

# Newsletter



January, February & March 2011

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- The Municipal Yard is closed for drop-off, its offices are closed, and refuse and recycling will not be collected on Friday, December 24; Saturday, December 25; Monday, December 27; Saturday, January 1, 2011; and Monday, January 3, 2011.
- 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 20  
 Tuesday, December 21  
 Wednesday, December 22  
 Thursday, December 23  
 Friday, December 24

Monday, December 27  
 Tuesday, December 28  
 Wednesday, December 29  
 Thursday, December 30  
 Friday, December 31

Monday, January 3  
 Tuesday, January 4  
 Wednesday, January 5  
 Thursday, January 6  
 Friday, January 7

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

Monday, December 20  
 Monday, December 20\*  
 Tuesday, December 21\*  
 Wednesday, December 22\*  
 Thursday, December 23

Tuesday, December 28  
 Tuesday, December 28\*  
 Wednesday, December 29\*  
 Thursday, December 30\*  
 Friday, December 31

Tuesday, January 4  
 Tuesday, January 4\*  
 Wednesday, January 5\*  
 Thursday, January 6\*  
 Friday, January 7



**\*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 CLOSINGS

The West Allis City Hall, Health Department, and Senior Center will be closed on the dates noted below to celebrate the following holidays:

### Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

### Christmas Day

Monday, December 27

### New Year's Day 2011

Friday, December 31, 2010

NOTE: Dept. of Public Works offices and drop-off area closed Monday, January 3, 2011.

See Page 7 for Library Holiday Hours.

NOTE: There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Friday, December 24; Saturday, December 25; Monday, December 27; Saturday, January 1, 2011; and Monday, January 3, 2011 due to the holidays. Crews may work ahead or fall behind their normal collection during this week.



## 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 Friday, 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 the event. For complete details and costs, please see the City's web site at [www.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us) or call the Crime Prevention Bureau at 414/302-8050.

## 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.



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## CLERK/TREASURER NEWS

### 2010 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.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us). Choose e-services or property search.

### Lottery Credit

The lottery credit is applicable only to qualified primary residences. The property owner as of January 1, 2010 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 your primary residence on January 1, 2010, 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, 2011 for 2010.

### Pay Your Taxes Timely

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.

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 put into 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 City Treasurer receives the money.

### Tri City National Bank Accepting 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.

### 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.

## 2011 CITY BUDGET ADOPTED; TAX LEVY & TAX RATE SET

The West Allis Common Council adopted the 2011 Budget, tax levy, and tax rate on November 16. The 2011 General Fund Expenditures were adopted at \$56,019,692 the total City Expenditures were adopted at \$117,103,545. The General Fund Expenditures for 2011 represent an increase of \$513,474 over last year's expenditures, or .93%. Debt, special revenue, enterprise, and other fund expenditures also increased or decreased by various amounts.

The City tax rate was set at \$9.61 for each \$1,000 of assessed value, \$.67 higher than last year's City tax rate of \$8.94. This \$.67 increase in the tax rate represents a 7.49% increase in the City portion of the total tax rate. For this year, a revaluation was conducted by the City Assessor's office, which resulted in a decrease in citywide value of almost \$200 million (approximately a 4.5% drop). Depending on the class of property (residential, commercial, or industrial) and the actual change of each individual property's assessed value from last year to this year, the actual taxes for the coming year will be higher, lower, or equal to what the actual taxes were last year depending on the relationship to the total change in the assessed value city wide.

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 \$38,144,584, an increase of \$928,513 (2.49%) over last year's levy (not including the TIF levy).



The WA/WM Community Coalition is a group of community leaders and partners working to reduce youth substance abuse and promote healthy and positive family relationships through a safe and caring community.

For more information or to become involved in the Coalition, visit the Coalition's website or contact the Coalition Coordinator at 414-302-9917 or [coalition@wawmchamber.com](mailto:coalition@wawmchamber.com).



*Tanis Hopple, age 4, helps Mayor Devine light the West Allis christmas tree.*

## **A CHRISTMAS GLOW IN WEST ALLIS**

The City’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program was held at the Centennial Park Plaza at City Hall on Saturday, December 4. Those attending enjoyed caroling by the Suburban Singers, West Allis Central Men’s Choir and the WA-WM All-City Children’s Chorus. 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 Tanis Hopple, age 4. Many thanks to those who participated in the food collection; it helps a very worthy cause. Items collected were included in a donation to all ten West Allis food pantries.

