

# Newsletter



April, May & June 2012

## CLERK/TREASURER OFFICE NEWS

### Vote April 3, 2012 Spring Election and Presidential Preference

Offices to vote for include Milwaukee County Executive, Supervisors, and Comptroller; Court of Appeals Judge; Circuit Court Judges; West Allis Mayor, Alderpersons, and City Attorney; and West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al. Board of Education. In addition, the ballot will have the Presidential Preference Vote and a local referendum on corporate personhood and money as speech. See the Clerk's web page at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for more election related information including polling place locations, sample ballots, voter registration, and photo ID requirements.

### Dog and Cat Licensing Reminder

Dogs and cats are required to be licensed. The fee for neutered/spayed pets is \$12.00, and the fee for not neutered or spayed pets is \$24.00. There will be a late fee if the license is not applied for on or before April 2, 2012. Provide the rabies vaccination certificate and alteration documentation when applying for the license for your dog or cat. Contact the Clerk/Treasurer's Office at 302-8200 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).

### Real Estate Tax Bills – Final Payment Due May 31

The third and final installment of your 2011 real estate property tax is due May 31, 2012. If any part of these taxes are unpaid as of June 1, interest and penalties of 1½% per month are charged from February 1 on the unpaid balance. If any of your previous installments were not paid in full by the due dates, the interest and penalties are already being added to your taxes. The City of West Allis collects delinquent 2011 real estate taxes through July 31, 2012. The City transfers the unpaid 2011 real estate tax balances to Milwaukee County in August 2012.

### Pay Taxes and Water Utilities By E-Check or Credit Card

Pay your tax bill by e-check (*automated checking withdrawal*) or credit card (Internet or telephone 855-288-0677). On [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov), choose Property Search, enter your address or tax key and select Pay Tax from the drop down box. For credit card payments, enter the 9 digit tax ID with the leading zeros in the payment entry screen. Fees to the processor of 2.5% apply.

Pay your water utility bill by e-check (*automated checking withdrawal*) or credit card (Internet or telephone 855-288-0678). On [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov), choose Property Search, enter your address or tax key and select Water/Sewer billing from the drop down box and pay water bill online. Fees to the processor of \$4.95 for up to \$400 apply.

### Pay by Mail

We suggest payments be mailed at least one week before the due date. Be sure the postmark is applied before midnight of the due date. The official postmark will be proof of timeliness. Your payment can then be processed without interest and penalty charges (if received within five business days.) Postmarks do not apply if you are already delinquent. If you mail your payment, please include the 3<sup>rd</sup> payment coupon. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want a receipt.

### 24-Hour Depository

Use the 24-hour depository near the main doors off the City Hall parking lot for check payments.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28, 2012

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

Saturday, May 26, 2012

Library and Municipal Yard will be closed.

City of West Allis Offices are Open

Good Friday, April 6, 2012

**NOTE:** There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Monday, May 28, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Collection crews may work ahead or fall behind their normal collection during this week.



## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, May 28, 2012

**Parade - 10:00 a.m.**

Parade route is west on Greenfield Ave. from 70<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> St., south on 75<sup>th</sup> St. to National Ave., east on National Ave. to Veterans' Memorial Park at 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Memorial Service - 11:00 a.m.**

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

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## 2012 SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- Place materials in the curb-line following the same procedures normally utilized during the fall collection period.
- Do not place materials in the street prior to April 8 or after April 22.
- **DONOTMIXBRUSHINTOTHEYARDWASTEPILES** (placing brush in the street is illegal and subjects the property owner to a fine; property owners can be held liable for any personal or vehicular damage occurring as a result of brush placed in the street).
- Yard waste materials may also be taken to a drop-off center or composted on-site.
- Remove pots and soil from potted plants before placing in the curb-line.

## SPRING CLEAN

Under that snow pile, hidden in the bushes, or in between the garages lingers winter's ugly present to property owners, both residential and commercial. Scraps of paper, plastic bags, newspapers, fast food packaging, plastic bottles, soda cans and glass containers will be found. Where did it come from?

Who put it there?

We live in a trashy society and must clean up after others all the time. The evidence is there after the snow melts, in your yard and the neighbor's yard.

Take pride in your community and neighborhood. It begins with a general clean up of your property and your neighbor's.

### Spring Clean Up Includes Dog Waste

The arrival of spring often comes with thoughts of sprucing up your yard after the long winter months. Once the snow melts, many dog owners often find belated holiday "gifts" on their lawns left behind by their pets. The Health Department wants to remind all dog owners that Municipal Code requires a dog owner to pick up and properly dispose of all dog waste from their yards. Code requires the feces to be cleaned up every 24 hours. It may be double bagged and included with your regular trash for pick-up.

