

# WEST ALLIS IT'S YOUR CITY

Spring 2016



**Helpful suggestions for residents to spring clean their property after winter.**



**Dog Waste**

This cleanup is a priority in order to have a sanitary yard and help prevent rodents.



**Litter**

Collect litter and garbage from your property and neighborhood.



**Fertilize**

Fertilizing promotes strong grass roots and helps keep weeds from coming back each year.



**Maintenance**

Repair peeling paint on window trim, siding, gutters, or fascia and replace missing pieces.

**A great looking neighborhood is a group effort, but it starts with you and your property.**



**Citywide Clean-Up**

April 16  
9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by:  
Community Services Bureau/  
West Allis Police Department

Meet at 9 a.m. 6900 West National Avenue  
Lunch served at Police Satellite Station

## Memorial Day Weekend Closures

**Saturday, May 28**

Library, Municipal Yard and Morgan Site will be closed.

**Memorial Day  
Monday, May 30**

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

NOTE: There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Monday, May 30, due to the Memorial Day holiday, and no brush collection the week of May 30. Collection crews may work ahead or fall behind their normal collection during this week.

**If Your Regular  
Collection Day Is**

- Monday, May 30
- Tuesday, May 31
- Wednesday, June 1
- Thursday, June 2
- Friday, June 3

**Set Out Your Refuse and/or  
Recyclables On**

- Tuesday, May 31
- Tuesday, May 31
- Wednesday, June 1
- Thursday, June 2
- Friday, June 3

## 2016 Elections



**TUESDAY, APRIL 5**  
Spring General

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**  
Fall Primary

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
Fall Presidential Election

**Voter ID**

Beginning with the 2016 Spring Primary, all Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID before voting. This includes voters at polling places and many absentee voters. See <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/> for more information.

**Vote April 5 Election**

Offices to vote for include Justice of the Supreme Court; Court of Appeals Judge; Circuit Court Judges; Milwaukee County Executive, Supervisors, and Comptroller; West Allis Mayor, Alderpersons, and City Attorney; West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al. Board of Education; and the Presidential Preference Vote.

Visit the City Clerk's election page on the City's website at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for more information about voter registration, photo ID requirements, absentee voting, important deadlines, polling place locations and sample ballots (when they become available). For voter registration status, visit the State's Voter Information Center website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.



Join the Mayor's 2016 Challenge to get up and move. Look for signup information this June.



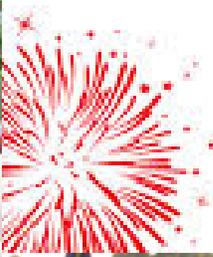
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### Newsletter

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## Memorial Day Observance

### Monday, May 30

#### Parade - 10 a.m.

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

#### Memorial Service - 11 a.m.

Veterans' Memorial Park, S. 70<sup>th</sup> St. & W. National Ave.

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

## July 4th Celebration

"This Land is Your Land" is the theme for the 2016 West Allis Independence Day Celebration. This year's celebration includes:

#### Saturday, July 2

Youth Judging – 8:30 a.m. at City Hall (coaster wagon, costume, and bicycle competition)

Annual Parade – 10 a.m.

PostParade Celebration – 11 a.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park.

#### Monday, July 4 – State Fair Park

Grandstand Show - 8 p.m.

Fireworks – 9:30 p.m.

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

## E-Notify

Get City information by Email or SMS

By using E-Notify, you can find out when important things happen in the City via email and text alerts. You can receive several different types of notices including news releases, meeting notices and agendas, job announcements, refuse and recycling updates, construction reports, and many others. Once you choose your topics, just sit back and wait for pertinent information to come directly to you.



## Dog and Cat Licensing

Dogs and cats are required to be licensed. The fee for neutered/spayed pets is \$12, and the fee for not neutered/spayed pets is \$24. There will be a late fee if the license is not applied for prior to April 1, 2016. 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](http://www.madacc.com).



## West Allis Summer Concerts

### Band Concerts

Summer band concerts begin in late June and are held weekly on Thursday, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Concerts are held at Veterans' Memorial Park at S. 70<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for the complete band concert schedule.

### Tuesday Nights in the Park Sponsored by CAAD

June 21 & 28; July 12 & 19; August 2

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD), in cooperation with the West Allis Police Department, WAWM Community Coalition, and WAWM Recreation Department, will once again host Tuesday Nights in the Park this summer. Join CAAD for fun-filled nights of dancing to a DJ, football, volleyball, picnic-style games, contests and food. Tuesday Nights in the Park are open to the public, free to attend, and offer inexpensive snacks/beverages for sale. Events are held at the WAPD substation located at 6900 W. National Ave., adjacent to Veterans' Park. Call the WAPD Community Services Bureau (414) 302-8050 for more details.



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## Spanish Health Fair

**April 16**

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition (WAWMCC), West Allis Health Department, and West Allis Promotoras (Spanish Community Health Workers) will host a Spanish Health Fair on April 16 at Lincoln Intermediate School (7815 W. Lapham St.). 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.

Visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or call the West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition at (414) 604-3506 or the West Allis Health Department at (414) 302-8602.

## Feria de Salud Latino

**16 de abril**

La Coalición Comunitaria de West Allis/West Milwaukee (WAWMCC) con la colaboración del Departamento de Salud de West Allis y las Promotoras de Salud de West Allis realizara una feria de Salud Latino el 16 de abril en la Escuela Intermedia Lincoln (7815 W. Lapham St).

