pets is \$12.00, and the fee for not neutered/spayed pets is \$24.00. There will be a late fee if the license is not applied for prior to April 1, 2015. Please provide the rabies vaccination certificate and alteration documentation when applying for the license for your dog or cat. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (414) 302-8220 if you have any questions, or visit the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission's (MADACC) website at www.madacc.com.

Signs On Public Property

City of West Allis ordinance prohibits, in general, the placement of any sign, poster, banner, or advertisement on any public property by persons other than employees of the City. Specifically, private signs such as rummage sale, garage sale, open house, house for sale, lost pet, and other types of advertisements may not be fastened to or erected on any public pole, tree, sidewalk, street, boulevard, or other public property.



Signs which are illegally erected on public property oftentimes obstruct the vision of motorists, interfere with pedestrian traffic, and have caused damage to underground street light cable and underground sprinkler systems located in boulevards throughout the City. As a result, residents are cautioned that violation of this ordinance may result in fines of up to \$100. Furthermore, individuals erecting illegal signs will be liable for any damage that may occur as a result of sign placement.

It is not the intention of this ordinance to prohibit advertisement or restrict any type of enterprise. It is, however, important to confine such activities to private property.

Vac and Jet Sewer Lines

The Street and Sewer Section of the Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining the storm sewers and the sanitary lines. Maintenance includes routinely vacuuming the storm sewers and jetting (or pushing water through) the sanitary lines. When these operations are performed, you may notice some of the following things occurring in your home:

- water drained from your toilets
- an odor which is a result of the water being pulled from the traps in your drains
- a small amount of water coming up from the sewer drain

These issues are not dangerous to you or your family. The toilets can be flushed. You should run the water in your sinks to refill the traps which will eliminate the odor. We suggest that you keep any clothing, rugs, etc. away from basement drains and downstairs toilets. If you have any questions, you may call the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800 weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Managing Foreclosed Abandoned Properties

Currently, in the City, there are over 40 dwellings listed by the Department of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services (BINS) as Nuisance Abandoned Dwellings. Most have been abandoned by the owners and the mortgage holder has filed a foreclosure action in Milwaukee County Court. It takes over a year to process a foreclosure action, at which time the new owner (bank, mortgage company, other) assumes property management. During that process, the property is usually abandoned and can become a neighborhood eyesore.

Since 2008, the City has actively managed vacant and abandoned dwellings through the Nuisance Abandoned Dwellings Program. This program allows City Departments to abate certain property maintenance conditions and to charge the cost against the property. To be deemed a nuisance, a property is posted with an Order to abate property code violations. If the owner fails to contact the City within 10 days of notification, the property is deemed a nuisance and the City may proceed to abate property maintenance code violations.

If you have a concern in your neighborhood regarding a property that is vacant or not being maintained, please contact the City of West Allis Department of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services at (414) 302-8400. Please be prepared to give the address of the property. We will also ask for your name and phone number for our follow-up regarding action taken. You may also contact the Mayor or an Alderperson to register your referral.

Polluted Urban Runoff - Everybody's Problem

Concern over urban runoff in recent years has resulted in the City of West Allis increasing its efforts to minimize the problems associated with runoff. What is runoff? Quite simply, runoff is rain water or water from melting snow that flows off a surface rather than being absorbed. Since urban areas are highly developed and therefore have a high amount of paved and other impervious surfaces, there is a disproportionately high amount of water runoff in urban areas when compared to rural areas. The problem with all of this runoff water is that it frequently contains a variety of pollutants that eventually end up in streams, rivers and lakes. Typical urban pollutants include sediment, nutrients, oxygen demanding materials, bacteria and toxic pollutants such as heavy metals.

To minimize the amount of pollutants entering into the storm sewer system and eventually being transported to Lake Michigan, the City has implemented a rather intensive street sweeping program. Using both mechanical sweepers and vacuum sweepers, major thoroughfares are swept weekly and residential streets are swept biweekly. In addition, the City has stepped up its efforts to remove debris that collects in the sumps at the bottom of street catch basins. Finally, a recently passed ordinance requires larger scale developments and/or redevelopments in the City to prepare and have approved a stormwater management plan for the parcel.

While these types of large-scale activities undertaken by the City will make some impact, every resident can also assist in dealing with this problem. Here are some ways an individual can help: recycle oil; direct home downspouts onto lawns where the water can be absorbed; rather than hosing down a driveway, sweep paved areas to keep waste and debris out of street catch basins; keep your car tuned and repair leaks; limit fertilizer and pesticide use; leave grass clippings on your lawn; clean up your pet waste; dispose of toxic waste properly; wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash to prevent the soapy water from entering street catch basins; consider using rain barrels, and consider constructing a rain garden.

