

Newsletter



October, November & December 2013

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are seeking volunteers to serve the Community!

West Allis has a variety of committees, commissions, and boards that assist in the operation of many functions of the City. Input by residents adds positive value to our community by helping us effectively administer City services. Additionally, the citizens provide a broad perspective of ideas, talents, and interests.

Visit the City's website at www.westalliswi.gov and look under Residents/Citizen Advisory Committees for more information, and complete an application form if you are interested. You may also call the Mayor's Office (414)302-8290 for an informational brochure which provides a list of committees, and describes the purpose of the group, the assigned meeting time, and term of appointment.

NEW CITY ORDINANCE

Are you aware of changes to the City's refuse ordinance? The Department of Public Works is getting the job done.



The City has amended the Municipal Code Book, Section 7.05 REFUSE COLLECTION, to give the City permission to deliver a new cart and put the charge on the property owner's tax bill for any property that has two refuse violations within a one year period. Please see the Online West Allis Revised Municipal Code on the City website or call the Sanitation and Street Office at (414)302-8800.

We know this will aid us in keeping the City of West Allis clean.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28

Day After Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25

New Year's Day 2014
Wednesday, January 1, 2014

See Page 7 for Library Holiday Hours.

City of West Allis Offices are open for Columbus Day (observed Monday, October 14) and Veterans Day (Monday, November 11)

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- The Municipal Yard is closed for drop-off, its offices are closed, and refuse and recycling will not be collected on Thursday, November 28; Friday, November 29, Tuesday, December 24; Wednesday, December 25; and Wednesday, January 1, 2014.
- The Municipal Yard will be open to accept drop-off materials on Saturday, November 30, and Saturday, December 28.
- 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:	Set Out Your Refuse Or Recyclables On:
Monday, November 25	Monday, November 25
Tuesday, November 26	Monday, November 25*
Wednesday, November 27	Tuesday, November 26*
Thursday, November 28	Wednesday, November 27*
Friday, November 29	Monday, December 2
Monday, December 2	Tuesday, December 3
Tuesday, December 3	Tuesday, December 3*
Wednesday, December 4	Wednesday, December 4*
Thursday, December 5	Thursday, December 5*
Friday, December 6	Friday, December 6

Christmas And New Year Holiday Schedule

If Your Regular Collection Day Is:	Set Out Your Refuse Or Recyclables On:
Monday, December 23	Monday, December 23
Tuesday, December 24	Monday, December 23*
Wednesday, December 25	Thursday, December 26*
Thursday, December 26	Friday, December 27*
Friday, December 27	Saturday, December 28
Monday, December 30	Monday, December 30
Tuesday, December 31	Monday, December 30*
Wednesday, January 1	Tuesday, December 31*
Thursday, January 2	Thursday, January 2*
Friday, January 3	Friday, January 3

*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.



**FALL YARD
WASTE COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 15 -
NOVEMBER 10, 2013**

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 15, through Sunday, November 10, 2013. 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, call the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800, Monday through Friday, from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.

CLERK/TREASURER OFFICE NEWS

Plan Ahead For Property Taxes

Prepayments on property taxes can be made anytime at the Treasurer's Office. Property tax bills for real estate and personal business property will be mailed by December 14. The due date for all tax bills is January 31 with an optional three-payment plan for the real estate tax.

Payment methods include:

- √ In-person payments at West Allis area Tri City National Banks including Pick N Save locations until January 31.
- √ Online automated checking withdrawal through our website.
- √ Credit card payments via our website or phone 855-288-0677 (2.5% fee to processor).
- √ Payments placed in Depository Box adjacent to the main doors on the south side of City Hall.
- √ Mail or in-person payments at City Hall.

Please note that City Hall is **closed December 24 and December 25** this year.

Online Water And Tax Payments

For both water and property tax payments, making online payments directly from our website is truly "green." Water and sewer payments can be made by credit card via our website or phone 855-288-0678. The funds are wired to our account and uploaded into our system. Payments are never lost or delayed. When you make bill payments through your bank's online program, the bank cuts a check and mails it. Payments made this way can take several days to be received and posted. Also, if the memo or account information is inaccurate, posting problems occur.

Online Parking And Other Citation Payments

Options include online automated checking withdrawal through our website, or credit card water and sewer payments via our website or phone 855-288-5238.

Call the Clerk/Treasurer's Office at (414) 302-8200 for further information.



Meet 'n Treat in West Allis will be Sunday, October 27, 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.



**COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST OF
THANKS AND GIVING**

The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation is once again sponsoring a Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving on Monday, November 25, 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. Cathi Manthei, Pastor of Apostle Presbyterian 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. In 2012, over \$3,900 was raised and over 200 people attended the Breakfast.