This year, the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District, along with the City’s Celebrations Committee and the WA/WM Chamber of Commerce, hosted “Santa’s Café” at 75<sup>th</sup> and Greenfield Ave. Those attending Christmas on the Avenue, the tree lighting, and parade were able to buy food and beverages at a modest price.

**Happy Holidays!**

### **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.

## **TWO FOR THE SHOW**

*Two for the Show* is a free, fun-filled event for two year olds and their parents/guardians in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District. It focuses on ways to help children grow and develop. Every two year old receives a bag of goodies designed to stimulate curiosity and development. Parents will receive parenting tips on routines, lead, nutrition, dental health, safety and more. Professionals from the health department, school district, and other agencies will be on hand to answer questions on topics ranging from speech development to toilet training to dental care.

**Where:** West Allis Health Department  
7120 W. National Avenue

**When:** Monday, March 28, 2011  
3:00–6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29, 2011  
8:30–11:00 a.m.



**Please call (414) 302-8600 to make an appointment.** Space is limited. Appointments are available every 15 minutes. Plan 45 minutes to enjoy the fun.

## **FREE HEALTH PROGRAMS**

If you have health concerns or need information on health topics, stop in at the West Milwaukee Community Centre, 1345 West Beloit Road, on Tuesdays. The West Allis Health Department will offer a variety of free programs on health topics most Tuesdays of the month at the Community Centre. All programs are open to the public, including West Allis residents.

Health Educators from the Health Department will also provide health education programs and information on the first Tuesday of the month from noon – 1 p.m. On the second Tuesday of the month from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., ask a Public Health Nurse your health questions. Consult with an Environmentalist on the third Tuesday of the month from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on environmental topics, and smile for the Dental Hygienist at an oral health clinic on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Let Tuesdays at the West Milwaukee Community Centre be your neighborhood resource for health information. For more information on these and other West Allis Health Department services, call (414) 302-8600.



## LOOKING TO WORK FOR THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS?

Within the next five to ten years, the City of West Allis anticipates losing approximately 50% of its workforce through retirements. If you are interested in seeking a career within City government, you may wish to begin preparing for your future. The City employs individuals in a variety of capacities including, but not limited to, police and fire, public works, administrative and clerical, librarians, engineering, nursing, and supervisors and management.

Preparing for possible future employment with the City involves identifying your strengths, abilities, needs, and interests, setting goals and expectations early, and making every effort to acquire and improve the required skills. Secondary education, volunteer work experience, internships, apprenticeships, school activities, and paid employment are means for helping you achieve gainful knowledge and experience to help you develop necessary job skills and competencies relevant to achieving successful employment.

The City's Human Resources Division is responsible for all aspects of recruitment and employment. For current employment opportunities, visit the City's website at [www.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us) or call the employment hotline at 302-8280.

### SPRING TEMPORARY LABORERS

The City of West Allis is recruiting for temporary laborers for its Department of Public Works – 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. 2011 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, 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 3, 2011 on-line ([www.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us)) and at the Human Resources Division, City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214, 414/302-8270. **DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2011**, 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 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 West Allis City Dump (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 2011 Semester AND possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

Applications are available at [www.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us) or Human Resources Division, City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214, 414/302-8270. **DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011**, at 5:00 P.M.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**



### Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District - A year of THANKS!

The Merchants of the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District (BID), located on Greenfield Avenue between 70<sup>th</sup> & 76<sup>th</sup> Streets, would like to thank the City of West Allis, WA-WM School District, West Allis businesses, organizations and residents in helping us reach and surpass the attendance goals at our three 2010 promotional events.

West Allis Ala Carte, which took place in June, brought our community together with food, music, games, informational outlets and great family fun. A total of 4,000 people were in attendance that day.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown West Allis Classic Car Show, which took place in early October, showcased over 425 classic cars and over 3,000 people attended this event. Again, music, food, "Hot Wheel" races and a good time was had by all!

Lastly, in late October, at our Downtown West Allis Meet & Treat, our business merchants greeted over 400 children and their families. We also collected non-perishable food items that were donated to one of our local food pantries.