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, e intenta Zumba! Actividades, tablas de recursos, música y refrescos son parte de este evento divertido.

Para más información, por favor llame a La Coalición Comunitaria de West Allis/ West Milwaukee al (414) 604-3506 o al Departamento de Salud de West Allis al (414) 302-8602.

## 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, WAWM School District, and other agencies will be on hand to answer questions on topics ranging from speech development to toilet training to dental care. Parents will receive helpful tips on establishing routines, lead poisoning, nutrition, 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:** Thursday, April 28  
3 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Friday, April 29  
8:30 a.m. – 11 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.



## 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. 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. Alcohol use and dependence takes a tremendous toll on everyone.

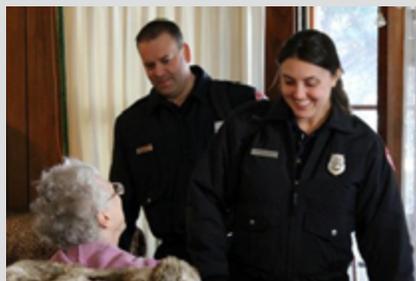
The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition (WAWMCC) exists to provide support for the West Allis-West Milwaukee community to help raise healthy, drug-free children. Visit [www.wawmcc.org](http://www.wawmcc.org) for resources, important news, upcoming events, and to view the prez (video) on Alcohol Awareness.

## Mobile Integrated Healthcare

The West Allis Fire Department has embarked on a new, community-focused mission called Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH). The goal of the MIH program is to improve the health and safety of our community, reduce insurance costs, and lessen 911 calls by providing care to our elderly population prior to their need to activate 911. These objectives are accomplished through home risk analysis and risk prevention.

The program was initiated in collaboration with Aurora West Allis Medical Center, and it currently consists of three certified West Allis Fire Department Community Paramedics with an additional four now attending a 200-hour course through the UW-Milwaukee School of Nursing.

The program focuses on medically fragile, elderly patients who are released from extended hospital admissions. Once a patient is referred to us, we conduct a visit to assess medical and social needs. During this visit, we reinforce the hospital's discharge instructions, discuss current medications, and have the patient "teach-back" their medication usage. We also deliver a focused paramedic evaluation, conduct a fall risk assessment, perform a geriatric depression scale assessment, and check smoke detectors in the home. The program is strictly voluntary with no charge incurred to our citizens.



The program has been well-received by the patients we have seen so far. All have been appreciative of the personalized time spent with them and felt comfort knowing we are there for them.

View video at [www.youtube.com/westalliscitychannel](http://www.youtube.com/westalliscitychannel).

# West Allis Community Dinner Dance

**Benefiting DAV**  
(Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 19 West Allis)

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**  
**6-11pm**

**Hampton Inn & Suites Milwaukee West**  
8201 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis

**6pm**  
**Social Hour & Silent Auction**

Auction closes at 10pm  
(Credit Cards Accepted)

**7pm**  
**Dinner**  
Dinner & "Taste of West Allis" Sweets Table

**8-11pm**  
**Entertainment**  
Music and Dancing



**"Honoring Those Who Served"**

## Tickets

\$60 per person; \$55 Early Bird by March 25  
Reserved Table of 8 - \$500 donation

Tickets available at West Allis City Hall, WA/WM Chamber of Commerce or call 414-302-8292

(\$35.00 of your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law.)

## Sponsored by

Sponsored by the West Allis Community Improvement Foundation and supported by the West Allis Rotary Club, West Allis Woman's Club, and WA/WM Chamber of Commerce.



## Polluted Urban Runoff

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.

Here are some ways an individual can help:

- Recycle oil.
- Direct home downspouts onto lawns.
- 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.
- Use rain barrels and construct a rain garden.

For more information, visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).

## Abandoned Vehicles and Parking

Spring is a good time to remind residents about abandoned vehicles and residential parking regulations.

- Abandoned vehicles are unsightly, can provide shelter for rodents, are susceptible to vandalism, and can contribute to blight. In the City of West Allis, it is against city ordinances to have an abandoned vehicle on your property unless it is in a garage.
- An abandoned vehicle is defined as any vehicle that is inoperable, unlicensed, wrecked, damaged or partially dismantled. A vehicle is considered inoperable even if it has a flat tire.
- All vehicles are required to be parked on a paved surface which is connected by a paved surface to an alley or street. You are not allowed to park any vehicles on a lawn, even in the backyard. This creates ruts and mud, which becomes a blight on the neighborhood.
- When an abandoned vehicle is found, it is tagged and an owner has 10 days to remove it or the City will tow it at the owner's expense.
- If you have a vehicle that is not operating, please keep it in a garage.
- Pave all parking spaces with concrete or asphalt to stay in compliance with the City's property maintenance codes.

When we work together, we keep our alleys and properties clean and looking great for our neighbors.

## Beautification Award Nominations

The Beautification Committee sponsors annual awards for the Commendable Property, Best Porch, and Patriotic Display programs.

### Commendable Property

Commendable Property Awards are presented to West Allis businesses and homeowners who devote extra effort to their property's beautification and maintenance. Such efforts boost the City's curb appeal and promote a sense of civic pride. Nominations for Commendable Property Awards are due June 15.