Urban runoff pollution is something that each and every one of us must make a conscious effort to control. Our efforts today will ensure clean water for years to come.

Band Concerts

Summer band concerts begin in late June and are held weekly on Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Concerts are held at Veterans' Memorial Park at S. 70 St. and W. National Ave.

Watch for the summer issue of the City Newsletter, mailed in mid-June, or check the City's website at www.westalliswi.gov for the complete band concert schedule.

Tuesday Night in the Park

Sponsored by C.A.A.D.

The Community Alliance Against Drugs (in cooperation with the West Allis Police Department, WA/WM Recreation & Community Services Department, and the WA/WM Community Coalition) will host Tuesday Night in the Park on June 23, July 7, July 21, and August 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. These events are free, family friendly, and are held at Veterans' Memorial Park, at S. 70 St. and W. National Ave. Enjoy Karaoke and DJs, games, and reasonably priced food, soda and water. Call (414) 302-8050 for more information.

APRIL is ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Devine has proclaimed April as Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of West Allis. Wisconsin continues to be the state with the largest percentage of adults who binge drink. This is definitely not something to be proud of; rather, we should be ashamed. Binge drinking means men drinking 5 or more alcoholic drinks within a short period of time or women drinking 4 or more drinks within a short period of time. Children are very influenced by parents' behavior. This should not be the example we set for our children. Alcohol use and dependence takes a tremendous toll on everyone.

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition (WAWMCC) exists to provide support for the West Allis-West Milwaukee community to help raise healthy, drug-free children. Monthly Coalition meetings are held to discuss and plan strategies to keep our community drug-free. Visit their website at www.wawmcc.org for resources, important news, and upcoming events. For more information or to become a member of the Coalition, please call (414) 604-3506.

Become one of the powerful voices encouraging positive choices to create a safer and healthier community. Let your voice be heard.

July 4th

"Happy Birthday, Uncle Sam" is the theme for the 2015 West Allis Independence Day Celebration. This year's celebration includes:

Thursday, July 2

Youth Judging – 6:00 p.m. at City Hall (coaster wagon, costume, and bicycle competition).

Annual Parade – 7:00 p.m.

Post Parade Celebration – 8:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Saturday, July 4 – State Fair Park

Grandstand Show – 8:00 p.m.

Fireworks – 9:30 p.m.

Watch for further information in the City's summer newsletter due out in mid-June, visit www.westalliswi.gov, or contact the City at (414) 302-8300 or the Recreation Department at (414) 604-4900.



Commendable Property, Best Porch, and Patriotic Award Nominations

Commendable Property and Best Porch Awards show West Allis citizens and visitors that the City recognizes the importance and value of keeping our City beautiful. As winter subsides and you begin to do more outside activities, take a look around your neighborhood. Do you see any residential or commercial properties or residential porches that display pride in ownership? If you have, nominate them for one of these awards. Commendable Property nominations are due June 15, and Best Porch nominations are due July 15.

The Patriotic Award program was created to increase awareness of patriotism and celebrate our allegiance to our wonderful Nation. Residents are encouraged to create patriotic theme displays, which may include flags, bunting, flowers, handcrafted or purchased items with relevance to Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day.

Nominations for awards for Memorial Day are due on May 22, for Flag Day on June 10, and for Independence Day on June 29.

To nominate a property for a Beautification award, write down the address of the property and send it to the West Allis Beautification Committee, c/o Forestry Division, 6300 W. McGeoch Ave., West Allis WI 53219 or see the City's website to use the online nomination form. Any questions, call (414) 302-8811.

Award winners are honored at a ceremony in September. Help take pride in your community and make West Allis an even better place to live.



10th Annual Settlers Weekend

Held at the Historical Society Grounds,
84th & National Ave.

Saturday, August 22, 10 am – 6 pm
and Sunday, August 23, 10 am – 4 pm

Seeking Volunteers

For more information on how you can volunteer, serve on the planning committee, or get involved, call:
Devan Gracyalny (414) 801-6886 or
Terry Dobrowski (414) 213-8993



GET THE POINT... So Others Don't!

Residents are reminded that State Law and Municipal Ordinance make it illegal to throw used sharps (needles, syringes, and lancets) out with household garbage or recyclables. Unsafe disposal can result in serious diseases to sanitation workers, neighborhood children, and the general public through an accidental needle stick.

The preferred method of disposal for sharps is placing the sharps into a red "sharps" container. To obtain a red "sharps" container, contact one of the pharmacies listed below. The containers can be disposed of at any of the pharmacies listed or at the emergency entrance of Aurora West Allis Medical Center (south of W. Lincoln Ave., off S. 88 St.).

Aurora Health Center 7220 W. National Ave.
Aurora Pharmacy 2424 S. 90 St.
K-Mart Pharmacy 6900 W. Greenfield Ave.

