

# Newsletter



January, February & March 2013

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

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



## C.A.A.D. NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY NIGHT

The WA/WM Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD) will host its annual New Year's Eve Family Night on Monday, December 31, at Central H.S., 8521 W. Lincoln Ave., 6:30-11:00 p.m. The evening will include Music by Eagle Entertainment, open swim, basketball, volleyball, large and small inflatable attractions, and a large rock-climbing wall.

Clowns will provide balloon art and face painting, and a family-friendly movie will be shown. Food and refreshments available for a nominal fee. Admission is free to CAAD members. Non-members can join CAAD the night of this event. For complete details and costs, please see the City's web site at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or call the Crime Prevention Bureau at (414) 302-8050.

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- Dept. of Public Works offices are closed and refuse and recycling will not be collected on Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Tuesday, January 1, 2013.
- The Municipal Yard will not be open to accept drop-off materials on Saturday, December 22.
- The Municipal Yard will be open to accept drop-off materials on Saturday, December 29.
- Please note the holiday schedule below and plan ahead to set out your refuse and, if appropriate, recyclables by 7:00 a.m. according to this modified schedule.
- Be aware that a snowstorm may further alter this collection schedule.

### Christmas And New Year Holiday Schedule

#### If Your Regular Collection Day Is:

Monday, December 24  
 Tuesday, December 25  
 Wednesday, December 26  
 Thursday, December 27  
 Friday, December 28

Monday, December 31  
 Tuesday, January 1  
 Wednesday, January 2  
 Thursday, January 3  
 Friday, January 4

#### Set Out Your Refuse Or Recyclables On:

Wednesday, December 26  
 Wednesday, December 26\*  
 Thursday, December 27\*  
 Friday, December 28\*  
 Saturday, December 29

Monday, December 31  
 Monday, December 31\*  
 Wednesday, January 2\*  
 Thursday, January 3\*  
 Friday, January 4



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



## Holiday Hours

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

**Christmas Eve**  
Monday, December 24

**Christmas Day**  
Tuesday, December 25

**New Year's Day 2013**  
Tuesday, January 1, 2013

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

See Page 7 for Library Holiday Hours.

NOTE: The Municipal Yard is closed for drop-off and there will be no refuse and recycling collection on Saturday, December 22; Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Tuesday, January 1, 2013. Crews may work ahead or fall behind their normal collection during these weeks.

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City of West Allis Offices are open for

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
Monday, January 21

**Presidents' Day**  
Monday, February 18

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## 2013 CITY BUDGET ADOPTED; TAX LEVY & TAX RATE SET

The West Allis Common Council adopted the 2013 Budget, tax levy, and tax rate on November 20. The 2013 General Fund Expenditures were adopted at \$56,097,947 the total City Expenditures were adopted at \$119,559,864. The General Fund Expenditures for 2013 represent an increase of \$493,150 over last year's expenditures, or .89%. Debt, special revenue, enterprise, and other fund expenditures also increased or decreased by various amounts.

The City tax rate was set at \$9.79 for each \$1,000 of assessed value, \$.04 higher than last year's City tax rate of \$9.75. This \$.04 increase in the tax rate represents a .41% increase in the City portion of the total tax rate.

The resulting effect of the revenue and expenditure changes means that the City tax levy increased a small amount. The City tax levy was set at \$38,940,429, an increase of \$212,026 (.55%) over last year's levy (includes 4 of the 5 tax levy components, with the TIF Levy excluded).

## CLERK/TREASURER NEWS

The West Allis City Clerk's Office general Notary Public services for the public will be discontinued after December 31, 2012.

### 2012 Real & Personal Property Tax Bills Available In Early December

The Treasurer's office mails approximately 22,000 real estate and personal property tax bills each December. The detailed bill with property valuations is the first page. The second page of the real estate tax bill has square codes printed on 3 coupons. Please submit coupons with your payments. The first coupon is for a full payment or first installment.

The property tax bills for current and several prior years are also available online at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov). Choose property search or e-services.

Refunds for excess escrow checks at City Hall will be limited to \$25 cash when funds are available.

### Lottery Credit

The lottery credit is applicable only to qualified primary residences. The property owner as of January 1, 2012 must use the property as their primary residence for more than six months. Most properties that qualify are pre-certified. The lottery credit appears as a deduction on your real estate tax bill.

If the lottery credit is not shown on the real estate property tax bill and the property was a qualified primary residence, you may pick up a Late Claim Lottery form at the Treasurer's office or download the form from the WI Department of Revenue link on our website. The Late Claim Lottery forms are processed by the Treasurer's office only through January 31, 2013 for 2012.

### Pay Property Taxes by Due Dates

Please comply with the January 31 due date for the entire bill or full first installment (Real Estate Tax only). The subsequent installment dates are March 31 and May 31. Reminder notices for installments are not sent. Wisconsin law requires our office to collect interest and penalty of 1.5% per month for late payments. Please note that **failure to receive a property tax bill** does not affect the validity of tax or the collection of delinquent taxes per Wis. Stats. 74.09.