### Patriotic Award

Patriotic Display Awards were created to increase awareness of patriotism and celebrate allegiance to our wonderful Nation. Residents are encouraged to create patriotic theme displays, which could include flags, bunting, flowers, handcrafted or purchased items, with relevance to Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day. Winners receive a flag from the VFW Auxiliary Post 1912, which sponsors this program in conjunction with the Beautification Committee. Nominations for Patriotic Display Awards for Memorial Day are due May 27, for Flag Day on June 10, and for Independence Day on June 27.

### Best Porch

Best Porch Awards are given to recognize homeowners for their efforts of displaying flowers, flags and other decorations on their porches. Nominations for Best Porch Awards are due July 15.

Award recipients of all three programs are honored at a ceremony held in September. In addition to the award, a sign is posted at each property and the City's Communications Office creates video highlighting each property. This video may be viewed on City 25, our cable television station, and on the City's website.

To nominate a property for an 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 submit online nomination form on the City's website. Any questions, call (414) 302-8811.

## DPW News

**No Blue Bag Recycling** - The blue bags made by Presto® to contain your recycling are NO longer required. Any 30 gallon see through plastic bag with a tie is acceptable. The same items should still be placed in the bag for recycling. For information, see the 2016 Refuse and Recycling Rules and Regulations booklet which was included with the previous newsletter or is available on the City's website at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).

**Refuse Collection Guidelines** - Residents are reminded that Section 7.05(7)(a) of the Municipal Code regarding City-issued refuse containers was revised in 2013. This revision gives the City permission to deliver a new refuse cart and put the charge on the property owner's tax bill for any property that has two refuse violations within a one year period. For information, see the 2016 Refuse and Recycling Rules and Regulations booklet which was included with the previous newsletter or is available on the City's website at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).

**2015 Recycling Statistics** - Waste reduction continues to work in West Allis. The recycling rate for items collected at alley or curbside of residences and at the drop-off sites is 13.7%. When yard waste and scrap metal are included, the percentage jumps to 30.6%. Good job West Allis!

**Electronics** - Electronics are now accepted at the Municipal Yard for recycling. Some items require a \$20 fee. For more information, visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).



## Illegal Sign Placement

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 the 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, call the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800 weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The West Allis Senior Center is located at 7001 W. National Avenue. Hours are Monday - Friday, 9 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. Annual membership year is September 1 through August 31. Membership fees are \$15 for West Allis and West Milwaukee residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Enjoy 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<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Senior Nutrition Program Gift Certificates Available.** Each certificate (for those age 60 or older) good for one free lunch. Purchase certificates at the Senior Center's meal site. Call (414) 302-8703 for more information.

### Selected Events for April, May, June

**Everywoman's Journal.** Wednesday, April 6, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Learn how to use proactive journaling to increase awareness of emotional, physical and mental health while improving your sense of personal well-being. Workshop Leader is Peggy Pipia, Health Educator at the West Allis Health Department. Call (414) 302-8700 to register.

**Huge Indoor Rummage & Bake Sale.** Thursday and Friday, May 12 and May 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Donations of "quality" rummage items accepted until May 2. Space available for rent (\$12 per 6 foot table); Advance reservations required.

**Tours & Outings.** Thrift Store Scavenger Hunt, Wednesday, May 18; Wisconsin Dells Upper Boat Trip with lunch at Rivers Edge Pub, Wednesday, July 20.

**Chair Yoga.** Thursdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Ongoing sessions with instructor, Susie Melott. Participants move slowly through seated and standing positions with chair support. Breathing techniques and meditation included in all sessions.

**Creative Card Making.** Second Wednesday of each month, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Instructor Kathy Marinello shares ideas for creating and recycling cards and gift tags. Cost is \$3 per session. Call (414) 302-8700 to preregister.

**Dance, Dance, Dance.** Tuesdays, 10 - 11 a.m. Move and enjoy music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!

**Folk Dance Group.** Ongoing beginner's sessions meet Wednesdays, 10 - 11 a.m. with instructor Sandra McCormack.

## Fire Pit Safety Tips

Have a fire extinguisher or a hose readily available.



Keep a first aid kit with burn wound care supplies.



Supervise children and never allow them to play around a fire pit.

Know the wind direction before lighting your fire.



Seasoned hardwood is recommended for burning; never burn trash, leaves, paper, cardboard or plywood. Do not overload a fire pit.

Do not use flammable fluids such as gasoline, alcohol, diesel fuel, kerosene or charcoal lighter fluid to light a fire.



Fire pits cannot be used on porches or decks or within 10 feet of a dwelling, garage or other accessory structure and must be tended to by a competent person whenever burning is taking place.

Open burning is prohibited in West Allis; however, a device for burning wood that is equipped with a metal hood and a screen that completely encloses the area and prevents embers or sparks from exiting is allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.



## NEED A LOAN?

### Low-interest home improvement loans

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.

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

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

# Library News

## All Ages Programs

### Author Ally Condie

Monday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

She is the bestselling author of the "Matched" series and has a new middle grade book coming out, "Summerlost." All ages welcome; registration not required.

### Summer Reading Celebration

June 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate Summer Reading for all ages with a Summer Reading Celebration. If you haven't started doing one of our three programs, get started! If you've already signed up, turn in reading logs for your first reward. Enjoy snacks, crafts and other activities .

### Snacks & Cinema

May 2 and June 2, 6 p.m.

Watch a food-themed feature film and create a snack.

## Adult Programs

### The Beatles: Band of the Sixties

Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Join Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz for a fascinating, free 60-minute presentation on one of the most loved bands in popular memory.