Tickets are \$20.00 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.

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HOLIDAY CHARITY BENEFIT

Happy Holidays! The WAWM Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to participate in its Annual Holiday Charity Benefit. For many years, the Chamber has worked with the City of West Allis Health Department, the West Allis/West Milwaukee School District, and Interfaith West Central to give to our needy children, their families, and seniors during the holiday season. The School

District and Interfaith identify needy children and seniors. The WAWM Chamber of Commerce hosts a Holiday Charity Party to raise funds to purchase food and gift cards for them.

The benefit this year will be held on Thursday, December 5, at Mis Suenos Restaurant, 7335 W. Greenfield Ave. We invite you to participate by attending the event, donating a raffle item, or by making a donation.

We have found that the citizens and business owners in our community really care about each other and go out of their way to help one another. This spirit is what makes West Allis and West Milwaukee so special.

If you would like more information about this event, please visit the Chamber's website, www.wawmchamber.com or call the Chamber Office (414)302-9901.

REMEMBER THE VETERANS

The City of West Allis Celebrations Committee is once again sponsoring a "Remember the Veterans" project for the holidays. The project honors veterans from the VA who do not have families by satisfying their modest gift requests.

The process is simple. Stop by City Hall beginning November 18 and pick a star from the Veterans' Christmas Giving Tree in the main lobby, purchase the requested gift, and return the unwrapped gift to the Mayor's Office by Wednesday, December 18.

For more information, call (414)543-0587.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The City of West Allis Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, from 4 - 4:30 p.m., at City Hall followed by the West Allis Christmas Parade. Come join us for Christmas carols, a community sing along, and lighting of the Christmas Tree.

WEST ALLIS CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 2013 West Allis Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7, following the 4:30 Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall This year's theme is "A Storybook Christmas."

Volunteers are needed to help with the parade line up and along the parade route. Convertibles for the parade are also needed. If you are interested in helping out or if you would like more information, call (414)302-8300.

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 or the West Allis Library 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 Saturday, December 7.

Join in the fun and help a needy cause. Items will be accepted October 7-November 8.



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

The West Allis/West Milwaukee Community Alliance Against Drugs (C.A.A.D.) will once again host its annual New Year's Eve Family event on Tuesday, December 31, at Central H.S., 8516 W. Lincoln Ave., from 6:30-11:00 p.m. This fun-filled evening will include music by Eagle Entertainment, open swim, basketball, volleyball, large and small inflatable attractions, and a large rock-climbing wall. Clowns will provide balloon art and face painting, and a family-friendly movie will be shown in the school auditorium. There will be plenty of food and refreshments for a nominal fee. Admission is free for 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.westalliswi.gov or call the Crime Prevention Bureau at (414) 302-8050.

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.

← Everyone →



Get Ready!
For big changes to
Health Insurance

Get Set!
Sign up begins
October 2013

Go!
Get more information
at www.healthcare.gov

HEALTHCARE REFORM

Big changes are coming for Health Insurance through HealthCare Reform – this will affect Everyone!

Listed below are some of the important changes:

- Health Care Reform is also called Obama Care and Affordable Care.
- These changes are being made so that health insurance will be available for everyone.
- BadgerCare will also be changing.
- Beginning **October 1, 2013**, people can begin to buy health insurance.
- The Marketplace, found online, is where you will look for affordable insurance plans approved by the federal government.
- Low income people may qualify for assistance to help pay for their health insurance.
- Everyone can get health insurance, even with pre-existing conditions.
- There will be many health insurance plans to choose from with different costs.
- Everyone, even those without health insurance now, will be expected to have a health insurance plan or may have to pay a fine.

Don't worry, there will be help available to sign up for health insurance.

In the meantime, more information can be found at:

www.healthcare.gov

www.youtube.com/user/kaiserfoundation

www.ckfwi.org/affordablecareacthome.html

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF TWO YEAR OLDS

Two for the Show is a free, fun-filled event for all two year olds living in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District and their parents/guardians. This event 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. Professionals from the West Allis Health Department, WAWM School District, and other agencies will be on hand to answer questions on topics ranging from speech development to toilet training to dental care. Parents will receive helpful tips on establishing routines, lead poisoning, nutrition, dental health, safety and more.



Where: West Allis Health Department
7120 W. National Avenue

When: Monday, October 28
3:00–6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29
8:30–11:00 a.m.

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

“DOO” THE RIGHT THING

Why should you clean up after your pets?