### Tri City National Bank Accepts Tax Payments at the following locations through January 31.

Receipts will be provided. Also, refund checks are given immediately if your mortgage check is larger than your tax bill.

- Tri City National Bank: 67<sup>th</sup> & Greenfield
- Tri City National Bank: 109<sup>th</sup> & Greenfield
- Tri City National Bank: 76<sup>th</sup> & Oklahoma  
Hours: M-F 9-6 & Sat 9-12 (12/24: 9-2 & 12/31: 9-6, closed 12/25, 1/1)
- Pick N Save Tri City National Bank: 67<sup>th</sup> & National
- Pick N Save Tri City National Bank: 108<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland  
Hours: Mon-Sun 10-8 (12/24: 10-2, & 12/31: 10-8, closed 12/25, 1/1)

Take advantage of this convenient service and avoid lines at City Hall.

The majority of taxes are paid through the mail. Please mail payments at least one week before the due date. Mailed payments allow the taxpayer to avoid a trip to City Hall with its long lines. If you mail your payment, be sure to include the **payment coupon**. Receipts are only mailed back to taxpayers who include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

You may pay your tax bill by e-check (*automated checking withdrawal*) or credit card (using the Internet or phone). Look for details when you receive your tax bill in December.

Many taxpayers have part of their monthly mortgage payment deposited in an escrow account for paying taxes. Contact your mortgage company to clarify when and how your escrow money will be applied to your taxes. Your taxes are not considered paid until the Treasurer receives the payment.

### 24-Hour Depository

The 24-hour depository is located near the main doors accessible from the City Hall parking lot and can be used for dropping off check or money order payments. If you cannot deliver the payment to the Treasurer's Office before 5:00 p.m. on the due date, you must mail the payment by using the U.S. Postal Service to obtain an official postmark. Be sure the postmark is applied before midnight of the due date. The official postmark will be proof of timeliness of your payment. Your payment can then be processed without interest and penalty charges (if received within five days).

### Business Owners

If you are a business owner who receives a personal property tax bill in addition to a real estate tax bill, please remember that any payments received must be applied first to the personal property tax bill. Paying both bills together avoids receipt complications.

## CHRISTMAS IN WEST ALLIS

Christmas on the Avenue, along with the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and the West Allis Community Christmas Parade, was held on Saturday, December 1. The Tree Lighting Program was held at City Hall Centennial Park Plaza, and those attending enjoyed caroling by the Suburban Singers, West Allis Central and Hale Men's Choirs, and the West Allis Central Choir. The program concluded with a community sing-along and lighting of the West Allis Christmas Tree, located in front of City Hall. The lighting of the tree signaled the start of the annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the West Allis Community Christmas Parade Committee.

Each year a child is chosen to help the Mayor light the tree. Children are eligible to have their names placed in a drawing to light the tree when dropping off a non-perishable food item as part of the City's holiday food collection. The lucky person was Dakotah Salinas, age 10. Many thanks to those who participated in the food collection; it helps a very worthy cause. Items collected this year were included in a donation to all ten West Allis food pantries.

Visit [www.downtownwestallis.org](http://www.downtownwestallis.org) to view holiday photos.

## COMMUNITY DINNER/DANCE

The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation in partnership with the West Allis Rotary Club and WA-WM Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual West Allis Community Dinner/Dance on Saturday, March 23, 2013, 6-11 p.m. at Knights of Columbus-Columbus Club, 1800 South 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. The event will benefit the Annual West Allis Settlers Weekend held on the grounds of the Historical Society.

The purpose of Settlers Weekend is to educate and entertain the community with in-person, tactile, visual displays of the history and lifestyles in the West Allis area leading up to the City's incorporation in 1902. The two-day overnight encampment includes Traders, Trappers, Frontiersmen, Craftsmen, and Historic Military re-enactors, each dressed in authentic attire and re-enacting their respective skills, tools, and living conditions. Guided cemetery tours, food, ice cream social, entertainment, and local artisans performing their skills are just some of the featured activities. Truly an event for the whole community, there is no cost to participate or stop in and enjoy the day.

The Dinner/Dance will feature a buffet dinner by the Columbus Club, the "Taste of West Allis" sweet table, entertainment, and exciting Silent Auction.

Further details will be available after January 1. For more information, call the Foundation at (414) 302-8292 or visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

FOR THE  
8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SETTLERS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

10 AM – 6 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013

10 AM – 4 PM

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
SPRING 2013

## FRIENDSHIP SOUP FOR SALE

A popular fundraiser for the continued operation of the historic Honey Creek Log School is Friendship Soup Mix. Each "log" package contains a delicious blend of herbs, spices, dried vegetables and noodles. Just add water, beef and diced tomatoes for a hearty soup.



Friendship soup mix can be purchased at City Hall, Clerk/Treasurer's Office, or Mayor's Office for \$5.00 a package. Proceeds go to the endowment fund for the historic Honey Creek Log School for exhibits and educational programs on the pioneer history of West Allis. Call (414) 302-8468 for further information on schoolhouse programs or volunteer opportunities.