### Summer Reading

June 1 - August 31

Adults ages 18 and up are eligible to be a part of the 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.

### Celebrate National Paranormal Day with Tea Krulos, "Monster Hunters" author.

Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Tea Krulos talks about his experience shadowing paranormal investigators for his book.

### Coloring Club

Thursday, June 9, 6-8:30 p.m.

Coloring pages and materials provided.

### Getting Crafty

Mondays: April 4, April 25 and May 16, 7 p.m.

Getting Crafty is back! Each free session limited to 25 participants, ages 18+. Registration is required.

### Computer Classes @ the Library

April and May classes for those who want to learn more about computers, the Internet, email, Microsoft Word 2010, or resume writing and job searching. Registration required at the Adult Information Desk or call (414) 302-8500. Limit of 10 patrons per class. Classes are for patrons ages 12 and up with a valid Milwaukee County library card.

## Holiday Hours/Closings

The library will be **CLOSED**:

**Saturday, May 28** - Memorial Day Weekend

**Monday, May 30** - Memorial Day

The library is CLOSED on Sundays, May through September.

## Children's Department

### On your mark, get set...Read! Summer Reading Program

Registration begins June 1.

For all ages, babies to grown-ups. Earn great prizes for reading this summer!

The Children's Department has a fantastic lineup of performers for the summer on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. Tickets handed out one hour prior to each show time, as space is limited. Come see magic, music and live animals at the library!

Look for story times, book clubs, movies, Lego Club and much more this summer at the West Allis Library.

## Teen Events

Teen events are open to students in grades 6-12 or ages 12-18 that live in Milwaukee County.

### Friday Fun in the Constitution Room

April 22 and May 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Games, snacks, crafts, or we might even show a movie!

### Poetry Night

April 14, 7-8 p.m.

We'll have poetry prompts and crafts (blackout poetry anyone?).

### Summer Reading

June 1-August 31

Ready, set, READ! Come do a reading race this summer. There will be more events for teens, like the annual Writers Camp and some Friday Fun activities. Check out the blog [www.waplteens.blogspot.com](http://www.waplteens.blogspot.com) for more information about summer teen events @ the library.

## West Allis Public Library Leisure Learners

Programs are held the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Constitution Room of the WestAllis Public Library. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. and last approximately one hour.

**April 11:** Bicycling Along the Rhine & Mosel Rivers with Jane and John Stoltz.

**April 25:** Gary Hess, author and historian, will explain his grandfather's participation in the history of the cooper trade (barrel-making).

**May 9:** Downsizing: It's Not Just Stuff. Margaret Finley of the Laureate Group addresses the challenging process of disposing of things and passing treasures to special family and friends.

**May 23:** Photo Journal of Katmandu, Nepal, and North Central India. Loni Kagen presents her travel adventures to exotic Agra, India, and Kathmandu, Nepal.

**June 13:** Art of Active Listening. Adele Lund of the Laureate Group will explore effectively managing situations with communication by explaining techniques of listening differently.

**June 27:** State Fair Cream Puffs. Joey Kovnesky has worked the State Fair cream puff trade for six years and offers a unique behind-the-scenes look at this Wisconsin tradition, sharing both the history of the cream puff at the Fair and how they are produced today.



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Visit [www.westalliswi.gov/jobs](http://www.westalliswi.gov/jobs) for current employment opportunities.

Sign up to be notified by e-mail when a new position opens at the City of West Allis at [www.westalliswi.gov/jobs](http://www.westalliswi.gov/jobs).

Applications are available at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or Human Resources Department,  
City Hall, 7525 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214, (414) 302-8270.

Go online to view our full color  
flipbook version of the newsletter  
at [www.westalliswi.gov/newsletter](http://www.westalliswi.gov/newsletter).

### FARMERS MARKET

- Open Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
Noon to 6 p.m.
- Saturdays, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(Opens 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 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Located at 66<sup>th</sup> Street & National

## Home HazMat COLLECTION

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Clean up your house  
and your community  
by dropping off your  
old and unused

- chemicals → gas
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10518 S. 124th St.

MILWAUKEE

3879 W. Lincoln Ave.

MENOMONEE FALLS

W124 N9451 Boundary Rd.

For Milwaukee County residents only. Please, no businesses.

→ For a comprehensive list of items  
we accept and collection hours  
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# West Allis

## A LA CARTE



Sunday,  
June 5, 2016  
12 NOON-6PM

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

*In cooperation with:*



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



»» For more information on how you can be part of this event, check our website: »»»

### 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

**Shape Up Your Summer**

Saturday, June 11: 10am to 12noon

**Classic Car Show:**

First Sunday in October- 10am to 3pm

**Halloween Hunt:**

Last Saturday in October- 10am to 1pm

**Christmas On The Avenue:**

First Saturday in December- 1:30 to 4pm



»» Sign up at [WestAllisDowntown.com/Volunteer-Opportunities](http://WestAllisDowntown.com/Volunteer-Opportunities) »»»

# DOWNTOWN BID at Work

Downtown West Allis (DWA) is teaming up with *The West Allis – West Milwaukee Students in Transition (SIT) Program.*

Homeless families within the WA/WM School District need things such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies, winter gear, etc. The *SIT Program* has found that families cannot take much with them, as they are often going from place to place. So, rather than taking up a collection of clothing, our organization will be collecting donations to be used for resale or grocery store gift cards. That way, when a family is in need of specific items or food for the night, the *SIT Program* can provide a gift card or they can purchase the item. Donations of hygiene supplies are also extremely helpful (toothbrushes/paste, razors, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.)