By the time this article reaches you, the Downtown West Allis BID will once again have held its Christmas On The Avenue. One of the popular attractions is the Coloring Contest offered to all WA-WM Elementary School Children. In the past, over 250 students entered with a chance to be the top winner in their class and receive recognition in the West Allis Community Christmas Parade. The day finished with the City's Annual Community Sing & Tree Lighting in the Centennial Park Plaza, followed by the West Allis Community Christmas Parade. We hope to continue this holiday event working with the City of West Allis and a dedicated group of citizens.

Without the passion of our local businesses and the residents of West Allis, none of these events would be possible. We in the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District will continue our mission to "Build a Positive Image that Encourages Customer Growth and Community Involvement" and look to a bigger and better 2011. Thanks Again!

## 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.

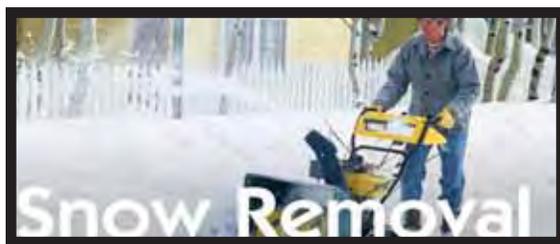


## SNOW COURTESY

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

The Water Utility requests that when shoveling snow, don't bury the fire hydrant. Instead, be sure to open a substantial area around it to make it accessible in case of an emergency.

A fire hydrant is a “silent sentry” constantly “at the ready” in case of a building fire. The Fire Department has maps showing the location of each hydrant. Should an emergency arise, the Fire Department is able to locate the hydrant nearest the fire and relay this information to the responding trucks.

Unfortunately, maps do not show whether or not a hydrant is buried in snow. Therefore, for your own protection, as well as your neighbors, don't bury the hydrant in a snow bank.

## WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS -- JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2011

The West Allis Senior Center is located at 7001 W. National Ave. 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 runs September 1 through August 31. Membership fees are \$12 for residents and \$17 for nonresidents. The Senior Center offers a wide variety of classes and weekly activities along with many special events and informational programs throughout the year.

**SeniorLAW - a Program of Legal Action of Wisconsin.** A SeniorLAW Benefit Specialist does outreach at the Senior Center on the fourth Friday of each month between 9 and 11:30 a.m. The Benefit Specialist assists seniors age 60 and over with issues pertaining to Health Care, Medicare, Health Insurance, Income Maintenance, Disability, Subsidized Housing, Supportive Home Care, Rent and Elder Issues. Advice is also available on Consumer Issues, Housing, Scams, Elder Rights, Food Stamps, Homestead Credit, Long Term Care, Social Security, Supplemental Social Security, Medical Assistance, and Advance Directives (Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare & Living Wills). Call 302-8700 to schedule an appointment.

**Stockbox.** Sometimes a little help can go a long way; that's why the Hunger Task Force developed Stockbox, a program dedicated to the health of low-income seniors in Milwaukee County. Stockbox provides a full box of healthy foods every month for those who qualify. To qualify for Stockbox, you must:

- Live in Milwaukee County
- Be a least 60 years young.
- Qualify by income.

To determine eligibility, find a pickup location, or sign up for Stockbox, call 211.

In Accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD).

**Transportation for Senior Citizens.** The Lilac Bus plans group outings for local senior citizens to social events, entertainment and local shopping areas. Rides must be scheduled in advance, and riders pay a nominal fee. A monthly schedule is posted at the Senior Center, or you may send a self-addressed stamped envelope to have one mailed to you. Send your request and envelope to: Lilac Bus, % 7001 W. National Ave., West Allis WI 53214. For more information, call 414-302-8715.

**Area Agency on Aging – Senior Nutrition Programs.** West Allis residents age 60 and over are invited to join one of the area senior nutrition programs. Nutritious, balanced hot lunches are served between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. at the following senior dining sites: West Allis Senior Center, Phone: 414-302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92 St., Phone: 414-840-1704. For more information, call the senior meal sites directly or call the Area Agency on Aging at 414-289-6995. Suggested donation is \$2 per meal. Advance reservations are required to guarantee your meal. **NOTE:** Meal Sites are closed Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Benefits Counseling** by appointment on Fridays by the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups. The program helps people apply for "extra help" with prescription drugs payments. Other services include comparing Medicare Part D plans; applying for public benefit programs such as Foodshare, Medicaid, and the Wisconsin Heat & Energy Assistance Program. Information is also available on general Medicare Benefits and other community resources. Call 608-224-0606 or 800-366-2990, Ext. 347.