As the year comes to an end, the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District (DWABID) would like to thank all of our volunteers, sponsors, vendors, participants, visitors and anyone else who have helped make 2012 a memorable experience for the people and businesses of West Allis. Greenfield Avenue from 70th to 76th Street is a great place to work, live and socialize!

Happy Holidays from the DWABID!

## SECOND ALDERMANIC DISTRICT LISTENING SESSIONS

Second District Alderpersons Cathi Probst and Marty Weigel will host Listening Sessions in 2013 on the first Thursday of each month as follows. The hour-long sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.

January 3 – Library Constitution Room

February 7 – City Hall, Room 128

March 7 – Library Constitution Room

April 4 – City Hall, Room 128

May 2 – Library Constitution Room

Those interested in receiving email notices about "2<sup>nd</sup> District Happenings" should email Ald. Probst at [cprobst@westalliswi.gov](mailto:cprobst@westalliswi.gov). For further information, please contact Ald. Probst at [cprobst@westalliswi.gov](mailto:cprobst@westalliswi.gov) or (414) 687-3129.

## BURGLARS CONTINUE TO TARGET VACANT/FORECLOSED HOMES



The economic hardship we've experienced over the last few years has resulted in many property foreclosures and people abandoning their homes for financial reasons. These vacant homes can attract criminals looking for easy money.

In 2011, the West Allis Police Department received 35 burglary complaints where vacant homes were illegally entered and pipes or wiring were removed and later sold as scrap to salvage yards. So far this year, 33 burglaries to vacant properties have taken place as well as the theft of 20 central air conditioning units from outside the homes. The money made from selling these items as scrap is very small compared to the cost to replace the stolen property and repair the damage done to the homes.

In addition, a few of these vacant properties have been utilized by juveniles for underage drinking parties and places to hang out. We ask that you please keep a watchful eye on vacant/abandoned properties in your neighborhood and call the West Allis Police Department at (414) 302-8000 if you observe suspicious activity inside or around these homes.

## MANAGING FORCLOSED/ABANDONED PROPERTIES

Currently, in the City, there are over 130 dwellings listed by the Department of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services as Nuisance Abandoned Dwellings. Most have been abandoned by the owners and the mortgage holder has filed a foreclosure action in Milwaukee County Court. It takes over a year to process a foreclosure action, at which time the new owner (bank, mortgage company, other) assumes property management. During that process, the property is usually abandoned and can become a neighborhood eyesore.

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

Conditions that are abated include, but are not limited to: cutting grass/weeds; shoveling snow from the public sidewalk; securing the dwelling or garage from unauthorized entry; removing yard refuse and debris; removing graffiti; and/or correcting conditions which lead to blight of the neighborhood. The City continues to abate conditions without further notice until the property is released to a legal property owner who will maintain the property.

If the property has been posted, there will be an official green sticker placed on the front entrance to the dwelling. With this posting, the City also mails an information communication to the neighbors of the property which informs them of the nuisance determination and requests assistance in monitoring the condition of the property.

**NOTE:** A property in disrepair but not abandoned by a property owner is not eligible for nuisance abatement. These properties are processed for Property Maintenance Code violations by notice, order, and if necessary, a Municipal Court complaint served upon the property owner. Obtaining compliance for these properties can take months to years, depending upon the severity of the violations and the willingness of the property owner to comply with the City's Property Maintenance Code.

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



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES SPRING TEMPORARY LABORERS

The City of West Allis is recruiting for temporary laborers for its Department of Public Works/Engineering – Forestry Division, 40 hours/week (weather permitting), 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday–Friday. Work duties include cutting grass, pulling weeds, trimming, etc. 2013 hourly rate of \$10.00 for applicants residing within the City of West Allis or \$9.80 for applicants residing within a 30-minute drive time. Applicants must have a valid WI Drivers License and possess a good driving record, be at least 18 years of age and either a West Allis resident or live within a 30-minute drive time. (NOTE: Returning applicants must re-apply annually.)

### Spring Employment:

#### Mid-April through Mid- to Late-May

Applications are available January 2, 2013 on-line ([www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov)) and at the Human Resources Division, City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214, (414) 302-8270. **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2013**, at 5:00 P.M. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on hold for future consideration.

### SUMMER LABORER

Attention college students residing in West Allis. The City of West Allis is recruiting for summer laborers to perform a variety of manual work for the Department of Public Works/Engineering beginning on or about mid-May and ending on or about mid-August, with an hourly rate of \$8.00 (first year students), \$8.50 (second year returning students), \$9.00 (third year returning students), and \$9.50 (fourth and fifth year returning students), working 40 hours/week (weather permitting).

