

It's YOUR CITY WEST ALLIS



January, February & March

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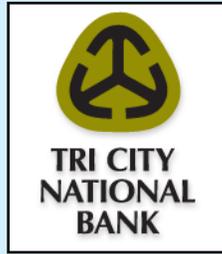


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More Convenient Ways to Pay Your Property Tax Bill

More than 22,000 2015 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.



Avoid long lines at City Hall through these convenient payment methods to make tax payments:

- At any one of the Tri City National Bank locations in the City of West Allis, including inside Pick 'n Save stores. Tri City Bank accepts tax payments through January 31, 2016. With five Tri City locations in West Allis, there is certainly a branch convenient to you.*
- By mail using the return remittance envelope enclosed with your tax bill.
- By using the electronic payment options on the city website (full or installment payments). E-checks are processed at no cost; fees apply to other payment options.
- Use the overnight drop box. Your payment will be credited the next business day.

*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 p.m. The Bank also makes immediate refunds from tax escrow checks; whereas, if you make payment at City Hall with an escrow check, refunds are mailed and can take several weeks to receive.

Due dates for tax payments are:

- 1st Installment (or payment in full): January 31, 2016
- 2nd Installment: March 31, 2016
- 3rd Installment: May 31, 2016

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

- Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25
- Friday, January 1, 2016

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

- Saturday, December 26

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

Monday, December 21
 Tuesday, December 22
 Wednesday, December 23
 Thursday, December 24
 Friday, December 25

Monday, December 28
 Tuesday, December 29
 Wednesday, December 30
 Thursday, December 31
 Friday, January 1

SET OUT REFUSE OR RECYCLABLES ON

Monday, December 21
 Monday, December 21*
 Tuesday, December 22*
 Wednesday, December 23*
 Saturday, December 26

Monday, December 28
 Monday, December 28*
 Tuesday, December 29*
 Wednesday, December 30*
 Thursday, December 31

2016 Recycling Calendar,
 Rules & Regulations
 and Refuse Info Booklet
 Enclosed.

*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.



New Fence and Plumbing Permit Regulations

This past fall, the Common Council passed two new ordinances pertaining to fence permits and residential plumbing permits that will affect homeowners in West Allis.

First, a building permit is no longer required to construct or replace a fence in West Allis. The regulations for a fence are still the same: they need to be located in side and rear yards only, limited to 6' high, and the "good side" needs to face out of the yard, among other things.

Second, homeowners of single-family homes, who reside at the property where the work is being done, will be able to apply for their own plumbing permits for the replacement of fixtures (such as a toilet, sink or faucet). Previously, a homeowner was required to hire a state licensed plumber to obtain permits and do all plumbing work in the house. Now, there is a reduced fee and a simplified application for homeowners to use.

For more information on these new regulations, please contact the West Allis Department of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services or visit their website at westalliswi.gov/BINS.

West Allis Green Initiative

The Green Initiative has worked on a number of projects in the past few months including reducing power consumption on computers and servers, reducing paper usage, and a recycling and shredding event. Additionally, the Department of Public Works has a drop off for electronic recycling.



Many electronics such as computers, televisions and cell phones were banned from Wisconsin landfills when a new law took effect on September 1, 2010. These items contain harmful materials that are released into the air, water and soil if not disposed of properly.

Since this law took effect, it has become increasingly difficult to properly dispose of the banned items. As a result, the West Allis Department of Public Works began a PILOT program to accept electronics. This program is only for one to four family residential properties in West Allis. Individuals will be required to show identification to verify they are West Allis residents.

Items may be brought to the Municipal Yard at 6300 W. McGeoch Ave. during regular business hours. For certain items, such as projection or console televisions and computer monitors, there is a \$20 fee. All other electronics will be accepted at no charge. For a complete list of accepted items or for more information, visit the City's website at www.westalliswi.gov or call the Recycling Office at (414)302-8831 or the Sanitation Office at (414)302-8800 weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you receive a new electronic for the holidays, please remember to properly recycle your old one. To learn how you can "green up" West Allis or become involved, please visit www.keepwestallisgreen.com.

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

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016

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 Thursday, December 24; Friday, December 25; and Friday, January 1, 2016. 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 18

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 15



Online Overnight Parking Permission

Special overnight parking permission, up to three evenings per month, can now be requested online. Monthly, quarterly, six-month and annual permits may also be purchased online. Visit <http://www.westalliswi.gov> for more details.



Police Department Embraces Social Media

In order to provide citizens with information regarding community events, crime prevention and recent criminal activity, as well as to recognize the efforts of all its dedicated officers and employees, the West Allis Police Department (WAPD) regularly posts information on its website, Facebook page, Twitter page, Nextdoor.com and through a free app called My Police Department (Wired Blue LLC). We have received a lot of positive feedback about these information sharing sources, and numerous suspects responsible for crimes have been identified thanks to concerned citizens who call when they recognize suspects in pictures that have been posted. We encourage you to check us out and follow us.



CAAD New Year's Eve Family Night



CAAD (Community Alliance Against Drugs) will host its annual New Year's Eve party on Thursday, December 31, at West Allis Central High School, 8521 W. Lincoln Ave., 6:30-11:00 p.m.

The evening will include inflatable attractions, rock wall, basketball, volleyball, swimming (6:30-9 p.m.), DJ, raffles, face painting, and a balloon drop at 10:45 p.m. Admission is free for CAAD members or \$6 for guests/non-members ages 4 and older. Various activities and concessions at very affordable costs. For complete details, see the City's web site at www.westalliswi.gov or call the Community Services Bureau at (414) 302-8050.

CAAD WinterFEST

**Saturday, February 6, 2016 Nathan Hale High School
6:30-9:30 PM 11601 W. Lincoln Ave.**

Winterfest Family Night is an annual event sponsored by CAAD (Community Alliance Against Drugs). The event features basketball, swimming (7-9 p.m.), DJ, inflatables, raffles and concessions. Free admission for CAAD members (includes a meal), non-members pay \$5 per adult (age 13 and older) and \$3 per child (age 12 and younger).

Visit www.westalliswi.gov in early 2016 for more details or call the Community Services Bureau at (414) 302-8050.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

West Allis Health Department

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Living Well with Chronic Conditions is a six-week class that meets once each week for two and one-half hours. Class is scheduled for Tuesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. beginning January 19, 2016 at Library Square, 1820 S. 75 St., West Allis. All are welcome. The class is FREE, but if participants want to borrow a book, there is a \$20 deposit. The money is refunded if at least 4 of 6 classes are attended AND the book is returned in good condition.

This class, which is being jointly offered by the West Allis Health Department and Aurora Parish Nursing, is for any adult with a chronic condition such as high blood pressure, chronic pain, diabetes, heart disease, etc. If you are living with a chronic condition, this is the class for you! Along with needed group support, you will find ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, learn about stress management and better sleep, and much more.

Feel Better. Be in control. Do the things you want to do!

Register now for Living Well with Chronic Conditions by calling Library Square at (414) 774-4411. For further information regarding the program, please call the Health Dept. at (414) 302-8640.



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Community Dinner Dance to Benefit West Allis Disabled American Vets

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 27th Annual West Allis Community Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 16, 2016, 6-11 p.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 8201 W. Greenfield Avenue. The event will benefit the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 19 West Allis.

The DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity. They do this by ensuring veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fighting for the interest of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. The West Allis Chapter works to donate needed funds to support the DAV transportation network, which provides needy veterans transportation to and from medical appointments at no cost. The number of disabled and needy veterans is greatly increasing along with their service needs, which are becoming more complex, and funds raised will be utilized to continue and expand the many service projects offered to disabled veterans in West Allis.

