

# WEST ALLIS IT'S YOUR CITY

Fall 2016



## Convenient Payment Options

The City has partnered with Tri City Bank to make paying your utility bill easier and more convenient. All West Allis Tri City National Bank Branches, including the ones located inside Pick 'n Save, will accept utility payments just like tax payments. There are several options for making payments to the City of West Allis, and more are coming soon. Go to [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) and click on E-Services to see what can be paid online.



West Allis Tri City Banks  
Including Pick 'n Save  
Branches

- Water Bill Payments
- Property Tax Payments, December-January 31

### Advantages:

- No special trip to City Hall
- Shorter lines
- Longer, more convenient hours (hours vary by location)
- Stamped paid receipt



Pay Online

[www.westalliswi.gov/eservices](http://www.westalliswi.gov/eservices)

- Water Utility Payments
- Real Estate Taxes
- Personal Property Taxes
- Pay Citations
- Occupancy Permits
- Overnight Parking Permits
- Purchase Refuse Cart
- Purchase Rain Barrels

### Advantages:

- 24/7 Accessible
- No special trip to pay
- Payment Options Vary (Credit card payments have service fee)



West Allis Police Station

- Overnight Parking Permits  
11301 W. Lincoln Ave., Hours 7 a.m.-6 p.m.



## Fall Neighborhood Clean-Up Saturday, October 8 9 a.m. - Noon

West Allis Police Department Substation  
6900 W. National Ave.

- The West Allis Police Department Community Services Unit is hosting its annual city wide clean-up.
- Volunteers meet at the Substation for sign in, supply pick up, and location assignments.
- The clean-up concludes around 11:30 a.m. at which time volunteers are treated to lunch.
- If you know someone responsible for graffiti (or any other crime), the West Allis Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to their arrest. You do not have to provide your name when calling the Crime Stoppers Tip-Line, (414) 276-CASH (2274).
- Questions? Call (414) 302-8050.

## 2017 Changes to the Recycling Program



Stay tuned! As details are finalized for upcoming changes to the recycling program, they will be posted in upcoming City newsletters, on the City's website, and on social media.

### IN THIS ISSUE

- Page 2 Refuse and Recycling Schedules
- Page 3 Holiday Events
- Page 4 Snow Emergency Procedures
- Page 5 Flu Shot Information
- Page 6 Senior Center News
- Page 7 Library News
- Page 8 Employment Opportunities
- Insert Business First
- Insert BID News
- Insert School District News

CITY AT THE CENTER  
**WEST ALLIS**

Newsletter

EDITORS..... REBECCA N. GRILL/  
JONATHAN MATTE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR ... JEANETTE WARDINSKI  
TYPESETTER/ ..... PAUL BODSHAUG  
PUBLISHER ..... DENISE CLEARY



[www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov)

Sign-up for E-Notify at  
[www.westalliswi.gov/notifyme](http://www.westalliswi.gov/notifyme)

# Holiday Closings and Refuse Schedule

## Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24

## Day After Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25

## Christmas Day

Monday, December 26

## New Year's Day 2016

Monday, January 1, 2017

City of West Allis Offices are open for Columbus Day (observed Monday, Oct. 10) and Veterans Day (Friday, Nov. 11).

The Municipal Yard will be closed for drop-off, DPW offices will be closed, and refuse and recycling will not be collected on

- Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25
- Saturday, December 24, and Monday, December 26
- Saturday, December 31, and Monday, January 2, 2017

The Municipal Yard will be open to accept drop-off materials on

- Saturday, November 26

Please note the holiday schedule below and plan ahead to set out your refuse and, if appropriate, recyclables by 7 a.m. according to this modified schedule.

You can search for your property by tax key or address in our on-line Property Search at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) to find the day of the week your refuse and/or recycling will be collected. Recycling is collected every other week. See our Document Library for the current collection schedule. Check the website for any collection schedule changes or sign up for email or text message alerts when collection schedules change.

Questions regarding your collection may be directed to the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800 or the Recycling Office at (414) 302-8831, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or by viewing information on the City's website at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).

### Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

	If Your Scheduled Collection Day Is	Set Out Your Refuse and/or Recyclables On*
Black recycling week	Monday, November 21	Monday, November 21
	Tuesday, November 22	Monday, November 21
	Wednesday, November 23	Tuesday, November 22
	Thursday, November 24	Wednesday, November 23
	Friday, November 25	Monday, November 28
Red recycling week	Monday, November 28	Tuesday, November 29
	Tuesday, November 29	Tuesday, November 29
	Wednesday, November 30	Wednesday, November 30
	Thursday, December 1	Thursday, December 1
	Friday, December 2	Friday, December 2

### Christmas and New Year Holiday Schedule

	If Your Scheduled Collection Day Is	Set Out Your Refuse and/or Recyclables On*
Red recycling week	Monday, December 26	Tuesday, December 27
	Tuesday, December 27	Tuesday, December 27
	Wednesday, December 28	Wednesday, December 28
	Thursday, December 29	Thursday, December 29
	Friday, December 30	Friday, December 30
Black recycling week	Monday, January 2	Tuesday, January 3
	Tuesday, January 3	Tuesday, January 3
	Wednesday, January 4	Wednesday, January 4
	Thursday, January 5	Thursday, January 5
	Friday, January 6	Friday, January 6

\*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. Be aware that a snowstorm may further alter this collection schedule.

# 2016 FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Sunday, September 18 through Sunday, November 13

## DO'S

- Residents may place yard waste materials such as flowers, vines, weeds, thatch, garden debris and leaves into the curb line of the street between these dates.
- If you do not have a curb on your street, place your materials along the roadway in a windrow (long low pile).
- To help prevent materials from blowing around, wet them down.
- Remove pots and soil from plants before placing in the curb line.

## DON'TS

- 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).
- Open air burning of yard waste is not permitted in West Allis.
- 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.

Help City workers help you. Following these 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, visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or call the Sanitation and Street Division at (414) 302-8800, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



## Beautification Awards

See the home page of the City's web site at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for video highlighting the winners of the Commendable Property, Patriotic Display, and Best Porch awards.

# Halloween Events

## HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

- Saturday, October 22, 4-8 p.m.
- Greenfield Park Picnic Area 3 (Enter at S. 123 St. & Lincoln Ave.)
- A family-friendly alcohol and drug free event.
- Hayrides, crafts, a campfire and costume parade.
- Food and beverages at "scary-low" prices!
- Sponsored by Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD) in cooperation with the WAWM Recreation Department and West Allis Police Department.
- Contact the Community Services Unit at (414)302-8050.

## TRICK OR TREAT

- Saturday, October 29, 4-7 p.m.
- Closely supervise your children's activities.
- Inspect all treats carefully.
- Take precautions in areas of vehicular traffic.
- Light your porch/post light if you are participating in Trick or Treat.
- Parents and children are asked to respect those places where the light is not lit by not stopping at that location.

Visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for more information.

## 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.

Stop by City Hall beginning November 14 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 14. For more information, visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or call (414) 543-0587.

## Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving

The West Allis Community Improvement Foundation is once again sponsoring a Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving on Monday, November 21, 7:15 a.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites Milwaukee West, 8201 W. Greenfield Ave. Pastor Dave Bluhm of Crosspoint Church in West Allis is the featured speaker.

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 2015, over \$3,500 was raised and almost 200 people attended the Breakfast.

For more information, visit [www.westallisfoundation.org](http://www.westallisfoundation.org) or call (414) 302-8292.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS  
PRESENTS

A logo for "China Lights" featuring a red dragon and the text "Boerner, Brighter Than Ever".

**China Lights**  
Boerner, Brighter Than Ever

October 1-30, 2016  
Tuesday – Sunday,  
5:30-10 p.m.  
Boerner Botanical Gardens in  
Whitnall Park, Hales Corners

For more information or to  
purchase tickets, call Boerner  
Botanical Gardens at 525-  
5601 or visit [chinalights.org](http://chinalights.org)

## Holiday Events

### HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION BENEFITS FOOD PANTRIES

October 17-November 9

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 Public 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 3.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 3, 4-4:30 p.m.

Join us for the City of West Allis Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Program at City Hall, followed by the West Allis Christmas Parade. Featuring Christmas carols, a community sing along, and lighting of the Christmas Tree.