**NOTE:** There is also a 23.5 hours/week position at the Public Works Site (116<sup>th</sup> and Morgan), Tuesday through Friday, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Applicants must be currently attending college or enrolled in college for the Fall 2013 Semester AND possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

Applications are available at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or Human Resources Division, City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214, (414) 302-8270. **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2013**, at 5:00 P.M.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

## SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- ◆ When approximately three inches of snow falls in a storm, the Department of Public Works usually plows all City streets and alleys.
- ◆ A “SNOW EMERGENCY” is declared through a radio or television announcement when a full scale plowing operation is initiated.
- ◆ Once declared, **parking is prohibited on major emergency thoroughfares for the duration of the emergency.**
- ◆ In addition to the total prohibition of parking on the listed emergency thoroughfares, parking is limited to one side of all other streets.
- ◆ Parking is restricted to the odd numbered side of the street if the snow emergency is declared on an odd numbered calendar date and to the even numbered side of the street if the snow emergency is declared on an even numbered calendar date.
- ◆ Once parked on the appropriate side of the street, **VEHICLES MUST REMAIN PARKED ON THAT SAME SIDE OF THE STREET FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY.**
- ◆ Snow emergency regulations shall supersede all other overnight parking regulations for the duration of the snow emergency.
- ◆ Finally, on certain streets other than emergency thoroughfares where one side of the entire block is permanently posted **NO PARKING AT ANY TIME** year-round, parking will be allowed on the opposite side during the declared snow emergency regardless of the calendar date on which the emergency is declared.



## SNOW COURTESY

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

## EMERGENCY THOROUGHFARES

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



## TIPS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM YOUR PROPERTY

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

## DON'T BURY THE FIRE HYDRANT

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

In the event of a fire emergency, could firefighters find the fire hydrant near your home? Does it get buried under a snow pile during the winter?

In the event of a fire, firefighters have to locate and shovel out the fire hydrants before hooking up to them. Precious time is lost.

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

# WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS -- JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2013

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

**Membership** at the West Allis Senior Center is open to anyone age 55 or older. The membership year begins September 1 and runs through August 31. Membership fees are \$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.

**2013 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. The 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 a.m. at the West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave., Phone: (414) 302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92 St., Phone: (414) 840-1704. Suggested donation is \$2.50 per meal. Advance reservations are required to guarantee your meal. For more information, contact the senior meal sites directly or call the Area Agency on Aging at (414) 289-6995.

**Selected Events for January, February March Volunteer Safety Training Workshop.** Monday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. Current Class Instructors, Group Facilitators, Office Volunteers, Door Monitors, Fitness Monitors and Computer Monitors are invited to this important safety training workshop and complimentary luncheon. Preregistration required; call (414) 302-8700.

**Young at Heart Choral Recruitment.** Friday, February 1, 1:30 p.m. We're seeking men and women who enjoy singing and performing. Come sing with us! Senior Center membership is a requirement.

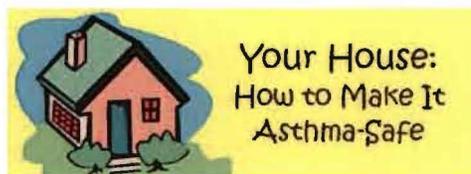
**Arthritis Foundation's Exercise Class.** Co-sponsored by the West Allis Senior Center. Ongoing sessions include gentle, low impact, joint-safe exercises to help relieve stiffness and decrease arthritis pain. Classes meet 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Senior Center. The exercises can be performed either sitting or standing, whichever is more comfortable.

**Support Groups: You Are Not Alone** is a group for older adults who want to remain alcohol and drug free. Meetings are on Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. **Depends on You-AA for the Older Adult** group meets Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. **"Beat the Blues,"** peer support group meets weekly on Wednesdays, 12:30-2 p.m. Take comfort in knowing that you are not alone; talking to others really does help. For more information, call (414) 302-8711 or (414) 302-8700.

**Recreational Activities & Leagues.** Non-sanctioned leagues from September through May include Dartball, Wii Bowling, and Bowling (at Burnham Bowl).

**Gifts of Warmth** volunteers are needed to knit or crochet hats, mittens and scarves for the following programs: 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 will gladly accept donations of 4-ply acrylic yarn for these projects.

## ASTHMA HOME WALKTHROUGH PROGRAM



Do you or someone you love suffer from asthma? The West Allis Health Department is pleased to announce an exciting new and **FREE** program that may be just what the doctor ordered! The Health Department, in collaboration with the Community Asthma Network, is offering the Wisconsin Asthma Coalition's "Asthma Home Walkthrough Program." Any West Allis-West Milwaukee resident who has asthma or a family member in the home with asthma is invited to participate.

The program offers a Public Health Professional to walk through your home with you to identify issues in your home environment that may be contributing to the asthma problems. Recommendations will be provided on how to make changes to your home to help improve your asthma control. The walkthrough takes approximately one hour. An informational packet full of useful information will be given to each participating household. Better asthma control and a healthier home is just a phone call away.

To schedule an Asthma Home Walkthrough, either visit the West Allis Health Department or contact us at (414) 302-8609. Breathe easier, give us a call.