The Dinner Dance will feature a catered dinner, the "Taste of West Allis" sweet table, dinner music by the Shining Strings, dancing music, and an exciting Silent Auction.

Event details will be available in early 2016, including ticket price and availability. Contact the Foundation at (414) 302-8292 or visit www.westalliswi.gov for more information.

MARK APRIL 16 ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW



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 2016.

City of West Allis Recommended 2016 Budget - Fact Sheet					
	Budget Year 2015	Tax Rate	Budget Year 2016	Tax Rate *	Change *
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 57,227,199	\$ 9.25	\$ 57,621,784	\$ 9.25	0.69%
General Government	\$ 8,554,394	\$ 1.38	\$ 9,614,248	\$ 1.54	12.39%
Public Safety	\$ 31,833,143	\$ 5.15	\$ 31,708,828	\$ 5.09	-0.39%
Engineering & Public Works	\$ 12,132,861	\$ 1.96	\$ 11,626,476	\$ 1.87	-4.17%
Health, Culture, Recreation	\$ 4,706,801	\$ 0.76	\$ 4,672,232	\$ 0.75	-0.73%
* Assessed Value	\$ 3,724,450,300		\$ 3,733,998,800		0.26%
General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 33,472,719	\$ 9.25	\$ 33,631,139	\$ 9.25	0.47%
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	\$ 3,790,078	\$ 1.02	\$ 3,802,118	\$ 1.02	0.32%
TID Levy	\$ 946,112		\$ 878,288		-7.17%
Total Levy /Total Tax Rate	\$ 40,251,909	\$ 10.81	\$ 40,354,545	\$ 10.81	0.25%
Taxes on \$150K home:	\$ 1,621.50		\$ 1,621.50		0.00%
Change in Taxes:			\$ -		
Total Employees (FTE)	513.54		515.03		0.3%
Projected Fund Balance	\$ 6,610,904		\$ 6,693,653		1.3%
Fund Balance as % of Gen Fund Exp	11.6%		11.6%		0.0%

*ESTIMATED

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 5. Caroling by the Mount Hope Lutheran Church Singers, West Milwaukee Intermediate School Chorus, and Nathan Hale High School Madrigal Ensemble 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 Esperanza Valdivia, age 10. Items collected were included in a donation to eleven local food pantries.

Visit www.downtownwestallis.org to view holiday photos.

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

Each year, fire departments respond to an average of 210 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holidays safer.

Picking the tree

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1" - 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand daily.

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

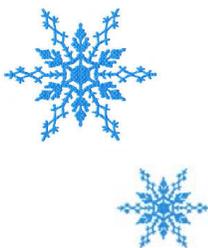
- Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside against the home. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Information found at <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/christmas-tree-fires/christmas-tree-safety-tips>.

SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

****Revised September 2013****

- 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.
- 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.



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.

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.

TIPS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

With winter weather approaching, the City would like to remind all property owners, both commercial and residential, of the following:

- Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.
- Public sidewalks must be cleared to a width of 3 feet.
- 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 already formed and cannot be removed, an abrasive material must be applied (such as sand, salt, or a mixture).
- Failure to remove snow from the public sidewalk and curb ramp within this timeframe will result in an \$86.20 citation, in addition to an invoice for the cost of removing the snow and ice (per section 11.12 of the Revised Municipal Code).
- Shoveling, plowing or blowing snow or ice from your property onto the roadway or alley is subject to a fine.

Avoid these costly expenses by removing your snow promptly and properly. If you have any questions, please contact the Forestry Division at (414) 302-8811.

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."

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.

Gift Certificates Available. Gift certificates for the Senior Nutrition Program are now available (must be age 60 or older). Each certificate good for one free lunch. Purchase certificates at the Senior Center's meal site. Call (414) 302-8702 for more information.

Selected Events for January, February March

Painting Parties. Learn basic acrylic painting techniques in these once a month Friday sessions, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 Members/\$15 Nonmembers. All supplies provided; pre-registration required. Call (414)302-8700 for more information.

Dance, Dance, Dance. Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. Move and enjoy music from the 50's, 60's and 70's!

Folk Dance Group. Ongoing beginner sessions meet Wednesdays, 10-11:00 a.m. Comfortable clothing and smooth non-rubber soled shoes recommended.

Arthritis Foundation's Exercise Class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 10-11:00 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities. The Senior Center is seeking volunteers to help with the following programs and activities: Fitness Room check in, Computer Lab Assistants, Greeters, newsletter collators, Craft Instructor, Piano Player, Chorus Director, 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 a variety of community projects and programs. Donations may be dropped off at the Senior Center weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open Computer Labs. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, noon – 2:00 p.m. Call (414) 302-8700 for more information.

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. Participants provide their own materials.



Christmas Tree Collection

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.



Winterize Your Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens

As temperatures drop below 40 F, there are a few steps you can take to winterize your rain barrel and/or rain garden to make sure they are ready for spring.

Rain Barrel

- Drain by opening all spigots. Once drained, turn the barrel upside down, if possible, to empty it completely.
- Remove hoses and diverter and leave faucets open. Hoses split easily in cold weather and should be stored out of the elements. If you received a FlexiFit Diverter, place the winterizing cover over the hole in your downspout. For other arrangements, replace your downspout diverter with a flexible extension to redirect downspout at least six feet away from your house.
- Clear any debris from inside the barrel by removing the cap and spraying it out with clean water. Cleaning out the barrel will eliminate mold and fungus growth.
- If possible, store your rain barrel in your garage or basement to protect it from incidental damage. If left outside, the barrel should be covered with a tarp or turned upside down to prevent water accumulation.

Rain Garden

- Remove weeds. Doing so will help prevent your rain garden plants from being choked or crowded by unwanted growth come springtime.
- Check plants for any brown or dead growth. No need to cut your plants down to stubs, but trimming away unhealthy parts can lead to healthy and strong plants later.
- Add some mulch if needed. While not necessary, adding mulch can help discourage weeds from sneaking in. It can also help keep the roots of your plants healthy and protected during the cold winter months.
- Plan for spring by looking your garden over to see how your plants did and if there are any plants that you would like to replace. Between January and March, MMSD will be selling rain garden plants up to 50% off retail cost! For more information, send an email to raingardens@mmsd.com.

For more information on rain gardens and rain barrels, visit MMSD's website at www.mmsd.com.

Children's Programs

Call, stop in the library or visit the web site for more details on any of the Children's programming.

Storytimes, registration required

These programs run January 25 through April 20:
 Wonderful Ones, 9-23 months, Wednesdays, 9:30 AM
 Toddling Time, 24-35 months, Wednesdays, 10:30 AM
 Mother Goose at Night, 1-2 years old, Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
 Storytime, 3-5 years old, Mondays, 10:00AM or Tuesdays, 1:30 PM

Book Club, Grades 1-3

Thursdays, January 28, February 25, March 25, 7:00-7:45 PM
 Books are available 3 weeks before the scheduled date at the check-out desk. Read the book before the meeting, and come for a discussion, snack and craft. Registration is not required.

Library Makers, Grades 3-5

January 7 and February 11, 4:00-4:45 PM
 Have fun doing something new and exciting each month. Registration is not required.

Lego Club, K5 and Older

First Saturday of each month from 2:00-3:00 PM. Registration is not required.

Adult Programs

New Year, New You

Join us for a new series of programs focusing on branching out and trying new things in the New Year. Free and open to the public.
 January 11: Basics of T'ai Chi
 January 14: DIY Skin Care
 January 19: Healthy Diet, Healthy You
 Registration required at the Information Desk or call (414) 302-8500.

