Refuse and Recycling For The Holidays

- Our offices are closed and refuse and recycling will not be collected on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Thursday, January 1, 2009.
- The Municipal Yard will be open to accept drop-off of materials on Saturday, December 27, and Saturday, January 3.
- 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.

2008 Christmas and New Year's Holiday Schedule

If Your Regular Collection Day Is:	Set Out Your Refuse Or Recyclables On:
Monday, December 22	Monday, December 22
Tuesday, December 23	Monday, December 22*
Wednesday, December 24	Tuesday, December 23*
Thursday, December 25	Friday, December 26*
Friday, December 26	Saturday, December 27
Monday, December 29	Monday, December 29
Tuesday, December 30	Monday, December 29*
Wednesday, December 31	Tuesday,December 30*
Thursday, January 1	Wednesday, December 31*
Friday, January 2	Friday, January 2

*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, Senior Center and Public Works - Municipal Yard will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25

New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1, 2009

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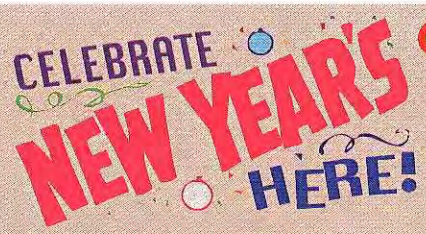
Reminder:
Refuse and recycling schedules will be subject to change due to the holidays. Call the Public Works Department at 302-8800 if you have any questions.



Community Alliance Against Drugs
New Year's Eve Family Night

Wednesday, December 31 -- 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Central High School 8516 West Lincoln Avenue

CAAD Members Admitted "FREE"
Annual Membership $20 per family - $10 per individual
Non-Members: $5/person for 4 & over

Adults **must** accompany children!

For information, call Crime Prevention at 302-8050.

ADMISSION INCLUDES:
Basketball, Volleyball,
Disney Movie "Wall-E",
Face Painting & Balloon Art
by Mr. & Mrs. D Clown
Music by DJ Lee (6:30-10:30)
Family Swimming (7-10:00)
Bring a towel and lock
And much More!!

ATTRACTIONS
4 tickets for $1.00 or
all-night wrist bands $3.00
Inflatable Attractions
Moonwalk
Rock Climbing Wall
7 Hole Mini-Golf

CONCESSIONS
4 tickets for $1.00
Pizza
Nachos
Snow Cones
Candy
Hot Dogs
Cotton Candy
Popcorn
Soda & Bottled Water

The evening will conclude with a Balloon Drop at 11:00P.M.!

*****DOOR PRIZE*****
Brewers Tickets
Sunday, May 3, 2009, 1:05p.m.
Package Includes 4 field diamond box tickets and a gold preferred parking pass ($275 value)
Each family receives one free raffle ticket!
Additional raffle tickets can be purchased for $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00.
Drawing at 10:45 p.m. in the fieldhouse.
Must be present to win

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2009 City Budget Adopted; Tax Levy & Tax Rate Set

The West Allis Common Council adopted the 2009 Budget, tax levy, and tax rate on November 18. The 2009 General Fund Expenditures were adopted at $54,181,855; the total City Expenditures were adopted at $114,632,701. The General Fund Expenditures for 2009 represent an increase of $1,286,201 over last year's expenditures, or 2.4%. Debt, special revenue, enterprise, and other fund expenditures also increased or decreased by various amounts.

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 $36,183,824, an increase of $625,240 (1.76%) over last year's levy (not including the TIF levy).

The City tax rate was set at $8.70 for each $1,000 of assessed value, $.05 higher than last year's City tax rate of $8.65. This $.05 increase in the tax rate represents a .6% increase in the City portion of the total tax rate.

Clerk/Treasurer News

Property Tax Bills Will Be Mailed In Early December

The Treasurer's office mails approximately 22,000 real estate and personal property tax bills each December. The second page of the real estate tax bill has square codes printed on 3 coupons, which should be submitted with your payments. Our office scans the codes to process your payments. The first coupon is for a full payment or first installment.