- Pet waste is smelly, unsightly and presents an infection risk to other pets and people from bacteria and parasites found in pet waste.
- Pet waste presents a water quality issue. If left on the ground, the waste carrying bacteria and excessive nutrients is washed by rain into storm drains where the water runs directly into creeks, streams, rivers and lakes without any treatment to remove pollutants.
- In West Allis it's illegal not to clean up after your pets, even in your own backyard.



It's easy to “Doo the Right Thing.”

- Collect the waste in a plastic bag, tie the end securely and toss the bag in a trash can.
- Scoop it and flush it away in the toilet.
- Bury it at least six inches deep in the ground, away from gardens and water sources.
- Hire a pet waste removal company to remove the waste from your yard.

Per City Ordinance, anyone exercising an animal in the City is responsible for cleaning up after the animal (Section 7.12 (4) Waste Products and Fecal Accumulations). In part, the ordinance states: *“The owner or person in charge of any animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to be deposited on any street, alley or other public or private property, unless such fecal matter is immediately removed by said owner or person in charge. . . The owner or person in charge of any private property shall not permit solid fecal matter of animals to accumulate on such property, including the space between the street or curb and the sidewalk adjacent to such property, for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours.*

If you have concerns about pet waste cleanup in your neighborhood, please contact the West Allis Health Department at (414) 302-8600.

SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS PARADE

1st Edition Christmas Ornaments
featuring 2012 Christmas on the Avenue
Coloring Contest Winners.

Donation: \$10

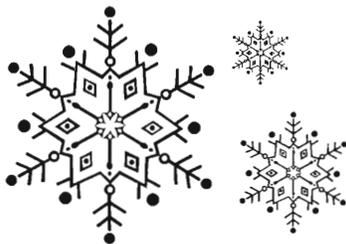
Ornaments on sale now at
West Allis City Hall, Clerk/Treasurer's office. 4



SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

** REVISED 9/26/13 **

- When approximately three inches of snow falls in a storm, the Department of Public Works usually plows all City streets and alleys.
- A "SNOW EMERGENCY" is declared through a radio or television announcement when a full scale plowing operation is initiated.
- Once declared, **all parking is prohibited on major emergency thoroughfares only for the duration of the emergency.**
- For residential parking, normal alternate side parking would be allowed during declared snow emergencies. Past practice of staying on the same side of the street for the duration of a declared snow emergency has been **eliminated**. Regular residential parking restrictions would apply for all overnight parking.
- Snow emergency regulations shall supersede all other overnight parking regulations for the duration of the snow emergency.
- Finally, on certain streets other than emergency thoroughfares where one side of the entire block is permanently posted NO PARKING AT ANY TIME year-round, parking will be allowed on the opposite side during the declared snow emergency regardless of the calendar date on which the emergency is declared.



SNOW COURTESY

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

EMERGENCY THOROUGHFARES

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



TIPS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM YOUR PROPERTY

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

DON'T BURY THE FIRE HYDRANT

Please don't let your neighborhood fire hydrant remain "undercover." In the event of a fire emergency, could firefighters find the fire hydrant near your home? Does it get buried under a snow pile during the winter?

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

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



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

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

2013 S.A.F.E. Books. The West Allis S.A.F.E. Book (Senior Awareness, Focus on Help and Enrichment) contains a wealth of information for elders in the community. The books are free and available at the Senior Center, Library, and City Hall.

Hunger Task Force’s Stockbox Program is dedicated to providing healthy foods to low-income older adults who meet residency, age, and income guidelines. To see if you qualify for this monthly box of nonperishable foods, call “211.”

Transportation for Senior Citizens. The Lilac Bus transports area senior citizens to and from social events, entertainment and local shopping areas. Group trips are planned monthly. Riders pay a nominal fee. Call (414) 302-8715 for more information.

Area Agency on Aging–Senior Nutrition Programs. For West Allis residents age 60 and over. Nutritious balanced hot lunches are served weekly at 11:30 a.m. at the West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave., Phone: (414) 302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, 1441 S. 92 St., Phone: (414) 840-1704. Suggested donation is \$2.50 per meal. Advance reservations are required to guarantee your meal. For more information, contact the meal sites directly or call the Area Agency on Aging at (414) 289-6995.

Selected Events for October, November, December

Huge Indoor Rummage & Bake Sale. The Senior Center will host a huge indoor rummage and bake sale Thursday and Friday, October 3 and 4, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Refreshments available. Multiple vendors and free admission.

Arthritis Foundation’s Exercise Class. Co-sponsored by the West Allis Senior Center, the class is ongoing and consists of gentle, low impact, joint-safe exercises to help relieve stiffness and decrease arthritis pain. Classes meet for one hour, three times a week at the Senior Center. Class dates and times vary; preregistration required. Call (414) 302-8700.