Getting Crafty

Mondays, January 19, February 22, March 21, 7:00 PM
 Projects include Homemade Valentines, Heart Quote Artwork and DIY Coffee Mugs. Free sessions limited to 25 participants, ages 18 and older. Register at the Reference Desk or call (414) 302-8500.

2nd Annual Harry Potter Book Night

Thursday, February 4, 6:30 PM
 Wizards and Muggles of all ages are invited to the Constitution Room for a new evening of games, snacks, crafts, costume contests and more! Tickets required and available in the atrium beginning at 6:00 PM.

Wisconsin Author Fest

Saturday, March 19, 1:00-4:30 PM
 The West Allis Public Library will host local Wisconsin authors for a free afternoon of fun for readers of all ages. Meet the authors, Q&A session, treats and giveaways. Watch our website and Facebook page for more information.



January 11, 2016



February 22, 2016

Leisure Learners

The West Allis Public Library Leisure Learners Programs are for adults who enjoy viewing films and slideshows relating to travel, history and other subjects of general interest. Presentations begin at 10:00 am and last approximately one hour.

- **January 11:** Feel the Love with...Chicken Soup. Joan Tendler will share her inspirational story about how she discovered the benefits of the humble yet restorative miracle food of homemade chicken soup.
- **January 25:** Beautiful Bavaria. Ralph Danielsen presents Munich, the Alpine Road, Rothenburg, the Romantic Road and Northern Bavaria.
- **February 8:** Milwaukee Mile. Join author and historian Brenda Mcgee as she presents her recently published book on this famous and celebrated Milwaukee landmark.
- **February 22:** Wisconsin's Wild Turkeys. Dianne Robinson, DNR Wildlife Biologist, will present a lecture on Wisconsin's wild turkeys including their history, ecology and biology and everything else you'd like to know about Wisconsin's wild turkeys.
- **March 14:** Native Americans of the Southwestern United States. Join veteran traveler and photographer Bill Franson as he explores the Native American populations from ancient to modern in the states of New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado.
- **March 28:** No presentation due to seasonal holidays.

Winter Computer Classes

@ The Library

The library is once again offering computer classes ranging from Computer Basics, Resume Writing and Online Job Searching to an eBook class. If you're new to computers or just need help brushing up on some computer skills, be sure to check out our list of classes. Visit the web site, stop at the Adult Information desk or call (414) 302-8500 for more information



Teen Program

Friday Fun

January 19, February 26, March 25, 3:30-5:30 PM
 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

Holiday Hours/Closings

The library will be CLOSED the following days:
 Friday, January 1, 2016 - New Year's Day
 Sunday, March 27, 2016 - Easter
 The library will close at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 31.





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West Allis Downtown would like to send a special thank you to everyone who sponsored, volunteered, attended, and supported its 2015 events in the Downtown. West Allis A La Carte, Downtown West Allis Classic Car Show, Halloween Hunt and Christmas on the Avenue were all well attended. It's 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 and to offer you and your family "Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year."

The Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District is a 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation and a Main Street Community. The mission of Downtown West Allis is to build a positive image that encourages customer growth and welcomes community involvement.

Breakfast of Thanks & Giving Sponsors

Special thanks to sponsors of the 2015 Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving:

Supporting Sponsors

Hampton Inn & Suites Milwaukee West
WaterStone Bank



Food Pantry Sponsor

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Through these generous contributions, 11 local food pantries will receive monetary gifts to help the needy of our community during the holiday season

Visit Your State Fair Park

State Fair Park holds many events and activities throughout the year.
Visit www.wistatefair.com
for up-to-date event information.

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Focus on Heroin

Heroin can affect anyone, in any neighborhood, with any economic background:

- ▶ In July 2015, there were 16 likely heroin related deaths recorded in Milwaukee County in one week
- ▶ In 2014 in Milwaukee County there were 248 drug overdose deaths - 183 were opiate or heroin related

Milwaukee County Medical Director

Someone uses heroin in the US



National Institute on Health

According to the Centers for Disease Control:

- ▶ Four in five heroin users started by abusing prescription drugs
- ▶ The majority of people who abuse prescription medications get them from family or friends, often in the home medicine cabinet

Signs of *possible* heroin abuse:

What to watch for...

- *Loss of interest in family*
- *Sudden decrease in appetite or weight loss*
- *Drop in grades or increased absenteeism*
- *Poor hygiene or change in personal appearance*
- *Wearing long sleeves in the summer or hot weather to hide track marks*

Have you noticed...

- *Missing money or valuables*
- *Burnt or missing spoons*
- *Small pieces of folded aluminum foil or cotton balls*
- *Empty baggies*
- *Tube like objects - inkless pens, straws, rolled money*



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Heroin use is part of a larger substance abuse problem.

Nearly all people who used heroin also used at least 1 other drug.

Most used at least **3** other drugs.

Heroin is a highly addictive opioid drug with a high risk of overdose and **death** for users.

People who are addicted to...



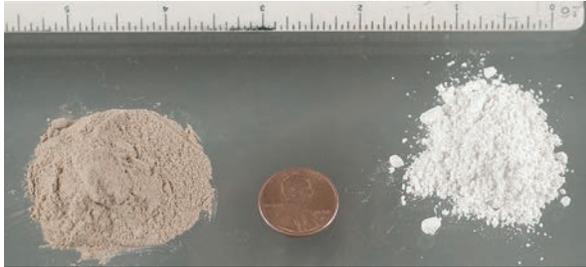
...more likely to be addicted to heroin.

SOURCE: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2011-2013.



Focus on Heroin

What does heroin look like?



White to dark brown powder or tar-like substance



Become Informed • Become Involved • Become Invested

Parents

- ▶ Talk early, openly and often.
- ▶ Be clear that drug use will not be condoned.
- ▶ Lock up your medications - do not allow access.
- ▶ Explain the dangers of using someone else's prescription medication.
- ▶ Discuss the consequences of using drugs; physical effects, family rules and legal risks.

Community

- ▶ Know your neighbors and their cars.
- ▶ Watch for suspicious activity.
- ▶ Look out for drug paraphernalia; syringes, pipes.
- ▶ Be aware of noxious or musty smells.
- ▶ Join your neighborhood Block Watch.
- ▶ Be safe - do not confront or openly record information.
- ▶ Call Crimestoppers 414-476-2274, anonymously.

Learn the facts about drug abuse.
Call 2-1-1 for treatment information and other resources.

Properly dispose of medication



WAPD
24 hour drop box
11301 West Lincoln Avenue
414-302-8000



WAPD Community Service Bureau
M-F 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
6900 West National Avenue
414-302-8050 ~ Call First

YOU make a difference in our community whenever you support and encourage a teen to make positive and healthy choices.

2016

Coalition Meetings

Wednesdays

5:00pm-6:30pm

January 20th
WAPD Substation

March 16th
Summit Place

May 18th
Apostle Presbyterian
Church

July 20th
WAWM School
District Administration
Building

September 21st
North Shore Bank

November 16th
WM Community Center

January 2015

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

The WAWM Community Coalition offered educational information and other resources at 16 presentations, community events and health fairs this year.

February 2015

The Coalition participated in a poster session at a national conference about community collaborations and substance abuse prevention.

Twenty-five students representing each of the high schools, Central, Hale, the Learning Center and Shared Journeys, were trained as peer educators for the "Peers with Purpose" program. They will present to all 7th grade students in the district in March and April.

Students from the Learning Center created an anti-bullying campaign by fostering an environment of acceptance through "Chill Out" and offering students cups of hot chocolate.