Lottery Credit

The lottery credit is applicable only to qualified primary residences. The property owner as of January 1, 2008 must use the property as their primary residence. Most properties that qualify will be pre-certified. The lottery credit appears as a deduction on your real estate tax bill. If you pay your taxes on the interest free installment plan, the credit reduces your first installment payment.

If the lottery credit is not shown on the real estate property tax bill and the property was your primary residence on January 1, 2008, 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 for 2008.

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.

Tri City Bank will accept tax payments at the following locations through January 31.

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

- Tri City National Bank: 67th & Greenfield
- Tri City National Bank: 109th & Greenfield
- Tri City National Bank: 76th & Oklahoma

Hours: Mon-Fri. 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: 67th & National
- Pick N Save Tri City National Bank: 108th & Cleveland

Hours: Mon-Sun 10 - 8 (12/24: 10 – 2 & 12/31: 10 - 8, closed 12/25, 1/1)

We hope that you take advantage of this service and avoid the lines at City Hall.

The majority of taxes are paid through the mail. We strongly suggest payments be mailed when possible—ideally a minimum of one week before the due date. Mailed payments allow the taxpayer to avoid a trip to City Hall and the long lines. Mailed payments are the most efficiently processed transactions in the Treasurer's Office. 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 Treasurer receives the money.

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 simultaneously will avoid receipt complications.

Fee Increase for Dog And Cat Licensing

Dogs and cats are required to be licensed. The due date for obtaining your pet's license is March 31, 2009. The fee for spayed/neutered pets is now $12.00, and the fee for unaltered pets is now $24.00. If the license is not applied for prior to April 1, 2009, there will be an additional late fee of $12.00 or $24.00 based on whether your pet is spayed/neutered. Please provide a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate and neutered/spayed documentation when applying for the license for your dog or cat. Renewal and new license applications may be submitted to either: the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 7525 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214; or the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) online at www.madacc.com, or through the mail or in person at 3839 W. Burnham St., West Milwaukee, WI 53215. Please call 302-8200 if you have any questions

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 6, in conjunction with Christmas on the Avenue event. Those attending enjoyed caroling by the Suburban Singers 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.

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 this year was Josie Balderas, age 9, a student at Wilson Elementary School. Many thanks to those who participated in the food collection; it helps a very worthy cause. Items collected this year were included in the donation to all ten West Allis food pantries.

Log on to www.downtownwestallis.org to view Christmas on the Avenue photos.

Fun times at Christmas on the Avenue.

Two For The Show

Two for the Show is a free, fun-filled event for parents and two year olds 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 receive parenting tips on routines, nutrition, dental health, safety and more. Professionals from the health department and school district as well as other agencies are on hand to answer parenting questions.

Where: West Allis Health Department
7120 W. National Avenue

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Times: 8:30–11:00 a.m.
3:00–6:15 p.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. Two for the Show is sponsored in part by the Milwaukee Youth and Family Development Alliance.

Operation: Families First
West Allis-West Milwaukee

COMMUNITY DINNER/DANCE

Celebrating and Appreciating Military Families

The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation in partnership with the West Allis Rotary Club and WA-WM Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 20th Annual West Allis Community Dinner/Dance on Saturday, May 2, 2009, 6-11 p.m. at Summit Place, 6737 W. Washington Avenue. The event benefits the *Operation: Military Families First* program.

Behind every Military Member there is a Family. In our community, we now have a program that brings those families to the forefront. *Operation: Military Families First* is an innovative program in West Allis and West Milwaukee that will provide military families with a connection to local resources, benefits information, updates on military specials, outreach to schools, literature, care packages, special events and activities, and support groups. This program will also recognize and honor the Military Members and Veterans from our community at an annual event. The program is a joint venture of the WA-WM Family Resource Center and the WA-WM Chamber of Commerce. Many organizations, community and civic-minded persons, school and city representatives are also involved in this project, and hopes are high for a successful funding effort to ensure this program becomes a great success!

The evening will feature a buffet dinner by Rupena's Summit Café, the "Taste of West Allis" sweet table, Strolling Strings, music and dancing, and an exciting Silent Auction. More information, including ticket cost, will be available in early 2009. Watch for the next City Newsletter for further details.