### 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.



**Children's Department Information**

**Toddler, Lapsit, and Happy Endings Story Times**

These story times are designed for children under age 3 with an adult caretaker. Sessions are 30 minutes with the last 10 minutes of each program consisting of playtime with age appropriate toys. Adults are active participants as they interact one-on-one with their child. Register in person or call (414) 302-8502. Siblings and family members may attend all story times.

**Lapsit Story Time (for ages 9 months to 23 months)**

Mondays, February 11, 18, and 25, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

**Toddler and Me Story Time (for 2-year olds)**

(January Session)  
Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
(March Session)  
Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

**Happy Endings Story Times (for ages 2 years and under)**

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 6:30-7:00 p.m.  
3-year olds and older siblings are welcome and need not be accompanied by a caretaker.

**Story Times for Children Ages 3-4-5 Years Old**

The Children's Department offers preschool story times for children ages 3, 4, or 5 years old. Programs are 30-minutes or 45-minutes with a craft or video. The adult who brings the child may choose to attend or not attend the story time but must stay in the library during the session. Siblings and family members may attend all story times. Register in person or call (414) 302-8502.

**Morning Story Times**

Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9:30-10:00 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**Afternoon Story Times**

(January Session)  
Mondays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1:00-1:45 p.m. or  
Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 1:00-1:45 p.m.

(March Session)

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 1:00-1:45 p.m. or  
Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 1:00-1:45 p.m.

**Evening Story Times (for ages 3-6 who are not enrolled in K5 kindergarten)**

(January Session)  
Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
(March Session)  
Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 6:30-7:15 p.m.

**Family Craft Day (all ages)**

Sunday, February 10 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Craft projects and supplies will be available from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Children's Department. Make valentines for your friends and family! No pre-registration is necessary.

**Library Leisure Timers**

Come to a West Allis Public Library Leisure Timers Program! The programs are for adults who enjoy viewing films and slides relating to travel, history, and other subjects of interest. Programs are held the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Constitution Room, 7421 West National Avenue. Presentations begin at 10:00 a.m. and last for about an hour. Schedule for January through March:

**January 14**

Phyllis Gorell presents "Scotland: Highlands and Islands" (slides)

**January 28**

Dale E. Kuntz presents "Remembering WWII: Songs and Movie Stars of the War Years" (musical clips on 16mm film)

**February 11**

Lee and Karen Levy present "Soaring Peaks, Grasslands, and Bison Bones: Souvenirs of a Road Trip Across the American West" (slides)

**February 25**

Ed Janus presents "The Remarkable Story of Dairying in Wisconsin: Historical Pictures" (slides)

**March 11**

"Green Paradise: South America-Chile" (DVD)

**March 25**

Bill's Excellent Adventure to National Parks of Southern Utah" (slides)

**Friend's News**

**Writers' Group**

If you love to write, enjoy meeting with other writers, and want to learn some new techniques, you are invited to join the Friends of the West Allis Public Library Writers' Group. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Meetings will be held February 12 and March 12. No January meeting is scheduled.

**Friends' Monthly Sales**

The Friends of the West Allis Public Library continue to raise money for the library through monthly book sales held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. In 2012, the Friends provided over \$12,000 in funding for several library "wish list" items including the various summer reading clubs, special programming for children, young adult activities, and holiday decorations.

Please support the Friends at these upcoming Saturday sales: January 12, February 9, and March 9.

The Friends will gladly accept your donations of books, CDs, DVDs, videos, paperbacks, games, puzzles, recorded books, children's books, and young adult books. Please mark your donations "FRIENDS" and bring them to the library anytime it is open.

**Holiday Hours/Closings**

The library will be **CLOSED** the following days:  
Sunday, December 23 - Sunday before Christmas  
Monday, December 24-Christmas Eve  
Tuesday, December 25-Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 30-Sunday after Christmas  
Tuesday, January 1, 2013-New Year's Day  
Sunday, March 31, 2013-Easter Sunday

**Special Hours - New Year's Eve**

The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2012.

**Winter Programming For Adults**

**Retirement Redefined - Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a presentation on how retirement has changed for baby boomers and what to do about it. This free event will take place in the Constitution Room.

*Curl up with a good book*





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For further information, call 414/302-8292 or visit website at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov)

### REMINDER REGARDING BLUE RECYCLING BAGS



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

### MAILBOXES ARE NO MATCH FOR A SNOW PLOW



A mailbox or newspaper box suspended from a pole and protruding into the street is no match for a 3,000 pound snowplow being pushed down the street by a 45,000 pound truck. The plow and truck will always win the confrontation, leaving the adjacent property owner with a broken or bent support post and damaged or destroyed box.

For this reason, Section 11.165(5) of the Revised Municipal Code sets forth requirements on the location of such boxes at the street. The most important of these requirements is that mail/newspaper boxes and associated support structures shall be located at least 6" behind the face of the curb or pavement edge in the absence of a curb. Residents with mailboxes and/or newspaper boxes at the street should familiarize themselves with the ordinance to avoid the risk of having the boxes damaged or destroyed by snowplows.