March 2015

The 6th Annual Safe and Sober program was held at West Allis Central High School with 225 parents and students in attendance. Miss Wisconsin 2014, Raeanna Johnson spoke about the impact of substance abuse on her family.

Students at Central and the Learning Center participated in "Kick Butts Day" with posters, candy and students providing alternative activities to smoking.



April 2015

Students from Shared Journeys created power points about the negative impact of alcohol and drug use and second and third hand smoke for a booth at the WIC and immunization clinics. A book for parents to read to small children educating them about avoiding smoking, alcohol and drug use was also distributed to 50 parents.



April Library Display

The peer educators delivered the "Peers with Purpose" program to 631 7th grade students at Frank Lloyd Wright, Lincoln and West Milwaukee Intermediate Schools.

About 75 people, adults and children, attended the Latino Health Fair. The program included a healthy food demonstration, tables with community vendors and a presentation in Spanish about alcohol awareness and not hosting youth parties with alcohol. Spanish language "Parents Who Host" signs were also distributed. Mark your calendars for this annual event - April 16, 2016.

April as "Alcohol Awareness Month" was again recognized with a Mayoral Proclamation in West Allis and a Village Proclamation in 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, school wide announcements by youth members at Central and Hale, "21 Means 21" campaign at Central, hallway displays at the Learning Center and weekly tweets and posts on Facebook.



Latino Health Fair



Peers with Purpose Presentation

May 2015

The May Coalition meeting featured presentations from all four youth groups, a couple of fun rounds of Jeopardy and a delicious dinner prepared by meeting hosts Apostle Presbyterian Church.

June 2015

Youth members of the Coalition continued their involvement with CAAD including volunteering at "Tuesday in the Park", with an announcement welcoming families and reminding them that most youth are not involved with alcohol and drugs.

August 2015

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, Hale and the Learning Center used a Jeopardy Game designed with questions about underage alcohol and drug prevention to interact with and educate the community.



CAAD Tuesday in the Park

September 2015

The 7th Annual Safe and Sober program was held at West Allis Central with 200 parents and students attending. Jenny Addis shared her very powerful story about becoming a quadriplegic from a drunken driving accident. She also presented after school to students.

The West Allis Police Department began safety talks at senior and assisted living centers in the community. These talks highlight safety issues such as keeping purses, autos and homes safe and also proper disposal and storage of prescription medications. Unwanted and unused medications are collected at the end of the program.

WAPD also participated in the DEA drug take back day. Over 79 pounds of medications were collected at the event.

October 2015

Youth members of the Coalition celebrated Red Ribbon Week with the theme "Better Things to Do than Drugs". Central and Hale endorsed a wear red day to promote drug-free choices. Shared Journeys students planted red tulips.

November 2015

The Coalition and youth members began presentations to PTAs in the district to promote parents talking to their children.

The Coalition had a resource table at the Milwaukee County Heroin Town Hall Meeting.

2015 Recognition Award recipients are Heidi Nelson from WA Central, Nikki Levine from Nathan Hale, Rick Jackowski from the Learning Center and Lisa Colla and Jamie Crotteau from Shared Journeys for their great work with the youth members.

December 2015

Focus on Heroin insert was included in the WA city newsletter to 32,000 residents.

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



Senior Safety Talk



Red Ribbon Week
Hale Fence



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

2016 Refuse and Recycling Rules and Regulations



Please keep this booklet for
reference throughout the year.



www.westalliswi.gov

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

Municipal Yard Drop-off Site
6300 West McGeoch Avenue
Between Beloit Road and Burnham Street
(414-302-8800 and 414-302-8831)

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

CLOSED

January 1
May 28 and 30
July 2 and 4
September 3 and 5
November 24 and 25
December 24, 26 and 31
January 2, 2017

ACCEPTED

- Yard waste and brush
- Household items, i.e. furniture, clothing
- Antifreeze
- Motor oil and oil filters
- Scrap metal
- Recyclables, corrugated cardboard, newspapers
- Electronics
- Computers/TVs - possible fee
- Small appliances, i.e. microwaves, dehumidifiers
- Batteries
- Construction debris (i.e. carpet and padding) and shingles - fee
- Tires - fee (no rims)
- Concrete, ground, sod - fee

NOT ACCEPTED

- Grass clippings
- Large appliances
- Propane tanks
- Gas
- Explosive or flammable products
- Wet paint or oil based paint
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Prescription drugs (can be taken to West Allis Police Department 24/7)

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

Morgan Avenue Drop-off Site
3601 South 116 Street
South of Morgan Avenue

May 31 through September 2

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

September 6 through October 7

7:30-2:30 Monday through Friday

CLOSED

July 2 and 4
September 3 and 5
October 8, 2016 through May 29, 2017

ACCEPTED

- Yard waste
- Brush
- Old mulch
- Concrete, ground, sod - fee

NOT ACCEPTED

- Grass clippings
- Pet waste
- Household refuse
- Recyclables
- Construction debris
- Motor oil/antifreeze
- Tires

Mulch, which is ground up tree branches, is available on a self-serve basis when the gates are open. Bring your own shovel and container.

The Department will not collect or accept items from contractors, contractor vehicles, commercial properties, or businesses per City Ordinance 7.05(2).

Recycling Guidelines



NEW - Any 30 gallon see through plastic bag with a tie is acceptable

GLASS

- Rinse thoroughly
- Discard lids, caps and rings
- Bottles and jars only
- Avoid breaking
- NO windows
- NO mirrors
- NO broken glass
- NO dishes
- NO light bulbs

PLASTICS

- Rinse thoroughly
- #1, #2, #4 and #5
- Containers and lids
- NO plastic bags, wraps or film
- NO motor oil containers
- NO Styrofoam
- NO hazardous waste containers



ALUMINUM

- Rinse thoroughly
- Flatten cans
- Clean foil and foil trays accepted
- NO food residue on foil or foil trays



STEEL/TIN CANS

- Rinse thoroughly
- Flatten if possible
- NO aerosol cans
- NO paint cans
- NO hazardous waste cans

PAPER

- Put in paper bag next to garbage container
- Newspapers and inserts
- Flattened cereal boxes and other boxboard
- Junk mail
- Gift wrap
- Catalogs and magazines
- Phonebooks
- NO tissue paper
- NO food soaked paper

CORRUGATED BOXES

- Rippled interior
- Flatten, tie with heavy cord or tape with duct tape in 2'x2'x8" bundles
- NO pizza, waxed or food soaked boxes



Storage of recycling bags shall be screened from public view.

2016 Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Calendar

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Holiday weeks are boxed.