When walking your dog, it is important to carry a plastic bag with you to immediately pick up your dog's waste. City rules require immediate removal of your dog's waste if it is on a sidewalk, public property, or any property other than your own.

Cleaning up after your dog is not only the responsible thing to do but it also keeps our city looking (and smelling) better for everyone. For more information or for a copy of the "dog waste" ordinance, call the West Allis Health Department at (414) 302-8600.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, May 19, 2012  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Fire Station #2  
2040 S. 67<sup>th</sup> Place

The day includes many events and displays.  
Visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for more details.

## WARNING SIRENS

Along with the spring weather comes severe weather such as tornados. Residents are reminded that warning sirens are an outdoor warning system to alert people "outdoors" to severe weather conditions. The sirens are not meant to be heard inside. Although residents and businesses should monitor television or radio stations for severe weather information, a battery powered weather radio is your best option, especially when there are power outages.

## SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

Summer band concerts begin in late June and are held weekly on Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Concerts are held at Veterans' Memorial Park at S. 70<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 web site at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for the complete band concert schedule.



## TUESDAYS MUSIC IN THE PARK SPONSORED BY C.A.A.D.

The Community Alliance Against Drugs (C.A.A.D.), in cooperation with the West Allis Police Department, will host Tuesdays Music in the Park events on June 12, June 26, July 10, August 7, and August 21. These events are free, family friendly, and are held at the West Allis Police Satellite Station, 6900 W. National Ave., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pizza and soda available for a nominal fee. Call (414) 302-8050 for more information.

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE

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

### NON DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

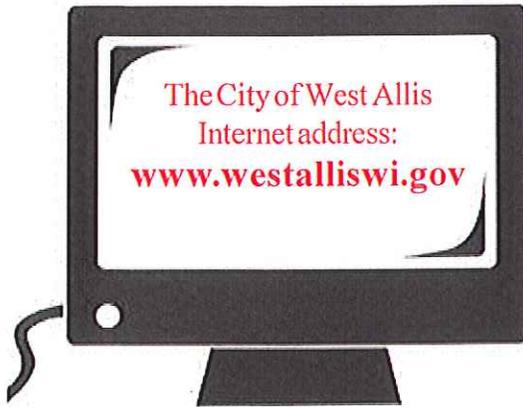
The City of West Allis does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, age, marital or veterans' status, sex, national origin, disability or any other legally protected status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs or activities.

### LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY STATEMENT

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

## CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE

Look for a new City of West Allis website in the spring of 2012. The new website will include a fresh design and many interactive features. You will be able to sign up to receive email and text message alerts about City news and events, receive an email or text message when a snow emergency is declared, request Citizen Services or report a concern online or by smartphone app, and view streaming video of the Common Council meetings. All your favorite e-Services on the current website will still be offered, including online property search and online payment of tax bills, special assessments, parking permits and water/sewer bills. With our new website, we'll be adding Facebook and Twitter accounts for the City to keep you up to date on all our City news and events.



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

## BABY BASICS AND BEYOND

If you are a parent, parent-to-be, or caretaker of young children, you are invited to Baby Basics and Beyond on Tuesday, April 24. This FREE community event will be held at the West Allis Aurora Women's Pavilion, 8901 West Lincoln Avenue, 6:15-8:30 p.m. Registration is 6:00-6:15 p.m. Register online at [www.aurora.org/Events](http://www.aurora.org/Events).

Baby Basics and Beyond features a wide range of information, resources, presentations, and exhibits on child care and safety. Topics include poison safety, parenting, nutrition, safe sleep, infant massage, consumer safety, breastfeeding, and much more. The event will include giveaways, door prizes, and light refreshments.

This event is sponsored by the Aurora Women's Pavilion, the West Allis-West Milwaukee School Age Parent Program, and the West Allis Health Department.

Don't miss this fun and informative event. Save the date!

## BECOMING A LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT

The West Allis Health Department is pleased to announce the next "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" series. This seven week program is a highly regarded national parenting program designed to help attendees become even better parents. Let's face it, our children do not come with owner's manuals, and this course helps all parents of toddlers to teens understand a family's needs. Parents learn to share control, give kids choices, and communicate more effectively.

The training is held once a week on Wednesdays, from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m., beginning on April 18 through May 30. All classes are held at the West Allis Public Library, 7421 West National Avenue. The cost for the entire seven weeks is only \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Don't miss out on building a stronger family. Space is limited, so register early by calling (414) 302-8612 or (414) 302-8619 at the West Allis Health Department.

## NIGHT-TIME IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

As good parents, we know the importance of protecting our children through proper immunization. With our jam-packed busy lives, it is often difficult to find time for everything we need to do. The West Allis Health Department wants to help you "find time" to get those all-important childhood immunizations. The Health Department not only offers daytime immunization clinics on Wednesday mornings (8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) and Thursday afternoons (12:30 - 4:00 p.m.), but offers additional evening clinics as well.