Lose 10 Pounds in 10 Weeks. Join the 10 Pounds in 10 Weeks weight loss program. Weekly session begins Wednesday, October 9, through December 18. Cost is \$10. Weigh-ins 11:00–11:15 a.m. and presentations 11:15–11:30 a.m.

Autumn Color Train Ride to Baraboo on Friday, October 18. Dine at the Log Cabin Restaurant; Tour includes a ride on the Mid-Continental Railroad in North Freedom, a 1900’s steam engine, and visit the museum grounds. Cost is \$60. Register by October 9.

Christmas in Madison Tour. Thursday, December 5. Lunch at Kavanaugh’s Esquire Club, and tour the Governor’s Residence, decorated for the Christmas season. Final stop at La Brioche for dessert and music. Cost is \$60.

Young at Heart Choral Christmas Concert. Friday, December 13, 1:30 p.m. Event is free and open to the public. Reception follows the program.

Gifts of Warmth Program accepting donations of new and like-new yarn. Baby yarn and 4-ply yarn is used to make knitted and crocheted items for the Stork’s Nest, Vince Condella’s Coats for Kids, Warm Up America, area schools, and area homebound older adults. Drop off donations at the Senior Center, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS WORKSHOP

Feel better. Be in control. Do the things you want to do. All of this is possible to accomplish even if you suffer from one or many chronic conditions.

The West Allis Health Department along with the West Allis Senior Center is proud to offer “Living Well with Chronic Conditions.” This is a six-week workshop that meets once a week for two and one-half hours.

If you have conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain, anxiety, and headaches, the Living Well Workshop can help you take charge of your life.

Some of the goals of the Workshop are to help get the support you need; find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue; discover better nutrition and exercise choices; understand new treatment choices; and learn how to communicate better with your doctor and family about your health.

Plan to join us on Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the West Allis Senior Center, 7001 W. National Ave. for this life-changing workshop. The cost is FREE! You do not need to be a member of the Senior Center to register. ANYONE with a chronic condition is welcome. To register, please call the West Allis Senior Center at (414) 302-8700.

Children's Department Information

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

Family Night

Tuesday, October 29 - 6:30 p.m. All ages. This is a special program for school age kids. Get ready for our *Vote For Books Week* by looking at different Caldecott winning illustrators. Create an art project based on your favorite illustrator. No pre-registration necessary.

Vote For Books Week

November 3-9
There will be daily drawings for free paperback books. Patrons may vote for their favorite picture books during the week.

Wintertime Jammie Jam

Tuesday, December 3 - 6:30 p.m. All ages welcome. No pre-registration necessary. Includes a craft activity.

Family Craft Day

Sunday, December 8
Craft projects and supplies will be available from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Children's Department. Make holiday gifts for your family. No pre-registration necessary.

Story Times for Children Ages 3 and Under

Story times for children under age 3 are 30-minute sessions with an adult caretaker. The last 10 minutes of each program consists of playtime with age appropriate toys. Adults are active

participants as they interact one-on-one with their child. Register in person or call (414) 302-8502.

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

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

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

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Evening Story Times (for ages 3 years and under with a caretaker)

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, and 26, 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Older siblings are welcome!

Story Times for Children (for ages 3-4-5 years)

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

Morning Story Times

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

Afternoon Story Times

Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 1:00-1:45 p.m. or Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Evening Story Times (for ages 4-6 who are enrolled in K5)

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 22, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Teen Events

WAPL Wii

Saturday, October 19 and Saturday, November 16: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Whether you are a regular Wii player or just want to try it out, we have two opportunities for you to play! October 19 will be an open play day, and November 16 will be a tournament with winners going home with game store gift cards.

Teen Read Week Event

Thursday, October 24: 7-8 p.m.
Help us celebrate Teen Read Week this year with an event at the library. More details to come, so check out the library calendar or the teen blog.

Catching Fire Party

Thursday, November 21: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
In celebration of the newest Hunger Games movie, we are having a party! Complete with games, prizes, trivia, and cake. Registration will be required for this event, so stop by the library to pick up your tickets starting November 4.

Winter Craft Night

Thursday, December 12: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Take a finals break and stop by the library for some winter crafts. Watch for more information about the crafts we will be doing closer to the event.

Teen events at the West Allis Public Library are open to teens, ages 12-18 or those students in grades 6-12, living in Milwaukee County.

Adult Programming

Getting Crafty @ Downton Abbey – Monday, October 7 - 7:00 p.m.
Not sure what to do while we in the States wait for the next season of the hit British show *Downton Abbey*? Join us for a free *Downton* inspired craft at the library! Limit of 20 participants. To register, sign up at the Information Desk or call (414) 302-8500.