### WEST ALLIS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 3

The 2016 West Allis Christmas Parade follows the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting program at City Hall.

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 Don Falk at (414) 322-1605.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday, December 31, 6:30-11 p.m.

Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD) in cooperation with the West Allis Police Department invite you to a New Year's Eve Party!

Ring in the New Year at West Allis Central High School with a fun-filled evening. The event is free for CAAD members, and there is a small entrance fee for non-members. For more information, visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or call the Community Services Unit at (414) 302-8050.



# Snow Emergency Procedures

\*\*Revised September 2013\*\*

- 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 is 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 apply for all overnight parking.
- Snow emergency regulations shall supersede all other overnight parking regulations for the duration of the snow emergency.
- 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.
- Visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for a listing of snow emergency thoroughfares.

## Vote on November 8, 2016

Visit the City Clerk's election page on the City's website at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) for more information about voter photo ID, absentee voting, important deadlines, and polling place locations. Sample ballots will also be posted on the City's website once they become available. If you are unsure about your voter registration status, visit the State's voter information website at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. Contact the Clerk's Office at (414) 302-8220 if you have any questions.

### Election Officials Needed to Work at the Polls

The pay is \$100.00 for the day of the election. See the Clerk's election web page or contact the Clerk's Office for more information.

## Thank You

The West Allis Celebrations Committee thanks the following sponsors, and all others who contributed, for their generous support of this year's Independence Day Celebration.

- Bevsek-Verbick Funeral Home
- Empower Credit Union
- Heritage Senior Living-West Allis
- Jim Jandovitz
- John Stibal
- Judge Paul Murphy
- Schaff Funeral Services, Inc.
- Thera Dynamics Physical Therapy
- Waukesha County Community Foundation/WaterStone Bank
- West Allis Woodworkers Club



Thanks to everyone that contributed to the success of our Parade, Post Parade Party and Grandstand Show, and the people who attended these events. Your support is greatly appreciated!

# Tips For Snow Removal

With winter weather approaching, the City would like to remind all property owners, both commercial and residential, of the following:



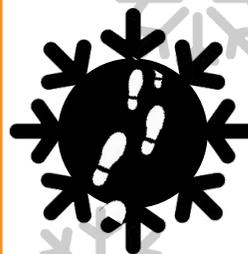
- Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.
- Public sidewalks must be cleared to a width of 3 feet.
- Curb ramps, the portion of the public sidewalk that leads to the street crosswalk area, are considered a portion of the public sidewalk and therefore must also be cleared.
- Failure to remove snow or ice from the public sidewalk and curb ramp within this timeframe will result in a citation, in addition to an invoice for the cost of removing the snow and ice (per section 11.12 of the Revised Municipal Code).



- As a courtesy to your neighbors, please do not blow, plow, shovel or otherwise deposit snow or ice from your property onto their property.
- The area around fire hydrants and catchbasins should be cleared.



- Don't bury the hydrant in a snow bank.
- If ice has already formed and cannot be removed, an abrasive material must be applied (such as sand, salt or a mixture).



- Shoveling, plowing or blowing snow or ice from your property onto the roadway or alley is subject to a fine.
- The City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code, Section 13.28(10)(g), requires drainage from sump pumps, gutter extensions, and yard areas to be directed so they do not cause a nuisance to public streets, alleys or sidewalks.



Avoid these costly expenses by removing your snow and ice promptly and properly. If you have any questions, please visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or contact the Forestry Division at (414) 302-8811.



Sign-up for E-notify to receive snow emergency information at [www.westalliswi.gov/notifyme](http://www.westalliswi.gov/notifyme).

## Flu Season



The West Allis Health Department will again offer flu and pneumonia shots this fall. Dates have not been confirmed, so please check the West Allis Health Department Flu hotline for the latest information at (414) 302-8670 or visit [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).

The FluMist Nasal Flu Vaccine will not be available for the 2016-17 flu season.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Panel on Immunizations Practices has recently found the nasal flu vaccine to be largely ineffective offering little flu protection. The traditional flu “shot” is very effective and recommended for everyone older than age 6 months.