Evening clinics are held the second Monday of the month (4:00 - 7:00 p.m.) by appointment and the fourth Tuesday of the month (4:00 - 7:00 p.m.) by appointment.

Now you can arrange to have immunizations taken care of at a time that fits your busy schedule more easily. And, don't forget, childhood immunizations at the Health Department are free of charge.

Please take advantage of evening hours by scheduling your appointment with the West Allis Health Department at (414) 302-8600.

**West Allis / West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce**

INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND BUSINESSES

FIND IT ALL AT [WWW.WAMCHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.WAMCHAMBER.COM)

-  Find information on local businesses in our online business directory with contact information, hours of operation, directions and more. Search by name or category. We have what you are looking for.
-  Find Hot Deal coupons offered by local businesses including your favorite restaurants and trusted services. Save money by stopping here first!
-  Search jobs offered by local businesses in a wide range of categories. Contact the employer directly through the Chamber website.
-  Keep your calendar up to date by checking ours first. Find information about local events and seminars. Register online and get reminders of important dates.

Find these services and more at [wawmchamber.com](http://wawmchamber.com)!

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7447 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

## 2011 Recycling Statistics

Curbside paper	1470.95	tons
Drop-off paper	233.81	tons
Curbside blue bag	1316.84	tons
Drop-off blue bag	75.92	tons
Mixed paper	94.29	tons
Office paper	24.39	tons
Tires	17.89	tons
Waste Oil	15,330	gallons
Antifreeze	520	gallons
Sharps	0.7	tons
Microwaves	2.39	tons

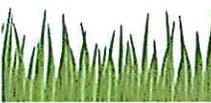
Waste Reduction continues to work in West Allis. Last year the recycling rate for the above items was 16.4% of the waste stream.

Brush	836.53	tons
Leaves	4,184.19	tons
Scrap Metal	25	tons

When yard waste and scrap metal are included in the above figure, the percentage jumps to 33.2%. Congratulations on the great job!



**Electronics.** Electronic devices are banned from Wisconsin landfills. This includes televisions, computers, computer monitors, printers, computer accessories, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, and cell phones. Collection sites in Milwaukee County include Goodwill, American TV and Appliance stores, and Best Buy stores. For a full list of collection sites, see the DNR's website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Ecycle/wisconsin.html> or call the City's Recycling Office at (414) 302-8831 or Sanitation Office at (414) 302-8800. Some collectors may charge fees and may not accept all devices. Contact any collectors beforehand to learn about their policies.



**Grass Clippings and Yard Waste.** Residents are reminded that grass clippings and yard waste should be disposed of properly. They cannot be raked or allowed to blow in the street or parkway creeks where they will cause the catch basin and creek gates to become clogged and thereby cause neighborhood flooding. An insert to this newsletter gives information on how to handle grass clippings and yard waste.



**Free Mulch.** Mulch, which is ground up tree branches, is available on a self-serve basis when the gates are open at the City's Morgan Site. Bring your own shovel and container.



**Medication Collection.** Medication in the original package or bottle can be taken to the West Allis Police Department at 11301 West Lincoln Avenue and placed in the drop box 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Accepted are prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, medication samples, pet medications, and inhalers. **NOT** accepted are illegal drugs, needles, syringes, thermometers, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, household waste, creams, and ointments.



## #4 AND #5 PLASTICS NOW RECYCLABLE

West Allis residents who have recycling picked up by the City can now include #4 and #5 plastics in their blue bag. This is for containers or lids that have a #4 or #5 on them and also any caps and rings. It does not include any type of bags.

For a complete list of accepted recyclables, please see the Yard Waste/Brush Collection/Drop-Off Materials insert to this newsletter.

Any questions regarding the West Allis recycling program may be directed to the Recycling Office at (414) 302-8831 or the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800.

## PROPERTY, BEST PORCH AND PATRIOTIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

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

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

Nominations for these awards are due: May 25 for Memorial Day, June 10 for Flag Day, and June 29 for Independence Day.

Write down the address of the property you are nominating and send it to the West Allis Beautification Committee, c/o Forestry Division, 6300 West McGeoch Avenue, West Allis, WI 53219. Any questions, call (414) 302-8811.

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

## WELCOME

Masino Agency,  
Farmers Insurance  
8003 W. Lincoln Avenue



UPS Store  
2931 S. 108 Street

## SUMMER SAFETY

For many Americans, summer means fun in the sun. The kids are out of school, adults are on vacation, and it's time for outdoor activities like riding bikes and hosting barbecues. However, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warns that summer also is the time of year consumers are most likely to be injured.