Paranormal Milwaukee – Monday, October 28 - 7:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Believe in ghosts? Skeptical about the paranormal? Noah Leigh from Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee will be presenting a free program on hauntings and paranormal activities.

"We Too Have Duties" Women of the Civil War Soldiers Home – Tuesday, November 5 - 7:00 p.m.

Author Patricia Lynch will discuss the history of the women of Milwaukee's West Side Soldiers Aid Society and their work with the Civil War Soldiers Home (now Zablocki VA Medical Center). The program is free to all ages and signed copies of Patricia Lynch's book, *Milwaukee's Soldiers Home*, will be available for purchase.

Computer Classes @ The Library

Computer classes will continue in October and November. The library will be offering hour-long computer classes for Milwaukee County residents who want to learn more about using computers, the Internet, email, and Microsoft Word 2010. New classes include Introduction to Internet Job Searching and Introduction to the Healthcare Exchange. To register, or for more information, call (414) 302-8500 or sign up at the Adult Information Desk. Registration required, limit of 10 patrons per class. Classes are limited to persons ages 12 and up with a valid Milwaukee County library card.

Holiday Hours/Closings

The library will be **CLOSED** the following days:

Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29	Day after Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 22	Sunday before Christmas
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day
Sunday, December 29	Sunday after Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2014	New Year's Day

EARLY CLOSING NEW YEAR'S EVE

On **Tuesday, December 31**, the library will close at **5:00 p.m.**

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COMPLYING WITH THE NEW MUNICIPAL UTILITY CUSTOMER PRIVACY LAW

On July 5, 2013, the Governor signed into law the Municipal Utility Customer Privacy Law, 2013 Act 25. This new law provides that municipal utilities may not disclose information to anyone other than the customer of the utilities without a signed release from the utilities customer. Some exceptions do apply and the utilities are able to release information to the following without the customer's consent:

1. Agents, vendors, partners, or affiliates of the utility that are engaged in services or functions on the utilities' behalf.
2. Transmission and distribution utilities and operators within the geographic service territory.
3. The commission or any person with whom the commission authorizes by order or rule.
4. Past due tenant notifications to property owners.
5. Any other person otherwise authorized by law to receive customer information.

This new law will affect the way a customer request for information is handled within the water utility division. Any information pertaining to a customer's account will not be released without proof of the identity of the customer or without a signed release from the customer. Requests for final water bills, copies of bills, and amounts due are affected by this new law. The City understands that this may cause some difficulties, but we are continually striving to make the process as easy as possible.

Please watch for more information within your quarterly water bills should the City determine it is necessary to release more information in regard to the new law. If you have any comments or questions in the meantime, please call the Water Utility Billing Department at (414)302-8245.

VISIT YOUR STATE FAIR PARK

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept. 11-Nov. 2	Halloween Express	N Parking Lot
Sept. 20-22	Fall Home & Remodeling Show	Expo Center
Sept. 21-22	Artistic Rubber Stamp Show	Products Pavilion
Sept. 27-29	Harvest Fair & World Beef Expo	Fair Grounds
Sept. 27-29	International Gem & Jewelry Show	Expo Center
Oct. 5-6	Rummage-A-Rama	Products Pavilion
Oct. 8-10	Wis. Manufacturing & Technology Show	Expo Center
Oct. 11-12	Hazardous Waste Collection	N Parking Lot
Oct. 18-20	Snowmobile USA	Expo Center
Nov. 1-3	Autumn Festival Arts & Craft Show	Expo Center
Nov. 2-3	Rummage-A-Rama	Products Pavilion
Nov. 9-10	Trainfest	Expo Center
Nov. 15-17	International Holiday Folk Fair	Expo Center
Dec. 7-8	Rummage-A-Rama	Products Pavilion
Dec. 14-15	Milwaukee Hmong New Year	Expo Center
Dec. 31	9 th Annual Run into the New Year	Products Pavilion

Wisconsin State Fair Park Contact Information

Recorded information updated weekly	1-800-884-FAIR(3247)
Wisconsin State Fair Park Administration Office	414/266-7000
Web Site	www.wistatefair.com
E-mail Address	wsfp@wisconsin.gov
Pettit National Ice Center	414/266-0100
Wisconsin Exposition Center	414/266-7300

Library Leisure Timers

Join us at 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 W. National Ave. Presentations begin at 10:00 a.m. and last for about an hour. Upcoming program schedule:

October 14- The Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library presents "The Scoop" on their great services (Talk/Slides)

October 28 - Tony Busalacchi presents "4 Great Cities of Italy" (Slides)

November 11 - Jane Stoltz presents "Compare & Contrast: Alaska by Cruise Ship or Bicycle" (Slides)

December 9 - "Wisconsin State Parks" (DVD)

No programs on November 25 or December 23 due to the Holidays.