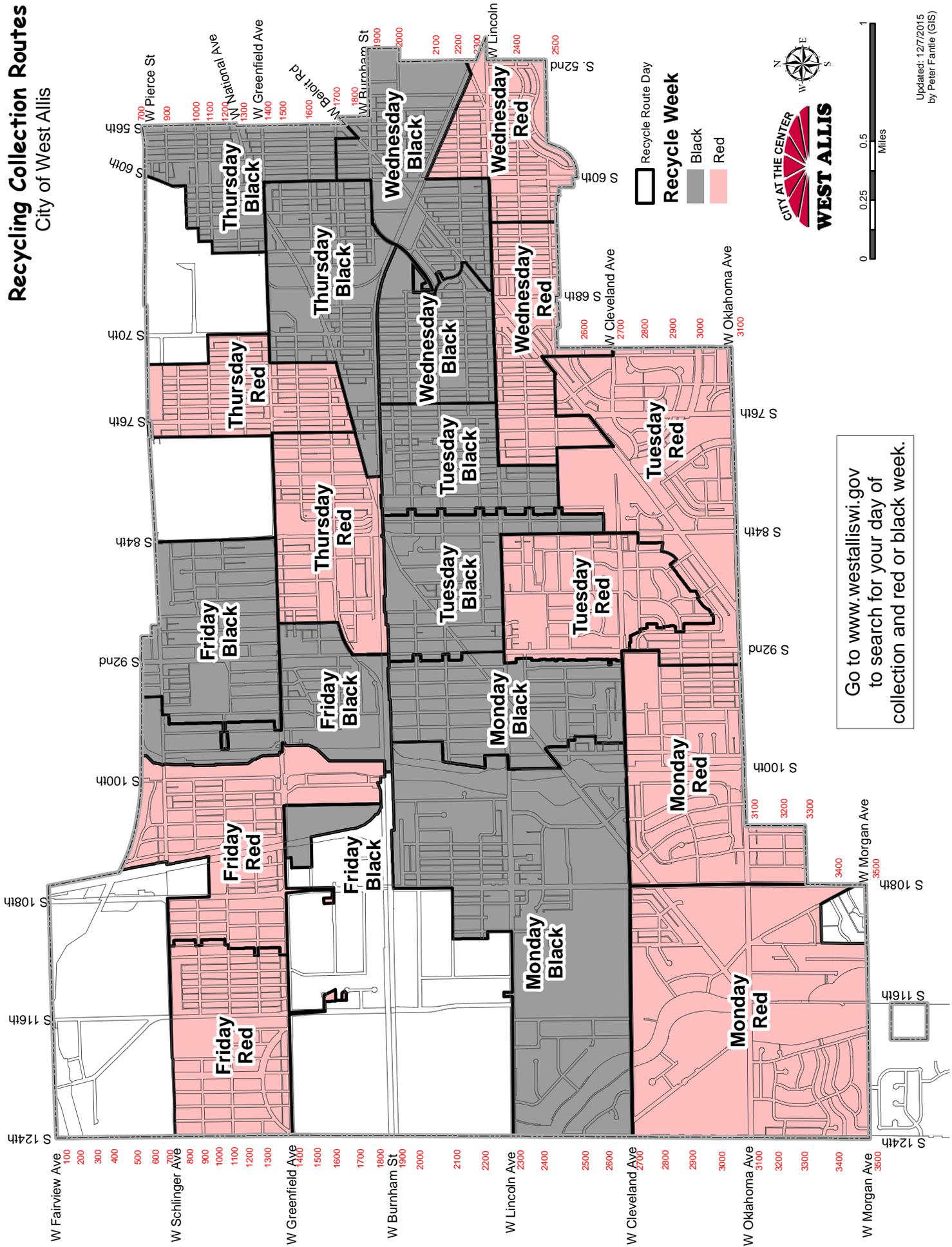
- Be prepared for early or delayed collection.
- Winter storms may alter schedule.
- **NO** brush collection during boxed weeks.

Spring Yard Waste Collection
April 3 - April 17, 2016

Fall Yard Waste Collection
September 18 - November 13, 2016

Recycling Collection Routes

City of West Allis



Containers

REFUSE CARTS

- Purchase refuse carts from the City of West Allis at Municipal Yard, City Hall or online at www.westalliswi.gov (eServices tab)
- \$45 for 96 gallon cart, \$40 for 63 gallon cart - PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
- **ALWAYS FREE DELIVERY**
- 125-200 pound weight limit depending on cart size
- 2 containers per residential unit



GARBAGE CANS

- Must be metal (not plastic)
- 20-32 gallons in size
- Must have a tight fitting cover
- 70 pound weight limit per can
- 2 containers per residential unit

Collection Day

PLEASE NOTE: The City provides refuse collection service to one through three family residences and recycling collection service to one through four family residences.

To search for your day of collection and red or black recycling week, see map in this booklet or visit the website at www.westalliswi.gov (property search, enter address, property data search).

You may also call 414-302-8800 or 414-302-8831.

Bulk Materials

EXCESS HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS

- 4 cubic yards maximum with weekly collection - larger amounts may be collected for a charge.
- Weight limit of 150 pounds - heavier items may be collected for a charge.

CONSTRUCTION WASTES

- Contractor generated materials will **NOT** be removed.
- Collection limited to 1.5 cubic yards per week.
- Not to exceed five (5) feet in length and seventy-five (75) pounds.
- Nails and screws must be removed or bent down.
- Amounts between 1.5 and 10 cubic yards may be collected for a charge.
- Permits may be issued to bring up to 10 cubic yards of owner generated materials to the Municipal Yard drop-off area - subject to fee.
- A charge may be issued depending on the amount and type of construction materials involved.

Curbside and Alley Collection

DO

- Contain all refuse, free of liquid, and place only in an approved refuse container.
- Place refuse and recyclables out by 7:00 a.m. at the curb/alley edge or drive approach on the scheduled day of collection.
- Return refuse containers/carts to storage area by 8:00 p.m. on the day of collection.
- Clear drive approach/storage area and walk of snow and other obstructions.
- Bag or box loose materials such as sawdust, dampened ashes, animal waste and bedding, etc. to prevent blowing when being dumped from containers.
- Dry latex paint and leave open can for pick up.



DON'T

- Place refuse and recyclables at the curb before 6:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled collection.
- Place refuse and recyclables in the street or block the City sidewalk.
- Place yard waste and brush in alley.

MATERIALS NOT TAKEN WITH COLLECTION

- Brush
- Yard waste
- Grass clippings
- Computers and electronics, i.e. TV, stereo, printers
- Household hazardous waste
- Tires
- Infectious wastes such as hypodermic needles, lancets, blood or blood tainted products, pathologic wastes, animal carcasses - call for sharps disposal information
- Large appliances/white goods - see City website at www.westalliswi.gov
- Explosive or flammable products
- Industrial waste such as pallets, etc.
- Concrete, asphalt, dirt, etc. - call for special collection or permit
- Liquid cell batteries, i.e. car, boat, motorcycle (bring to Municipal Yard)





Yard Waste Collection

- Yard waste includes leaves, weeds, woodchips/mulch, thatch, flowers, vines and other non-fruit or vegetable matter.
- Yard waste should be placed in the curb-line of the street only during the designated spring and fall collection periods.
- Do not put yard waste in bags, boxes, or containers in the street.
- **Spring** collection of yard waste is April 3 through April 17.
- **Fall** collection of yard waste is September 18 through November 13.
- **DO NOT MIX BRUSH INTO YARD WASTE PILES**, they clog the rakes.
- **REMOVE POTS AND SOIL FROM POTTED PLANTS BEFORE PLACING IN THE CURB-LINE.**
- Yard waste can be composted on-site or disposed of, without charge, at a drop-off center.

Grass Clippings

- **GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE NOT COLLECTED OR ACCEPTED BY THE CITY.**
- Grass clippings cannot be raked or allowed to blow into the streets where they can clog storm sewers and contaminate run-off water.
- Leave grass clippings on lawn.



Brush Collection

- Brush is woody material from trees and shrubs and trimmings from bushes.
- On recycling day, 1.5 cubic yards of brush (sticks and branches) will be collected curbside from March 21 through October 14.
- Brush will NOT be collected during the holiday weeks of May 30, July 4 and September 5.
- 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.
- **DO NOT MIX YARD WASTE INTO BRUSH PILES.**

Electronic Recycling

Drop off electronics at the Municipal Yard, 6300 West McGeoch Avenue

8 track players	iPods	Servers
Appliances - small	Keyboards	Stereos
Batteries	Lamps	Tablets
Blu-ray players	Laptops	TV - console*
Cameras	Mice	TV - CRT*
CDs/DVDs/DVRs	Microwaves	TV - LCD/LED*
Cell phones	Monitors - CRT*	TV - projection*
Computers/parts	Monitors - LCD	Vacuums
Copiers	MP3 players	VCRs
Dehumidifiers	Phones	Video equipment
DVD players	Portable devices	Video game consoles
Fans	Printers	Video games
Hair dryers	Record players	Wires

*There is a fee for these items. Fees and items accepted are subject to change.