Residents with any questions regarding Sharps Disposal may call the Recycling Office at (414) 302-8831 or the Sanitation Office at (414) 302-8800 weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

New Immunization Clinic Hours

Mark your calendars! Starting **April 1, 2015**, the West Allis Health Department is changing its Immunization hours. The new hours are:

Walk-in Clinics: Wednesday, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
 Thursday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

By Appointment: Monday (2nd of each month), 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday (4th of each month), 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

TB Skin Tests Available (fee \$10 resident; \$20 nonresident)

Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (by appointment)

Wednesdays, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (walk-in)

2nd Monday & 4th Tuesday of each month 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. (by appointment)

For clinic appointments, please call the West Allis Health Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at (414) 302-8600. (Please call with any questions; we are here to help.)



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. The event focuses on ways to help children grow and develop. Professionals from the West Allis Health Department, WA/WM 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
3:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31
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.

Spanish Health Fair Save the Date!

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition (WAWMCC) with assistance from the West Allis Health Department will be hosting a Spanish Health Fair on April 18. This event is **FREE** and open to the public but is aimed at the Latino community—speakers and handout materials will be in Spanish.

Come learn about many services that are available, listen to speakers, and try zumba! Activities, resource tables, music, and refreshments are all part of this fun event.

At time of printing, a location for the Fair was not yet confirmed. For further information, please call the West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition at (414) 604-3506 or the West Allis Health Department at (414) 302-8600.

Feria de Salud Latino Aproveche este día

La Coalicón Comunitaria de West Allis-West Milwaukee (WAWMCC) con la colaboración del Departamento de Salud de West Allis realizara una Feria de Salud Latino el 18 de abril en el West Allis Senior Center, 7001 West National Avenue. Este evento es **GRATUITO** y abierto al público, pero está dirigido a la comunidad Latina. Oradores y materiales para distribuir serán en español.

Venga y aprenda acerca de muchos servicios que están disponibles, escuchar a los oradores, y intenta Zumba! Tablas de recursos, música y refrescos son parte de este evento divertido.

Para mas información, por favor llame a la Coalicón Comunitaria de West Allis-West Milwaukee (414) 604-3506, o al Departamento de Salud de West Allis (414) 302-8600.

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.

Membership at the West Allis Senior Center is open to anyone age 55 or older. Annual membership is September 1 thru August 31. Fees are \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents.

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 schedule 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 senior meal sites directly or call the Area Agency on Aging at (414) 289-6995.

Selected Events for April, May, June

WNEP Nutrition Classes. Guest speaker and Nutrition Educator, Juanita Jara, presents four food demonstrations on Wednesdays, April 8–29, 10:15–11:15 a.m. Sessions are free and open to members and Senior Meal Site participants. For reservations call (414) 302-8700.

St. Patrick's Celebration. Tuesday, March 17, 11:00 a.m. Games, punch, door prizes and an Irish-themed lunch. \$2.50 suggested donation. Call (414) 302-8703.

Everywoman's Journal. Wednesday, April 22, 12:15–2:15 p.m. Learn how to use proactive journaling to increase awareness of emotional, physical, and mental health while improving your sense of personal wellbeing. Workshop Leader is Peggy Pipia, Health Educator at the West Allis Health Department. Class size is limited. Call (414) 302-8700 to register.

Painting Party! Thursday, April 24, 12:30–3:00 p.m. Learn basic acrylic painting techniques. Cost is \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers; all supplies provided. Pre-registration required.

Be Active; Eat Healthy. Tuesday, May 12, 11:00 a.m. Learn how to keep your mind and body in great shape; lunch at 11:30 a.m. \$2.50 suggested donation. Call (414) 302-8703.

Huge Indoor Rummage & Bake Sale. The Senior Center is hosting this event Thursday and Friday, May 7 and May 8, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Donations of "quality" rummage items accepted until May 1. Space available for rent (\$12 per 6 ft. table); Advance reservations required.



What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental nonfire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used, or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters, and fireplaces.

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including:

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Loss of consciousness
- Ultimately death

Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

**What to do with unused medications?
DROP OFF or LOCK UP!**

- Accepted medications are pills, inhalers and liquids in leak proof container.
- Please remove pills from packaging, if possible.

Year Round Disposal
West Allis Police Department
11301 West Lincoln Avenue
24-hour drop-box located in the lobby.

West Allis - West Allis Senior Center
Forward: West Allis Police Department

Adult Programs

Leisure Timers

Join us in the Library's Constitution Room on the following Monday mornings at 10:00 am for hour-long programs for adults who enjoy viewing films and live presentations relating to travel, history and other subjects of general interest.

