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NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY NIGHT

The WA/WM Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD) will once again host its annual New Year's Eve Family event on Thursday, December 31. The event will be held at Central H.S., 8521 W. Lincoln Ave., from 6:30-11:00 p.m. This fun-filled evening will include Music by a DJ, open swim, basketball, volleyball, large and small inflatable attractions, and a large rock-climbing wall. Two clowns will provide balloon art and face painting. A family-appropriate movie will also be shown in the school auditorium. There will be plenty of food and refreshments for a nominal fee. The admission fee to this event is free to CAAD members. Non-members can join CAAD the night of this event. For complete details and costs, please refer to the City of West Allis web site at www.ci.west-allis.wi.us or call the Crime Prevention Bureau at 414/302-8050.

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Residents may place yard waste materials such as flowers, vines, weeds, thatch, garden debris and leaves into the curb line of the street for collection from Sunday, September 20, through Sunday, November 15, 2009. Do not place materials in the curb line at any other time.

- Do not place materials for collection in drainage ditches, alleys, refuse containers, ash boxes or piles in your yard or driveway. Rake them into the street along the curb line forming a windrow (long low pile).
- If you do not have a curb on your street, place your materials along the roadway in a windrow.
- Open air burning of yard waste is not permitted in West Allis.
- To help prevent materials from blowing around, wet them down.
- Do not park vehicles along the curb line near or over yard waste piles.
- Do not place brush, woody plants and grass clippings in the yard waste windrows.
- Remove pots and soil from plants before placing in the curb line.

Help City workers help you! Following the above guidelines will provide residents of West Allis with better, faster and more efficient yard waste collection service. If you have any questions about this collection service, feel free to call the Sanitation and Street Division at 302-8800.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING FOR THE HOLIDAYS



- Our offices are closed and refuse and recycling will not be collected on Thursday, November 26, Friday, November 27, Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1, 2010.
- The Municipal Yard will be open to accept drop-off of materials on Saturday, November 28, and Saturday, December 26.
- 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.

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

If Your Regular

Collection Day Is:

Monday, November 23
Tuesday, November 24
Wednesday, November 25
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27

Monday, November 30
Tuesday, December 1
Wednesday, December 2
Thursday, December 3
Friday, December 4

Set Out Your Refuse

Or Recyclables On:

Monday, November 23
Monday, November 23*
Tuesday, November 24*
Wednesday, November 25*
Monday, November 30

Tuesday, December 1
Tuesday, December 1*
Wednesday, December 2*
Thursday, December 3*
Friday, December 4

Christmas And New Year Holiday Schedule

If Your Regular

Collection Day Is:

Monday, December 21
Tuesday, December 22
Wednesday, December 23
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25

Monday, December 28
Tuesday, December 29
Wednesday, December 30
Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1

Set Out Your Refuse

Or Recyclables On:

Monday, December 21
Monday, December 21*
Tuesday, December 22*
Wednesday, December 23*
Saturday, December 26

Monday, December 28
Monday, December 28*
Tuesday, December 29*
Wednesday, December 30*
Thursday, December 31

*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.

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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST OF THANKS & GIVING

The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation is once again sponsoring a Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving on Monday, November 23, at 7:15 a.m. The breakfast will be held at Klemmer's Banquet Center, 10401 West Oklahoma Ave. This year's guest speaker is Rev. Susan Lockman of First United Methodist Church.

This event is an expression of the community's spirit of thanks and giving and is an opportunity to help the less fortunate in our community. Proceeds from the breakfast are donated to West Allis food pantries.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available after October 15 at West Allis City Hall or from any of the Foundation's directors. Call 414/302-8292 for further information.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26

Day After Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2010

See Page 6 for Library Holiday Hours.
See Page 1 for P.W.-Municipal Yard holiday schedule.

NOTE: There will be no refuse and recycling collection on Thursday, November 26, Friday, November 27, Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1, 2010 due to the holidays. Crews may work ahead or fall behind their normal collection during these weeks.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

As of printing of this Newsletter, the City of West Allis Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Come join us for Christmas carols, a community sing along, and lighting of the Christmas Tree.

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION BENEFITS FOOD PANTRIES



Once again, the City is sponsoring a holiday food pantry collection as part of its Christmas Tree Lighting Program. West Allis children are invited to drop off a non-perishable food item at City Hall, the West Allis Library, Senior Center, or Fire Stations No. 1 (7330 W. National Ave.), No. 2 (2040 S. 67 Pl.) and No. 3 (10830 W. Lapham St.), and put their name in the entry box for a chance to have it drawn as the child who will light the Christmas Tree with the Mayor on Tuesday, November 17.