For a complete list of businesses who will be collecting donations and supplies, visit [www.westallisdowntown.com](http://www.westallisdowntown.com).

For more information on the *SIT Program*, please contact:  
Jaime Goelz #604-3023 or Jessica Lovely #604-3541  
“Facilitators for Students in Transition”

**GIVING**  
Changes Everything

# Shape UP YOUR Summer

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016**  
75th & Greenfield Avenue 10am to 12 Noon

Make the pledge to get in shape this summer!

10am: Activities

11:30am: Walk the Downtown Mile

For more information, visit:

[www.tdPhysicalTherapy.com](http://www.tdPhysicalTherapy.com) or

[www.WestAllisDowntown.com](http://www.WestAllisDowntown.com)



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PHYSICAL THERAPY

*West Allis*  
DOWNTOWN



## Mandel Group to Lead Redevelopment at Farmers Market Area (66th and Greenfield)

The Community Development Authority of the City of West Allis recently announced the recommendation of Milwaukee-based Mandel Group, Inc. to the Mayor and Common Council as the developer for two (2) premier sites totaling 13.3 acres of land within the Six Points/Farmers Market Redevelopment Area. The \$62 million proposal referred to as The Market at Six Points, offers 46,250 sq. ft. of commercial space, 200 contemporary apartments, eight (8) townhomes, and a 40,000 sq. ft. office building, all neighboring the popular West Allis Farmers Market.

Mandel is recognized for many high-caliber developments that have transformed neighborhoods in both downtown Milwaukee and the suburbs. The Market at Six Points proposal is a project that will enhance a neighborhood that is already a regional draw with a Farmers Market that attracts thousands of visitors each week interested in local produce, plants, meats, and much more.

The development concept builds on the surrounding West Allis neighborhood while adding destination commercial uses that will contribute to the City's efforts to grow a food cluster. Potential uses include a brew pub, a specialty grocery store, restaurants, other food purveyors, and retail as well as commercial uses.



In addition, the project will offer two (2) multi-family buildings with 200 modern apartment units, generating a refreshingly new benchmark for apartment living in West Allis. The buildings will feature a unique urban design with elements derived from the Farmers Market. Other building amenities will include a club house facility, health and fitness center, balconies, and a demonstration kitchen for hosting cooking classes with items sourced from the Farmers Market. The City plans to formalize a development agreement in the coming weeks with construction commencing in fall of 2016.



## Crawdaddy's Big Return



Chef and co-owner John Klug along with business partner Mike Weier have reopened Crawdaddy's, the popular West Allis Cajun establishment for over 18 years, at 9427 W. Greenfield Avenue. The property is the former site of Big Dogs Sports Grill. The restaurant has capacity for 175, and offers decorative Cajun and music themes throughout the space with accents of iron, brick, and windows reminiscent of New Orleans. The menu will feature traditional Cajun favorites like gumbo and seafood dishes along with the return of the popular honey-glazed carrots. The space also features a larger bar, waiting area, and a private dining room. We're excited to welcome Crawdaddy's back to the City.

## Aurora to Expand Parking



Aurora West Allis Medical Center has submitted plans to construct a \$17 million, 652 stall parking structure. The new four-level structure will be built on the Southwest corner of S. 91<sup>st</sup> Street and W. Lincoln Ave. and will offer a landscape edge along the street. The development will double parking capacity at the campus. The construction is an addition to the current structure that was built in 2001. When completed, the structure will have a total of 1,153 parking spaces. To make way for the parking structure addition, Aurora purchased a 28-unit building and four different 4-unit apartment buildings.

# West Allis DOWNTOWN



Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District (DWABID) celebrates its 15th Anniversary as a Main Street Community. DWABID is located on Greenfield Avenue between 70<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> Streets and adjacent side streets. Within these six blocks, there are 62 buildings and over 80 businesses.

DWABID has been a trend setter for many years. The distinguished street signs, pole banners, brick planters, sound system, etc. are all projects funded by DWABID.

In cooperation with the City of West Allis and the DWABID, several unique items have been added including the decorative lamp posts, park benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, and pedlets.

DWABID also provides our Downtown businesses and visitors with free WIFI on the Avenue, sidewalk snow plowing, and security cameras along Greenfield Avenue, as well as a few in our municipal parking lots. Plans to finish the security camera project in the municipal parking lots will take place in 2017.

## WHAT'S NEW

### New Chick-fil-A Store Planned for Hwy. 100



Hwy. 100 food choices will continue to expand with the addition of a new Chick-fil-A restaurant. The store will be located on the west side of Hwy. 100, north of W. Cleveland Ave. on 1.23 acres of land carved

from the existing Kohl's and Pick 'n Save shopping center. The store will be about 4,800 sq. ft. in area with a double drive-thru. The privately held and family owned business has been in existence since the 1960's, has over 1,950 locations throughout the United States, and in 2015, recorded \$6 billion in sales.

### Elements Massage Opens on Hwy. 100

Elements Massage recently celebrated its grand opening at 3005 S. 108th Street. Located on the former HUB Chrysler site, the 2,000 sq. ft. massage parlor is focused on providing customers with massage services. The massage parlor's philosophy matches a client with the right massage therapist to help them achieve wellness goals. Elements Massage works to understand a client's concerns and to develop a customized massage program.