Other Electronic Recycling Options

Best Buy Accepts CRT (tube) TVs up to 32" and flat screen TVs up to 60" for no charge

4610 South 76 Street, 414-281-3434

2401 North Mayfair Road, 414-257-9516

Allied Resource Recovery Accepts TVs for a \$30 charge

1911 South 80 Street, 414-321-4134

Jensen Environmental Accepts TVs for 25¢ a pound, call before going

W144 S6347 College Court, Muskego, 414-422-9169

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 4:30



Household Hazardous Waste



Household Hazardous Waste Collection sites are for Milwaukee County residents **ONLY**. ID required.

Common items accepted are fluorescent light bulbs, button and rechargeable batteries, fertilizer, solvent based cleaners, oven cleaners and thermometers.

Items not accepted are car batteries, explosives, fireworks, prescription drugs, tires and appliances (washers, clothes dryers, refrigerators, etc.).

For more information or to find out about mobile collection sites (available from spring through fall), call 414-225-2066 or visit www.mmsd.com.

The three permanent sites open year round (excluding holidays) are:

Milwaukee – 3879 West Lincoln Avenue
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Menomonee Falls – W124 N9451 Boundary Road
Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Franklin – 10518 South 124 Street
Tuesday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact us with any questions:

Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Refuse Phone: 414-302-8800

Recycling Phone: 414-302-8831

Website: www.westalliswi.gov

6300 West McGeoch Avenue

West Allis, WI 53219

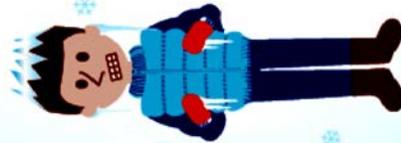
For more information about refuse and recycling, please reference City Ordinance 7.05 and 7.051.

The information contained in this document is
accurate as of the time of printing.

SPOT

FROSTBITE

A victim is often unaware of frostbite because frozen tissue is numb.



- Signs & Symptoms**
- Redness or pain in any skin area may be the first sign of frostbite
- Other signs include:**
- a white or grayish-yellow skin area
 - skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
 - numbness



- Signs & Symptoms**
- Adults:**
- shivering
 - exhaustion
 - confusion
 - fumbling hands
 - memory loss
 - slurred speech
 - drowsiness
- Infants:**
- bright red, cold skin
 - very low energy

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia often occurs at very cold temperatures, but can occur at cool temperatures (above 40°F), if a person is wet (from rain, sweat or cold water) and becomes chilled.

The City of West Allis has produced a series of 4 weather-related videos titled "Are You Prepared?" We invite you to view them at www.westalliswi.gov. Click on the City Channel icon on the top right side and scroll down to find the series.

TREAT

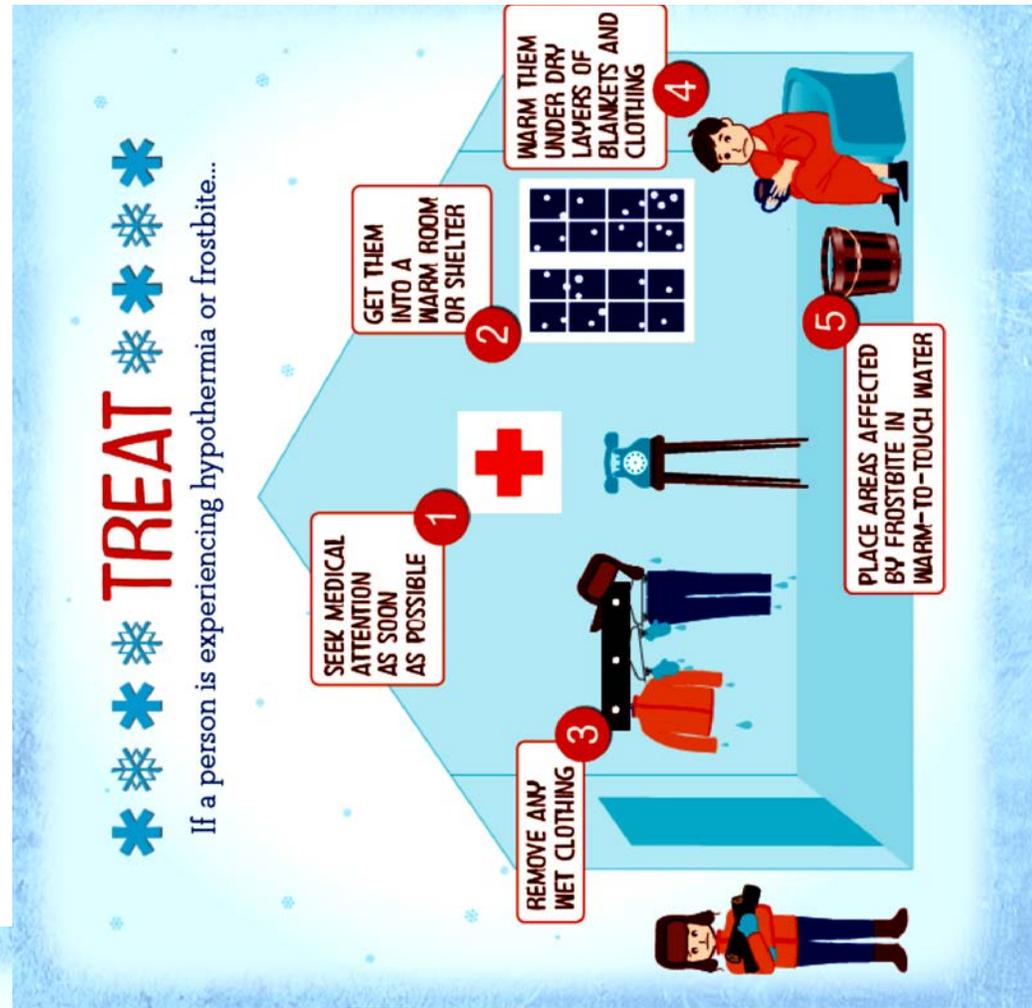
If a person is experiencing hypothermia or frostbite...

If a person's temperature is below 95° get medical attention immediately.