Join in the fun and help a needy cause. Items will be accepted October 5-October 30.



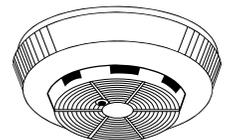
MEET 'N TREAT

Meet 'n Treat in West Allis will be Saturday, October 31, 1-3 p.m. Extra care should be taken by all vehicular traffic during this time to provide safety for children while they are out.

As a reminder, all residents are encouraged to light their porch/post light if they are participating in Meet 'n Treat. Parents and children are asked to respect those places where the light is not lit by not stopping at that location.



"CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY" NOVEMBER 1, 2009



The National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommend that consumers change the battery in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when we change the clocks for Daylight Saving Time.

In spite of recent news events about children sleeping through smoke alarms (detectors), smoke alarms and home escape planning are still a vital part of survival from fire. Smoke alarms have been and still are the cornerstone of fire safety technology in the home.

Families need to remember that while technology is an integral part of the process, the maintenance of that technology (e.g., regular testing, replacing batteries, etc.) and incorporating planning and participation in their use will be the key to saving lives.

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2009

**For more information on fire safety,
visit www.firepreventionweek.org or www.sparky.org**

2008 FLOOD FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce received Community Development Block Grant—Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP) federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to financially aid victims of the June 2008 flooding. The City of West Allis was awarded CDBG-EAP funds to help its citizens pay for the costs incurred from the June 2008 flood damage. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Applicants' wages must be at or below the following household income levels:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Level</u>
<u>1 person</u>	<u>\$39,600</u>
<u>2 person</u>	<u>\$45,250</u>
<u>3 person</u>	<u>\$50,900</u>
<u>4 person</u>	<u>\$56,550</u>
<u>5 person</u>	<u>\$61,050</u>
<u>6 person</u>	<u>\$65,600</u>
<u>7 person</u>	<u>\$70,100</u>
<u>8 person</u>	<u>\$74,650</u>



Funds may be used to pay for costs associated with damage sustained from the June 2008 flood, whether damage has already been repaired (applicants will be reimbursed) or still needs to be repaired. Funds may cover the costs for the following work: dwelling structure, foundation, floors, walls, roof, furnace, water heater, electrical and plumbing; grading, filling and basic landscaping of housing site; repair/replacement of water and sanitary sewer, electric and gas connections to the housing unit; sump pumps; and back-flow device/protection on water and sanitary laterals. Non-eligible work includes, but is not limited to: repair/replacement of washer, dryer, personal property, and cleaning.

To apply for the funds allocated to the City of West Allis, please visit www.ci.west-allis.wi.us. Applications may also be found at City Hall—Community Development Division/Housing, the West Allis Library, or requested via phone at 414-302-8430.



FRIENDSHIP SOUP FOR SALE

A popular fundraiser for the continued operation of the historic Honey Creek Log School is Friendship Soup Mix. Each "log" package contains a

delicious blend of herbs, spices, dried vegetables and noodles. Just add water, beef and diced tomatoes for a hearty soup that will please the palate.

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

TWO FOR THE SHOW

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



Where: West Allis Health Department
7120 W. National Avenue

When: Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Times: 8:30–11:00 a.m.
3:00–6:00 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.

MAILBOXES

NO MATCH FOR A SNOW PLOW



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

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

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

Information on the specifics of mail/newspaper box location can be received by calling the Sanitation and Street Division at 302-8800, weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Due to the heavy rains that caused extensive flooding in West Allis in 2008 and 2009, we would like to clear up some confusion about flood insurance. West Allis participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); therefore, homeowners may purchase flood insurance. Most flood insurance is written through NFIP, which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This website should explain and answer your general questions, <http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart>, and your insurance agent should be able to answer your individual questions.

The Engineering Department is continuing to look into areas that had flooding. We will be reporting our findings to the Common Council and residents affected in the upcoming months.

POLLUTED URBAN RUNOFF-- EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM

Concern over urban runoff in recent years has resulted in the City of West Allis increasing its efforts to minimize the problems associated with runoff. What is runoff? Quite simply, runoff is rain water or water from melting snow that flows off a surface rather than being absorbed. Since urban areas are highly developed and therefore have a high amount of paved and other impervious surfaces, there is a disproportionately high amount of water runoff in urban areas when compared to rural areas. The problem with all of this runoff water is that it frequently contains a variety of pollutants that eventually end up in streams, rivers and lakes. Typical urban pollutants include sediment, nutrients, oxygen demanding materials, bacteria and toxic pollutants such as heavy metals.

To minimize the amount of pollutants entering into the storm sewer system and eventually being transported to Lake Michigan, the City has implemented a rather intensive street sweeping program. Using both mechanical sweepers and vacuum sweepers, major thoroughfares are swept weekly and residential streets are swept biweekly. In addition, the City has stepped up its efforts to remove debris that collects in the sumps at the bottom of street catch basins. Finally, a recently passed ordinance requires larger scale developments and/or redevelopments in the City to prepare and have approved a stormwater management plan for the parcel.

While these types of large-scale activities undertaken by the City will make some impact, every resident can also assist in dealing with this problem. Here are some ways an individual can help: recycle oil; direct home downspouts onto lawns where the water can be absorbed; rather than hosing down a driveway, sweep paved areas to keep waste and debris out of street catch basins; keep your car tuned and repair leaks; limit fertilizer and pesticide use; leave grass clippings on your lawn; clean up your pet waste; dispose of toxic waste properly; wash your car on the lawn or at a car wash to prevent the soapy water from entering street catch basins; and, consider constructing a rain garden.

Urban runoff pollution is something that each and every one of us must make a conscious effort to control. Our efforts today will ensure clean water for years to come.

SEWER BACK-UP? WHOSE PROBLEM IS IT?

In West Allis, there are almost 200 miles of sanitary sewer main that the City maintains. What most people don't realize is there are considerably more miles of sanitary sewer that are owned and maintained by individual property owners. Each property owner in West Allis owns their sewer lateral from their home or business to the City sewer main, as is the case in many other communities. This can cause some confusion when sewer problems occur.

In the event of a sewer back-up in your home or business, it must be determined if it is the City sewer causing the back-up or if the problem is in the sewer service to the property. This determination can be made quickly by contacting the Sanitation and Street Division at 302-8800 and informing them of the problem while it is happening. If you have a problem outside of the regular working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays, you may call the West Allis Police Department at their non-emergency number of 302-8000. They will get in touch with the person on call for the Department of Public Works. The sewer main will be checked to determine if there is a problem in the main. If there is, the City will take action immediately to resolve the problem. If the problem is in the private sewer service, it is the property owner's responsibility to take care of the problem.

If it is determined there is a problem in your sewer service, you need to take immediate steps to resolve the problem. Call a reputable plumber to correct the problem, and if possible, get estimates from more than one plumber. Also, it is a good idea to have your service televised to determine the condition of the line and see exactly what the problem is. Some plumbers do not offer televising. If they do, you should find out the price of this service. Most sewer service back-ups are caused by blockages in the line and can be cleared by "snaking out" the line. There are cases where the line is collapsing or failing in some way and requires more extensive repairs. Be sure to find out what all the options are for repairing the problem.

If your service line must be dug up to be repaired, your contractor will obtain the proper permits from the City and the City will have an inspector on site during the excavation to determine the cause of the failure and ensure that it is properly repaired. Digging a sewer service to make a repair can be very expensive and it is the owner's responsibility to pay for the contractor's repairs. The City inspector will make sure that if the damage was caused by other utility work done by the City or if the failure is on the City-owned connection at the main, the cost for repair will be appropriately reimbursed.

Many people are not insured for sewer lateral failures. The average cost for a sewer repair in the street is over \$8,000. Some repairs have even exceeded \$30,000. For the average homeowner this kind of expense can be difficult. It may be a good idea to check your homeowner's insurance policy to see if your sewer and water services are covered. Most insurance companies can add coverage for sewer and water laterals to your policy for a relatively small increase in your annual premium.

Thankfully, only a few sanitary sewer back-ups occur each year. When they do happen, it is good to be prepared.

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 plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow or ice from your property onto their property. It is a small request, but a greatly appreciated one.

EMERGENCY THOROUGHFARES

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



TIPS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM YOUR PROPERTY

- Snow should be removed from the public sidewalk to a width of at least three feet within 24 hours of the ending of a snowfall.
- The area around fire hydrants and catch basins should be cleared.
- Curb ramps, the portion of the public sidewalk that leads to the street crosswalk area, are considered a portion of the public sidewalk and therefore should also be cleared.
- Sand, salt or other abrasive materials should be applied if ice has formed 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

RENOVATION UPDATE

Over the past few months, the library has undergone some exciting changes. Stop by and “check out” the new carpeting, automated inside returns, and express pick-up location for held items. Sign up for a library card at the new Circulation Desk. Browse the library for DVDs, CDs, recorded books, and bestsellers that can be checked out using the newly installed self-check stations. These patron-friendly innovations were made possible with funding from the generous bequest of Irv H. Terchak (Irv H. Terchak Library Endowment Fund).

But we’re not done yet...

By the end of the year, the entire main floor will be re-carpeted, additional AV shelving will be installed, a self-checkout station will be available in the Children’s Department, and a software program that allows patrons to pay fines/fees at the self-check stations will be implemented.

To thank our patrons for their patience during this transition, and to celebrate 20 years at our present location, the library (with help from the Friends of the West Allis Public Library) is planning a party this fall with back room tours, demonstrations, and refreshments. Date to be announced—watch for more information about this event.

SUNDAY HOURS

Beginning Sunday, October 4, the library will again be open from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Sunday is family day at the library! It is a wonderful time for all ages to visit.

“HEALTHY AGING” PROGRAM PLANNED FOR ADULTS

What comes to mind when the word “aging” is mentioned? What do you fear most about aging? The library will present an interactive discussion on the topic of “Healthy Aging” on Monday, November 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Constitution Room. Join us and our presenter, Marge Hendrickson, R.N., Senior Resource Coordinator, Aurora Health Care, for a discussion that will include: the definitions of aging, the normal aging process, and information about what we can do to help us remain healthy as we grow older. This program is open to all. No advance reservations are required. For more information, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 414/302-8500.

LIBRARY LEISURE TIMERS

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

October 12

Joan Jass presents “George & Elizabeth Peckham, Wisconsin’s World Renowned Spider Experts” (computer slides)

October 26

“Scenic Scotland” (DVD)

November 9

Tony Busalacchi presents “Cruise on the Danube: Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, and More” (slides)

December 14

Tony Busalacchi presents “Nativity in Art” (slides)
No programs on November 23 or December 28 due to the Holidays.

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Family Fun at the Library - Sunday, October 11

“Almost Scary Stories” 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Free.

Big green monsters aren’t real! Scary ghosts don’t exist! But Sunday story hour at the library just can’t be missed! Join us for stories, games, and a craft. All ages welcome. Free. Numbers available in the Children’s Department starting at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Family Story Time - Tuesday, December 8

“Wintertime Jammie Jam” 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Winter and bedtime stories, a craft, and activities. All ages welcome. Numbers available in the Children’s Department starting at 5:30 p.m. Feel free to come in pajamas!

Story Times

All story times at the West Allis Public Library are free to Milwaukee County residents. Registrations are accepted in person or by calling 414/302-8502. Enrollment is limited.

Lapsit Story Times

Mondays, Nov. 9, 16, and 23 (for ages 9 to 23 months) 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, and 19 (for ages 9 to 35 months) 6:30-7:00 p.m.
A 20-minute session for babies and toddlers with an adult caretaker. Each session consists of stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs. The last 10 minutes of each session consists of playtime with age appropriate toys. Adults are active participants as they interact one-on-one with their child.

Toddler and Me Story Time for Two-Year-Olds

Wednesdays, October 14-Nov. 4, 9:30-10:00 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m.
A four-week series of 20-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 for your child to play with developmentally appropriate toys. Adults are active participants.

Three-Year Old Story Time

Tuesdays, November 10-December 1, 6:30-7:00 p.m.
The child must be three or turn three by the end of the four-week session. The adult who brings the child may choose to attend or not attend story time but must stay in the library during the session.

Pre-School Story Time for 3, 4, and 5 Year Olds

Mondays, October 12-November 2, 1:00-1:45 p.m. (with craft)
Tuesdays, October 13-November 3, 1:00-1:45 p.m. (with craft)
Wednesdays, Nov. 11-Dec. 2-9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:15-10:45 a.m.
These multi-age story times are for children ages 3, 4, or 5 years old and consist of stories, songs, finger plays, and activities. The adult who brings the child may choose to attend or not attend story time but must stay in the library during the session.

Story Times for 4 and 5 Year Olds

Tuesdays, October 13-November 3, 6:30-7:15 p.m. (with craft)
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 may choose to attend or not attend story time but must stay in the library during the session.

Vote For Books Week, November 8-14, 2009

- New books, paperbacks, DVDs, CDs, and Books-on-Tape available.
- Free bookmarks.
- Daily drawing of names for free Scholastic paperbacks.
- 6 • Vote for your favorite picture book Golden Archer Award nominees.

WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER NEWS

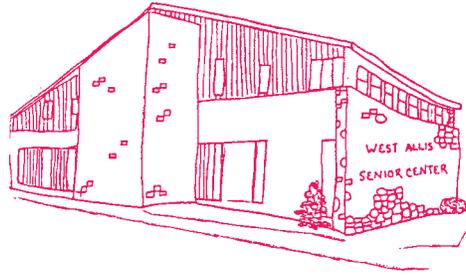
The West Allis Senior Center is located at 7001 W. National Avenue. Hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Closed Holidays and weekends. Phone: 414/302-8700, Fax: 414/302-8701.

Membership at the West Allis Senior Center is open to anyone age 55 or older. The membership year runs September 1 through August 31. Annual membership fees are \$12 for residents and \$17 for nonresidents. The Senior Center offers a wide variety of weekly classes and activities along with many special events and informational programs throughout the year.

Transportation for Senior Citizens. The Lilac Bus schedules group rides for older adults to local social events and to local shopping areas. Four trips a month are scheduled. Round trip fare is \$3.00. For more information, call 414-302-8715.

Hunger Task Force's Stockbox Program is dedicated to providing healthy foods to individuals who meet residency, age, and income guidelines. For more information, 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."

Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program – Congregate Lunch Meals for West Allis residents age 60 and over. Lunch is generally served at 11:30 am at the West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave., phone: 414-302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92 St., phone: 414-840-1704. Advance reservations are required to guarantee your meal. Suggested donation is \$2/meal. For more information, contact the meal sites directly or call the Milwaukee County Senior Meal Program at 414-289-6995.



**Selected Events for
October, November & December**
“Five Wishes” Living Will/Advance Directives for Health Care with Marge Hendrickson, RN on Thursday, October 8, 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration required. Call 414-302-8700. All attending will receive a complimentary copy of “Five Wishes.”

Bangles, Baubles & Beads Boutique. Saturday, November 21, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A Fundraiser featuring Multiple Vendors, Sweet Shoppe, Huge Selection of Secondhand & Vintage Jewelry, Raffles & Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Handmade Beaded Jewelry, Home Décor and Gift Items, Music provided by Gary's Classic Entertainment, Refreshments, including Complimentary Sparkling Cider. Free Admission. Interested vendors should contact the Senior Center at 414-302-8700 for more information.

Holiday Chorus Concert. Friday, December 11, 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to the “Young At Heart” free holiday choral concert. Social with cookies and coffee follows the event.

Spanish Teacher Wanted. The Senior Center is seeking a volunteer Spanish Language Teacher to teach an ongoing class at the center. Contact Denise Koenig at 414-302-8700.

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Classes and activities offered at the West Allis Senior Center. Call 414-302-8700 for additional information.

Red Hat Groups. Two member groups host monthly business meetings to plan outings and special events. Current openings for both the Rambling Roses and Crimson Chapeaus groups. Additional fee to join.

Fitness Classes. Group fitness sessions featuring low-intensity aerobics and gentle stretching are held on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. A Tai Chi Group meets on Monday mornings. A fitness program utilizing weight-lifting equipment, treadmills and recumbent bikes is also available.

Computer Classes. The Senior Center offers basic computer instruction along with training in digital photography and Internet surfing. Stop in and fill out a Computer Assessment Form.

Art & Craft Classes. Knitting and Crocheting, Quilting, Floral Design, Acrylic Painting, Japanese Temari, Stained Glass, Plastic Canvas & more offered weekly.

Bowling Leagues. Wednesday afternoons. Contact the Bowling Leader at 414-778-1785. Subs are always welcome.

Dart Ball for Fun. Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Come and learn how to play.

Pocket Billiards. Members play Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. and pay a nominal 25¢ per session.

Cards & Games. Bridge, Sheepshead, Pinochle, Cribbage & more. Call the Center for specific days and times.

Dance Classes. Ballroom Dance Mondays, 1:30 p.m.

Nightingale's Group Sing-A-Long. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

You Are Not Alone is a group for older adults who want to remain alcohol and drug free. Meets Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

Depends on You – AA® for the Older Adult group meets Thursdays, 2:00 p.m.

Weight Loss Zone. 10-week sessions. Call for current class information.

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended our National Night Out on July 27, 2009 at the Farmer's Market! It was another successful year despite some threatening weather. We were able to include many activities due to the financial support of our major sponsor, **Aurora West Allis Medical Center**, along with a host of other sponsors, donators, community groups, businesses, organizations, volunteers and anyone who contributed in a large or small way. A **very special THANK YOU to each and every one**; your time and support are greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you! **On Tuesday, July 28, McGruff visited approximately 64 neighborhood block parties.**



WHEEL TAX

The City of West Allis does NOT have a wheel tax. Please carefully review your license plate renewal form before sending in your payment. The annual license plate renewal fee is \$75.

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 to verify the address on the renewal form.

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 (press 5) or send a written request for a refund to:

Department of Transportation
 Research and Information
 P.O. Box 8070
 Madison, WI 53708-8070

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



The remaining mobile collection site for household hazardous waste is scheduled for:

State Fair Park, Gate 8 (off South 76 Street)

Friday, October 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Three permanent sites open year round are located at:

Milwaukee, 3879 West Lincoln Avenue

Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Menomonee Falls, W124N9451 Boundary Road

Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Franklin, 10518 South 124 Street

Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

These mobile and permanent sites are for **Milwaukee County Residents** to bring items that should not be disposed of with their garbage, poured down the drain or burned.

Common items accepted are fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based paint, button and rechargeable batteries, fertilizer, solvent-based cleaners, oven cleaner and thermometers. Items not accepted are car batteries, explosives/fireworks, prescription drugs, tires and appliances (washers, refrigerators, clothes dryers, etc.)

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

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VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct. 1-31	HauntFest (hours/admission TBD)	Cream Puff pavilion
Oct. 1-31	Halloween Express	N Parking Lot
Oct. 6-8	Wisconsin Machine Tool Show	Wis. Expo Center
Oct. 16-17	Hazardous Waste Collection	N Parking Lot
Oct. 16-18	Snowmobile USA Show	Wis. Exp Center
Oct. 24-25	Rummage O Rama	Wis. Products Pavilion
Nov. 7	Gladiators Fight	Wis. Products Pavilion
Nov. 14-15	Trainfest	Wis. Expo Center
Nov. 14	Super Auctions	Wis. Products Pavilion
Nov. 20-22	Holiday Folk Fair International	Wis. Expo Center
Nov. 27-29	Holiday Craft & Gift Expo	Wis. Expo Center
Dec. 12-13	Hmong New Year Celebration	Wis. Expo Center

All dates and event information are subject to change.

All events held at Wisconsin State Fair Park are subject to parking fee.

Recorded information updated weekly	1-800-884-FAIR
Wisconsin State Fair Park Administration Office	414/266-7000
Web Site	http://www.wistatefair.com
E-Mail Address	wsfp@wisconsin.gov
Pettit National Ice Center	414/266-0100
Milwaukee Mile	414/453-5761
Wisconsin Exposition Center	414/727-8840

Seasonal and Novel H1N1 Flu

Questions and Answers

Fall marks the beginning of the flu season and both seasonal and the novel H1N1 influenza will be affecting all of us. To protect ourselves, and our families, from influenza it is important that all of us take steps to reduce our risk for developing illness and minimize the risk of spreading it to others if we do become ill. Below are some questions and answers about flu and the action steps you can take to stay healthy this flu season.

What is the flu?

The flu (influenza) is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by influenza viruses. Flu viruses cause illness, hospital stays and deaths in the United States each year. There are many different flu viruses and sometimes a new flu virus emerges to make people sick.

What is novel H1N1 flu?

Novel H1N1 flu is a new and very different influenza virus that is spreading worldwide among people. This new virus was called "swine flu" at first because it has pieces of flu viruses found in pigs in the past. However, novel H1N1 virus has not been detected in U.S. pigs.

Influenza is unpredictable, but scientists believe that the new H1N1 virus will cause illness, hospital stays and deaths in the United States over the coming months. This flu season, the new virus may cause a lot more people to get sick than during a regular flu season. It also may cause more hospital stays and deaths than seasonal flu.

How serious is the flu?

The flu can be very serious, especially for younger children and children of any age who have one or more chronic medical conditions. These conditions include asthma or other lung problems, diabetes, weakened immune systems, kidney disease, heart problems and neurological and neuromuscular disorders. These conditions can result in more severe illness from influenza, including the new H1N1 virus.

How does flu spread?

Both novel H1N1 flu and seasonal flu are thought to spread mostly from person to person through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with influenza. People also may get sick by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

What are the symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of seasonal flu and novel H1N1 flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea.

How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?

People infected with seasonal and novel H1N1 flu shed virus and may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to 5 to 7 days after. This can be longer in some people, especially children and people with weakened immune systems and in people infected with novel H1N1 flu.

Is there a vaccine to protect us from H1N1 flu?

A vaccine against novel H1N1 flu is being produced and will be available in the coming months as an option for the prevention of the new H1N1 flu. A vaccine against seasonal flu is available each fall and winter.

Is there medicine to treat the flu?

There are drugs, called antiviral drugs, which can treat both seasonal flu and the new H1N1 flu. These drugs can make people feel better and get better sooner. But they need to be prescribed by a doctor and they work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. These drugs can be given to children. The priority use for these drugs is to treat people who are seriously ill or who have a medical condition that puts them at high risk of serious flu complications.

What should I do if my child or I get sick?

If you or a family member are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine. Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick. Consult your doctor as needed and make sure you or your ill family member gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is younger than 5, or a child regardless of age who has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or a neurologic problem and they develop flu-like symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, call your doctor or get medical attention. This is because younger children and children who have chronic medical conditions (like asthma or diabetes) may be at higher risk of serious complications from influenza infection, including the new H1N1. Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

What if my child or I seem very sick?

Even people who have always been healthy before or had the flu before can get a severe case of flu. Call your doctor or seek emergency care right away if you have:

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| Fast breathing or trouble breathing | Bluish or gray skin color |
| Not drinking enough fluids | Severe or persistent vomiting |
| Not waking up or difficulty staying awake | Chest pain or pressure |
| Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough | |

What steps can I take to prevent getting the flu?

Get a seasonal flu vaccine for yourself and your family to protect against seasonal flu viruses.

Take everyday steps to prevent the spread of all flu viruses. This includes:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. *
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Teach your children to take these actions too.
- Try to avoid having close contact (about 6 feet) with sick people, including anyone in the household who is sick. Throw away tissues and other disposable items used by sick persons in your household in the trash.
- Keep surfaces like tables, surfaces in the bathroom, kitchen counters and toys for children clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant according to directions on the product label.
- Stay home if you are ill with a fever and have other symptoms of influenza

**Though the scientific evidence is not as extensive as that on hand washing and alcohol-based sanitizers, other hand sanitizers that do not contain alcohol may be useful for killing flu germs on hands in settings where alcohol-based products are prohibited.*

Information adapted from CDC http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/pan_flu_brochure.pdf

Websites to check for influenza updates:

<http://www.flu.gov/> <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> <http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov/>

or contact the West Allis Health Department at 302-8600

HANDLING YOUR YARD WASTE IN 2009

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 other wastes. 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

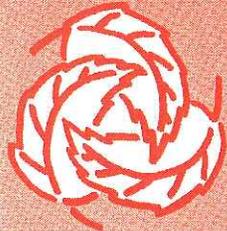
- Yard waste includes leaves, weeds, thatch, flowers, vines and other non-fruit or vegetable matter.
- Spring** collection of yard waste is April 12 through April 26, 2009.
- Fall** collection of yard waste is September 20 through November 15, 2009.
- Yard waste should be placed in the curb-line of the street only during the designated dates listed above.
- DO NOT MIX BRUSH INTO THE YARD WASTE PILES.**
- Yard waste can be composted on-site* or disposed of, without charge, at a drop-off center. (Please see locations and operating hours on reverse side.)
- REMOVE POTS AND SOIL FROM POTTED PLANTS BEFORE PLACING IN THE CURB-LINE.**

GRASS CLIPPINGS

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

HOME COMPOSTING:

Reap a heap of benefits



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

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

2009 BRUSH* COLLECTION

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

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

- The City will provide every other week collection of small amounts of resident-generated brush, up to 1½ cubic yards, from March 16 through October 9. 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 25, JUNE 29 AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2009.**
- Residents should place their brush at the curb on the same day as their recycling collection. Large pieces of brush, up to five feet in length, should be bundled and stacked between the sidewalk and the curb, not in the street. Small pieces of brush must be contained in boxes or cans marked "BRUSH" and the address called in to ensure collection. Do not use plastic bags.
- Amounts larger than 1½ cubic yards require special handling and charge. Please call the Sanitation and Street Division at **302-8800**. Permits are available at no charge for residents to take brush to a drop-off site.

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

DROP-OFF MATERIALS	<u>MUNICIPAL YARD</u> 6300 West McGeoch Avenue	<u>WEST END-MORGAN SITE</u> South 116 Street-south of Morgan
		7:15-3:00 – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:15-5:00 – Wednesday 8:00-3:30 – Saturday CLOSED: January 1 May 23 and 25 July 3 and 4 September 5 and 7 November 26 and 27 December 24 and 25 January 1, 2010
Yard Waste (weeds, thatch, garden debris, leaves, etc.) NO GRASS CLIPPINGS	ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED
Computers (including screen, CPU, printer, keyboard, mouse)	ACCEPTED	NOT 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	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)	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).



(Both events take place on Greenfield Ave. from 70th to 76th Streets & Adjacent Side Streets)

Greenfield Avenue
between 70th &
76th Streets will be
closed to traffic
during this event.

19TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN WEST ALLIS CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2008
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

★ Over 350 Classic Cars! ★ Music! ★ Food!

Fun for the Whole Family!!

Open to all Vehicles thru 1989! To register log onto: www.DowntownWestAllis.org



DOWNTOWN
WEST ALLIS
MEET & TREAT



Downtown West Allis Meet & Treat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 2008
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

- Come in costume and receive treats from the Downtown West Allis merchants!
- Donations of non-perishable food items will go to a local food pantry.
- Registration and food item drop-offs at various locations along Greenfield Avenue
- Open for ages: infant – 12 year olds. (Accompanied by an adult)

Please visit only merchants who have indicated that they are participating by the orange pumpkin on their front door.



West Allis Charities, Inc.

A Gem in the Community - since 1964

Volume 1, Issue 4 - August 2009

Community

What have we been up to the past few months?

We have been giving money back to the community and having a great time doing it!

Our annual bowling tournament was loads of fun for everyone. We raised over \$8,700 for Sam Koenig's continued medical and living needs. Bowlers came from all over Wisconsin to participate. It was a day the Koenig family will remember for the rest of their lives. Sam even won a couple of the 50/50 cash raffles!

The Old Timers Baseball Association helps the West Allis Recreation Department raise funds toward the cost of t-shirts and equipment needed for a successful baseball

program for kids. We contributed \$2,000 to the program, because we believe every child deserves a chance to participate. It is also an avenue for kids to learn new skills, understand what it means to work as a team, and make new friends.

After graduation, many high school seniors will be off to college. Education is such an important part of success. We feel very strongly about making sure we can provide scholarships. We gave a total of \$5,000 to deserving students from West Allis Nathan Hale and West Allis Central High Schools. All the students receiving

scholarships were involved in their community, were academically strong, and had a financial need.

We are fortunate to be able to continue our mission in support of our *Five Project Focus*.

We cannot do it without the help of our Friends!

Take part in your community...Join Us as a Friend of the West Allis Charities!



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

Meetings & Fundraisers

- Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month at West Allis City Hall, 76th & Greenfield Avenue
- The 1st Saturday of each month presents an opportunity for you to grab a quick, inexpensive meal and contribute to the Charities by purchasing a hot dog lunch at Majdecki Sentry on HWY 100 & Cleveland Ave.

What's Coming Up?

Did you know for over 20 years the West Allis Charities has been funding (with sponsorship help) and producing the Christmas Parade each year?

\$10,000 - \$12,000 is the cost of the parade. We have \$2,500, which we did fundraising for. We not only need funds to continue the parade, but we need people, who want to learn how to organize and run the parade, to step for-

ward to eventually take it over. We are asking for the community to come together - individuals and business people - to keep the holiday tradition in our city. *We need you...all of you.*

To be true to our mission and community, we can no longer use our charitable funds for a parade.



“A community’s strength can be measured by how well every individual takes responsibility for themselves, helping each other, and the environment for which they live. Our projects provide a defined choice and an opportunity for everyone to take action toward a cause they believe in. Remember...your contributions stay in West Allis.”

Friends of the West Allis Charities Contribution, Community Partner, and Membership Drive

Pick your project...any or all.

It is up to you.

You have the power to make a difference for yourself and others in the community.

Project Health: supporting nutrition, medical, dental, and vision needs.

Project Living: supporting improved living conditions by means of food, select household items, some utilities, and physical impairment devices.

Project Literacy &

Education: supporting individuals through scholarships and programs, which will improve reading, writing, speech, and mathematics.

Project Safety: supporting programs working toward the elimination of abuse & violent crimes.

Project Connect: bringing businesses, groups, and organizations together to establish a network of support for each other’s mission and to jointly raise funds for parallel and complementing programs.

We are committed to improving the quality of life in the West Allis community. *If each person, who reads our newsletter, were to donate a minimum of \$5.00, we would be able to increase the chances of not having to turn away someone seeking our help in an unfavorable situation.*

Our Contact Information:

PO Box 14544

West Allis, WI 53214

Bill Potocic -President (414-778-0760)

westallischarities@yahoo.com

Thank You

*Take time to volunteer.
It is good for your health
and beneficial to the
lives of others.*

Friends of the West Allis Charities

Print Full Name: _____
Print Street Address: _____
Print City, State, & Postal Code: _____
Best Phone #: _____ **Time to Call:** _____
Print E-mail Address: _____

We do not sell, barter, trade, or give out your personal information.

____ Yes, I would like to make a monetary contribution.

Project Name: _____ **Dollar Amount:** \$ _____

Project Name: _____ **Dollar Amount:** \$ _____

____ Yes, I would like to become a volunteer. Please contact me.

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