MARK MAY 2 ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Christmas Tree Pick-up

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.**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE

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

NON DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY STATEMENT

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

City Of Milwaukee Wheel Tax

City of West Allis residents are alerted to a potential problem regarding their auto registration renewals with the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles. Recently, the City of Milwaukee passed a $20 wheel tax, which is added to the State DMV's auto registration renewals. This $20 added fee does not apply to City of West Allis residents. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS DOES NOT HAVE A WHEEL TAX.

Please carefully review your license plate renewal form before sending in your payment. In the event you've been incorrectly assessed the City of Milwaukee wheel tax, you can call the DMV's Vehicle Records Section at (608) 266-3666. In the event you erroneously paid the wheel tax without realizing it, you can call the DMV's Research and Information Section at (608) 266-1466 or send a written request for a refund to: Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 8070, Madison WI 53708-8070.

CITY AT THE CENTER
WEST ALLIS

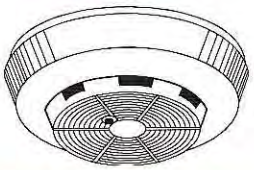
Looking To Work For The City Of West Allis?

Within the next five to ten years, the City of West Allis anticipates that approximately 50% of its workforce will retire. 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, laborers, administrative and clerical, engineering, nursing, and executive, managerial, deputy, confidential, professional and supervisory individuals.

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 or call the employment hotline at 302-8280. Hope to see you in the future!

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8th



Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

DTV.gov THE DIGITAL TV TRANSITION
What You Need To Know About DTV

On February 17, 2009, analog broadcasting will end for full-power TV stations. If you watch free over-the-air TV with a broadcast antenna and don't have a digital TV, you'll have to get a digital-to-analog converter box for your analog TV. For more information on the digital television transition, including information on a government coupon program for converter boxes, go to www.dtv.gov, or call 1-888-CALL-FCC.

City Monitoring Vacant and Abandoned Properties

In August 2008, the City passed an ordinance to actively manage vacant and abandoned one and two-family residential properties. With the increase in the number of residential foreclosures occurring, the Nuisance Abandoned Dwelling Ordinance allows a proactive approach by the City to manage properties that become abandoned. It may take a year or more for a bona fide owner (bank, mortgage company or other) to assume ownership and property management of a property being foreclosed upon. Generally during the foreclosure period, no entity is maintaining the property. The ordinance allows the Director of Building Inspections, the Director of Public Works and/or the Health Commissioner to abate certain conditions and charge the cost of such abatement against the property. To be deemed a nuisance, the property is posted and an order sent to the last known address of the property owner. If the legal owner fails to contact the City within 10 days, the property is deemed a nuisance abandoned property and the City may proceed to abate certain conditions.

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

If a property has been posted by the Department of Building Inspections & Zoning, there will be a bright green placard placed on the doors of the dwelling. Please note, a property in disrepair but not abandoned by a property owner is not eligible for nuisance abatement but must be processed for property maintenance code violations by Notice and Municipal Court Citation, if necessary.

If you have a concern regarding a vacant residential property, please state your concern in writing to the City of West Allis Building Inspection & Zoning Department, 7525 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214, (414) 302-8400. Your written referral allows the inspector to contact you regarding follow-up procedures. You may also call the Mayor or your Alderperson to register your referral.

A reconstituted staff position, called "Neighborhood Services Code Inspector," will coordinate these activities citywide for the Department. In recognition of this new effort, the Department of Building Inspections & Zoning is being retitled the Department of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services.

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.
- The Director of Public Works generally declares a "SNOW EMERGENCY," 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 blow, plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow or ice from your property onto their property. It is a small request, but a greatly appreciated one.