HANDLING YOUR YARD WASTE IN 2013

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

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

- Yard waste includes leaves, weeds, thatch, flowers, vines and other non-fruit or vegetable matter.
- **Spring** collection of yard waste is April 7 through April 21, 2013.
- **Fall** collection of yard waste is September 15 through November 10, 2013.
- Yard waste should be placed in the curb-line of the street only during the designated dates listed above.
- **DO NOT MIX BRUSH INTO THE YARD WASTE PILES.**
- Yard waste can be composted on-site* or disposed of, without charge, at a drop-off center. (Please see locations and operating hours on reverse side.)
- **REMOVE POTS AND SOIL FROM POTTED PLANTS BEFORE PLACING IN THE CURB-LINE.**

GRASS CLIPPINGS

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



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

2013 BRUSH* COLLECTION

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

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OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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 11 through October 4. 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 27, JULY 1 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2013.**
- 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.

**2013
WEST ALLIS
DROP-OFF
MATERIALS**

MUNICIPAL YARD
6300 West McGeoch Avenue

7:15-3:00 – Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
7:15-5:00 – Wednesday
8:00-3:30 – Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

Yard Waste (weeds, thatch, garden debris, leaves, etc.) NO GRASS CLIPPINGS	ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED
Motor Oil and Antifreeze	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
Recyclables •Newspaper, Magazines, Corrugated Cardboard •Aluminum, Glass, Plastics #1, #2, #4 and #5 (containers and lids-no bags), Steel/Tin •Mixed paper (voluntary)	ACCEPTED	NO RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED
Brush	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)
Household Refuse (including old furniture) NO TELEVISIONS OR ELECTRONICS ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2010	PERMIT REQUIRED* (no charge)	NOT ACCEPTED
White Goods (appliances)	NOT ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
Asphalt	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Concrete	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Ground and Sod	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Stone	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	CHARGE** (must be prepaid)
Construction Debris	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	NOT ACCEPTED
Roofing Materials	PERMIT REQUIRED CHARGE**	NOT ACCEPTED
Tires	CHARGE***	NOT ACCEPTED

*Permits are required (except for quantities less than 1½ cubic yards). Homeowner generated material only is accepted - no contractor generated material. Call Sanitation and Street Division for permit: **302-8800**.

**Homeowners must obtain a permit and prepay prior to disposal.

***At the time of this printing the charge for tires (must be off the rim) is \$3 per tire 16" and under, \$14 per tire over 16", \$57 per tractor tire. Exact change is necessary.

NOTE: The Municipal Yard and the West End-Morgan Site do not accept car batteries. At the time of this printing car batteries are accepted at Batteries Plus (456-9400), National Salvage (453-6677) and Remy Batteries (384-0340).

West Allis D O W N T O W N

Greenfield Avenue from 70th to 76th Streets

414-774-2676

www.WestAllisDowntown.com

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2013**

**SHOW TIME:
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.**



Over 400 Classic Cars – Music - Food

Online Registration: WestAllisDowntown.com

Fun for the Whole Family!! Free Admission!!

12:30pm: Hot Wheels® Race Time

(Bring your favorite "Hot Wheels" car and race against the best)



Formally "Downtown West Allis Meet & Treat"

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2013
10 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 Ave.
- Open for ages: infant – 12 year olds. (Accompanied by an adult)

For more information on either event or future events,
check our website @ www.WestAllisDowntown.com,
email us at director@downtownwestallis.org, or call (414) 774-2676.

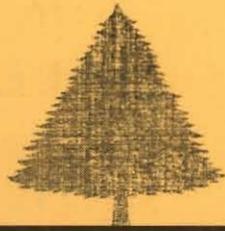
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Start the Holiday
Season in
West Allis
Downtown!



CHRISTMAS *on the Avenue*

Saturday, December 7, 2013

1:30-3:30pm: Downtown Activities

4-4:30pm: Community Sing / Tree Lighting (Centennial Plaza)

West Allis Community Christmas Parade to follow!

West Allis Downtown Activities include:

- Artwork of WA/WM School children
- Ice Sculpting Competition
- Music
- Hay rides
- Veterans' Giving Tree
- Bring your camera and capture the memories
- Free Family Fun!