### Wilde Toyota Expands Customer Service Area

Wilde Toyota, located at 3225 S. 108th Street was recently approved for a 2,000 sq. ft. expansion of the customer service area and new employee parking lot. In addition, Wilde Toyota is renovating the 5,000 sq. ft. former budget car sales building into a vehicle repair and photo studio for online car sales.

### TomKen's Bar

TomKen's Bar, 8001 W. Greenfield Avenue, completed an expansion and renovation of the kitchen and restaurant area providing the restaurant with a fresh new and trendy look. Tomken's has a strong following for its award-winning wing flavors and popular fried chicken.

## West Allis West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce

The West Allis/West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce blue-ribbon committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Chamber Business of the Year awards.



West Allis Cheese & Sausage

West Allis Cheese & Sausage was selected as West Allis Business of the Year and chiropractor **Dana Derrick** is being recognized as the West Allis Young Professional of the Year.



Dana Derrick

The Awards Reception was held at the Hampton Inn & Suites West Allis on March 24, 2016 where they were honored by the Mayor, WA/WM Chamber of Commerce, and a number of local and state officials.

These are amazing people and businesses who really care about helping others and have made a huge impact in our community.



Ted Majdecki

### Ted Majdecki, longtime West Allis business owner, retires

Ted Majdecki, longtime grocery storeowner in West Allis who recently announced his retirement, was recently recognized by the WA/WM Chamber of Commerce with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ted was born and raised in West Allis, attending General Mitchell elementary school and Nathan Hale High School. His grandfather, also named Ted, along with his brother Ed owned the first "supermarket" in the city of West Allis. Ted worked at his grandfather's store and worked for his father Dick at a family store in Bay View before going to work for Sentry Foods.

In 2001, Ted was presented an opportunity to purchase one of the corporate stores. Driven by the pull to come back to West Allis, he quickly put in an offer to purchase the West Allis store. In the 15 years that he owned the store, Ted along with the support of excellent managers and a team of over 100 employees worked diligently to make the store run efficiently. Ted takes pride in the number one compliment about the store, which is how friendly the employees serve customers.



## Starting a new business in WEST ALLIS West Allis just got a little easier.

The process of applying for all necessary permits and application to open your business can be completed online at:

[www.westalliswi.gov/newbusiness](http://www.westalliswi.gov/newbusiness)

A simple business concept may potentially obtain their occupation permit and any needed licenses and permits completely online. Based on the information provided or if you have questions, it may be in your best interest to schedule an appointment to meet with the Department of Development's Planning staff to help guide you through the process. Call (414) 302-8460 with any questions.

# ZOO INTERCHANGE PROJECT UPDATE SPRING 2016

Work on the Zoo Interchange project continues with upcoming impacts in and around West Allis. Please see the reverse side for closure and alternate route details. Visit the Zoo Interchange project website and social media for additional information on travel times, alternate routes and additional closures.



[zooic.org](http://zooic.org)



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## ZOO INTERCHANGE SPRING 2016 CLOSURE SCHEDULE