Finally, when installing a new support system for these boxes, remember to call "Digger's Hotline" prior to starting this work. Oftentimes, there are a variety of utilities buried at the curb. Hitting any of these while digging will result in an expensive repair bill and has the potential of causing serious injury or death.

Call the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800, weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for information on the specifics of mail/newspaper box location.

## VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 5	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Jan. 5-6	Wonderful World of Weddings	WEC
Jan. 12	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Jan. 18-27	Milwaukee Boat Show	WEC
Jan. 19	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Jan. 26	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Jan. 26-27	Rummage-A-Rama!	Products Pavilion
Feb. 2	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Feb. 7-10	Milw/NARI Home Improvement Show	WEC
Feb. 9	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Feb. 15-17	Milwaukee Muskie Expo	Products Pavilion
Feb. 15-17	World of Wheels Custom Car Show	WEC
Feb. 16	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Feb. 16-17	The Woodworking & DIY Shows	WEC
Feb. 21-24	Milwaukee RV Show	WEC
Feb. 23	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Feb. 23-24	Rummage-A-Rama!	Products Pavilion
March 2	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 9	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 9-10	Winter Pow-Wow	Products Pavilion
March 15-24	Realtors Home and Garden Show	WEC
March 16	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 23	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 30	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center

### WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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:wsfp@wisconsin.gov">wsfp@wisconsin.gov</a>
Pettit National Ice Center .....	414/266-0100
Wisconsin Exposition Center .....	414/266-7300



# WEST ALLIS 2013 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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## RECYCLING COLLECTION INFORMATION:

- Biweekly on designated week (red or black).
- Same day as your refuse collection.\*
- Put containers in PRESTO® blue bag with city logo.
- Place newspaper in paper grocery bag or bundle with heavy cord or twine.
- Locate at curbside or alley edge by 7 a.m.

\* **Holiday weeks** are boxed.  
Be prepared for early or delayed collection.  
Winter storms may alter schedule.

## BRUSH COLLECTION

A City truck will collect up to 1½ cubic yards of brush when placed at the curb on your recycling day from March 11 through October 4, 2013. **Do not** place brush in the street.

**No brush collections will be made on the holiday weeks of May 27, July 1, and September 2, 2013.**

**RECYCLING OFFICE: 302-8831**

State Law and City Ordinance require that all residents separate the following materials for recycling:

## How To RECYCLE



NEWSPAPERS  
MAGAZINES

CORRUGATED  
CARDBOARD

- \* Place newspaper and magazines in paper grocery bag or bundle with heavy cord or twine.
- \* Do not use plastic bags for newspaper and magazines.
- \* Flatten corrugated cardboard boxes into 2' x 2' x 8" thick bundles. (Do not include mail, cereal boxes, food soaked boxes, such as pizza boxes, or other papers.)



ALUMINUM CANS  
GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS  
STEEL CANS  
RIGID PLASTIC BOTTLES #1 AND #2  
PLASTIC CONTAINERS AND LIDS  
#4 AND #5-NO BAGS

- \* Remove and discard lids.
- \* Rinse and flatten, if possible.
- \* Put all the above listed items in the same PRESTO® blue bag with the City logo. (No aerosol or paint cans, containers from hazardous waste or automotive fluids, broken glass or dishware.)
- \* Do not place blue bag in garbage can for collection.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CALL 302-8831 or 302-8800**



# 2013 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 1  
May 25 and 27  
July 4  
August 31 and September 2  
November 28 and 29  
December 24 and 25  
January 1, 2014

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

OPEN: May 28 – August 30, 2013  
7:30-2:30 – Monday  
7:30-7:00 – Tuesday through Friday  
8:00-3:30 – Saturday

OPEN: September 3 – October 11, 2013  
7:30-2:30 - Monday through Friday

CLOSED:  
July 4  
August 31 and September 2  
October 12, 2013 through May 26, 2014

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, #2, #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).



# WAWM Community Coalition Highlights 2012

*In 2012, the West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition (WAWMCC) was happy to welcome four new Partners, five new Friends and many new community members. Thanks for joining!*

## 2013

### Coalition Meetings

Wednesdays

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Held at various locations throughout the WAWM communities.

January 16<sup>th</sup>

March 20<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup>

September 18<sup>th</sup>

November 20<sup>th</sup>

## January

The Coalition sent a letter to the West Milwaukee Village President and Board to encourage them to keep the 8:00 AM time for the sale of alcohol in their community to reduce availability and maintain a healthy and safe community for youth and families.

## March

The communities of West Allis and West Milwaukee decided to maintain the 8:00 AM time for the sale of alcohol in their communities.

The WAWMCC Snapshot - Focus on Drinking was included in the West Allis city newsletter and reached 32,000 community members.

A Life of an Athlete student training was held for over 450 southeastern WI athletes and coaches, including 41 students and coaches from West Allis-West Milwaukee School District.

## April

As part of the Community Health Improvement Plan, April was named Alcohol Awareness Month with a Mayoral Proclamation in West Allis and a Village Proclamation from West Milwaukee. A traveling display board with information about alcohol abuse was also displayed throughout both communities.