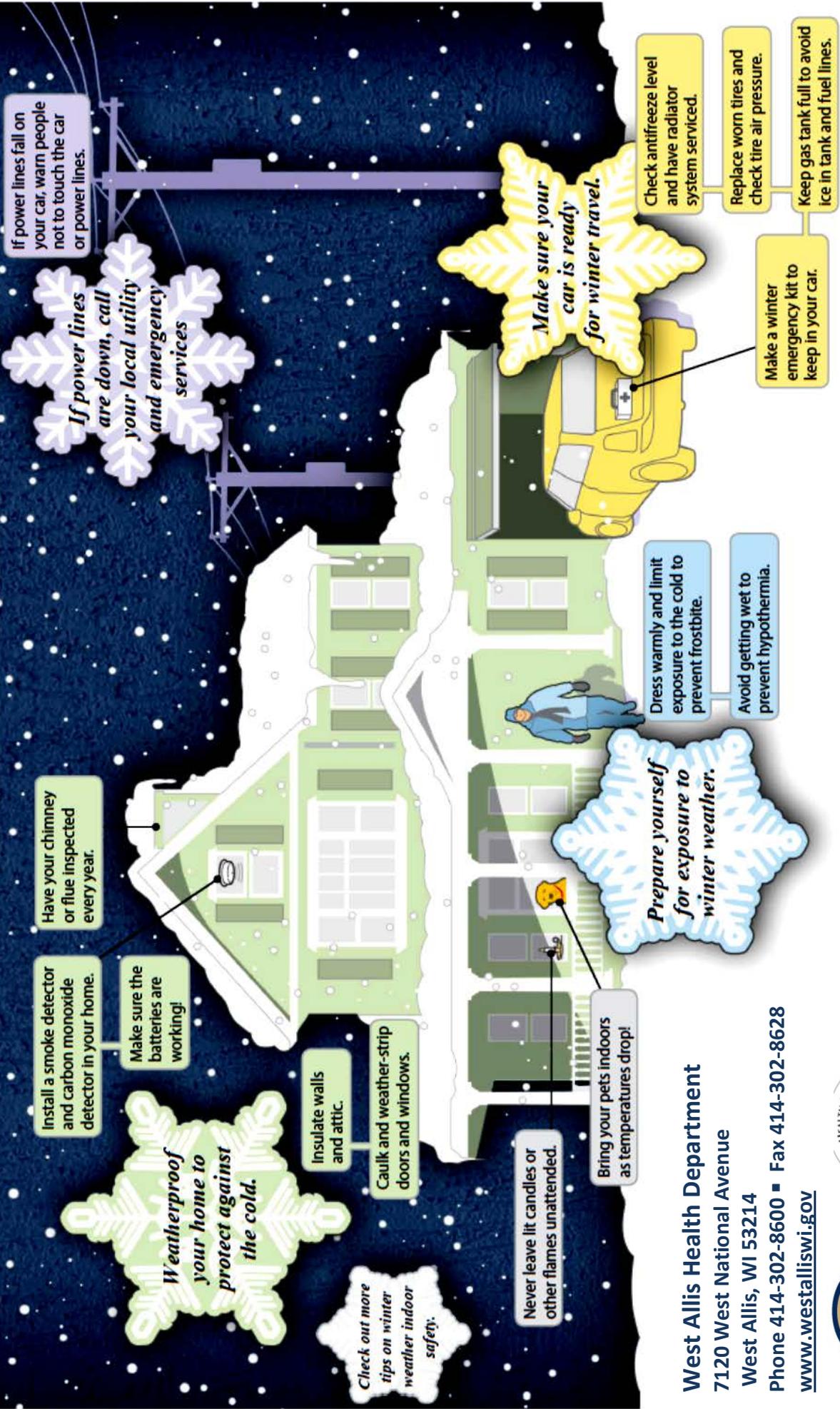
FROSTBITE CAUTION

Since skin may be numb, victims of frostbite can harm themselves further. Use caution when treating frostbite and:

- UNLESS NECESSARY, DO NOT WALK ON FEET OR TOES WITH FROSTBITE
- DO NOT USE A FIREPLACE, HEAT LAMP, RADIATOR, OR STOVE FOR WARMING
- DO NOT USE A HEATING PAD OR ELECTRIC BLANKET FOR WARMING
- DO NOT RUB OR MASSAGE AREAS WITH FROSTBITE



Be Ready! Winter Weather



If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.

If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services

Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.

Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home.

Make sure the batteries are working!

Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.

Insulate walls and attic.

Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.

Check out more tips on winter weather indoor safety.

Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.

Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!

Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.

Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.

Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.

Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.

Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.

Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.

Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.

Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

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News from THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS

Winter 2016

“Element 84” Market-Rate Apartment Development to Break Ground in Spring/Summer 2016

The City of West Allis has received a proposal from Ogden & Company to develop 216 units of market-rate apartments in the vicinity of S. 84 St. and W. Greenfield Ave., behind Walgreens and the new Hampton Inn & Suites. The \$34-million, two-phased development called “Element 84” will begin construction in the spring/summer 2016. The City is working with Ogden to finalize financing, which may include Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) assistance.

The project will be constructed over two phases. The first phase, which will be completed in the summer/fall of 2017, will include approximately 106 units in two (2) buildings and 10,000 sq. ft. of retail space along S. 84 St. The second phase includes approximately 110 units in two (2) buildings and would likely begin in the fall/winter of 2017 and be completed by the winter/spring of 2018. Units include studio apartments, 1-bedroom units, 1-bedroom units with a den, and 2-bedroom units, ranging in size from 750 sq. ft. to 1,138 sq. ft. Rental rates will range from approximately \$750/month to \$1,415/month.

The four-building development will include high quality amenities, including an in-ground pool, rooftop community room and patio/garden, fitness center, grilling stations, bike stations, an onsite property management office, and approximately 240 underground parking spaces and 100 surface parking stalls. The units will have condo-quality finishes, such as tile floors in the bathrooms, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, large windows and balconies, 9-ft. ceilings, and wide base and casing trim.

Ogden & Company has been a leading brand in the metro-Milwaukee real estate market since 1929, now with over 20,000 units under management. The City is excited with the redevelopment momentum that the Hampton Inn & Suites and now “Element 84” have brought to the community.



COMING SOON TO WEST ALLIS

Since we are what we eat, eat the good stuff...

West Allis welcomes a new boutique business to National Ave. BD (Beth Doyle) Cooking is a personal chef company that will provide a variety of culinary services within the former Cunningham's diner building at 7109 W. National Ave.



Ms. Doyle's plan includes converting approximately 800 sq. ft. of space to a commercial kitchen for small scale catering, private chef services, cooking classes (on site and in-home) and meal planning. Her business plan will also include food preparation for sale at farmers markets. Ms. Doyle has a background in marketing, receiving her BBA from the University of Notre Dame, her MBA from DePaul University and her culinary diploma from the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City, where she was awarded Top Chef honor for her class. Her portfolio also includes hands-on experience working in restaurants in New York City and Chicago and has taught cooking classes at the Chopping Block, the largest recreational cooking school in Chicago. Bon Appetite!



See the Future of National Avenue

The National Avenue Corridor is an important corridor to the community with a number of unique businesses, public spaces, and close family neighborhoods. The City commissioned a comprehensive study of the corridor in order to design strong connections for pedestrians, attract new businesses while addressing commercial storefronts, and developing a concept for the business corridor. The area is part of 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., creating the opportunity to design a street that improves the overall neighborhood experience and image of the area. To see this unique study which could set the stage for future street design in West Allis and change the National Avenue Corridor from a street that people drive through to a street that people go to, visit www.westalliswi.gov/nationalavenue for more info.



West Allis DOWN TOWN

Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District (DWABID) is proud to be working with Carolyn Esswein, Director of Community Design Solutions at UW-Milwaukee. Ms. Esswein and

her staff will be coordinating a corridor study of the Downtown district. In keeping with the DWABID's mission of "Building a Positive Image that Encourages Customer Growth and Welcomes Community Involvement," we are looking to continually improve the Downtown experience.

The Downtown is considering some of the following projects to support the area:

Establish a regularly occurring public event with showcasing downtown merchants, music and food.

Building on successful events such as West Allis A la Carte and the Downtown Car Show, the establishment of an ongoing public event would help attract visitors to the city's downtown. From art to music, the options are many in bringing patrons to the downtown on a regular basis.

Create an awesome downtown public amenity that is family-friendly.

Historically, downtowns have served as a social gathering place. From museums to public spaces, visitors often gather at a center point that is of high-quality or some innovative destination. What should Downtown West Allis explore to create the ultimate experience that appeals to families?