Breakfast With Santa @ Mis Suenos Call: (414) 763-5150 for information

Craft Fair/Bake Sale Call (414) 302-1700 for more information

Community Sing / Tree Lighting (Centennial Park Plaza-City Hall)

West Allis Community Christmas Parade "A Storybook Christmas"

Parade Route: Greenfield Avenue from 81st to 65th Street

You can follow our District on:

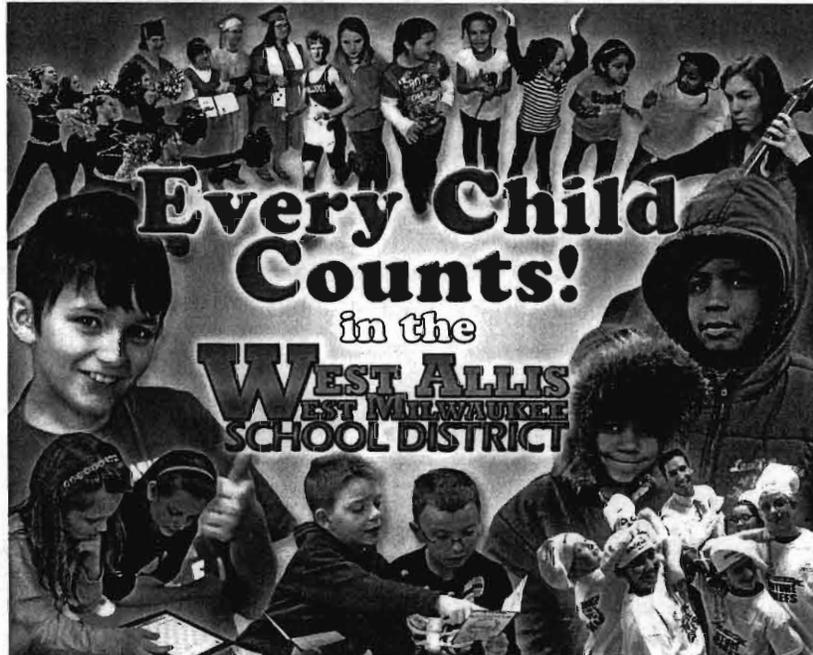


Fall - 2013

Kurt Wachholz, Superintendent of Schools

What's Happening in Your West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools

The 2013-2014 School Year is off to a Great Start!



We are off to an exciting start this school year!

Preliminary data shows an increase in residential student enrollment again this year.

If you have any questions about our focus of: *Every Child Counts!*, please consult any school principal.

The West Allis - West Milwaukee School District is dedicated to being child-centered and "Putting Children First."

Next Generation Learning Community (NxGLC) Update

The Instructional Services Department has been busy this summer working with staff in revising and updating our curriculum focusing on Next Generation Learning. This is already an integral part of our teaching and learning and now we are taking it to the next level. Our District is among the leaders in Wisconsin and the nation in the implementation of Personalized Learning for all students. Over the past two years, we have received visitors from neighboring school Districts, as well as from districts throughout Wisconsin, the nation, and even other countries to observe how we are integrating a Next Generation skill set into student learning. This summer members of our Instructional Services Team participated in a panel presentation with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Summer Institute on Personalization that included State superintendents throughout the country.

More good news in this area! In June we received word that our School District was the recipient of a \$100,000 *Next Generation Learning Challenges Planning Grant* which is affiliated with the Gates Foundation. Superintendent Kurt Wachholz and Johnna Noll Director of Instructional Services attended a planning session workshop at the NGLC Summer Institute in San Francisco as part of the grant requirements and in preparation for applying for a *Breakthrough Schools Grant* this December. We are also working with our own NxGLC implementation and launching teams in developing and refining our classroom models at the elementary, intermediate and high school levels, along with the evolution of our High School 9th Grade NxGLC Pathway Academies. We have also been working on aligning curriculum and establishing continuums in all of the core content areas, developing interdisciplinary units, writing common assessments that track student progress and work in an accountability based learning system of learning progressions in an effort to grow student achievement, as well as closing achievement gaps.

As you can see, this summer has been busy and exciting as we focus our teaching and learning process in preparation to take the next important steps in individualizing instruction in a personalized, deeper learning environment. We continue to work hard in our pursuits of offering a quality education for all students.



West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation and Community Services Department an integral part of what our School District brings to our students and the entire community.

www.wawmrec.com



Back to School Sales, School Busses traveling the city, and the start of the Football season, can only mean one thing—Fall is here! Fall brings the start of a new school year and for the Recreation Department it is a time when we hope all community members will make a commitment to a life time of learning and maybe even take the opportunity to learn something new. The School District Recreation Department has planned a full fall line up of programs offering something for all ages. Some of the benefits these Recreation Programs provide are:

Improved health
Improved quality of life
Builds strong communities
Supports those with special needs

Increased physical fitness
Unites families
Provides safe places for play
Supports seniors

Relieves stress
Encourages volunteerism
Provides positive outlets for youth
Enhances learning and education

We hope you take advantage of all that our West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Recreation and Community Services Department has to offer. So this fall, we encourage you to benefit from participating in program and see for yourself all that a recreation program can provide.