April 13: Tony Busalacchi presents "The Beauty of Italy." Join enthusiastic world traveler and instructor in an animated and engaging presentation of his travels to Italy.

April 27: Allan Heninger presents "A Visit to London, Brecon and Edinburgh" in a series of slides that details his memorable and historic look at the British Isles.

May 11: Bob from the Laureate Group will inform us on aspects of mental agility in his talk "Mind Alert: Effective Techniques for Enhancing Mental Fitness."

June 8: DVD presentation of "Year in the Blue," a documentary of cadet life inside the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, including live commentary.

June 22: DVD presentation of "Across America: Route 66 and Beyond," a Globe Trekker presentation of travel on this historic American roadway.

Getting Crafty Craft-a-Palooza

Monday, April 13, 7:00 PM

Getting Crafty is back! Like to make things or just want to try something new? We're having a special "Craft-a-Palooza" session where you can use leftovers from previous projects to make fun crafts. The session is limited to 25 participants. Registration is required.

Adult Summer Reading

June 1-August 23

Like to read? Then why not get rewarded for it! Adults ages 18 and up are eligible to be a part of our Adult Summer Reading Program. Read four books and fill out one of our entry forms for a chance to win a gift card to a local business.

Spring Computer Classes @ the Library

New to computers? Interested in expanding your basic skills? Take a class this spring. The library will offer computer classes for Milwaukee County residents who want to learn more about using computers, searching the Internet, creating and using an email address, using Microsoft Word 2010, writing a resume, job searching, and using CountyCat (the library's online catalog).

For a list of our March-May classes and to register, stop by the Adult Information Desk or call (414) 302-8500. Registration is required; limit of 10 patrons per class. Classes are for patrons ages 12 and up with a valid Milwaukee County library card.

Children's Department

Every Hero Has A Story!

2015 Summer Reading Program

Registration begins June 1.

All children, ages 3 - 11 are welcome, including children who are read to. Prizes are appropriate for children ages 3 through 11. Children 12 and older are encouraged to participate in the teen summer reading program. For more information, call (414) 302-8502 or stop by the library.

The Children's Department has an amazing lineup of performers for the summer. The first two are listed below. Please check the next City Newsletter for the July and August schedule. All programs are free to Milwaukee County residents.

Wednesday Programs

10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, and 1:00 PM

June 17 - The Magic of Rick Allen (all ages)

June 24 - Puppet Story Theater (all ages)

Teen Events

Friday Fun

April 24, May 24, and June 26, 3:30-5:30 PM

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 each month for teens to just hang out. We'll have snacks, games, maybe even a craft or two. So stop in and hang out!

"May the 4th" Star Wars Program - Saturday, May 2, 2:00 PM

Love *Star Wars*? Then come celebrate with us on Saturday, May 2. Games, treats, and a great time for all.

Teen Summer Reading

Sign up for Summer Reading begins Monday, June 1. Stop by the Information Desk for a Summer Reading Packet complete with details about the program, teen events, and awesome prize auction!

Writer's Camp

Thursdays, June 18 and 25, 2-3:30 PM

Love to write? Join us for Writer's Camp 2015. The fun will continue into July.

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



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.

NONDISCRIMINATION 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.

Holiday Hours/Closings

The library will be **CLOSED**:

Sunday, April 5

Easter

Saturday, May 23

Memorial Day Weekend

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

The library is **CLOSED** on **SUNDAYS**, May through September.

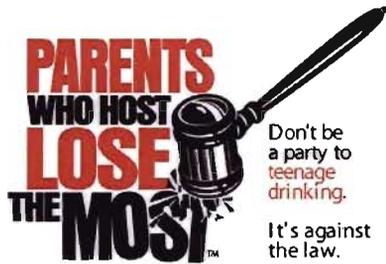


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For further information, call 414/302-8292 or visit website at www.westalliswi.gov



The West Allis – West Milwaukee Community Coalition wants WAWM youth to have a SAFE prom and graduation season!
Go to www.wawmcc.org to join the Coalition or for more information.

Farmers Market

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays,
noon to 6:00 p.m. and
Saturdays, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
(first Saturday in May through the
Saturday after Thanksgiving)

Market Place

Market Place at the Farmers Market
is held the first Sunday in May
through the last Sunday in October,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Environmental News

2014 Recycling Statistics

Curbside paper	1357.62	tons
Drop-off paper	227.05	tons
Curbside blue bag	1368.73	tons
Drop-off blue bag	91.24	tons
Mixed paper	77.96	tons
Office paper	26.34	tons
Sharps	0.10	tons
Tires	18.79	tons
Microwaves	1.32	tons
Waste Oil	10,375	gallons
Antifreeze	680	gallons

WASTE REDUCTION continues to work in West Allis. In 2014, the recycling rate for the above items was 13.8% of the waste stream.