Don't Bury The Hydrant

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

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

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

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

Emergency Thoroughfares

S. 60 St. from South City Limits to North City Limits
S. 66 St. from W. National Ave. 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 Ave.) to W. National Ave.
S. 69 St. from W. Becher St. to W. Lincoln Ave.
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 Ave.
S. 81 St. from W. Greenfield Ave. to W. National Ave.
S. 84 St. from W. Oklahoma Ave. to W. Schlinger Ave.
S. 88 St. from W. Lincoln Ave. to 500 ft. south of W. Lincoln Ave.
S. 90 St. & W. Hayes Ave. from W. Lincoln Ave. to S. 92 St. (includes Hospital Emergency Intersection)
S. 92 St. from W. Oklahoma Ave. to North City Limits
S. 100 St. from W. Madison Pl. to W. Schlinger Ave.
S. 101 St. from W. Madison Pl. to W. Greenfield Ave.
S. 108 St. from North City Limits to W. Morgan Ave.
S. 113 St. from W. Greenfield Ave. to W. Lapham St.
S. 116 St. from W. Lincoln Ave. to S. Curtis Rd.
S. 124 St. from North City Limits to W. Morgan Ave.
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 Ave.
W. Burnham St. from East City Limits to S. 66 St.
W. Cleveland Ave. from S. 84 St. to S. 124 St.
S. Curtis Rd. from S. 116 St. to North City Limits (W. Fairview Ave.)
W. Electric Ave. from W. Lincoln Ave. to East City Limits
W. Greenfield Ave. from S. 56 St. to S. 124 St.
W. Lapham St. from S. 108 St. to S. 113 St.
W. Lincoln Ave. 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 Ave. from East City Limits to S. 124 St.
W. Oklahoma Ave. from East City Limits to S. 116 St.
W. Schlinger Ave. 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 catchbasins 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.

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 will run though 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 will assist 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 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).

Transportation for Senior Citizens. The Lilac Bus is available to transport area senior citizens to and from social events, entertainment and local shopping areas. Weekly shopping trips are scheduled; reserve your seat now. Round trip fare is $3 per person. For more information, call Interfaith at 414-302-8711.

Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program – Congregate Lunch Meals. West Allis residents age 60 and over are invited to join one of the area senior meal programs. Lunch is generally served between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. at the following locations: West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave., phone: 302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92 St., phone: 840-1704. For more information, residents may contact the senior meal sites directly or they may call the Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program at 289-6995. Suggested donation is $2 per meal. Advance reservations are required to guarantee your meal. NOTE: The Meal Program is closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

SeniorCare Applications are available at the Senior Center. SeniorCare is the State of Wisconsin's prescription drug program designed to greatly reduce the cost of prescription drugs for the elderly. Call the SeniorCare Hotline at 1-800-657-2038.

Selected Events for January, February & March

Help with Homestead Forms. Monday afternoons by appointment, January 26 through April 27. Call 302-8700.

"Your Health" - A Breast Health Program. Medical professionals from St. Francis will provide an educational breast wellness program addressing the health factors, risk reduction and early detection of breast cancer on Tuesday, January 27, 9:30 a.m. Call 302-8700 to register.

Free Tax Help from AARP. Fridays beginning February 6 through April 10 by appointment only. Call 302-8700. AARP Volunteer Tax Aides will assist area seniors in filing basic tax forms and schedules, including the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ.

Knee, Hip & Pain Seminar. Conducted by Columbia St. Mary's health professionals on Wednesday, February 18, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Call 302-8700.

Annual Student Art Exhibit on display during the month of March. Students from area schools will have artwork on display at the Senior Center. Viewing hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m,

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Wii Bowling League. Monday afternoons, 12:30–2:00 p.m. Learn how to play one of the hottest video game systems on the market. Members only.

Jazz Appreciation Class. Meets twice a month on the first and third Fridays, 9-10:30 a.m. Class is free for members.

Dart Ball League. Monday mornings, 9:30 – 11 a.m. This recreational league meets for fun. Newcomers are always welcome. This program is offered to Senior Center members with a nominal weekly donation.

Ballroom Dance Class. This is an ongoing instructional class offered on Monday afternoons, 1–3 p.m. Popular ballroom, Latin and swing dance steps are taught by experienced dance instructor. Class is offered free to Senior Center members.

2010 CENSUS

The United States Census Bureau will open a Local Census Office in West Allis in the fall of 2009. The Census Bureau will be recruiting for multiple types of positions to assist with the census operations.