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

**AARP Tax Assistance Program.** Help with simple tax forms. Fridays at the Senior Center, February 4-April 8, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Appointments must be made in person at this walk-in site when the Tax Aides are available; no phone appointments taken at this location. Call "211" for the nearest AARP Tax Assistance "appointment only" site.

### Selected Events for January, February & March

**Free Workshop—Living Well With Chronic Conditions**—meets on six consecutive Fridays, beginning February 4 through March 11, 9–11:30 a.m. This program, developed by the School of Medicine at Stanford University, empowers participants by offering new strategies for confidence, motivation and skills needed to manage the challenges of living with a chronic medical condition. The workshop is co-sponsored and hosted by The Landmark of West Allis, 1441 S. 68 St. Call the Senior Center at 414-302-8700 or The Landmark of West Allis at 414-302-1700 to register for the program. Limited class size.

**Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts—Will & Anthony Nunziata.** March 16 tour. Afternoon concert includes an array of Broadway tunes, classic standards, songs from Italy, and contemporary music. Cost is \$51, includes motor coach (no restroom), lunch, and concert. Ticket deadline is March 1.

**Annual Student Art Exhibit.** Area school students' artwork on display during March at the Senior Center. Viewing hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 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, contact Georgann at 414-302-8711 or Denise at 414-302-8700.

**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.

**Weight Loss Zone.** 10-week support group with a facilitator meets once a week on Wednesdays with a weigh-in at 11:00-11:15 a.m. and informational/motivational talk at 11:15–11:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 for the series. Next session held January 5 through March 9.



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

For more information about program listings for children, please call the Children's Information Desk at 414/302-8502.

**Family Story Times**

**(Fun for All Ages)** Includes stories, crafts, and activities. No preregistration necessary. Name tags are available at the Children's Information Desk starting one hour before each program.

**Sunday, January 30**

*Snowy Friends!*

2:00-2:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 1**

*Family Movie Night*

*Short Movies and Popcorn!*

6:30-7:15 p.m.

**Story Times for Children Ages 3 and Under**

Story times for children under age 3 are 30-minute sessions with an adult caretaker. The last 10 minutes of each program consists of playtime with age appropriate toys or a video. Adults are active participants as they interact one-on-one with their child. Register in person or call 302-8502.

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

Mondays, February 7, 14, and 21  
9:30-10:00 a.m.

**Toddler and Me Story Time**

**(for 2-year olds)**

(January Session)

**Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 9:30-10:00 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m.**

(March Session)

**Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9:30-10:00 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m.**

**Happy Endings Story Times**

(for ages 3 years and under with a caretaker)

**Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 6:30-7:00 p.m.**

Older siblings are welcome!

**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. Register in person or call 302-8502.

**Morning Story Times**

**Wednesdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 9:30-10:00 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m.**

**Afternoon Story Times**

(January Session)

**Mondays, January 3, 10, 17, and 24, 1:00-1:45 p.m. or**

**Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 1:00-1:45 p.m.**

(March Session)

**Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1:00-1:45 p.m. or**

**Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 1:00-1:45 p.m.**

**Evening Story Times**

(for ages 4-6 who are not enrolled in K5 kindergarten)

(January Session)

**Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

(March Session)

**Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

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 10** Janet and Carl Klein present "Modern Vietnam" and "Angkor Wat" in Cambodia (Talk/DVD)
- **January 24** "Bolivia" (DVD)
- **February 14** Karen Levy and Peter Lee present "New Mexico: Pueblos, Ghost Cats and Railrunners" (computer slides)
- **February 28** "Bill's Excellent Adventure to Glacier National Park" (computer slides)
- **March 14** Chuck Hagner presents "20 Years of Superb Bird Photography" (computer slides)
- **March 28** "Canyonlands National Park" (DVD)

FRIENDS' NEWS

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, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Recently, the Friends funded two very special "wish list" items:

- \$2,500 for a custom designed cabinet for the self-check unit in the Children's Department. This beautifully crafted cabinet is the perfect height for children, with additional counter space for "helpers." An entertaining (and educational) game is mounted on the end panel to make any wait time pass a little faster.
- \$1,000 for some very special wall décor. Several historical photos of previous West Allis Public Library buildings have been selected for permanent display on the wall behind the Circulation Desk.