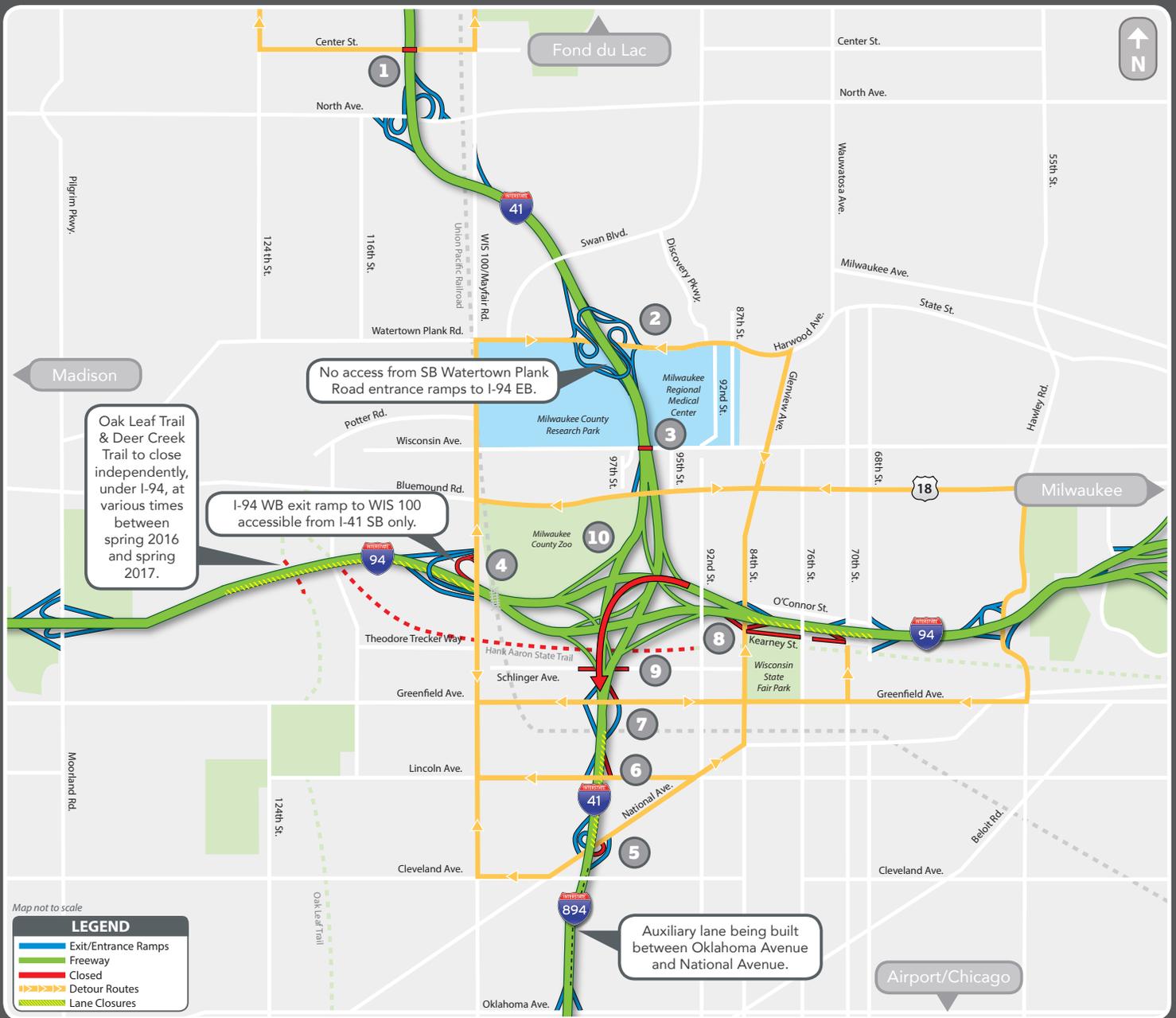
	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CENTER STREET OVER I-41	[CLOSURE]			
WISCONSIN AVENUE OVER I-41	[CLOSURE]			
I-94 WB EXIT RAMP TO WIS 100 (I-41 SB ACCESS ONLY)	[CLOSURE]			
NATIONAL AVENUE ENTRANCE TO I-41/894 NB		[CLOSURE]		
LINCOLN AVENUE ENTRANCE TO I-41/894 NB		[CLOSURE]		
GREENFIELD AVENUE ENTRANCE TO I-41/894 NB		[CLOSURE]		
I-94 EB EXIT TO 84TH STREET	[CLOSURE]			
I-94 EB EXIT TO 70TH STREET	[CLOSURE]			
84TH STREET ENTRANCE TO I-94 EB	[CLOSURE]			
KEARNEY STREET	[CLOSURE]			
SCHLINGER AVENUE UNDER I-41/894	[CLOSURE]			
I-94 EB LANE CLOSURE AT SUNNYSLOPE ROAD	[CLOSURE]			
I-41/894 NB LANE CLOSURE AT NATIONAL AVENUE		[CLOSURE]		
I-94 EB LANE CLOSURE AT 76TH STREET				[3-4 WEEK CLOSURE]
WIS 100 ENTRANCE TO I-43 NB		[CLOSURE]		
I-94 WB TO I-41/894 SB SYSTEM RAMP	[CLOSURE]			

\*Closures with the greatest impact to West Allis are highlighted in blue

FLIP TO SEE A DETAILED MAP OF SPRING 2016 IMPACTS >



# SPRING 2016



- CENTER STREET OVER I-41**
  - Center Street, over I-41, closed through late summer 2016 (ALTERNATE ROUTE: Burleigh St.)
- WATERTOWN PLANK ROAD INTERCHANGE**
  - No access from I-41 SB Watertown Plank Road entrance ramps to I-94 EB through late 2016 (ALTERNATE ROUTE: WIS 100 to I-94 EB)
- WISCONSIN AVENUE OVER I-41**
  - Wisconsin Avenue, over I-41, closed through summer 2017 (ALTERNATE ROUTES: Bluemound Rd. or Watertown Plank Rd.)
- WIS 100 INTERCHANGE**
  - I-94 WB exit ramp to WIS 100 accessible via I-41 SB only through spring 2017 (ALTERNATE ROUTE: I-94 WB exit ramp to 84th St.)
- NATIONAL AVENUE INTERCHANGE**
  - National Avenue entrance ramp to I-41/894 NB closed spring through late 2016 (ALTERNATE ROUTES: Oklahoma Ave. entrance ramp)
- LINCOLN AVENUE INTERCHANGE**
  - Lincoln Avenue entrance ramp to I-41/894 NB closed spring through late 2016 (ALTERNATE ROUTE: Oklahoma Ave. entrance ramp)
- GREENFIELD AVENUE INTERCHANGE**
  - Greenfield Avenue entrance ramp to I-41/894 NB closed spring through mid-summer 2016 (ALTERNATE ROUTE: 84th St. entrance ramp)
- 84TH STREET/70TH STREET INTERCHANGES**
  - I-94 EB exit ramp to 84th Street closed through early summer 2016
  - I-94 EB exit ramp to 70th Street closed through early summer 2016
  - 84th Street entrance ramp to I-94 EB closed through early summer 2016
  - Kearney Street, from 84th Street to 76th Street and from 73rd Street to 70th Street, closed spring through early summer 2016 (ALTERNATE ROUTES: Hawley Rd. exit ramp or 68th St. entrance ramp)
- SCHLINGER AVENUE/HANK AARON STATE TRAIL**
  - Schlinger Avenue, under I-41/894, closed long-term
  - Hank Aaron State Trail, between 94th Place and Underwood Creek Parkway, closed long-term (ALTERNATE ROUTE: Greenfield Ave.)
- FREEWAY LANE CLOSURES/SYSTEM RAMPS**
  - I-94 EB lane closure at Sunnyslope Road/spring 2016 through early fall 2016
  - I-94 EB short-term lane closure at 76th Street late spring 2016
  - I-41/894 NB lane closure at National Avenue spring 2016 through late 2016
  - E-S system ramp (I-94 WB to I-41/894 SB) closed through fall 2017

\* Entire freeway system subject to short-term overnight closures. All closures are weather dependent.