One of the best ways to stay safe this summer is to wear a helmet and other safety gear when biking, skating, and skateboarding. Studies on bicycle helmets have shown they can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85%.

Use layers of protection to prevent a swimming pool tragedy. This includes placing barriers completely around your pool, even if it's very shallow, to prevent access by unsupervised children.

Never bring charcoal grills indoors. Burning charcoal produces deadly carbon monoxide.

When cooking outdoors with a gas grill, check the air tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. If you ever detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas at the tank and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.

Make sure your home playground is safe. Falls cause 60% of playground injuries, so having a safe surface is critical. Concrete, asphalt, or packed dirt surfaces are too hard. Use at least 9" of wood chips or mulch.

Don't allow a game of hide-and-seek to become deadly. CPSC has received reports of numerous suffocation deaths involving children who crawled inside old cedar chests, latch-type freezers and refrigerators, iceboxes in campers, clothes dryers, and picnic coolers. Childproof old appliances, and warn children not to play inside them.

Install window guards to prevent children from falling out of open windows. Guards should be installed in children's bedrooms, parents' bedrooms, and other rooms where young children spend time. Or, install window stops that permit windows to open no more than 4 inches. Whenever possible, open windows from the top, not the bottom. Also, keep furniture away from windows to discourage children from climbing near windows.



## PRIVATE SIGNAGE RESTRICTIONS

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

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

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

## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Do you love planting flowers or watching vegetables sprout from tiny little seeds? If you harbor any interest in gardening whatsoever, we have a unique opportunity for you!

The West Allis Community Garden Committee exists to create and support school and community gardens in both West Allis and West Milwaukee. Gardens have an amazing ability to bring people together for a common good. Whether you are interested in planning a garden or planting one, consider getting involved with this committee.

The monthly meetings of the West Allis Community Garden Committee occur on the first Tuesday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the West Allis Public Library's Constitution Room.

With the planting season almost upon us, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get ready to hit the dirt! Volunteers are always needed, so please consider joining the West Allis Community Garden Committee. If you are interested or have any further questions, please call (414)870-0554.

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## WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2012



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 new membership year runs September 1 through August 31. Membership fees are \$12 for residents and \$17 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.

**2012 S.A.F.E. Books.** The West Allis S.A.F.E. Book — Senior Awareness, Focus on Help and Enrichment — contains a wealth of information for elders in the community. S.A.F.E. Books are free and available at the Senior Center, Library, and City Hall.

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

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

**Area Agency on Aging - Senior Nutrition Programs.** For West Allis residents age 60 and over. Nutritious balanced hot lunches are served weekly at 11:30 am 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/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.

**The Navigator** is a free transportation publication sponsored by West Allis-West Milwaukee Connecting Caring Communities. It contains information on transportation programs available to older adults in our community. Pick up a free copy at the West Allis Senior Center.

### Selected Events

**Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class.** Co-sponsored by the West Allis Senior Center, the 8-week session includes gentle, low impact, joint-safe exercises to help relieve stiffness and decrease arthritis pain. Classes meet for one hour, once a week at the Senior Center. The exercises can be performed either sitting or standing, whichever is more comfortable. Specific class dates and times vary; preregistration required. Call (414) 302-8700.

**Floral Design Class.** Mondays, 1-2 p.m., April 2 through June. Cost for the 12-week session is \$7 for members and covers the initial start-up materials to make one silk flower arrangement. Students provide their own floral container.

**Wellness Wednesdays – Weight Loss.** Wednesdays, April 4 through June 6. Weigh-in 11:00–11:15 a.m. and information/motivation talk 11:15–11:30 a.m. Cost for the 10-week session is \$25.

**Bingo for Fun.** Held once a month. Thursday, April 12, 12:30 p.m., sponsored by Berkshire; Thursday, May 10 (no sponsor); Thursday, June 14, sponsored by The Landmark.

**Young at Heart Chorus Spring Concert.** Friday, June 8, 1:30 p.m. Free event, public is invited. Refreshments served after the concert.

**Kenosha Civil War Museum, Electric Street Car Ride & Lunch.** Wednesday, April 25. Outing includes the Kenosha Civil War Museum, Electric Trolley Ride, and lunch at the House of Gerhard. Cost is \$53, includes motor coach transportation (with on-board restroom), admissions, and lunch. Call (414) 302-8700 for details.

**Huge Indoor Rummage & Bake Sale.** Thursday and Friday, May 17 and May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Donations of "quality" rummage items accepted May 23 through June 1. Indoor rummage space available for rent (\$12 per 6-ft. table); reserve your space in advance.