Attention: Be on the look out –there are some new programs in town—check them out!



New for kids!

- Family connections
- Animal Expedition
- Mushy-Gushy, Icky-Sticky
- Bow Hunting Safety
- Track Club

New for adults!

- Partner Yoga
- Bokwa
- Cardio Mix and Match
- Brazilian JiuJitsu

Did you know that the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Recreation and Community Services Department offers over 328 programs for those ages 9 months to our most senior friends. Programs offered include swim instruction, land and water fitness, cooking, classes, toddler and preschool classes, youth football, basketball, soccer, and volleyball, adult sports, fine arts classes, babysitting, archery, golf, and much more! If there is a class that you are interested in that we do not offer, please call us and let us know.



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**NOW
HIRING**

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED!!

The WA-WM Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for part time positions. Part time positions include American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards and Swim Instructors, After School Program Instructors, Adult and Youth Sport Officials, and Building Supervisors. Applications are available at www.wawmrec.com or in person at the Administration and Recreation Services Offices located at 1205 S. 70th St. , Monday—Friday, 8am-5pm.



Did you know...

- ▶ Marijuana is the most commonly abused illegal drug in the US.
- ▶ Today's marijuana is not the same as marijuana from the 60's and 70's, it's stronger & more potent.¹
- ▶ The West Allis - West Milwaukee Community Coalition is a group of community leaders and partners working together to prevent underage alcohol use and substance abuse in our community.
- ▶ **YOU** make a difference in our community whenever you support and encourage a teen to make positive and healthy decisions.

Facts About Marijuana

- Marijuana and driving do not mix. It is the most common illegal drug found in drivers who die in accidents (around 14 percent of drivers), sometimes in combination with alcohol or other drugs.²
- Persistent marijuana use starting in the teen years can lower IQ by 8 points.³

Sources

¹Debunking Marijuana Myths (MCTFT webinar).

²<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/marijuana-facts-teens/want-to-know-more-some-facts-about-marijuana>.

³Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, August 27, 2012. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3479587/>

Become one of the powerful voices encouraging positive choices to create a safer and healthier community



Powerful Voices, Positive Choices

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Phone: 414-604-3506

Email: coalition@wawm.k12.wi.us

www.wawmcc.org

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Become Informed

- Receive email updates from the Coalition about underage substance abuse issues.
- Visit the Coalition's website (www.wawmcc.org) for Important News, Community Resources and Parent Tips.
- Join the Forum on the Coalition's website.

Become Involved

- Read the Parent brochure for ways to talk with your children about alcohol and drugs.
- Sign the Family Pledge.
- Host alcohol-free parties and attend alcohol-free family events.
- Voice your ideas and concerns at Coalition meetings.
- Spread the word by sharing the Coalition's mission with others.
- Attend bi-monthly Coalition Meetings held the 3rd Wednesday of every other month. Go to the website for dates and locations.

Become Invested

- Know where your children are at all times.
- Meet your children's friends and introduce yourself to their parents.
- Look for signs of drug use or suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- Join your neighborhood block watch.



WAWMCC Snapshot Focus on Marijuana

Fall 2013 Newsletter



1 in 9 people

who use marijuana become addicted (about the same number as alcohol).

BUT start using marijuana in adolescence, the addiction rates jump to

1 in 6 people¹

Short-term effects of marijuana use include:

- Distorted perceptions
- +
- Memory impairment
- +
- Difficulty thinking & solving problems

= (F)

LOWER GRADES!

Sources

¹Budney, A. J., Roffman, R., Stephens, R. S., Walker, D. 2007.

"Marijuana dependence and its treatment." *Addict Sci Clin Pract*, Vol 4, Issue 1, pp 4-10.

²2011 WI Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

³Healthy People 2020.

⁴Johnston, L.D., O'Malley, P.M., & Schulenberg, J.E. (December 14, 2011). University of Michigan. 2011 Monitoring the Future Study.

Here's where we were in

18.9%

Percentage of Wisconsin youth using marijuana during the past month.²

2009

Here's where we were in

22%

Percentage of Wisconsin youth using marijuana during the past month.²

2011

Here's where we want to be in

6%

Healthy People 2020 Goal³

2020



77%

of US high school seniors thought there is not a great risk of harm from smoking marijuana occasionally.⁴



37%

of Wisconsin students reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime.³ But that also means 63% of WI youth have not tried marijuana.

Talk early and talk often about all forms of substance abuse.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE