

# Newsletter



April, May & June 2010



United States Census 2010

**Form mailed to homes in mid-March  
Must be returned by April 1, 2010**

## BE COUNTED IN 2010

1. Complete form and return it to U.S. Census Bureau no later than April 1, 2010.
2. Very important in determining maximum federal/state/local funding and congressional representation.
3. Federal law requires complete CONFIDENTIALITY on information (and provides penalties for violators).

## COMBAT AUTO THEFT (C.A.T.) REGISTRATION DRIVE

Saturday, June 12, Police Satellite Station, 6900 W. National Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Sponsored by West Allis Crime Prevention



### WHAT IS C.A.T.?

In an effort to confront auto theft, a growing national epidemic, the West Allis Police Department, in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, put into effect the Combat Auto Theft (C.A.T.) Program.

C.A.T. is a program in which a car owner signs a consent form, supplied and maintained by the Police Dept., and is issued three C.A.T. decals that are placed on the vehicle (by Crime Prevention personnel). This identifies the vehicle to police as a C.A.T. vehicle.

The signed consent form allows an officer permission to stop this vehicle without cause if it is being operated between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 a.m. Officers conducting the stop will check the vehicle registration and the driver's identity. The Crime Prevention Bureau maintains the signed consent form.

## 2010 SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11, THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

- \* Place materials in the curb-line following the same procedures normally utilized during the fall collection period.
- \* Do not place materials in the street prior to April 11 or after April 25.
- \* **DONOTMIXBRUSHINTOTHE YARDWASTEPILES** (placing brush in the street is illegal and subjects the property owner to a fine—property owners can be held liable for any personal or vehicular damage occurring as a result of brush placed in the street).
- \* Yard waste materials may also be taken to a drop-off center or composted on-site.
- \* Remove pots and soil from potted plants before placing in the curb-line.



## CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

**Memorial Day**

Monday, May 31, 2010

West Allis City Hall, Municipal Yard,  
Library, Health Department and  
Senior Center

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Library and Municipal Yard  
will be closed.

**NOTE:** There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Monday, May 31, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Collection crews may work ahead or fall behind their normal collection during this week.



## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, May 31, 2010

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

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

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

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

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## COMMUNITY DINNER/DANCE

**Break the Cycle of Abuse –  
Respect the Courage to Heal**



The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation in partnership with the West Allis Rotary Club, Woman’s Club of West Allis, and WA/WM Chamber of Commerce will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual West Allis Community Dinner/Dance on Saturday, May 8, 6-11 p.m. at Columbus Club, 1800 S. 92 St. The event benefits the West Allis WISH (Women Initiate Self-Healing & Hope), a Domestic Violence Support Group.

WISH is a support, empowerment, and educational group for women who are in or have been in an abusive relationship. The group helps women gain support, insight, and strength from other women who have experienced domestic violence. WISH provides a safe place to learn about the cycle of violence, gain self-awareness, and heal. The group meets weekly in West Allis; all services are free and confidential, and free childcare is available. The program is offered through the West Allis Police Department in partnership with the West Allis Health Department, Sojourner Family Peace Center, and the Woman’s Club of West Allis.

The evening will feature a buffet dinner, the “Taste of West Allis” Sweet Table, dinner music, dancing, and exciting Silent Auction.

Tickets are \$45/person, or \$320 for table of 8, and are available at West Allis City Hall, WA/WM Chamber of Commerce, or mail your reservation to the Foundation at 7525 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214. Reservation deadline is April 28. For further information, call the Foundation at 414/302-8292.

**MARK MAY 8 ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, May 15, 2010**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fire Station #2

2040 S. 67<sup>th</sup> Place

The day includes many events and displays.

Come join the fun!



## SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

Summer band concerts begin in late June and are held weekly on Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Concerts are held at Veterans’ Memorial Park (70<sup>th</sup> & National Ave.).

Watch for summer issue of the City Newsletter, due out by mid-June, or the City’s web site [www.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.west-allis.wi.us) for the complete band concert schedule.



## WEST ALLIS ARTS A’FAIR JOINS WEST ALLIS ALA CARTE

This year’s Arts A’Fair will be held in conjunction with West Allis Ala Carte on Sunday, June 6, 2010, from 12 to 6 p.m. Ala Carte takes place in Downtown West Allis and features a host of family fun, now including many fine artists displaying their work at the City Hall location.

The Arts A’Fair showcases local artists. All are welcome to participate and residency is not required. The Arts A’Fair Planning Committee is now looking for exhibitors who are interested in participating in this year’s event. For more information, call Karen Mikolajewski at 414-257-0189.

Sponsored by the City of West Allis Arts and Culture Task Force, the Fair and parking are free. For more information on the West Allis Arts a’Fair, contact Arts A’Fair Planning Committee Member, Karen Mikolajewski, at 414-257-0189. Call 414-774-2676 for information on Ala Carte or visit [www.downtownwestallis.com](http://www.downtownwestallis.com).

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WEST ALLIS ALA CARTE SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010

Preparations have started for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual West Allis Ala Carte, to be held on Sunday, June 6, 2010, from 12 Noon until 6 p.m. on Greenfield Avenue, from 70<sup>th</sup> to 76<sup>th</sup> Streets. This is a great opportunity for businesses located in the Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District to be showcased as well as for the City of West Allis and its businesses and organizations to shine.

This community event is geared toward families. There will be something for both young and old, including children’s games and inflatables, plenty of food, and music performed by local students, residents, seniors and your favorite area bands. We also offer artists, crafters and information from various local organizations. The goal is to make this event fun, informational and entertaining.

The Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District and the City of West Allis, in conjunction with C.A.A.D. (Community Alliance Against Drugs), WA/WM Chamber of Commerce, West Allis Charities, the West Allis Senior Community, and the West Allis Arts A’Fair, are looking for your help and support in creating an event that will be remembered in West Allis! If you or your group would like to become part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual West Allis Ala Carte in any way, please contact us at [director@downtownwestallis.org](mailto:director@downtownwestallis.org).

Here’s hoping the sun is shining and the weather is warm on Sunday, June 6!

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

“Patriotic Fever— Catch It!” is the theme for the 2010 Independence Day Celebration. This year’s celebration will begin on Thursday, July 1, with the

“Breakfast of Champions,” honoring High School Athletes, Musicians and Honor Students. It will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Centennial Park Plaza at City Hall. The annual parade will be Friday, July 2, starting at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 4, activities move to the Wisconsin State Fair Park with the Talent Showcase at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Grandstand Show at 8:30 p.m. and Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

A trivia contest will be held again this year. Forms will be posted at various locations in the City and also in the City’s summer newsletter. All entries that have the correct answers will be entered in a prize drawing. For further information, please call 414/302-8300.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY TALENT SHOWCASE

The WA-WM Recreation Department, in conjunction with the City of West Allis, is sponsoring an All City 4<sup>th</sup> of July Talent Showcase and you are invited to enter. If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, tumble, act, etc. then you should try out. Acts will be judged and the top twenty acts selected will perform at State Fair Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the theme in mind as you select music with a patriotic focus.

There are certain requirements for participation, and try-outs will be held in late June. Those acts selected for the Showcase will perform at the City of West Allis State Fair Independence Day Fireworks Celebration on Sunday, July 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the International Amphitheater at State Fair Park. Prizes will be presented to all participants. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 604-4900 or stop at the Parkway Center, 2930 S. Root River Pkwy, for a registration form. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### 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.



## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VITAL TO NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGE AND PROPERTY VALUES

Property maintenance is an important issue when discussing property values and neighborhood quality of life issues. A property that is in disrepair reflects poorly on the immediate neighborhood and on the City as a whole. A poorly maintained property may also affect the sale value of neighboring properties.

You don’t have to pass a test to own a property, but there are minimum property maintenance rules to be followed by all property owners. The City acts on complaints from neighboring property owners regarding many of these issues.

Some of the most common complaints received are:

**Yard maintenance:** Tall grass/weeds; garbage/refuse storage; trash containers overflowing or missing; outdoor storage of junk or vehicle parts; dog droppings; abandoned vehicles; mud/gravel discharge into street/alley from unpaved parking; fence in disrepair.

**Building Maintenance:** Garage doors broken/missing; dwelling gutters missing; gutters directed at neighbor’s dwelling; porch missing rails or steps in disrepair; chimney or roof shingles in need of repair; house, garage or shed has chipping/flaking paint.

**Winter Maintenance:** Abutting public sidewalk not shoveled; ice on public sidewalk from sump pump or other storm water discharge.

**Other Quality of Life Complaints (Police and Zoning Issues):** Noise, barking dogs; trespassing/property line disputes; graffiti/vandalism; suspected gang or drug activities; illegal business out of house; number of tenants in residential unit; commercial truck parking.

Neighborhood complaints may be assigned or followed up on by various City Departments, including Public Works, Engineering, Police, Health or Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services. Please note that not all complaints filed are violations of City Codes. Further, some complaints requiring follow-up action may take a year or more to conclude if court action is required.

If you have a complaint about a property in your neighborhood, you may call the Neighborhood Services Inspector at (414) 302-8419 who will log your complaint and refer it to the appropriate department for follow-up. Complaints may also be made to the Building Inspections Hot Line at (414) 302-8420, or by calling your Alderperson or the Mayor. It is requested that the complainant give their name and phone number, which allows for further contact regarding City follow-up action.

## DINE FOR LESS AND SUPPORT CHANNEL 14



The West Allis Community Media Center, the people that bring you great public access programming on Channel 14, is offering a great deal to save you money when you dine out at local restaurants.

For \$10 you receive a card that gets you discounts between 10% and 20% **EVERYTIME** you eat at 17 different restaurants in the area for **ALL OF 2010**. No stickers or punches, no “buy one, get one.” Just show your card to receive the discount.

For a list of participating restaurants and more information, go to [www.wacmc.org](http://www.wacmc.org) or call 414-321-1121.

### 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.

## SPRING IS CLEAN UP TIME

Under that snow pile, hidden in the bushes, or in between the garages lingers winter's ugly present to property owners, both residential and commercial. Scraps of paper, plastic bags, newspapers, fast food packaging, plastic bottles, soda cans and glass containers are just a few of the items that will litter the ground when the snow melts. Where did it come from? Who put it there?

Take pride in your community and in your neighborhood. Set aside some time to perform a general cleanup of your property. Hopefully we'll start an epidemic and we will all be able to enjoy a litter-free spring.



## WEST ALLIS CLEAN UP DAY

Help clean up litter from area neighborhoods, streets, businesses, vacant lots, parks, and public grounds by participating in this project sponsored by the West Allis Beautification Committee, in cooperation with the City of West Allis and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB). The Great American Cleanup program runs from March 1 to May 31, 2010.

By participating, you earn a "thank you" coupon for designated Milwaukee County attractions, as well as for discounts with area merchants. Cleanups must occur by May 31, 2010, to receive coupons.

To participate in the West Allis Cleanup, please fill out and mail a Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful form available at City Hall, the Municipal Yard and the City Library. You may also call KGMB at 414/272-5462 or fax 414/272-5060 to register.

To clean up specific park locations in West Allis, contact the Forestry Division at 414/302-8811.

All supplies can be picked up at Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful or West Allis Municipal Yards, 6300 W. McGeoch Ave. Call 414/302-8811 for any information.

## CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

### VOTE April 6, 2010 Spring Election

Offices to vote for include Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judges, and West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al. Board of Education. See the Clerk's web page at [www.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us) for more election-related information including sample ballots and voter registration requirements.

### Election Day Voting At Frank Lloyd Wright School, Ward 33

The voting area at Frank Lloyd Wright School has been relocated to its gymnasium. The polling place address, 9501 W. Cleveland Ave., remains the same. The voter entrance is now on the east side of the school and is accessible from the east parking lot.

### Polling Place Changes For Wards 9 And 25

Voting for Ward 9 electors will now take place at Heritage West Allis located at 7901 W. National Ave. The voter entrance is on the north side of the building and is accessible from the north parking lot off of National Ave. (The former polling place for Ward 9 voters was Lincoln School).

Voting for Ward 25 electors will now take place at the Village at Manor Park located at 3023 S. 84 St. The voter entrance is on the east side of the building by the blue awning and is accessible from the east parking lot off of 84 St. (The former polling place for Ward 25 voters was Central High School.) Please note that if you reside in Ward 24, you will continue to use Central High School at 8516 W. Lincoln Ave. for voting.

If you are unsure about your voter registration status or where your polling place is located, you can visit the Election Division's Voter Public Access page on the State's website at <http://gab.wi.gov>. You may also contact the Clerk/Treasurer's Office at 302-8200 if you have any questions.

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

The third and final installment of your 2009 real estate property tax is due May 31, 2010. Because the due date falls on a holiday, payments on June 1, 2010 are considered timely.

If any part of these taxes are unpaid as of June 1, interest and penalties of 1½ percent per month are charged from February 1 on the unpaid balance. If any of your previous installments were not paid in full or by the due dates, the interest and penalties are already being added to your taxes.

The City of West Allis collects delinquent 2009 real estate taxes through July 31, 2009. The City transfers the unpaid 2009 real estate tax balances to Milwaukee County in August 2010.

### Pay By E-Check Or Credit Card

You may pay your tax bill by [e-check](#) (automated checking withdrawal) or credit card (Internet or telephone call). On [www.ci.west-allis.wi.us](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us), choose Property Search, enter your address or tax key and select Pay Tax from the drop down box.

### Pay By Mail

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

### 24-Hour Depository

The 24-hour depository is located near the main doors off the City Hall parking lot and can be used for dropping off payments.

## "HOT DEALS"

Visit the WA/WM Chamber of Commerce at [www.wawmchamber.com](http://www.wawmchamber.com), your complete site for program offerings, events and Chamber members "Hot Deals."

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SETTLERS WEEKEND

Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday, August 29, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

More information available in the summer issue of this newsletter or call 414/545-7679.

## 2010 C.A.A.D. EVENTS

The Community Alliance Against Drugs (C.A.A.D.) recently received a commitment for financial support from the WA/WM Community Coalition. This financial support will allow C.A.A.D. to offer additional family activities through the year, and some of the events we are planning include:

- ⇒ Open gym nights at local schools.
- ⇒ Parents Night Out, with daycare included.
- ⇒ Indoor/Outdoor movie nights.
- ⇒ Possibly a WAVE, Admirals, or Brewers game.
- ⇒ Rental of McCarty Park Pool, coupled with an outdoor movie.
- ⇒ 5K Run/Walk at the Milwaukee Mile.
- ⇒ Winterfest Family event.
- ⇒ New Year's Eve event.

It is C.A.A.D.'s goal to offer fun-filled events geared for families at little or no cost to its members. A C.A.A.D. membership costs \$20 for the entire family or \$10 for an individual, and membership is good through the calendar year.

The partnership with the Coalition allows C.A.A.D. to bring an educational piece in our effort to keep our society drug free, along with our wonderful family events that C.A.A.D. has been hosting over the years. If you would like to join C.A.A.D., please call Lt. Ed Benish at 414-302-8054.



## MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY

Milwaukee County residents are encouraged to bring their prescription and over the counter medications to Miller Park (lot by the Sausage Haus) on Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **DO NOT** bring illegal drugs, biohazardous materials, or needles/sharps.

Keep the medication in the original package or bottle. You may cross off your name and address but do not cover up the name of the medication. To comply with federal law, certain drugs have to immediately be turned over to the Milwaukee Police Department for disposal. You will be asked to fill out a short form with your name and address, verifying you're a Milwaukee County resident.

If you cannot make it to the collection day on May 8, do not dispose of medications by flushing them or pouring them down the drain. If you must dispose of them in the garbage, seal the original child-proof container with tape or crush the pills and put them into a container with old coffee grounds or something that kids would never eat.

For more information, visit the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District at [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com).

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### 2009 Recycling Statistics

Curbside paper	1,543.81 tons
Drop-off paper	251.38 tons
Curbside blue bag	1,354.31 tons
Drop-off blue bag	80.54 tons
Mixed paper	98.36 tons
Office paper	24.27 tons
Tires	12.66 tons
Waste Oil	16,421 gallons
Antifreeze	720 gallons
Sharps	1.43 tons
Microwaves	2.96 tons



**Waste reduction** continues to work in West Allis. Last year, the recycling rate for the above items was 16.5% of the waste stream.

Brush	65.86 tons
Leaves	2,515.20 tons
Scrap Metal	19 tons

When yard waste and scrap metal are included in the above figure, the percentage jumps to 25.8%. Congratulations on the great job!

**Computers.** While computers and related equipment can be picked up with your refuse or may be dropped off at the Municipal Yard, they can also be taken to area stores such as American TV & Appliance and Best Buy. These stores have a program in place to recycle most types of electronic devices at no charge. Call or visit their website for more information.

**Microwaves.** Microwaves cannot be placed with your garbage for pickup. If you have a microwave you need to dispose of, you may bring it to the Municipal Yard. There is a \$5.00 fee per microwave. Over 200 microwaves were brought to the Municipal Yard last year.

**Paint.** The Municipal Yard accepts latex paint but **cannot** accept oil-based paints. Empty latex paint cans or cans with dried latex paint may be placed with your garbage for pickup. If there is latex paint left in the can, the can may be brought into the Municipal Yard. Oil-based paint must be disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste site operated by the MMSD at permanent locations (in Milwaukee, Franklin or Menomonee Falls) or at one of its seasonal locations. For further information on the MMSD HWW program, contact MMSD at (414)225-2066 or visit [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com).

**Appliances. NO APPLIANCES are accepted at the Municipal Yard.** Items such as refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters and dehumidifiers **MUST** be disposed of through a licensed hauler. Call 302-8831 or 302-8800 for more information.

**Anti-freeze and used oil.** These items are accepted at the Municipal Yard but they cannot be mixed together. There are separate receptacles for each of these materials. Please note that when you bring in antifreeze, you will need to see the attendant for a key before placing this material in the receptacle.

**Mixed paper.** Cracker and cereal boxes with the plastic liner removed, soda boxes, junk mail and shredded paper may be brought to the Municipal Yard for recycling. Please do not include frozen food or waxed boxes, food or water contaminated items, paperboard egg cartons, trays or dishes.

# WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

## APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2010

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: 302-8700, Fax: 302-8701.

**Membership** at the West Allis Senior Center is open to anyone age 55 or older. The current membership year began on 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 classes and weekly activities along with many special events and informational programs throughout the year.

**2010 S.A.F.E. Books.** The West Allis S.A.F.E. Book — Senior Awareness, Focus on Help and Enrichment — contains a wealth of information for elders in the community. S.A.F.E. Books are free and available at the Senior Center, Library and City Hall.

**SeniorLAW - a Program of Legal Action of Wisconsin.** An outreach Program at the Senior Center on the fourth Friday of each month between 9 and 11:30 a.m. A Benefit Specialist will assist residents age 60 and over with issues related 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 414-302-8700 to schedule an appointment.

**Stockbox Program.** A Hunger Task Force program dedicated to the health of low-income seniors in Milwaukee County. Stockbox provides a full box of healthy foods each month to those who qualify. To determine eligibility, find a pickup location; or to 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).*

**The Lilac Bus** is available to transport area senior citizens to and from social events, entertainment and local shopping areas. Round trip fare is \$3 per person. To obtain a monthly trip schedule, mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Lilac Bus, c/o 7001 W. National Ave., West Allis WI 53214, or call 414-302-8715.

**Area Agency on Aging – Senior Nutrition Programs.** For West Allis residents age 60 and over. Nutritious balanced hot lunches are served at between 11:15 and 11:30 am at the West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave., phone: 414-302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92 St., phone: 414-840-1704. Suggested donation is \$2/meal. Advance reservations are required to guarantee your meal. For more information, contact the meal sites directly or call the Area Agency on Aging at 414-289-6995.

**Benefits Counseling** provided by the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG) by appointment on Fridays at the Senior Center. Services include assistance 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 414-817-0030.

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

### Events for April, May, June 2010

**Stoughton Tour & Red Skelton Show.** Thursday, April 1. Enjoy a guided tour of the quaint town of Stoughton and its local museum. Lunch at the Son’s of Norway Lodge featuring traditional Norwegian fare, and then to the Stoughton Opera House for the show, *Red Skelton: A Performance Tribute by Tom Mullica*. Cost is \$60. Pre-registration required. Seating is limited.

**Free Movie Matinees.** April 7 and May 12. Showtime is 12:30 p.m. Bring your own popcorn & snacks. Movie titles posted at the Senior Center.

**Living Well with Chronic Conditions** is a free six-week workshop developed by the School of Medicine at Stanford University. The program empowers participants by offering new strategies that will give them the confidence, motivation and skills needed to manage the challenges of living with a chronic medical condition. The workshop meets on Fridays, 9–11 a.m. beginning April 16 through Friday, May 21. Call 302-8700 to register. Class size is limited.

**Songs & Jokes featuring Sandy Lee.** Wednesday, April 21, 12–1 p.m. Sandy will entertain with her performance of fun-loving songs and accordion music. The public is invited; free will donation.

**Huge Indoor Rummage & Bake Sale.** Friday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Please reserve your space in advance (\$10 per 6-foot table). Donations of “quality” rummage items also accepted May 10–13.

**Weight Loss Zone.** 10-week support group with a facilitator meets once a week on Wednesdays with a weigh-in from 12:30–12:45 p.m. and an informational motivational talk from 12:45–1:00 p.m. Cost for the series is \$25. Next session begins June 1 and runs through August 4.

**Young at Heart Chorus Concert.** Friday, June 11, 2:00 p.m. Free spring concert. Public of all ages invited. Coffee and cookie reception will follow the concert.

**Glitz & Glamour, Primp & Pamper Tour.** Wednesday, May 19. Includes a hair set, style and a manicure at Vici’s followed with tea and crumpets at the fabulous Watts Tea Shoppe. Call 302-8700 for more information.

**Conversational Spanish Class.** Thursday mornings, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Classes are free with membership.

**Wii Bowling Fever Strikes! Members are invited** to learn how to play this fun and exciting computerized virtual game. No experience necessary. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30–2:30 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. Refreshments provided. For more information, call 302-8711 or 302-8700.

**PARTY AT THE LIBRARY AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

Thanks to our patrons for their patience this past year as the library underwent some major renovations. Now that the project is winding down, it's time to party! Join us on **Sunday, April 25, from 1-4 p.m.** as we celebrate 20 years (a little belatedly) at our present location along with all the wonderful innovations made possible with funding from the Irv H. Terchak Library Endowment. There will be backroom tours, demonstrations, refreshments, and giveaways courtesy of the Friends of the West Allis Public Library. The Friends are also celebrating a very special occasion—their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010. Stop by and applaud the Friends for giving 25 years of service to our wonderful library and community.



**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

**Story Times**

All Story Times at the West Allis Public Library are free to Milwaukee County residents. Pre-registration required. Please register in person or by calling 414-302-8502.

**New! Evening Story Time for ages 9 months through age 3**  
Tuesdays, April 6-April 27  
6:30-7:00p.m.

**3, 4, 5-year Old Story Times**  
(April Sessions-Mornings)  
Wednesdays, April 7-April 28  
9:30-10:00a.m. or 10:15-10:45a.m.  
(May Sessions-Afternoons/  
Evenings-includes a craft)  
Mondays, May 3-May 24  
1:00-1:45p.m.  
Tuesdays, May 4-May 25  
1:00-1:45p.m. or 6:30-7:15p.m.

**Toddler and Me Story Time (2 Year Olds)**  
(May Session) Wednesdays,  
May 5-May 26  
9:30-10:00a.m. or 10:15-10:45a.m.

**Lapsit Story Times**  
(April Session-for ages 9 months through 23 months)  
Mondays, April 12-April 26  
9:30-10:00a.m.

**Family Fun at the Library - Rainy Days**  
Sunday, April 11 - 2:00 p.m.  
Fun for all ages. Listen to music, stories, and make a craft.