Scrap Metal	222	tons
Brush	2,068.78	tons
Leaves	6,633.82	tons

When yard waste and scrap metal are included in the above figure, the percentage jumps to 37.6%. Congratulations on the great job!

VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 10-12	Wheel & Sprocket Bike Expo	Expo Center
April 17-18	Scrapbook Expo	Expo Center
April 19-25	Just Between Friends Consignment Sale	Expo Center
April 24-26	Gaming Hoopla	TGT
April 25	Stein and Dine	Expo Center
May 29-30	MMSD Hazardous Household Waste Collection	North Lot
May 31	WingFest Milwaukee	Products Pavilion
June 3	Wednesday Night Live!	Budweiser Pavilion
June 10	Wednesday Night Live!	Budweiser Pavilion
June 17	Wednesday Night Live!	Budweiser Pavilion
June 19-21	Greek Fest	North Lot
June 24	Wednesday Night Live!	Budweiser Pavilion

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK CONTACT INFORMATION

All dates and event information are subject to change.

Recorded information updated weekly	1-800-884-FAIR (3247)
Wisconsin State Fair Park Administration Office	414/266-7000
Web Site	www.wistatefair.com
E-mail Address	eventservices@wisconsin.gov
Pettit National Ice Center	414/266-0100

NEWSLETTER

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WWW.WESTALLISWI.GOV

City Website:
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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

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
- 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 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.

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.

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

2015 RECYCLING CALENDAR

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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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

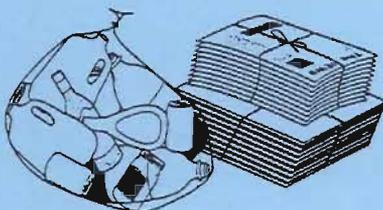
STEEL/TIN CANS



- 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.

To find out your collection day or for more information, see the City's web site at www.westalliswi.gov or call the Sanitation Office at 302-8800 or the Recycling Office at 302-8831.

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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.
- Dispose of with regular refuse.

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 without rims
- Asphalt/Concrete
- Sod/Ground
- Stone