School Age Parent Program students, one of the WAWMCC youth groups, hosted and presented at Baby Basics and Beyond, attended by over 250 community members.

## May

The Youth Coordinator also worked with WAWMCC youth groups on the following projects.

Peers with IMPACT from Nathan Hale High School, presented 11 programs to over 280 seventh grade students at Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School. The program focuses on peer-to-peer alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention.

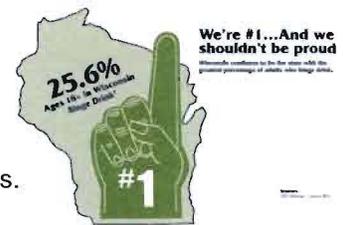
Students from Central High School formed a SADD Chapter and created and displayed almost 100 posters throughout Central. The posters focused on a pre-prom message about the dangers of drinking and driving. The students also developed a video and an accompanying educational brochure that was distributed to all homerooms.

Teen Experience from WAWMC Learning Center/James E. Dotke High School formed a group and are working on developing a video for YouTube.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent Safety Night was held at Nathan Hale High School. Students from each of the four WAWMCC youth groups attended and shared their substance abuse prevention projects with the parents.

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

WAWMCC prezi Public Service Announcement was launched on the WA City Channel.



Life of an Athlete student training



Prezi available on website



New table-top display



4th Annual Safe and Sober



Rod Nelson



For more information about how to become a Friend or Partner of the Coalition, visit our website at [www.wawmcc.org](http://www.wawmcc.org)

## June

The WAWMCC Snapshot - Focus on Prescription Drugs was included in the West Allis city newsletter and reached 32,000 community members.

## July and August

Thousands attended the West Allis and West Milwaukee "National Night Out" events. The Coalition provided literature, Frisbees, tattoos and flashlights to attendees.

The WAWM Community Coalition offered educational information and other resources at sixteen community events and health fairs in 2012.

The July Coalition Meeting included information about statewide alcohol initiatives from speakers Maureen Busalacchi, Executive Director of Health First WI and Duncan Shroul, member of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).

## September

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe and Sober Night was held at Nathan Hale High School. A student volunteer from Central and one from Hale spoke about the WAWMCC youth groups and their upcoming ideas and projects for the school year, inviting students in the audience to join them and become involved. Over 225 parents and students attended and over 113 Family Pledges were signed.

WAWMCC youth groups have begun planning for the 2012-2013 school year.

## October

A kick-off luncheon for the West Allis-West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce Wellness Committee included brief presentations by committee members, including WAWMCC, on what they can offer the businesses and citizens in our communities. They also introduced a Maintain Don't Gain Holiday Challenge. To find out more about the Wellness Committee go to [www.wawmchamber.com](http://www.wawmchamber.com).

Presentations were given to eight community organizations and groups in 2012.

## November

During the November Coalition meeting, Coalition Coordinator Tammy Molter presented the 2012 Recognition Award to Rod Nelson from the West Allis Police Department for his THINK program and work with the youth in the community.

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

## December

Recognition was also given to Citlali Mendieta-Ramos, the owner of Antigua Mexican and Latin American Restaurant, and Jon Brock, the general manager of the Culver's in West Allis, for their continued support of the Coalition and the bi-monthly meetings.

Nearly as many people die each year from drug poisoning\* as from motor vehicle traffic accidents!



Kurt Wachholz, Superintendent of Schools

# What's Happening at Your West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools

## Residential Enrollment Continues to Increase *The WAWM School District is no Longer a Declining Enrollment District*

In recent years the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District had been identified as a declining enrollment district in Wisconsin by the State Department of Public Instruction. This has been due to the fact that the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District communities are land-locked and there is basically no room for residential home building growth. However, this enrollment trend has begun to change over the last four years. The District's decline in residential enrollment has actually hit a plateau, as the District's residential enrollment has experienced an increase. Since the early 1990s, the WAWM School District has seen a gradual and steady decline in the number of residential students. In fact, many projections that were made just a few years ago seemed to indicate this trend of declining enrollment numbers would continue well into the future. However, there has been a pleasant surprise with increased residential enrollment in recent years. The WAWM Schools residential enrollment has increased by 785 students from 2007 to 2012. With this increase, the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District has become the 12th largest public school district in the State of Wisconsin. The trend this year is no different, as our enrollment has increased by 117 students for the 2012-2013 school year.

Much of this is due to two factors. First, the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District has been able to maintain quality programming opportunities for our students despite challenging economic times for public schools. Second, our 4-year-old Kindergarten-age program district-wide has seen an increase in numbers. In fact, at Horace Mann and Irving Elementary Schools, we are in the third year of offering a program called **Discover 4**, which is a full-day 4K offering for students whose parents wish to have their child enrolled in an all day program. The additional enrollment increase is centered mostly in the early primary grades which is a good sign of things to come. This is an indication that young families are selecting and locating in our school community.