**National Library Week- April 11-17**  
*"Communities Thrive @ Your Library"*

National Library Week (NLW) is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries. The Children's Department will sponsor a "Create-a-Bookmark" contest based on the theme of NLW.

**Children's Book Week - May 10-16**  
Daily drawing of 15 names for free Scholastic paperback books. Bookmark contest winners will be announced. Winners will receive a free paperback book and will have their bookmarks reproduced and given out during Children's Book Week.

**Make a Splash - Read!**  
The 2010 Summer Reading Program starts June 8. A program flyer with more information will be available in mid-May at the Children's Information Desk.

For more information about any of these programs, please check the Children's Department calendar on the West Allis Public Library website:  
[http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us/library/library\\_childrens.htm](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us/library/library_childrens.htm)



**TEEN EVENTS**

- For more information about Teen Events and Programming at the West Allis Public Library, check out our blog at [www.waplteens.blogspot.com](http://www.waplteens.blogspot.com). All teen programs are open to Milwaukee County Teens, ages 12-18 or in grades 6-12.
- **Support Teen Literature Day - April 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**
- Join us as we tell you about some of our favorite new books written for teens! Everyone who attends will be entered to win a collection of some of our favorite teen titles.
- **Teen Book Swap - May 18**
- Tired of all your old books? Then bring them in and trade for new titles! Book drop off begins at 3:15 p.m. Doors open at 3:45 p.m. for swapping. For every book you bring in, we'll give you a coupon that will let you pick out a new book.
- **WAPL Wii - April 24 and June 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- Show off your Wii skills or just have fun learning how to play with our Wii Super Smash Brothers Brawl Series. On April 24 scrimmage against other players in preparation for the tournament on June 5.
- **Summer Reading**
- Love to read? Love to win prizes? Love to win prizes for reading? Then join us for our third Teen Summer Reading Program. Reading logs and rules will be available starting June 1 at the Adult Information Desk.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

- **Birdscaping in the Midwest - Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.**
- Learn how to increase the number and variety of birds in your yard by growing native plants and a year-long smorgasbord of berries, nuts, and seeds in a natural habitat. Gardeners can play a vital role by restoring and preserving native communities, which support not only birds but other wildlife including butterflies, bees, and bats. Program will be presented by Mariette Nowak, author of the book *Birdscaping in the Midwest*. Free.

**ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

- The Adult Summer Reading Program is open to individuals 18 and over. The program runs from Monday, June 14, through Friday, August 27. Read four books and be entered into an end-of-summer drawing for gift cards from West Allis businesses.

**LIBRARY LEISURE TIMERS**

- Check the Library Calendar for upcoming programs:  
[http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us/library/library\\_calendar.aspx](http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us/library/library_calendar.aspx)

**HOLIDAYS/CLOSINGS**

- The library will be **CLOSED**:
 

Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday
Saturday, May 29	Memorial Day Weekend
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
- The library is **CLOSED** on **SUNDAYS** May through September.



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### CITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Beautification Program shows West Allis citizens and visitors that the City recognizes the importance and value of keeping our City beautiful. As winter subsides and you begin to do more outside activities, take a look around your neighborhood. Do you see any house that catches your eye? A property that shows pride in ownership? How about an aesthetically well maintained business? If you have, write down the address of the property and send it to the West Allis Beautification Committee, 6300 West McGeoch Avenue, West Allis, WI 53219. Any questions, call 414-302-8811. All nominations must be submitted by June 15, 2010. The properties are judged in early July and Beautification Award winners are honored with an awards ceremony in September. Help take pride in your community and make West Allis an even better place to live.

### BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS

#### A NEW PROGRAM IS ADDED

The City of West Allis Beautification Committee, in conjunction with the VFW Auxiliary to Post 1912 West Allis, will be sponsoring the first annual Patriotic Display Award competition. This program has been created to increase awareness of patriotism and celebrate our allegiance to our wonderful Nation. Residents are encouraged to create patriotic theme displays, which may include flags, bunting, flowers, handcrafted or purchased items with relevance to Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day. Winners for each patriotic holiday will be recognized through the placement of a temporary "Award" yard sign and photos posted on the City's web site. The winners will also receive a Mayoral Proclamation and a flag from the VFW Auxiliary to Post 1912 to be presented at the Independence Day Grandstand Program prior to the fireworks display at State Fair Park on Sunday, July 4.

Nominations for either commercial or residential properties can be made by anyone. The deadlines for nominations are:  
Memorial Day, Friday, May 28  
Flag Day, Friday, June 11  
Independence Day, Wednesday, June 30

The Committee will continue with the "Commendable Properties" and "Best Porch" awards. Nominations for these awards are due June 15 and July 15, respectively. Please submit your nominations to the Forestry Division at the City Yard, 6300 W. McGeoch Ave., West Allis WI 53219, or call 414-302-8811.

## VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 7	Employment Guide – Job Fair	TGT Youth Center
April 8-11	Wheel & Sprocket Bike Expo	Expo Center
April 10	Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center-Lobby
April 14-17	Just Between Friends	Wis. Products Pavilion
April 16-17	Household Hazardous Waste Collection	North Lot
April 16-18	Cabin & Lakefront Living Show	Expo Center
April 17	Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center-Lobby
April 17-18	Metroparent's KIDSfest & Baby Expo	Expo Center
April 23-25	International Gem & Jewelry Show	Expo Center
April 24	Junior League Grand Garage Sale	Multi-Purpose Barn
April 24	Winter Farmers Market	TGT Youth Center-Lobby
April 25	Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet	Expo Center
May 1-2	Rummage-A-Rama	Wis. Products Pavilion
May 22	Super Pinball Auction	Wis. Products Pavilion
May 29-31	Unity in Diversity Festival	Amphitheatre & Central Mall
June 4-5	Christian Expo	Wis. Products Pavilion
June 24-27	Greek Fest	North Lot

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

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

# HANDLING YOUR YARD WASTE IN 2010

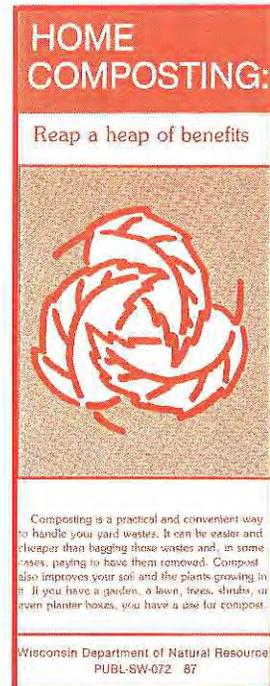
The following information provides West Allis residents with alternatives to dispose of yard waste materials which are currently banned by the state from being collected and disposed of with household waste. Alternatives available vary by item and may include free collection service, collection service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

## YARDWASTE COLLECTION

- Yard waste includes leaves, weeds, thatch, flowers, vines and other non-fruit or vegetable matter.
- **Spring** collection of yard waste is April 11 through April 25, 2010.
- **Fall** collection of yard waste is September 19 through November 14, 2010.
- Yard waste should be placed in the curb-line of the street only during the designated dates listed above.
- **DO NOT MIX BRUSH INTO THE YARD WASTE PILES.**
- Yard waste can be composted on-site\* or disposed of, without charge, at a drop-off center. (Please see locations and operating hours on reverse side.)
- **REMOVE POTS AND SOIL FROM POTTED PLANTS BEFORE PLACING IN THE CURB-LINE.**

## GRASS CLIPPINGS

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



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

# 2010 BRUSH\* COLLECTION

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

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OCTOBER						
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- The City will provide every other week collection of small amounts of resident-generated brush, up to 1½ cubic yards, from March 15 through October 8. A separate truck will pick up brush on your recycling pick-up day according to the recycling schedule as shown in the color coded calendar. **NO BRUSH COLLECTION WILL BE MADE DURING THE HOLIDAY WEEKS OF MAY 31, JULY 5 AND SEPTEMBER 6, 2010.**
- Residents should place their brush at the curb on the same day as their recycling collection. Large pieces of brush, up to five feet in length, should be bundled and stacked between the sidewalk and the curb, not in the street. Small pieces of brush must be contained in boxes or cans marked "BRUSH" and the address called in to ensure collection. Do not use plastic bags.
- Amounts larger than 1½ cubic yards require special handling and charge. Please call the Sanitation and Street Division at **302-8800**. Permits are available at no charge for residents to take brush to a drop-off site.

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

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

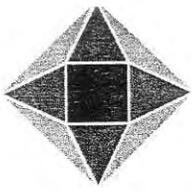
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2010 WEST ALLIS DROP-OFF MATERIALS</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MUNICIPAL YARD</b> 6300 West McGeoch Avenue</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEST END-MORGAN SITE</b> South 116 Street-south of Morgan</p>
	<p>7:15-3:00 – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:15-5:00 – Wednesday 8:00-3:30 – Saturday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CLOSED:</u> January 1 May 29 and 31 July 3 and 5 September 4 and 6 November 25 and 26 December 24, 25 and 27 January 1 and 3, 2011</p>	<p><u>OPEN:</u> June 1 – September 3, 2010 7:30-2:30 – Monday 7:30-7:00 – Tuesday through Friday 8:00-3:30 – Saturday</p> <p><u>OPEN:</u> September 7 - October 15, 2010 7:30-2:30 - Monday through Friday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CLOSED:</u> July 3 and 5 September 4 and 6 October 16, 2010 through May 30, 2011</p>
Yard Waste (weeds, thatch, garden debris, leaves, etc.) NO GRASS CLIPPINGS	ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED
Motor Oil and Antifreeze	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
Recyclables •Newspaper, Magazines, and Corrugated Cardboard •Aluminum, Glass, Plastics #1 & #2, Steel/Tin •Mixed paper (voluntary)	ACCEPTED	NO RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED
Brush	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)
Household Refuse, including old furniture and televisions	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).