Educating Our Children



Building Our Future

# School District News

## WAWM SD PHOTOS



Dear West Allis-West Milwaukee School Community,

Over the past ten years, school board policies related to school attendance areas for residents created enrollment imbalance in our schools. Some families found their neighborhood school was full and other schools experienced an imbalance in Open Enrollment. The Board recognized that attendance area policies needed updating so that we could appropriately utilize our facilities to maximize the educational process in a way that would account for the needs of the whole community.

On Monday, February 1, 2016 the West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board approved the following elements, scheduled to take effect in the 2016-17 school year, designed to balance enrollment in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and move toward our recommitment of neighborhood schools.

- 1) Approved moving 4K programming into neighborhood schools and keeping 5th grade at elementary schools.
- 2) Approved participation in AGR (Achievement Gap Reduction).
- 3) Approved the attendance areas for 4K – 12.
- 4) Approved the Intra-District Transfer Policy in light of new attendance areas.
- 5) Approved the Implementation Plan for Neighborhood Schools.

The Board was mindful that the elements of balanced enrollment should involve minimized transportation costs, student enrollment for each building at its educational capacity, and predictable transitions between elementary, intermediate, and high school while accounting for the diversity in the District. It is understood that change is never easy and everyone involved in this process labored thoughtfully over each decision. Together, we believe, the approval of the elements of balanced enrollment set the course for fair, equitable and fiscally responsible educational programming for the WAWM School District. More detailed information on what was approved along with policies, procedures, and attendance area maps related to neighborhood schools can be found on our district website.

As we move forward with implementation, we will be notifying parents with new students and students transitioning to a new building level about school placement. We will be holding Preview Nights at our Intermediate and High Schools. Planning and preparation for the 2016-2017 school year is already underway as we look forward to welcoming our students at each of our neighborhood schools.

Dr. Marty Lexmond

## Youth Art Month

During the Month of March our School District recognizes Youth Art Month along with thousands of other schools across the country. The District Administration Building has been transformed into a gallery of beautiful student artwork. On Sunday, March 6, 2016 students, families, and community members celebrated Youth Art Month by participating our annual reception and exhibit.



wawm.k12.wi.us

## M.A.P. Program

The MAP Program is FREE to West Allis and West Milwaukee adult community members. We welcome a wide range of skills and abilities. If you are looking to improve your job-seeking skills, basic reading skills, need assistance with post-secondary course work, or need guidance with resumes and job applications, we invite you to attend this FREE program. The program is held on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Building, 1205 South 70th Street, West Allis.

## #WAWMproud

Neche Veysal, a senior at Central High School, was awarded a rare and prestigious Questbridge Scholarship to attend Yale University next fall. Neche is one of only 657 students in the United States received this scholarship. The Questbridge Scholarship is designed for high school juniors who show the potential to attend top colleges. In order to qualify, students must be in the top 5 to 10 percent of their graduating class. Neche plans on majoring in math and minoring in Spanish.

## 8 Schools Receive State Recognition

We are proud to announce that eight of our schools have been named 2015-16 Wisconsin Title 1 Schools of Recognition. These schools are Franklin Elementary, Horace Mann Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Longfellow Elementary, Pershing Elementary, Wilson Elementary, Lincoln Intermediate, and West Milwaukee Intermediate. Wilson has earned this recognition for the ninth consecutive year along Horace Mann, Jefferson and Longfellow for the fifth consecutive year.

In order to qualify, schools must have a significant number of students from low-income families. Schools must also meet the state's test-participation, attendance and dropout goals, and also have above average student achievement in reading and mathematics.

## WIAA Conference Realignment

The WIAA Board of Control will have their final meeting in Stevens Point on the southeastern Wisconsin High School Athletic Conference Realignment on April 19, 2016. On Tuesday, March 1, 2016 a letter of protest that was sent from the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District to the WIAA regarding the High School Athletic Conference Realignment Plan known as the Hauser Plan. The letter of protest can be found on the district website.

## WAWM Strategic Planning to Begin

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District will begin looking at and establishing long-range plans. Strategic Planning is needed so goals can be established and set for our district in a number of areas from student achievement to facilities use and potential construction. These long range goals and plans will set guidelines and paths to follow and provide a clear direction of where the WAWM Schools need to go in the future. Our goal is to have a strategic plan in place by the 2016-2017 school year.



## Recreation and Community Services Department Early Childhood Programs

Did you know that young children retain what they learn far better when they are engaged in hands on activities? Our recreational based early childhood programs provide endless opportunities for children to learn by doing. We encourage you to check out and register for these upcoming parent and child classes as well as classes that provide young children the experience of participating on their own to build school readiness skills. These programs and many more are held at Parkway Center, 2930 S. Root River Parkway. For additional program information or to register, please call us at (414) 604-4900 or visit us online at [www.wawmrec.com](http://www.wawmrec.com).

## Get ready to "Hang Around With Us" this summer!

Look for our Summer Activity Guide to arrive in resident households at the end of March.