If you are interested in applying for these positions, visit the Census Bureau's website at http://www.census.gov.rochi/www/emply.html or call their toll-free number at 1-800-470-8896.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Milwaukee Bucks/Milwaukee County Libraries Read to Succeed Reading Challenge

This seven-week reading program for 3rd–10th graders leads to a FREE Bucks ticket at a "Read to Achieve" night after 500 pages are read. Randomly selected all-star readers will be part of the on-court introduction of the Bucks starting lineup and formally recognized at halftime. Third-sixth graders sign up at the Children's Department Information Desk. Seventh-tenth graders sign up at the Adult Department's Information Desk. Watch for the January start-up date!

Story Times

You may register in person or phone 302-8502 for all Story Time sessions listed below.

Afternoon Story Times for 3-4-5 Year Olds

(January Session) Mondays, January 5-January 26, 1:00-1:45 p.m. OR Tuesdays, January 6-January 27, 1:00-1:45 p.m.
(March Session) Mondays, March 2-March 23, 1:00-1:45 p.m. OR
Tuesdays, March 3-March 24, 1:00-1:45 p.m.
Children must be ages 3, 4, or 5 years old. Story times consist of stories, songs, finger-plays and activities. The adult who brings the child must stay in the library during the 45-minute session, but does not go into the Story Room with the child. Doors open the last 15 minutes for craft time with adult help. Advance registration is required.

Preschool Story Time (4 and 5 Year Olds)

(January Session) Tuesdays, January 6-January 27, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
(March Session) Tuesdays, March 3-March 24, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
The child must be at least four years old or turn four by the end of the four-week session. The adult who brings the child must stay in the library during the 45-minute story time session, but does not go into the Story Room with the child. Doors open the last 15 minutes for craft time with adult help. Advance registration is required.

Toddler and Me Story Time (2 Year Olds)

(January Session) Wednesdays, January 7-January 28, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:15-10:45 a.m.
(March Session) Wednesdays, March 4-March 25, 9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:15-10:45 a.m.
A four-week series of 30-minute sessions for two-year olds with an adult caretaker. Each session consists of stories, finger-plays, rhymes and songs. There will be an additional 10 minutes afterwards of playtime with age appropriate toys. Adults are active participants as they interact one-on-one with their child.

Morning Story Time for 3-4-5 Year Olds

Wednesdays, February 4-February 25
9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Children must be 3, 4, or 5 years old. Caretakers may choose to attend or not attend story time, but must remain in the building. Advance registration is required.

Three-Year Old Story Time

Tuesdays, February 3-February 24
6:30-7:00 p.m.
The child must be three or turn three by the end of the four-week session. Caretakers may choose to attend or not attend story time, but must remain in the building.

Lapsit Story Time (ages 6 months through 23 months)

Mondays, February 2-February 16
9:30-10:00 a.m.
For babies ages 6 months through 23 months with an adult caretaker. Adults are active participants as they interact one-on-one with their child.

Lapsit Story Time Plus (ages 6 months through age 2 years)

Thursdays, February 5-February 19
6:30-7:00 p.m.
For ages 6 months through 2 years with an adult caretaker. Adults are active participants as they interact one-on-one with their child. Each 20-minute lapsit session consists of stories, fingerplays, rhymes, and songs. There will be an additional 10 minutes afterwards of quiet time if you wish to stay and read to your child or watch your child play with age appropriate toys in the Story Room. Registration required.

Family Fun at the Library (Sundays)

Sunday, January 11, 2:00 p.m. - *Oatmeal! Oatmeal! What a Delight!* Come celebrate oatmeal—it will be quite a sight! Sound boring? Not at the West Allis Public Library. Come help celebrate National Oatmeal Month with stories, oatmeal play dough, and of course, cookies! All ages welcome. Numbers are available at the Children's Information Desk starting one hour before the program. Free.

Sunday, February 15, 2:00 p.m. – *Family Movie Day @ the Library.*
The library will offer a G or PG rated movie in the Children's Department Story Room. All ages welcome. Numbers are available at the Children's Information Desk starting at 1:00 p.m. Free.

Sunday, March 15, 2:00 p.m. – Theme to be announced.
For more information, check the Children's Department calendar on the West Allis Public Library website:
http://www.ci.west-allis.wi.us/library/library_childrens.htm.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will be CLOSED the following days:

Sunday, December 21
Sunday before Christmas
Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day
Sunday, December 28
Sunday after Christmas
Thursday, January 1, 2009
New Year's Day

SPECIAL HOURS–NEW YEAR'S EVE

The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

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 subject 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 12 Phyllis Gorell presents "Antarctica-Why Would I Go There?"
January 26 Al Muchka presents "The Great Ships of the Great Lakes"
February 9 "Cuba and Haiti" (DVD)
February 23 Tony Busalacchi presents "The Capital Cities of Europe"
March 9 "Discoveries…America: Wisconsin" (DVD)
March 23 "Polar Bears" (DVD)

Soup For Sale

Need a stocking stuffer?
How about soup?

Friendship Soup Mix continues to be a fundraiser for the operation of the historic Honey Creek Log School. Each "log" package contains a delicious blend of herbs, spices, dried vegetables and noodles. Just add water, beef and diced tomatoes for a hearty soup that will warm your tummy on a cold winter's night.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

FOR THE
4TH ANNUAL
SETTLER'S WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
11 AM - 6 PM
AND
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
11 AM - 4 PM

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE SPRING 2009.

Check out the City's website at
www.ci.west-allis.wi.us

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HELP WANTED

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 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 (116th 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 2008 Semester AND possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license.

Applications are available at www.ci.west-allis.wi.us or from Human Resources, City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, WI 53214, 414/302-8270. DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009, at 5:00 P.M.

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. 2009 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 1, 2009 on-line (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 27, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on hold for future consideration.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 3-4	Collect O-Rama	WI Products Pavilion
Jan. 3-4	Wonderful World of Weddings	WEC
Jan. 9-11	Golf Sale	Cream Puff Pavilion
Jan. 9-11	Woodworking Show	WEC
Jan. 16-25	Milwaukee Boat Show	WEC
Jan. 17	Pinball & Arcade Auction	WI Products Pavilion
Jan. 24	Mexican Dance	WI Products Pavilion
Jan. 28-29	CONEX	WEC
Jan. 31	Great Lakes Pet Expo	WEC
Jan. 31-Feb. 1	Great Lakes Multi Sports and Running Expo	WEC
Feb. 5-8	Milwaukee NARI Spring Home Improvement Show	WEC
Feb. 7	Gladiators Fight	WI Products Pavilion
Feb. 13-15	Musky Expo	WI Products Pavilion
Feb. 13-15	World of Wheels	WEC
Feb. 19-22	Milwaukee RV Show	WEC
Feb. 20-23	Duchow's RV and Boat Sale	WI Products Pavilion
Feb. 28-March 1	Winter Indian Pow Wow	WI Products Pavilion
Feb. 28-March 1	Wisconsin Kennel Club Dog Show	WEC
March 4-8	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show	WEC
March 7	Race Car Swap Meet	WI Products Pavilion
March 13-15	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Golf Show	WEC
March 21	Collect O-Rama	WI Products Pavilion
March 20-29	Realtors Home and Garden Show	WEC
March 28	Mexican Dance	WI Products Pavilion

SFP - Sate Fair Park **WEC** - Wisconsin Exposition Center

All dates and event information are subject to change.

Recorded information updated weekly	**1-800-884-FAIR**
Local Callers	**414/266-7188**
Cingular Cellular Callers	**# FAIR**
Wisconsin State Fair Park Administration Office	414/266-7000
Web Site	http://www.wistatefair.com
E-mail Address	wsfp@sfp.state.wi.us
Pettit National Ice Center	414/266-0100
Milwaukee Mile	414/453-8277
Wisconsin Exposition Center	414/727-8840

West Allis
2009 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 16 through October 9, 2009.
Do not place brush in the street.

No brush collections will be made on the holiday weeks of May 25, June 29, and September 7, 2009.

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.

* Flatten 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.)

* Do not use plastic bags for newspapers.

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.)

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