# West Allis Charities, Inc.

*A Gem in the Community* - since 1964

Volume 2, Issue 2 - April 2010

**Communique**

We are searching for your pictures and stories of how the West Allis Charities touched your life, your group / organization, or helped fund an item needed in the community.



The City of West Allis sponsors our newsletter. Thank You.

## Win \$10,000! It's Our Crazy Cash Raffle



You will not find better odds to win \$10,000 or one of the other 49 cash prizes. Tickets are on sale now at the WA/WM Chamber of Commerce (74th & Greenfield Ave.), State Fair Inn (81st & Greenfield Ave.), National Sign & Design (110th & National Ave.), by mail (send in order form below), or at Mortimer's Pub (71st & Adler.)

*Tickets are:*

- 3/\$50 = Odds of Winning 1:33
- 2/\$35 = Odds of Winning 1:50
- 1/\$20 = Odds of Winning 1:100

**ONLY 5,000 TICKETS  
WILL BE SOLD**

Help us in our West Allis Relief efforts. Our food pantries need replenishing, kids need to continue their education, and many of our neighbors are in need of medical assistance.

**Let's help our community first.**

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Your purchase may be tax deductible.

1st Prize	\$10,000	26th Prize	\$500
2nd Prize	\$6,000	27th Prize	\$200
3rd Prize	\$5,000	28th Prize	\$200
4th Prize	\$4,000	29th Prize	\$200
5th Prize	\$1,000	30th Prize	\$200
6th Prize	\$1,000	31st Prize	\$200
7th Prize	\$1,000	32nd Prize	\$200
8th Prize	\$1,000	33rd Prize	\$200
9th Prize	\$1,000	34th Prize	\$100
10th Prize	\$1,000	35th Prize	\$100
11th Prize	\$500	36th Prize	\$100
12th Prize	\$500	37th Prize	\$100
13th Prize	\$500	38th Prize	\$100
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18th Prize	\$500	43rd Prize	\$50
19th Prize	\$500	44th Prize	\$50
20th Prize	\$500	45th Prize	\$50
21st Prize	\$500	46th Prize	\$50
22nd Prize	\$500	47th Prize	\$50
23rd Prize	\$500	48th Prize	\$50
24th Prize	\$500	49th Prize	\$50
25th Prize	\$500	50th Prize	\$50

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Print Clearly **Crazy Cash Raffle Mail In Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Draw Date: July 21, 2010, 8PM at the Budweiser Pavilion, WI State Fair Park

By mailing this order form and full payment to **WAC, Raffle, PO Box 14544, West Allis, WI 53214**, you are authorizing us to fill out your raffle ticket & drop your stubs into the drawing bin. You will receive your stubs & letter of purchase confirmation via return mail.

### Meetings & Fundraisers

- Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month at West Allis City Hall, 76th & Greenfield Avenue
- Buy a hot dog lunch the 1st Saturday of the month at Majdecki Sentry (102nd & Cleveland Ave.)
- Round-up your grocery total for us at Pick N' Save & Majdecki Sentry
- **Tell Your Friends About Our Crazy Cash Raffle**

# Start Your

# Relief Efforts

*"What we need  
is more people  
who specialize  
in the  
impossible."*

**-Theodore Roethke**

The West Allis Charities, Inc. is an opportunity for you to be a part of the greater good for people in our community.

There is so much we can do, but it takes people with heart, soul, and dedication to boost a community up and achieve results.

**Are You One of Those People?**

## **West Allis Charities, Inc.**

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 14544  
West Allis, WI 53214

Bill Potocic, President  
Phone: 414.778.0760

E-mail:  
westallischarities@yahoo.com

By supporting your own charitable organizations, which make your city a stronger, safer, and welcoming place to live, work, and play.

As we all watch the news / listen to the radio, we see / hear the plight and suffering of people around the world.

Celebrities and corporations join forces to contribute to relief efforts abroad.

Help the **West Allis Charities, Inc.** with the revival & relief efforts to support our own life difficulties.

Citizens in West Allis experience poverty, hunger, lack of medical care, lack of dental care, lack of education, and varied degrees of loss / suffering.

If we have the same hardships as other countries, let's all make a choice to help the home front first, so we can be a strong, self sufficient community.

*The West Allis Charities, Inc. exists for the people of West Allis.* Your monetary, volunteer, and gift-in-kind support to us rejuvenates the community.

## **What can you do?**

- Become a member of the West Allis Charities
- Buy one or more Crazy Cash raffle tickets
- Buy a hot dog lunch once a month at Majdecki Sentry
- Volunteer at one of our fundraisers
- Donate gift cards
- Donate non-perishable food items
- Donate a medical, vision, or dental service
- Joint fundraiser with us
- Donate gifts-in-kind
- Donate money to one of our five projects
- Donate us an office space in West Allis
- Donate legal or accounting services