Create a branded downtown entertainment district.

Shopping or dining local is an important concept in supporting small business. There is a great deal to check out in the Downtown, but what is the concept or brand that will draw patrons from the entire metro region? A major upside of this strategy is that it can help turn around the perceptions and showcase the vibrancy of downtown.

Set up a downtown bike share program.

Demographics are consistently evolving and so are transportation choices. With the close proximity to the Hank Aaron trail and large office developments, the implementation of a bike share program would be a benefit to the Downtown and community.

Feel free to email Downtown West Allis with ideas or comments at promotions@downtownwestallis.org.

OnMilwaukee WEST ALLIS HOT SPOTS

Three dining hot spots in West Allis made OnMilwaukee.com's exclusive Best Dining Picks for 2015. Well-deserved congratulations to: **West Allis Cheese and Sausage Shop** - Best Breakfast, **Antigua** - Best Mexican/Latin American food, and **Kegel's Inn** - Best Fish Fry. More details can be found at <http://onmilwaukee.com>.

SPOTLIGHT BUSINESS



The Ultimate Salad Bar, 10922 W. National Ave. was created as a result of the Cokes family wanting to have more healthy, on-the-go food options because of their demanding work schedules. The family behind The Ultimate



Salad Bar are full-time entrepreneurs and full-time ministry leaders who have owned and operated numerous business ventures. As a result, they are often not home and having a healthy lunch and dinner are sometimes not the easiest to do. So, in 2014 during a family meeting, numerous business ventures were pitched by the seven children and their parents--The Ultimate Salad Bar won. The family is working hard to listen to the demands of the customers while staying true to their business concept of fresh, make it yourself salads and sandwiches. No weighing, no measuring. The family is comprised of hard-working, faithful believers in God who want to be a blessing to the community by providing jobs and contributing to many community causes. Currently, The Ultimate Salad Bar provides free salads to two local churches in West Allis.

Tangie, Latisha, and Michael Cokes look forward to being in the West Allis community for many years to come and count it a blessing to serve such an awesome city.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



- **Goodwill Industries** is moving across the street to 10909 W. Oklahoma Ave. The new location is over 25,000 sq. ft. and will improve the convenience of the donation drop-off and the efficiency of customer parking.

- New skate shop in town! **Transaction Skate Shop LLC** opened at 8004 W. National Avenue. The store sells a variety of skateboards, scooters, accessories, apparel and much more.



- **Wangard Partners**, developer of the 60,000 sq. ft. industrial building at 11528 W. Rogers St., secured a 20,000 sq. ft. lease with Staples. The property was built on speculation, and while the building was being built, Wangard Partners decided to add 10,000 sq. ft. The balance of the property has received letters of intent for leases and is expected to be fully leased before the building is complete.



- Mayor Dan Devine and West Allis/West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of the new **Hampton Inn and Suites**. The hotel is accepting reservations and is available for your next event.

Educating Our Children



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School District News

WAWM SD PHOTOS



Jefferson students visit West Allis DPW



All District Cross Country Run



Art Club at Lincoln



Shared Journey's on Fox 6 News



Dear West Allis-West Milwaukee School Community,

This is the time of year to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the holiday season. It is also the time of year we think of those who are less fortunate in our communities. The WAWM School District offers opportunities to help those in need.

For over ten years, the WAWM Recreation Department has held their annual West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Children's Holiday Shopping Experience at the Target in West Allis. This event is funded by the generosity of an anonymous donor who happens to be a WAWM School District alumni. It's also funded in part by Target. Each year gifts are provided to approximately 600 elementary students and their families. Students identified in our Intermediate Schools will receive winter jackets and High School students receive a letter jacket from the school they attend.

If you are interesting in contributing or donating, please contact us at (414) 604-3000 or call your local school directly.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Dr. Marty Lexmond

School Board Approves Mill Rate

As stated at our District's 2015-16 Public Budget Hearing held on September 21, 2015, our final 2015-16 Tax Levy would be determined based on the following items: public input received at the Public Hearing, Finalized Third Friday Pupil Count Totals, Equalized Property Values from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and Certified General State Aid from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

This year the official third Friday of September count shows resident students have decreased slightly by 179 to a total of 8,803. West Allis West Milwaukee also has 1,383 open enrollment students attending our schools while 644 students from WAWM attend schools in other districts under the State Open Enrollment Program.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue is required to provide Districts with the final equalized property values by October 1st of each year. The good news is that this year the mill rate (Tax Rate per \$1,000 of home value) will remain at \$9.79. The primary reason for the levy staying status quo is that we will use some of this pay down long-term referendum debt which originated in 2003.

This decision is a commitment by the School Board to the long-term fiscal health of our District. The Board also approved the recommendation to increase the tax levy for Recreation and Community Services to support the ever expanding programming.



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WAWM Schools Evaluates Personalized Learning

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District recently conducted a study of our Personalized Learning Communities with Hanover Research, a well-known national Research firm, to gain a better understanding of where student achievement within our Personalized Learning Communities currently stands. Hanover Research conducts nation-wide studies on a wide variety of businesses and companies including K-12 education.

Through this study we have determined that in general students with Next Generation Learning teachers participating in Personalized Learning with students demonstrate greater academic growth in mathematics and reading than students with non-participating teachers. Overall, students who are in Personalized or Next Generation Learning Communities have test scores that increased by significantly larger margins in math, reading, and language arts than their fellow students who are not in NxGL Communities.

It's comforting to know the commitment the WAWM Schools has made toward Personalized and Next Generation Learning Communities in our schools is paying dividends and helping students achieve in learning.

Winter Weather and School Closings

With the colder winter weather right around the corner it's important to review the procedure used for opting to keep schools open or to close schools due to inclement weather. The West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools District schedules students for more minutes and hours of State mandated instruction than is required. This pre-planning is invaluable when we have more than two days of school closings due to inclement weather.

The decision to close schools is guided by our commitment to keep students and employees safe, balanced by the need to deliver a great education to all the children we serve. If schools are open and parents do not feel it is safe for their child to attend, we respect that decision and ask parents to contact your school office to excuse your child.

During the time of deciding whether or not to close school for the day, multiple factors come into play. These include the actual amount of snow fall we have or are predicted to receive and/or actual extreme cold temperatures and wind chill warnings, not advisories. School District superintendents in the Milwaukee area hold a conference call in the very early morning hours (before 4:00 a.m.) or, in rare occasions the day before, and come to a consensus about what each district is doing and what is best for our students and staff.

You can find school weather information on the WAWM District website or by following us on social media. It is also important that children dress as warm as possible prior to their daily departure for school.

Former Roosevelt School Site Sale Moves Forward

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District is happy to announce that the proposed sale on the majority of the Former Roosevelt Elementary School site is moving forward. The City of West Allis Common Council recently approved the rezoning of the former Roosevelt Elementary School site so the sale can move forward. Roosevelt was closed in early 2000's due to declining enrollment and outdated facilities. The WAWM Schools is keeping one of the three acres which currently is green space and houses a playground. We will maintain this one acre for the time being while we work on alternative uses for the green space that could include such things as community gardens, etc.



Beat those winter blues with the right mix of fitness, enrichment, leagues and much more. Winter can be a fantastic time to try new, fun activities, meet new friends, or learn a new skill. Be sure to check out our Winter/Spring Activity Guide to find your perfect winter activity. Mark your calendar for Resident Registration to begin December 7th!

Winter Break Open Gym and Swim
All ages are welcome
Noon-3:00pm
Central High School
12/22, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30