**Support Groups.** *You Are Not Alone* Meetings on Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. *Depends on You—AA for the Older Adult* group meets Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. Both groups are for older adults who want to remain alcohol and drug free. *Beat the Blues* support group for individuals coping with grief meets Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Gifts of Warmth.** Volunteers knit and/or crochet hats, mittens and scarves for FOX 6's Vince Condella's Coats for Kids Program and West Allis Health Department's Stork's Nest. Volunteers also make 7"X9" rectangles, which are joined to make large and colorful afghans for area shut-ins, local families in need, and for women's and homeless shelters. The Senior Center gladly accepts donations of 4-ply acrylic yarn for these projects.

**Seeking Volunteer Instructors** to teach computer courses, craft, and other classes. Share your time and talents with others. Call (414) 302-8700.

**Volunteer Monitors Needed for the Fitness Program.** Tasks include checking members in, assisting with applications, and monitoring the fitness equipment usage.

**Recreational Activities & Leagues.** Non-sanctioned leagues run September through May. Dartball, Wii Bowling, Pocket Billiards and Bowling at Burnham Bowl (substitute bowlers always needed).

**Health & Wellness Activities.** Low-intensity Aerobics and Gentle Stretching Sessions; Fitness Equipment (treadmills), Keiser weight machines, recumbent bikes, and Nu-Steps.

**Computer Classes.** Dates and times vary. Call (414) 302-8700.

**Ballroom Dance Class.** Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

**Choral Groups.** Group Sing-A-Long every Wednesday, 9:30–11:00 a.m. Young at Heart Chorus meets Fridays, 2:00 p.m.

**Living Well With Chronic Conditions.** This self-management workshop is for people with chronic illnesses. Empower yourself with the information and skills needed to increase the quality of your life. The workshop meets for 2 ½ hours once a week for six consecutive weeks. Call (414) 302-8700 or (414) 289-6352 for registration information on upcoming classes.





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### Independence Day Celebration

“Hats Off to You, the Red, White & Blue” is the theme for the 2012 West Allis Independence Day Celebration. This year’s celebration includes the annual parade on Monday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Post Parade Celebration at 8:00 p.m. at Veterans’ Memorial Park. The “Breakfast of Champions” will be held Tuesday morning, July 3, in the Centennial Park Plaza at City Hall. On Wednesday, July 4, activities move to the Wisconsin State Fair Park with the Grandstand Show at 8:30 p.m. followed by the Fireworks.

Watch for further information in the City’s 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.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Settler’s Weekend

Held at the Historical Society Grounds,  
84<sup>th</sup> & National Ave.

Saturday, August 25, 10 am – 6 pm  
and Sunday, August 26, 10 am – 4 pm

More information available in the  
summer issue of the City Newsletter  
or call (414)545-7679



## VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
March 23-April 1	REALTORS® Home & Garden Show	Expo Center
March 31	Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center-Lobby
April 2	Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center-Lobby
April 5-8	Wheel & Sprocket Bike Expo	Expo Center
April 7	Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center-Lobby
April 13-14	MMSD HHW Collection	N Parking Lot
April 14	Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center-Lobby
April 14-15	Rummage-A-Rama!	Products Pavilion
April 17-21	Just Between Friends	Expo Center
April 20-21	Scrapbook Expo	Expo Center
April 26	Cream City Rug Hookers	Expo Center
April 27-28	Celebrate the Faith	TGT Youth Center
April 28	Walk Now for Autism Speaks	Products Pavilion & Milw Mile
May 5	Business & Non-Profit Expo	TGT Youth Center
May 25-27	International Gem & Jewelry Show	Expo Center

*All dates and event information are subject to change.*

Recorded information updated weekly .....	1-800-884-FAIR(3247)
Wisconsin State Fair Park Administration Office .....	414/266-7000
Web Site .....	<a href="http://www.wistatefair.com">www.wistatefair.com</a>
E-mail Address .....	<a href="mailto:wsp@wisconsin.gov">wsp@wisconsin.gov</a>
Pettit National Ice Center .....	414/266-0100
Wisconsin Exposition Center .....	414/727-8840



## CITY NUMBERS

<b>Emergency</b> .....	<b>911</b>
Administration .....	302-8292
Assessor .....	302-8230
Building Inspection .....	302-8400
Clerk/Treasurer .....	302-8200
Development .....	302-8460
Engineering .....	302-8360
Farmers Market Info. Line .....	302-8652
Fire Non-Emergency Calls .....	302-8900
Health Department .....	302-8600
Housing .....	302-8430
Library Information Line .....	302-8520
Mayor .....	302-8290
Police Non-Emergency Calls .....	302-8000
Public Works Department .....	302-8888
Sanitation & Street Division .....	302-8800
Senior Center .....	302-8700

# HANDLING YOUR YARD WASTE IN 2012

The following information provides West Allis residents with alternatives to dispose of yard waste materials which are currently banned by the state from being collected and disposed of with household waste. Alternatives available vary by item and may include free collection service, collection service with a fee, free drop-off service, drop-off service with a fee, and on-site composting. Please **REMOVE** and save this page for future reference.