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District continues to adhere to offering cutting-edge education programs while meeting the needs of all of our students. The goal of the WAWM Schools is to continue being the school district of choice for our residential students, as well as attracting a limited number of open enrollment students and families who wish to attend a district that continues putting children first.

## 14 West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools Meet or Exceed Expectations!

This fall the first ever state-issued report card for schools throughout our state was released by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Each district school received its own report card that evaluated its performance based on multiple measures. The report card included an overall accountability rating on a 100 point scale. Fourteen West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools Met or Exceeded All Expectations. Eleven of our schools exceeded State Expectations. They were Franklin, Hoover, Horace Mann, Irving, Jefferson, Longfellow, Madison, Mitchell, Walker, and Wilson Elementary Schools and Nathan Hale High School. The ratings were based on an analysis of student test scores from the 2011-2012 school year that took into account a variety of factors including general achievement of each student, achievement gaps among groups of students, absenteeism, student growth, on-track and postsecondary readiness, dropout rate, and level of test participation. Each student could gain or lose points for their school, so every student counted. Report cards will be issued each year. Individual school report cards are available on each school's individual website. You can also read more about the report card on the State Department of Public Instruction's website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/acct/accountability.html>. Other parts of the new State accountability system for schools will include new methods of determining educator effectiveness, a new student testing system with new benchmarks of expectations for student achievement, statewide nationally recognized common core academic standards, a new State Student Data System, and expanded ways for students to earn 4-year college and technical college credits in high school. For more information about the reform and accountability system, known as Agenda 2017, go to the Department of Public Instruction's website at [http://dpi.wi.gov/sprntdnt/2017\\_resources.html](http://dpi.wi.gov/sprntdnt/2017_resources.html).

## **Schools Receive State Recognition** **Wisconsin Schools of Recognition Award for 2012-13**

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District had four schools named "Wisconsin School of Recognition" for the 2012-2013 school year. These schools are Horace Mann, Jefferson, Longfellow, and Wilson Elementary Schools. This is the seventh year in a row that the WAWM School District has had at least three schools receive this prestigious award. To date, West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools have been recognized 33 times. Wilson Elementary has received this recognition for six consecutive years, Jefferson Elementary for the fifth time, Longfellow Elementary for the fourth time, and Horace Mann Elementary for the second consecutive year.

This prestigious award recognizes schools for their consistent achievement over time and closing the achievement gap that these schools face in light of ESEA: No Child Left Behind. These schools must also meet certain additional academic and demographic criteria in order to qualify.

The four schools listed above were at the State Capitol building in Madison on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 to receive their "Wisconsin School of Recognition" award. This is just another example how we are ***Building Our Future One Child at a Time.***

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools are also home to three elementary schools that have been nominated as National Blue Ribbon Schools over the past five years. Two of these, Walker and Wilson Elementary Schools, received this award within the past four years. This is a great honor for our District's schools to be recognized; in addition, it is a tribute not only to these schools but ALL of our schools and ALL of our employees who continue to put children first and focus on student learning and achievement.

## **Concerts Mean Busy December**

The month of December is providing our District with numerous concerts performed by the WAWM schools. Our students in all grade levels work hard each fall in order to prepare for this festive time of year. For a detailed concert schedule throughout the year please go to the West Allis-West Milwaukee website at [www.wawm.k12.wi.us](http://www.wawm.k12.wi.us) and click on the "**concert dates**" area on the very left-hand side of the main page. Parents, guardians, and community members can also call their local school for more information on concert dates and times. Thank you to the children and staff for all of their hard work and the outstanding performances!

## **WAWM School District Education Foundation Cookout A Big Success** ***All of the money raised stays right here and goes toward helping our students and teachers***

For the sixth consecutive year the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Education Foundation held its annual cookout. This cookout is held annually prior to the varsity football game between Central and Nathan Hale High Schools. This year over \$1300 was raised to help fund program opportunities in all 17 of our WAWM schools. Without your help and the School District's Education Foundation these opportunities would not be possible.

For the reasonable price of just \$3.00 people had the chance to purchase either a bratwurst or hotdog along with a beverage of their choice and a bag of chips. Each year these items are donated to the school district by various partners from our community. This year we would like to thank the following partners who helped make this cookout possible by donating items for us to sell: Cleveland Avenue Pick N' Save for providing the hot dogs, brats, and buns, Majdecki Piggly Wiggly for providing the beverages and chips, and Sodexo for offering tables and providing the cooking facilities, paper goods, and beverages.

Please consider a financial donation to the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Education Foundation. All donations stay here in our district and go directly toward scholarship opportunities for WAWM School District teachers and students. Here is the address for you to make a donation:

**West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Education Foundation**  
**Attention: Susan Stuckert**  
**1205 South 70th Street, 5th Floor**  
**West Allis, WI 53214**

## **West Allis-West Milwaukee Winter & Spring Recreation Guide Now Available**

We would like to remind you that the West Allis-West Milwaukee Winter & Spring Recreation Guide is now available on-line at: <http://www.wawmrec.com>. If you have any questions please call 414-604-4900.

**The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District would like to wish all of you  
a safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!**