Please support the Friends at these upcoming sales (each month a special genre is featured):

- **Saturday, January 8** Travel/Foreign Language
- **Saturday, February 12** Book Lovers Appreciation
- **Saturday, March 12** Historical/Easter

The Friends will gladly accept your donations of books, games, puzzles, paperbacks, CDs, DVDs, 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 19**  
Sunday before Christmas
- **Friday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve
- **Saturday, December 25**  
Christmas Day
- **Sunday, December 26**  
Sunday after Christmas
- **Friday, December 31**  
New Year's Day Observed
- **Saturday, January 1, 2011**  
New Year's Day



FREE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR WEST ALLIS LANDLORDS

The West Allis Police Department has developed a Landlord Training Program. Landlords will learn ways to screen perspective tenants, protect their investment, draft contracts, evict trouble tenants, and much more. Classes begin March 2011. Call the Landlord Hotline at 302-8166, the Crime Prevention Bureau at 302-8050, or check the City's web site ([www.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us)) in mid-February for the dates of each topic.



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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.



### 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. Add water, beef and diced tomatoes for a hearty soup.

Friendship soup mix can be purchased at City Hall 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 302-8468 for further information on schoolhouse programs or volunteer opportunities.

## VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 8	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Jan. 8-9	Rummage-A-Rama!	Wis. Products Pavilion
Jan. 8-9	Wonderful World of Weddings	WEC
Jan. 15	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Jan. 21-30	Milwaukee Boat Show	WEC
Jan. 22	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Jan. 29	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Feb. 5	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Feb. 5	Great Lakes Pet Expo	WEC
Feb. 5-6	Great Lakes Multi-Sport & Running Expo	WEC
Feb. 10-13	Milwaukee/NARI Spring Home Improvement Show	WEC
Feb. 18-20	The Woodworking Shows	WEC
Feb. 18-20	World of Wheels Custom Car Show	WEC
Feb. 19	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
Feb. 19-20	Rummage-A-Rama!	Wis. Products Pavilion
Feb. 24-27	Milwaukee RV Show	WEC
Feb. 26	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 2-3	Plant Engineering and Maintenance Expo	WEC
March 4-6	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Golf Show	WEC
March 5	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 5-6	Wisconsin Kennel Club Dog Show	WEC
March 9-13	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show	WEC
March 12	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 19	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center
March 25-April 3	REALTORS® Home & Garden Show	WEC
March 26	Milw. County Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth 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:wsfp@wisconsin.gov">wsfp@wisconsin.gov</a>
Pettit National Ice Center .....	414/266-0100
Wisconsin Exposition Center .....	414/727-8840

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR NOW**  
FOR THE  
**6TH ANNUAL SETTLER'S WEEKEND**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27,**  
**10 AM – 6 PM**  
**AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 28,**  
**10 AM – 4 PM**  
MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
SPRING 2011



## What's Happening at Your West Allis Schools



Schools of Recognition delegation at the State Capitol Building in Madison

### Three WAWM Schools Earn State Recognition Award

The West Allis - West Milwaukee School District had three schools receive the 2010 - 2011 Wisconsin Schools of Recognition Awards at the State Capitol in Madison on Monday, October 18, 2010. Only 142 schools state-wide received this recognition this school year.

The three schools that received this award are Franklin and Wilson Elementary Schools along with Lincoln Intermediate School. This is the fourth year that Lincoln Intermediate and Wilson Elementary Schools have received this award and the third year that Franklin Elementary School was honored. This is the fifth consecutive year that the West Allis - West Milwaukee School District has had at least three schools or more earn this recognition.

In order to be recognized, schools must meet AYP (annual yearly progress) goals for the past two years under the federal government's education No Child Left Behind law, and have student achievement on state mathematics and reading assessments higher than schools with similar poverty levels and grade configurations. This is the 24th recognition award for the West Allis - West Milwaukee School District in the past five years.