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

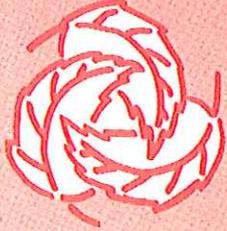
- Yard waste includes leaves, weeds, thatch, flowers, vines and other non-fruit or vegetable matter.
- **Spring** collection of yard waste is April 8 through April 22, 2012.
- **Fall** collection of yard waste is September 16 through November 11, 2012.
- Yard waste should be placed in the curb-line of the street only during the designated dates listed above.
- **DO NOT MIX BRUSH INTO THE YARD WASTE PILES.**
- Yard waste can be composted on-site\* or disposed of, without charge, at a drop-off center. (Please see locations and operating hours on reverse side.)
- **REMOVE POTS AND SOIL FROM POTTED PLANTS BEFORE PLACING IN THE CURB-LINE.**

## GRASS CLIPPINGS

Grass clippings should be left on the lawn after mowing or the clippings may be added to an on-site compost pile\*. **NO GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE COLLECTED OR ACCEPTED BY THE CITY.** Grass cannot be raked or allowed to blow into the streets where it can clog storm sewers and contaminate run-off water.

**HOME COMPOSTING:**

Reap a heap of benefits



Composting is a practical and convenient way to handle your yard wastes. It can be easier and cheaper than bagging these wastes and, in some areas, paying to have them removed. Compost also improves your soil and the plants growing in it. If you have a garden, a lawn, trees, shrubs, or even planter boxes, you have a use for compost.

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\*Brochures on home composting and the benefits of grass clippings left on the lawn are available at various Municipal Buildings. Call the Recycling Office at **302-8831** for additional information.

## 2012 BRUSH\* COLLECTION

NO brush collection during **BOXED** holiday weeks.

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	18	19	20	21	22	23 24
	25	26	27	28	29	30 31

APRIL							MAY							JUNE						
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29	30																			

JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5		

\* Brush is defined as branches from trees and trimmings from bushes.

- The City will provide every other week collection of small amounts of resident-generated brush, up to 1½ cubic yards, from March 12 through October 5. A separate truck will pick up brush on your recycling pick-up day according to the recycling schedule as shown in the color coded calendar. **NO BRUSH COLLECTION WILL BE MADE DURING THE HOLIDAY WEEKS OF MAY 28, JULY 2 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2012.**
- Residents should place their brush at the curb on the same day as their recycling collection. Large pieces of brush, up to five feet in length, should be bundled and stacked between the sidewalk and the curb, not in the street. Small pieces of brush must be contained in boxes or cans marked "BRUSH" and the address called in to ensure collection. Do not use plastic bags.
- Amounts larger than 1½ cubic yards require special handling and charge. Please call the Sanitation and Street Division at **302-8800**. Permits are available at no charge for residents to take brush to a drop-off site.

Any questions regarding the yard waste information provided above may be referred to the Sanitation and Street Division at **302-8800** weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

# 2012 WEST ALLIS DROP-OFF MATERIALS

## MUNICIPAL YARD 6300 West McGeoch Avenue

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

CLOSED:  
January 2  
May 26 and 28  
July 4  
September 1 and 3  
November 22 and 23  
December 22, 24 and 25  
January 1, 2013

## WEST END-MORGAN SITE South 116 Street-south of Morgan

OPEN: May 29 – August 31, 2012  
7:30-2:30 – Monday  
7:30-7:00 – Tuesday through Friday  
8:00-3:30 – Saturday

OPEN: September 4 - October 12, 2012  
7:30-2:30 - Monday through Friday

CLOSED:  
July 4  
September 1 and 3  
October 13, 2012 through May 27, 2013

Yard Waste (weeds, thatch, garden debris, leaves, etc.) <b>NO GRASS CLIPPINGS</b>	ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED
Motor Oil and Antifreeze	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
Recyclables •Newspaper, Magazines, Corrugated Cardboard •Aluminum, Glass, Plastics #1 and #2, Plastics #4 and #5 (containers and lids-no bags), Steel/Tin •Mixed paper (voluntary)	ACCEPTED	NO RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED
Brush	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)
Household Refuse (including old furniture) <b>NO TELEVISIONS OR ELECTRONICS</b> <b>ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2010</b>	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)	NOT ACCEPTED
White Goods (appliances)	NOT ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
Asphalt	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Concrete	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Ground and Sod	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Stone	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Construction Debris	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	NOT ACCEPTED
Roofing Materials	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	NOT ACCEPTED
Tires	CHARGE***	NOT ACCEPTED

\*Permits are required (except for quantities less than 1½ cubic yards). Homeowner generated material only is accepted - no contractor generated material. Call Sanitation and Street Division for permit: 302-8800.