CLOSED

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

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

Morgan Avenue Yard

3601 South 116 Street

South of Morgan Avenue

May 26 to September 4

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

September 8 to October 9

- 7:30 - 2:30 Monday through Friday

DROP-OFF AT THE MORGAN AVE. SITE

FREE

- Yard Waste
- Brush

CHARGE

- Sod/Ground
- Asphalt/Concrete
- Stone

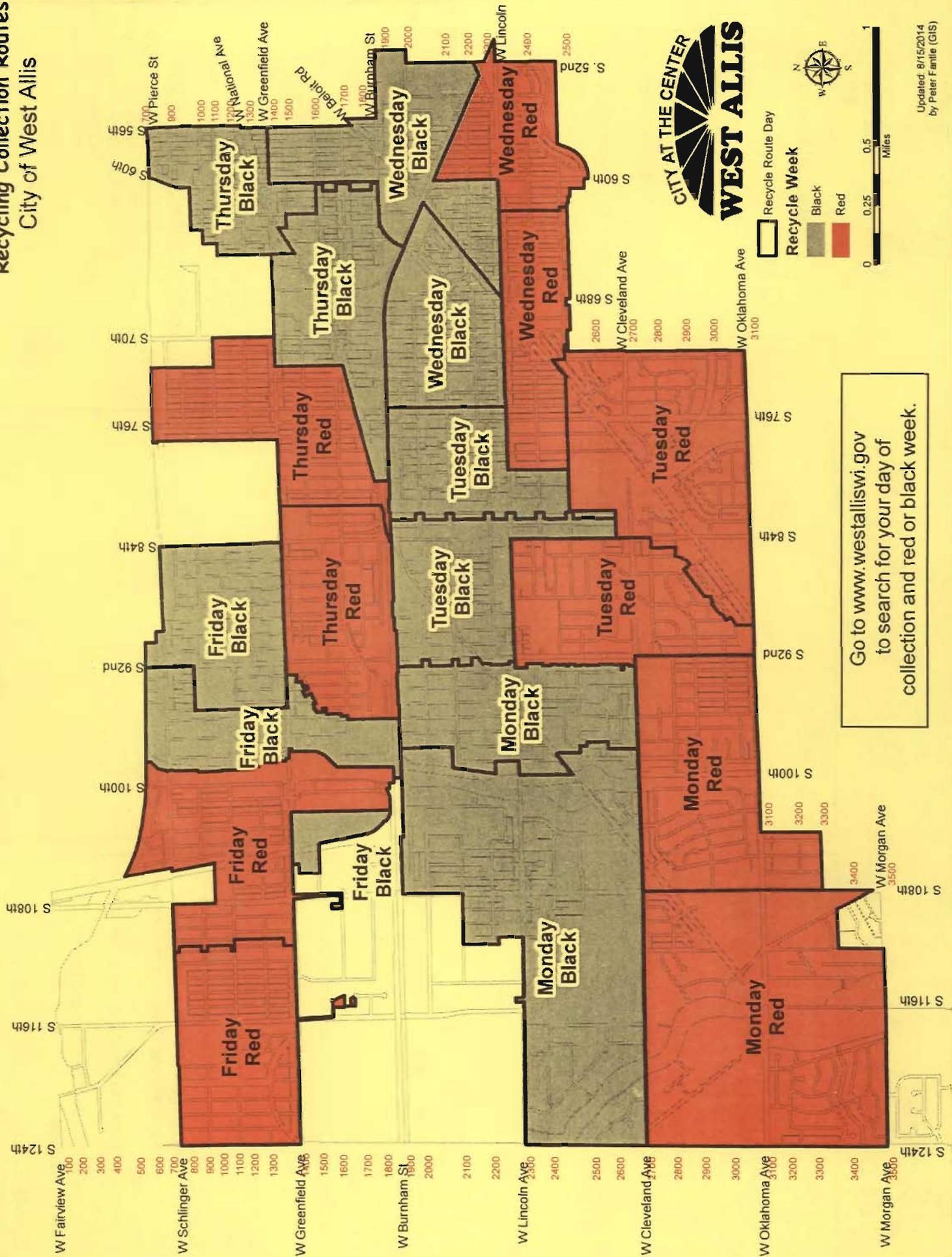
NOT ACCEPTED

- 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.

BUSINESS

FIRST

News from THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS

Spring 2015

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK West Allis: We've Got What You're Looking For - BUY LOCAL!

Throughout the nation, there is a strong movement that promotes buying local, and West Allis is a great city where the "buying local" movement is strong and growing. Over the past few weeks, I met with a number of exciting and energetic local entrepreneurs who believe strongly in a West Allis location. These entrepreneurs offer a variety of products ranging from homemade soaps, bath and beauty products to a young couple with the vision to start a craft brewery with a brew pub. A previously City-assisted start-up business received approval to expand their homemade jams and pickles operations, while creating an opportunity for more local businesses to start-up, through the creation of a shared kitchen.



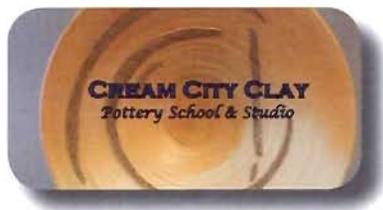
When we decide to shop for gifts, food or household items, we have choices, and buying local offers many communitywide benefits. According to an Andersonville Study of Retail Economics by Civic Economics, local business generates 70% more local economic activity per square foot than big box retail. The same study suggests that for every "\$100 spent at an independent neighborhood business, \$68 in additional local economic activity was created, while spending \$100 at a chain produced only \$43 worth of local impact."

West Allis is fortunate to have so many unique, locally-owned businesses and restaurants. Our local, independent business scene has always been strong with longstanding, community-minded businesses like Rupena's Fine Foods, Freese's Candy Shoppe, West Allis Heating and Cooling, Kegel's, Catorina's and Mama Mia's, and the list goes on! West Allis continues to see growth in local independent operators, and people who live and work here may now start their day by grabbing a cup of coffee at Urban Joe Café or Coffeeworks or a pastry from Aggie's Bakery. The lunch hour is now even more interesting with options like Twisted Bistro, Fusion Café or the expanded deli at the West Allis Cheese and Sausage Shoppe. And, dinner options in the evening now include Italian at Capri du Nuovo, Vietnamese at Pho King Restaurant, or burgers and steaks at Butch's Pub and Eatery.

West Allis also has an increasing arts and retail scene for local businesses. You can now enjoy the new arts studio and performance venue at Inspiration Studios where you can see and display art or take-in live theater. Our diverse, retail landscape includes the wide variety of items at Oniomania or the Chalk Studio in the Downtown, and soon the pottery studio Cream City Clay.

As consumers and patrons, we do have choices that help promote a West Allis location. When you shop, dine or entertain, I encourage you to "think local" and take a moment to explore our great city. With each dollar spent, we can grow our economy and attract new businesses to our community.

West Allis
**DOWN
TOWN**



West Allis Downtown Welcomes "Cream City Clay"

The Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District is excited to welcome another art-centric shop to our area. Cream City Clay, owned and operated by ceramics instructor Colleen Volland, will be a community art center for professional ceramics artists, as well as first-time pottery enthusiasts. In addition to offering classes and a space for artists to work, Cream City Clay will also host gallery nights and have a retail area where patrons can purchase pottery created by local artists. The new studio will be located at 7105 W Greenfield Avenue and is expected to be open by early spring.

Cream City Clay will be an excellent addition to the other hobby related shops in the Downtown, such as Model Empire, The Chalk Studio and Cooks Cake & Candy.

West Allis
West Milwaukee
Chamber of Commerce

SHOP TO CARRIE ON & Clothing Boutique Opens in West Allis

SHOP TO CARRIE ON & Clothing Boutique has moved and is reopening at 11045 W. National Ave. in West Allis! It is truly a unique shopping destination with 15 local artisans and professional florals by the 38 year design team of FLOWERS TO CARRIE ON.

Carrie has been an exhibitor in finer Craft & Art shows for 24 years. This shop is the largest seller of the Gingersnap line of interchangeable jewelry, and also sells boutique clothing sizes SM-3XL. Go to www.shoptocarrieon.com for more information and hours.

SHOP LOCAL and buy something locally hand made!



LET THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS CONNECT YOU TO HOUSING RESOURCES

HOME OWNERSHIP

LOW-INTEREST HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

Home Repair Program

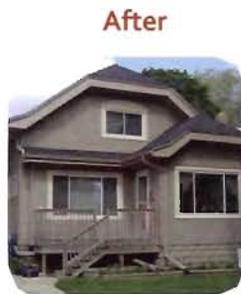
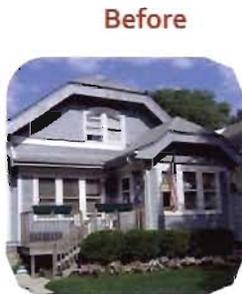
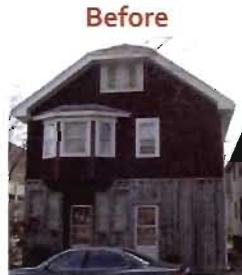
Don't pass up this great opportunity to improve your home! The City of West Allis has several options for low-interest home improvement loans for owner-occupied properties. Loan amounts of up to \$20,000. Payments as low as \$30 a month with interest rates between 0% and 6% based on household size and income. Eligible properties are owner-occupied single-family homes or duplex units.



Eligible Improvements

- Roofing
- Siding and trim
- Gutters and downspouts
- Windows and doors
- Furnaces
- Porch repairs
- Weatherization
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Foundation repairs
- Landscaping
- Exterior painting ... and more!

MAINTENANCE



REPAIRS

HOME BUYERS LOAN PROGRAM

Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance

The City of West Allis Home Buyers Program provides low-interest loans to assist low-to-moderate income households with down payment and closing costs for single-family

homes or owner-occupied duplexes located in the City of West Allis. The loan assists with up to 1/2 of the down payment and closing costs up to \$4,000 with an interest rate of 3%. Check with your lender to see if you are eligible.

Additional information for these programs available at:
www.westalliswi.gov/housing or call
(414)302-8428

West Allis

A LA CARTE



Sunday,

June 7, 2015

12 NOON-6PM

GREENFIELD AVE. BETWEEN 70TH & 76TH
& ADJACENT SIDE STREETS

In cooperation with:



Free Admission & Parking • Live Music & Entertainment
Food • Games • Photo Booth • BINGO • Inflatables
Artists • Crafters • Valuable Information

For more information on how you can be part of this event,
check our website: www.WestAllisDowntown.com



GET INVOLVED!

Interested in being part of the West Allis Downtown and in turn reaching out to the community?

Why not become a West Allis Downtown Volunteer?

Contact our office for a chance to get involved! 414-774-2676

Here is a sampling of immediate opportunities:

- Tend planters
- Deliver newsletters/posters to area businesses
- Event preparation and cleanup:

West Allis A La Carte:

First Sunday in June- 12noon to 6pm

Classic Car Show:

First Sunday in October- 10am to 3pm

Halloween Hunt:

Last Saturday in October- 10am to 12noon

Christmas On The Avenue:

First Saturday in December- 1:30 to 3:30pm

{SHOP & DINE}
{WORK & PLAY}

What is the West Allis Community Improvement Foundation?

The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation (WACIF) was founded as a not-for-profit charitable organization in the mid-1980s to promote cultural, educational, recreational, civic, and public improvement programs and services. The Foundation is supported solely by gifts of money, services, and other forms of gifts to promote community projects and programs which preserve, foster, and enhance the economic and social well-being of the citizens, businesses, and organizations of the City of West Allis.

Historically, the Foundation has annually sponsored two main events: a Community Thanksgiving Breakfast that supports the many food pantries serving West Allis residents, and a Dinner Dance that benefits a specially recognized group or organization. The Breakfast is held the Monday in November that precedes Thanksgiving Day. The Dinner Dance is usually held in March or April, depending when Easter falls each year.

In regards to the beneficiary of the Dinner Dance, the Foundation Board of Directors selects the designated recipient each year, almost a year in advance. Interested parties may apply for that selection by sending a letter and submitting the appropriate application form by the time specified.

Questions about the Foundation or the Annual Dinner Dance selection process can be directed to the Foundation at the address and/or phone number noted below. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Foundation, please contact the Foundation Board's President, Ms. Patricia Wikenhauser, at (414) 302-8200.

WACIF

Dinner Dance Beneficiary Designation Application

Name of Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone No.: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Contact Person: _____ Legal Status: _____
Tax Status: _____ Establishment Date: _____
Service Area: _____
Mission/Purpose: _____

Justification for Funding Request: _____

Explanation of Use of Funds: _____

Submit letter and application form by September 1 for following year consideration.

Mail to:
West Allis Community Improvement Foundation, Inc.
7525 West Greenfield Avenue
West Allis WI 53214
(414) 302-8200





WEST ALLIS
WEST MILWAUKEE

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

MARCH 2015 EDITION

A newsletter for the West Allis-West Milwaukee School Community

Youth Art Month

During the month of March our School District recognizes Youth Art Month along with thousands of other schools across the country. On March 1, 2015 we held our annual event at the District Administration Office to celebrate student art and music in our schools. The event was well attended by families, staff, and the WAWM community.



Superintendent's Message:

Board of Education Refinances Debt Saving Taxpayers \$1.7 Million



In a time of low interest rates many homeowners have taken the opportunity to refinance their home mortgages. Homeowners know a low interest rate can save them thousands of dollars over the term of their mortgage. School districts also have debt payments (a mortgage) on their school buildings. Refinancing this debt when interest rates are low can save District taxpayers a significant amount of money.

On January 26, 2015 the West Allis-West Milwaukee Board of Education took formal action to refinance some remaining debt on its school buildings. Taxpayers of the District will save \$1.7 million over the remaining years of these debt payments. The District used a competitive bidding process to get the lowest available rates in the municipal bond market. The District also went through a bond rating process. The end result was an A1 rating through Moody's Investors Service. Not only did the A1 Rating on the bonds position the District to reduce interest costs, but just as important, the rating documents the District's solid financial position.

Paul A. Strobel, PhD

WAWM Welcomes UW- Madison's Doctoral Research Program

On January 28, 2015 the WAWM School District welcomed students and professors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Doctoral Research Program. The program centers around School of Education graduate students who intend to pursue a career in educational research and school-related fields.

The Doctoral Research Program at UW-Madison is partnering with our District to gain a better understanding of how our professional educators engage students in academic and career planning and how our students experience academic and career planning. UW-Madison research students will be interviewing our professional educators who conduct student planning conferences and observing students as they engage in academic and career planning.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

School Climate Transformation Project

The WAWM School District was recently awarded a "School Climate Transformation Project" grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Our District was one of 71 public school districts in the country to receive this grant.

Over the course of the next five years, the District will develop, enhance, and expand systems of support to improve the academic and behavioral outcomes for all students.

Community Partnerships

The WAWM School District has established community partnerships in all of our schools. Businesses, community groups, and local churches are just a few examples of current school partnerships.

Partnerships developed by our schools provide an important component that is found in and outside of the classroom. Many groups serve as mentors to our students and provide assistance in the areas of reading and math. Other groups such as Biztown support life skills and offer financial literacy and real life business experience. Financial support as well as food and clothing items for our families who are less fortunate is also provided.

The WAWM School District is very appreciative of the groups that offer their support to our schools. If you would like to serve as a partner for one or more of our schools, please contact the District Administration Office at 604-3000.

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PEP Grant Update: "Inspiring Healthy Kids Through THE POWER OF FOOD"

An interactive workshop designed to encourage healthy eating provided WAWM students, staff, and families with the opportunity to learn about nutrition and work alongside a culinary professional. Physician and culinary professional Dr. Robert Dell'Amore presented the workshop to high school and elementary students, staff, and parents. Students helped prepare two dishes, a kale salad, and vegetarian stir fry. The dishes were completely salt, butter, and sugar-free, but had GREAT flavor that students enjoyed. Funding awarded from the PEP Grant was used to host the week long workshop.



Spotlight on Recreation and Community Services

2015 Summer Activity Guide

It is time to start making your summer recreation program plans! Our 2015 Summer Activity Guide is scheduled to be delivered via US mail and posted on our website on Monday, March 23. Online, Mail-In, and Drop Box registration for all WAWM Residents begins Monday, April 13.

Brunch with the Bunny

Join us for brunch, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt (weather permitting) on Sunday, March 29 at Horace Mann Elementary from 10:00am-Noon. Please visit our website for more information and to purchase your tickets in advance.