### Work on the New WAWM School District Offices and Alternative Education Center Continues

The West Allis - West Milwaukee School District is moving three of its departments into two purchased buildings on South 70th Street, which used to house the former Allis-Chalmers Tractor Company executive offices. The District Administration Building and the Recreation Department are combining under one roof and will be located at 1205 South 70th Street, while the new Alternative Education Center will be located at 1135 - 39 South 70th Street. The District will be bringing together all of its alternative strands of education currently offered, with the possibility of expanding in the future. Currently this facility will house James E. Dotke High School, Academy of Learning (AOL), PACE, GED Option 2, School Age Parent Program, and the TECH Program.

To accomplish these acquisitions, the District is selling the former Parkway School/Recreation building on Root River Parkway, the former Roosevelt School on South 60th Street, the current Administration Building on Lincoln Avenue, and two parcels of vacant land located on Cleveland and Oklahoma Avenues. An open house for the public will be held at the new location some time in February or March. Please check our School District Website at [www.wawm.k12.wi.us](http://www.wawm.k12.wi.us) for an update on the specific date and time.

### WAWM Schools Receive Second Largest COPS Secure Our Schools Grant in the United States

The West Allis - West Milwaukee School District has received the second largest COPS Secure Our Schools Grant in the United States, just behind the Chicago Public School District. In total our district received \$499,286 from the Federal Government which will go toward the purchase and development of school safety resources, based upon a comprehensive approach to prevent school violence and individualized to the needs of our schools. The COPS SOS Grant will allow our District to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment in the areas of access, monitoring, cameras, fire alarms, and smoke detectors, etc. and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of school safety efforts meant to prevent school violence in the communities that make up the WAWM School District.

### Residential Student Population Increase Boosts District Enrollment

According to the official September enrollment count, the West Allis - West Milwaukee School District had an increase of 270 residential students this year. This puts our total enrollment at just under 9,000 students. The increase allowed the WAWM Schools to move past the Wausau School District as the 12th largest school district in overall student enrollment state-wide.

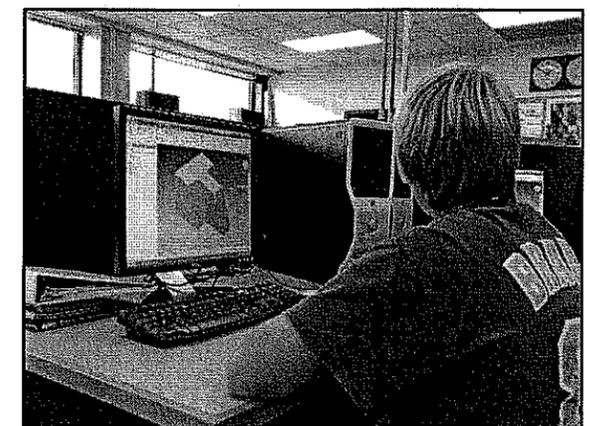
This is significant because over the past fifteen-plus years there has been a gradual decline in our residential student population. We are hopeful to maintain this enrollment trend in the coming years.

### School Programs Help Student Success

One new program being offered for the first time in the WAWM School District is Project Lead the Way, a national engineering-based program. Project Lead the Way is being offered as a pilot program at Central High School, with about 60 students enrolled in this initial year of the program.

Another new system which is now being implemented district-wide is the new Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS). PBIS is a system that focuses on reinforcing and acknowledging the positive things students do and participate in rather than focusing on the negative. Reports from all of our schools have been overwhelmingly positive with this program.

Other programs like SAFE at the elementary level and PASS at the intermediate level continue to help provide students with reinforcement in math and reading. These after-school programs allow staff to work with students who are having difficulty in one or both of these areas, as well as providing enrichment and high interest activities. The structured programs aim to increase a student's proficiency level and get them back on track or extend them above and beyond. At the high school level there is also an opportunity for specialized tutoring in a number of academic areas. These highlight just a few of the many ways the WAWM Schools are working to help EVERY student be the best that they can be.



Students enrolled in the new Project Lead the Way Program at Central High School



# WEST ALLIS 2011 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 14 through October 7, 2011.

**Do not** place brush in the street.

**No brush collections will be made on the holiday weeks of May 30, July 4, and September 5, 2011.**

**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 in paper grocery bag or bundle with heavy cord or twine.
- \* Do not use plastic bags for newspapers.
- \* 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**

- \* 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**