\*\*Homeowners must obtain a permit and prepay prior to disposal.

\*\*\*At the time of this printing the charge for tires (must be off the rim) is \$3 per tire 16" and under, \$14 per tire over 16", \$57 per tractor tire. Exact change is necessary.

**NOTE:** The Municipal Yard and the West End-Morgan Site do not accept car batteries. At the time of this printing car batteries are accepted at Batteries Plus (456-9400), National Salvage (453-6677) and Remy Batteries (384-0340).

# *In recognition of Volunteer Week*

Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District is hosting a  
Volunteer Orientation  
Tuesday, April 18, 2012  
5:30 pm

To attend or for more information contact us!

Downtown West Allis, Inc.  
7231 West Greenfield Avenue, Suite 201  
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214  
Phone: (414) 774-2676

[director@downtownwestallis.com](mailto:director@downtownwestallis.com)

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

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Here is a sampling of immediate opportunities:

- **Tend planters**
  - 18 brick planters that need to be weeded and watered.
- **Deliver newsletters/posters to area businesses**
  - Stroll Greenfield Avenue while stopping in and delivering various posters, newsletters, etc. Approximately 80 business.
- **Event preparation and cleanup**
  - 5th Annual West Allis Ala Carte
  - *Volunteers are needed for the following areas:*  
Set-up, Registration, Block Captain, Trash Patrol and Clean-up.
- **Graphic Artist for web and media design**

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## 2012 Calendar of Events

**5th Annual West Allis Ala Carte**  
Sunday, June 3rd

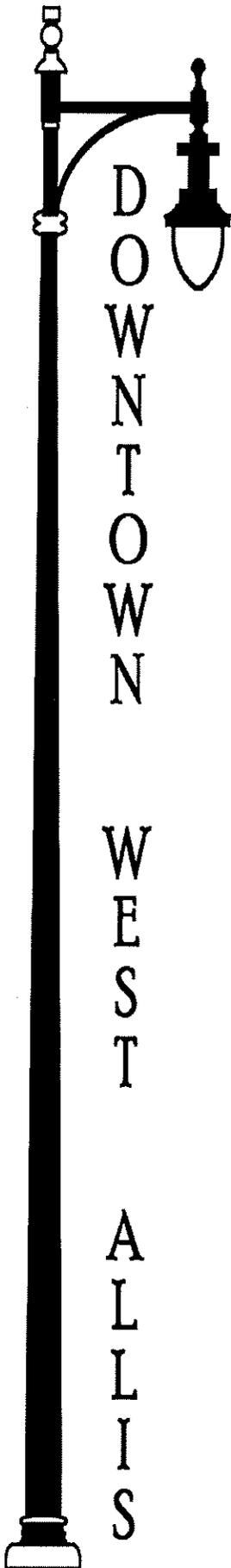
**22nd Annual Downtown West Allis  
Classic Car Show**  
Sunday, October 7th

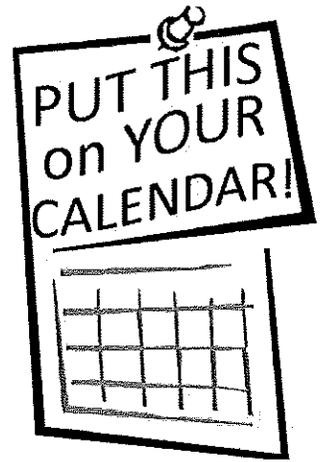
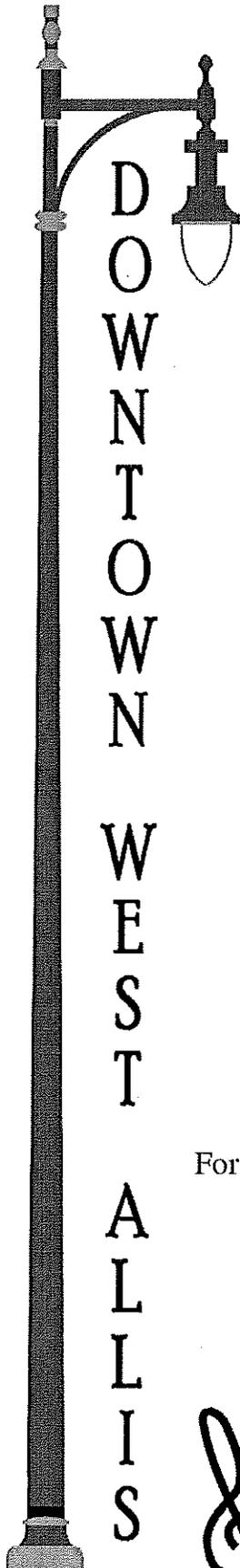
**Downtown West Allis Meet & Treat**  
Saturday, October 27th

**Christmas On The Avenue**  
Saturday, December 1st



Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District  
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Customer Growth and Community Involvement."*





Sunday, June 3, 2012

12 Noon - 6pm

Greenfield Avenue -  
Between 70th & 76th Street

- Free Admission & Parking
- Live Music & Entertainment
- Food!! Games!! BINGO!!
- Over 150 Vendors
- Information, Artists & Crafters!



For more information on how you can sponsor this event, volunteer or become a vendor, check our website: [www.DowntownWestAllis.org](http://www.DowntownWestAllis.org)

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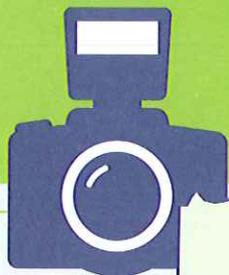


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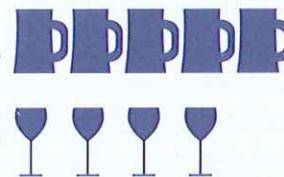
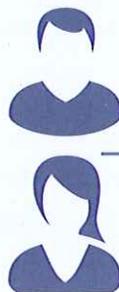
# WAWMCC Snapshot Focus on Drinking

Spring 2012 Newsletter



## We're #1...And we shouldn't be proud

Wisconsin continues to be the state with the greatest 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.

**1 Drink**



12 oz. Beer



5 oz. Wine



1.5 oz. Spirits

**9 = EXTREME DRINKING<sup>1</sup>**

### Sources

- <sup>1</sup>CDC Vital Signs – January 2012
- <sup>2</sup>2009 WAWM Community Health Survey
- <sup>3</sup>2005 WAWM Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- <sup>4</sup>2011 WAWM Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- <sup>5</sup>The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services

## Here's where we were



## What kind of example are we setting for our youth?

When our kids look up to us, we shouldn't always have a drink in our hands.

People in West Allis/West Milwaukee who drank in the past 30 days

**69%**



Adults 21+<sup>2</sup>

**39%**



Youth Ages 13-18<sup>1</sup>



Unfortunately

**71%**

of Youth Ages 13-18 think there isn't a great risk associated with having 1 or 2 drinks nearly every day<sup>1</sup>

# WAWMCC Snapshot

## Focus on Drinking



## Did you know...

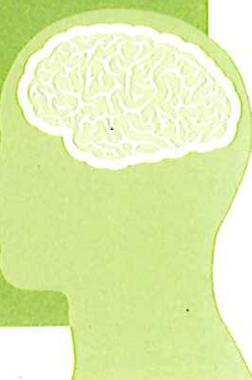
- ▶ First use of alcohol at 12 or younger – lifetime alcohol dependence is 41%<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ First use of alcohol at 21 years of age – lifetime alcohol dependence drops to 11%<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ The West Allis - West Milwaukee Community Coalition is a group of community leaders and partners working together to prevent underage alcohol use and substance abuse in our community.
- ▶ **YOU** make a difference in our community whenever you support and encourage a teen to make positive and healthy decisions.

### Source

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.cadca.org/files/resources/AAP\\_Policy\\_StatementAlcohol\\_Use\\_by\\_Youth\\_and\\_Adolescents\\_A\\_Pediatric\\_Concern.pdf](http://www.cadca.org/files/resources/AAP_Policy_StatementAlcohol_Use_by_Youth_and_Adolescents_A_Pediatric_Concern.pdf)  
Policy Statement: Alcohol Use by Youth and Adolescents: A Pediatric Concern. COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE. Pediatrics. Published online Apr 12, 2010.

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until  
age  
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Become one of the powerful voices encouraging positive choices to create a safer and healthier community

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## Become Informed

- Receive email updates from the Coalition about underage substance abuse issues.
- Visit the Coalition's website ([www.wawmcc.org](http://www.wawmcc.org)) for Important News, Community Resources and Parent tips.
- Join the Forum on the Coalition's website.

## Become Involved

- Read the Parent brochure for ways to talk with your children about alcohol and drugs.
- Sign the Family Pledge.
- Host alcohol-free parties and attend alcohol-free family events.
- Voice your ideas and concerns at Coalition meetings.
- Spread the word by sharing the Coalition's mission with others.
- Attend bi-monthly Coalition Meetings in 2012 – March 21st, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th and November 21st

## Become Invested

- Know where your children are at all times.
- Meet your children's friends and introduce yourself to their parents.
- Look for signs of drug use or suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- Join your neighborhood block watch.