The best ways to fight the flu are to get a YEARLY flu shot, wash hands properly and OFTEN, and stay home when sick. Help protect everyone with these easy measures.

## Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Health Assessment 2015 has been completed and is now available for viewing at the West Allis Public Library and at <http://www.westalliswi.gov>.

The process of developing the West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) 2016-2020 is now underway. This is a community driven process to determine and rank health priorities and develop a blueprint for community action regarding these priority issues over the next five years.

This process began by convening a diverse group of 24 community leaders and stakeholders on May 18 to review the most pertinent data trends from the current health assessment and then determining the priority issues to be addressed in the upcoming CHIP. The priority issues that were selected are:

- Substance Abuse and Addiction
- Mental Health
- Healthy Lifestyles

Action teams of community partners that have an interest or the desired expertise have been assembled and currently are working to develop objectives and strategies to address each priority issue.

## What You Need To Know About ZIKA

### About Zika

Zika is a virus that spreads to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito (*Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*).



### How Zika Spreads

The mosquitoes that carry Zika are aggressive daytime biters, but they can also bite at night. A mosquito becomes infected when it bites a person already infected with Zika. That mosquito can then spread the virus by biting more people.

### Zika virus can also spread:

- During sex with a man infected with Zika.
- From a pregnant woman to her fetus during pregnancy or around the time of birth.
- Through blood transfusion (likely, but not confirmed).

### Zika Symptoms

Many people infected with Zika won't have symptoms or will only have mild symptoms. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes. Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache. Symptoms can last for several days to a week. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. Once a person has been infected with Zika, they are likely to be protected from future infections.



### Why Zika is Risky for Some People

Zika infection during pregnancy can cause fetuses to have a birth defect of the brain called microcephaly. Other problems have been detected among fetuses and infants infected with Zika virus before birth, such as defects of the eye, hearing deficits, and impaired growth. There have also been increased reports of Guillain-Barré syndrome, an uncommon sickness of the nervous system.

### How to Prevent Zika

There is no vaccine to prevent Zika. The best way to prevent diseases spread by mosquitoes is to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites. Here's how:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Take steps to control mosquitoes inside and outside your home.
- Treat your clothing and gear with permethrin or buy pre-treated items.
- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents. Always follow the product label instructions.
- When used as directed, these insect repellents are proven safe and effective even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.



- Do not use insect repellents on babies younger than 2 months old.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol on children younger than 3 years old.
- Mosquito netting can be used to cover babies younger than 2 months old in carriers, strollers, or cribs to protect them from mosquito bites.
- Sleep under a mosquito bed net if air conditioned or screened rooms are not available or if sleeping outdoors.
- Prevent sexual transmission of Zika by using condoms or not having sex.

### What to do if You Have Zika

Since there is no specific medicine to treat Zika, one must treat the symptoms:

- Get plenty of rest.
- Drink fluids to prevent dehydration.
- Take medicine such as acetaminophen to reduce fever and pain.
- Do not take aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.
- If you are taking medicine for another medical condition, talk to your healthcare provider before taking additional medication.

To help prevent others from getting sick, follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the first week of illness. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika).



## 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.

**Membership** at the West Allis Senior Center is open to anyone age 55 or older. Fees are \$20 West Allis/West Milwaukee residents, \$25 nonresidents.

**Area Agency on Aging – Senior Nutrition Programs** for West Allis residents age 60 and over. Hot lunches are served weekly at 11:30 a.m. at the West Allis Senior Center, (414) 302-8703, and St. Aloysius Parish Center, (414) 840-1704. Suggested donation is \$2.50/meal. Advance reservations required. Contact the senior meal sites directly or call the Area Agency on Aging at (414) 289-6995.

**Senior Nutrition Program Gift Certificates Available.** Certificate entitles bearer (age 60 or older) to one free lunch. Call (414) 302-8703 for more information.

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

### Selected Events for October, November, December

**Huge Indoor Rummage & Bake Sale.** Thursday and Friday, October 6 and 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Donations accepted. Space available for rent. Call (414) 302-8700 for details.

**Tour.** Falls Patio Players production of A Christmas Carol and lunch at The Main Mill on Friday, December 2. Pre-registration required.

**Movie Matinees.** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.

**Chair Yoga.** Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m., with instructor, Susie Melott. Breathing techniques and meditation at all sessions.

**Creative Card Making Video Tutorials.** Mondays, November 21 and December 19, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Learn techniques for creating greeting cards, gift tags, etc. \$3 per session. Preregister at (414) 302-8700.

**Savvy Cyber Senior Computer Labs.** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Noon-2 p.m. Learn computer basics or venture into the Internet, Facebook and Email. Stop in and meet the Tech Team.

**Dance, Dance, Dance.** Tuesdays, 10:30–11 a.m. Move and enjoy music from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!

**Folk Dance Group.** Ongoing beginner sessions on Wednesdays, 10–11 a.m.

**Drumming Circle.** Discover the benefits of traditional drumming in these seven-week sessions held on Tuesdays, Noon–1 p.m. Call for next start date.

## Evergreens Wanted

Visit the City's website at [www.westalliswi.gov/treedonation](http://www.westalliswi.gov/treedonation) for information about donating an evergreen tree to be used in displays during the Christmas Season.



## Free Smoke Alarm Installation



*Working*  
**SMOKE ALARMS  
SAVE LIVES**

The West Allis Fire Department offers to install free smoke alarms for city homeowners who meet certain criteria including low income, elderly and disabled.

The National Fire Protection Agency recommends homes have one smoke alarm in each bedroom, one in a common area outside of sleeping areas, and one on each level of the home.

If you rent your home, it is the landlord's responsibility to install smoke alarms. If you are having a hard time getting your landlord to install smoke alarms, call us.

Call (414) 302-8904 or email [mpooler@westalliswi.gov](mailto:mpooler@westalliswi.gov) to schedule an appointment to have any needed smoke alarms installed.



**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**  
**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
**Milwaukee West**  
**8201 W. Greenfield Ave.**

Proceeds from this year's Evening of Promise will help to Enhance End of Life Care at Aurora West Allis Medical Center. To purchase tickets or a reserved table, visit [give.aurora.org/promise](http://give.aurora.org/promise), contact [adam.martin@aurora.org](mailto:adam.martin@aurora.org) or call (414) 219-6056

**5:30 p.m.**  
Reception, music, silent auction and dinner stations.  
**6:30 p.m. Program**  
Celebrating Dr. Fredrick Steele and his team's 30 years of service to patients, community and hospital.  
**7:15 p.m. NEW THIS YEAR!**  
Aurora's Got Talent musical competition.

## Police Bike Patrol

The West Allis Police Department has re-established the use of bicycles for patrol activities. While we have had officers assigned to bike patrol at various points in our history, the program has not been utilized for the past few years. With the purchase of new bicycles and equipment, you will see officers riding through our neighborhoods on a more frequent basis. Please take the time to stop and chat with our officers as you see them out on patrol.

*Officer Kmichik and Officer Solie in front of a squad with new graphics.*



# Library News



## ALL AGES

**Star Wars Night**, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

The force is strong at the library this year, and we are going to prepare for the release of Rogue One library style! Crafts, snacks, games and all kinds of Star Wars fun.

**Creatures of the Night**, October 27, 1:00 p.m.

Program presented by the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center.

## TEEN PROGRAM

### Friday Fun

October 21 and December 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Stop by to play games, enjoy snacks, do a craft, or just hang out; we might even show a movie! Open to students in grades 6-12 or ages 12-18 living in Milwaukee County.

## TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

### Haunted Gingerbread Houses

October 13, 6:30-8 p.m.

Get ready for Halloween by making your own delicious haunted gingerbread house while a spooky movie plays. This event is for Grades 3-12, ages 8 and older.



## TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS

### Tuesday Night Movie - Interactive Mean Girls

October 4, 6 p.m.

An interactive viewing experience—wear pink and come ready to share your favorite quotes.



### Winter Reading Bingo

November 1-January 31

Pick up a Bingo card at the Adult Information Desk starting November 1. Every “Bingo” you read through the holiday season is your entry to win books and gift cards.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Meet Author Laurie Halse Anderson

October 5, 6:30 p.m.

Book talk and signing with Anderson, known for her acclaimed young adult novel *Speak*. Books available for purchase at the event.

### Storytime for ages 0-5

Programs through November 23.

Call or stop in the library for details and to register.

### Special Storytimes

November 29, 6:30 p.m.: Toddler Cinema

December 6, 6:30 p.m.: Pajama Jam Storytime

### StoryFun for K4 -2nd Grade

October 20, 4 p.m.: Leaf Man

November 17, 4 p.m.: Food Printing

Each session includes a story and activity or craft

### Library Makers for 3rd-5th Grade

November 3, 6:30 p.m.: Pixelated masterpieces

### Movies

October 28, 11 a.m.: Goosebumps

November 23, 2 p.m.: Angry Birds

December 23, 2:30 p.m.: Finding Dory



### Lego Club for K5 and Older

First Saturday of each month, 2-3 p.m.

Free; all Legos must remain at the library. Registration not required.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Tuesday Night Movies @ 6 p.m.

**October 4:** Mean Girls, PG-13 (interactive movie)

**October 18:** Hocus Pocus, PG

**November 15:** Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, PG (interactive movie)

**November 22:** Captain America: Civil War, PG-13

**December 12:** White Christmas, Not Rated (Sing-a-Long and interactive movie)



### Meet Author Meg Jones

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Book talk and signing with Meg Jones, Author of World War II Milwaukee. These patriotic stories are just in time for Veteran's Day. Signed books available for purchase.

### Getting Crafty

Mondays, October 24 and November 21, 7 p.m.

Make Your Own Plush Zombie and Holiday Cards projects. Free sessions limited to 25 participants, ages 18+. Registration required.

## LEISURE LEARNERS

The West Allis Public Library Leisure Learners Programs are for adults who enjoy viewing films and slideshows relating to travel, history, and other subjects of general interest. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. and last approximately one hour. See the library newsletter for further details on topics and presenters.

## FALL COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

### Resume Writing and Internet Job Searching:

Thursday, October 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

### Library Catalog and Online Library Resources:

Friday, October 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

### Ebook Open House:

Wednesday, October 19, 2:30-4 p.m.

Registration required; limit of 10 patrons per class, ages 12 and older with a valid Milwaukee County library card.



## HOLIDAY HOURS/CLOSINGS

The library will be CLOSED the following days:

- Thursday, November 24 ..... Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 26 ..... Friday after Thanksgiving
- Sunday, December 18 ..... Sunday before Christmas
- Saturday, December 24 ..... Christmas Eve
- Sunday, December 25 ..... Christmas Day
- Monday, December 26 ..... Christmas Day Observed
- Saturday, December 31 ..... New Year's Eve
- January 1, 2017 ..... New Year's Day
- January 2, 2017 ..... New Year's Day Observed

Visit [www.westalliswi.gov/library](http://www.westalliswi.gov/library) for additional Library news and events.



7525 West Greenfield Avenue  
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

Standard  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Milwaukee, WI  
Permit No. 1

## POSTAL CUSTOMER

The City of West Allis Newsletter is a quarterly publication mailed to West Allis residents and businesses free of charge.  
For further information, call (414) 302-8292 or visit our website at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [www.westalliswi.gov/jobs](http://www.westalliswi.gov/jobs) for current employment opportunities or sign up to be notified by email when a new position opens at [www.westalliswi.gov/notifyme](http://www.westalliswi.gov/notifyme)

Applications are available at [www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov) or Human Resources Department, City Hall, 7525 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214 (414) 302-8270



## West Allis Community Improvement Foundation

Established in 1983, the West Allis Community Improvement Foundation (WACIF) was founded as a not-for-profit charitable organization to promote cultural, educational, recreational, civic, and public improvement programs and services. The Foundation is supported solely by gifts of money, services, and other forms of gifts to promote community projects and programs which preserve, foster, and enhance the economic and social well-being of the citizens, businesses, and organizations of the City of West Allis.



Historically, the Foundation has annually sponsored two main events, a **Breakfast of Thanks & Giving** (see page 3 for details on the November 21, 2016 event) and a **Community Dinner Dance** that supports a specially recognized group or organization.

### Community Dinner Dance

This annual event is normally held in the spring with proceeds going to a local beneficiary that has a mission similar to that of the Foundation. Through its beneficiary application process, the Foundation Board of Directors selects a designated recipient each year. Interested parties may apply online for that selection at [www.westallisfoundation.org](http://www.westallisfoundation.org).

In 2015, the WAWM Recreation Department's "Champion for a Child Program" was the designated beneficiary, and over \$12,000 was raised for the cause. Shelly Strasser, Director of Recreation and Community Services, was "extremely grateful for the support of the Foundation and community in raising funds for a program that allows local school age children, whose families are unable to afford the cost, to participate in sporting and after school programs."

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Chapter 19 West Allis was this year's beneficiary and realized a \$13,000 gift as a result of "outstanding citizens and supporters who made all the difference for our disabled veterans," according to Paul Ferguson, Chapter Commander. "Without the support of the Foundation and its Dinner Dance Planning Committee, we couldn't have raised the amount of money through our own efforts," said Ferguson. "The monies raised will allow us to continue our mission to provide transportation for needy veterans to and from medical appointments at no cost." Adjutant John Polk and Commander Ferguson report that "the number of disabled and needy veterans is greatly increasing along with their service needs, which are becoming more complex, and the monies will be used to continue and expand the many service projects offered to disabled veterans in West Allis."

As its motto suggests, the Foundation is "lending a hand to improve the community." Some of the organizations that have benefited from the efforts of the Foundation through its events include the Good Samaritan Outreach Center and other local church food pantries, the Greater Milwaukee Free Health Clinic, Operation Military Families, West Allis Special Olympics, the West Allis WISH Domestic Violence Support Group, and many other worthy causes.

Visit the Foundation's web site at [www.westallisfoundation.org](http://www.westallisfoundation.org) and learn more about the Foundation, how to volunteer, make an online contribution, complete the online Dinner Dance beneficiary designation application form, download the Foundation brochure, and more. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Foundation or have further inquiries, you may contact the Foundation's President, Patricia Wikenhauser, at (414) 302-8200.



## Antigua Celebrates 10 Years in West Allis

Antigua celebrated 10 years of serving the West Allis community on August 17th with a small reception. Since opening its doors in 2006, Antigua has been representing the Latino community thru colorful and delicious food. Their service extends beyond the restaurant, as they offer full service off-site catering, and cooking classes. During the reception, owners Citlali & Chef Nicolas Ramos thanked the City of West Allis and WWBIC for their support since day one. Mayor Dan Devine spoke and gave Antigua a recognition for their 10 years of service.

As they begin a new chapter, Antigua changed their name to Antigua - Latin Inspired Kitchen. That will give more flexibility in showcasing new and exciting dishes, and a new menu will be available on September 6.

## Parthenon Foods plans expanded

### European Market at 84th and Greenfield

For 45 years, Andrew Sarandos has owned and operated a Greek import grocery store called Parthenon Foods. The family business started on 1st and Center and in 1996, moved to 9131 W. Cleveland Avenue in West Allis. Parthenon Foods specializes in gourmet imported foods from over 45 countries from around the world.

Andrew Sarandos' son, Danny Sarandos, joined the business twenty years ago and together grew the business. Today, Parthenon Foods is adding a new second location for customer convenience and higher traffic location. In March of 2016, the Sarandos' acquired the property at 8415 W. Greenfield Avenue (former Klose Realty). The Sarandos' plan to keep their current location while expanding with a new 3,500 sq. ft. store that will be called Parthenon Foods European Market. The new store will feature expanded imported items from around the world including meats and cheeses, a larger deli with a variety hot food selections, and bakery with an assortment of fresh baked goods. The new market will help meet the growing demand for their online business at [www.parthenonfoods.com](http://www.parthenonfoods.com). The new store is expected to open during the first quarter of 2017.



With a short walk from the West Allis Farmers Market, you will soon be able to check out a new restaurant called **The Farmer's Wife** at 6533 W. Mitchell St. West Allis resident and entrepreneur, Robin Mastera, has leased the space and received City approvals and plans to open by this October. Within the former PM Pub, Robin's plans a transformation of the former bar space into a farm to table concept eatery featuring comfort foods that are local, natural and sustainable. The restaurant will pay homage to her husband's farming heritage and offer a décor utilizing reclaimed wood, Allis-Chalmers items, and an artistic mural by a local artist. The atmosphere will be relaxed and feature home style meals.





Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District (DWABID) proudly welcomes Rep Wisconsin Apparel & Gifts, 7241 W. Greenfield Avenue. Owner, Rachaad Howard, and his family have operated the popular booth Lion Press Ink at our West Allis A la Carte for the past 3 years and has now joined us year-round. Rep Wisconsin Apparel & Gifts offers a variety of apparel and home town merchandise to represent where you Live, Work and Play! Look for West Allis apparel coming soon! [www.RepWisconsin.com](http://www.RepWisconsin.com)



## WELCOME TO WEST ALLIS!



**Al Pastor** now open at 6200 W. Burnham St. offering a authentic Mexico City-style cuisine. Check them out!



### New Corporate Office for National Business Furniture

National Business Furniture Corporate Office and Showroom recently joined the West Allis business community at 770 South 70th Street (form C&H Distributors). The new offices offer a showroom with a wide variety of office furniture concepts and designs. National Business Furniture moved their dedicated 115 employee team to West Allis from a multi-story building in downtown Milwaukee that was located on Water and Mason. The new location offers expand space to welcome customers, increased inventory, and improved work space efficiency for their service and sales team.

**CrossPoint Church** will be opening their doors at a new location this Fall in West Allis. The church purchased the former Goodwill store at 11000 W. Oklahoma Avenue and is renovating the property to meet the needs of a 150+ membership. The facility will provide space for programs. CrossPoint Church serves the West Allis Police Department as a Chaplain.

# West Allis West Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce



**Back 2 Action Chiropractic** recently opened a new chiropractic care office at 10533 W. National Avenue, Suite 200 (in the North Shore Bank Building). Dr. Steve Wilsens and Kelly Garster, LMT strives to help patients achieve optimal health through chiropractic care, nutrition, exercise, massage therapy and stress management. The team at Back 2 Action Chiropractic are dedicated to your health and bringing the highest quality of natural health care to families and athletes in the West Allis area. Staff are focused on maximizing a patient's health from improving the performance of an athlete to the quality of life for patients from birth to the "Golden Years."



**Valpak** of Southeast Wisconsin joined the West Allis business community with new offices at 10909 W. Greenfield Avenue. The business offers unique direct marketing with the delivery of a coupon envelop to households in southeast Wisconsin.



On Friday, August 12, 2016 **West Allis Sam's Club** 6303 held a Re-Grand Opening Ceremony. The Ceremony celebration included Mayor Dan Devine, Fire Chief Steve Bane, WAWM Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Diane Brandt 15 Board Members from the Commerce, and twenty of the top 300 members and a number of valuable associates as well.

# West Allis D O W N T O W N

Greenfield Avenue from 70th to 76th Streets

414-774-2676

[www.WestAllisDowntown.com](http://www.WestAllisDowntown.com)

**SUNDAY.  
OCTOBER 2, 2016**

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



**CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

Over 450 Classic Cars — Music - Food

(All registered vehicles must be in place before 9:30am)

Raffle Prizes raising money for West Allis Crime Stoppers

50/50 Raffle raising money for Two Lives, One Heart

**Fun for the Whole Family!! Free Admission!!**

12:30pm: Hot Wheels Race Time (Sponsored by: West Allis Auto Club)

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



**SATURDAY.  
OCTOBER 29, 2016  
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

- 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](http://www.WestAllisDowntown.com),  
email us at [promotions@downtownwestallis.org](mailto:promotions@downtownwestallis.org), or call 414-774-2676.

# KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS AND WIN PRIZES!

For every \$5 you spend at a non-franchise West Allis store between November 1 and November 26, receive an entry to win one of six West Allis gift basket! Each valued over \$100.

Receipts can be redeemed Saturday, November 26, from 2-4p.m. at Centennial Plaza—West Allis City Hall, 7525 W Greenfield Ave.



For more information, log onto one of these websites:

[www.westalliswi.gov](http://www.westalliswi.gov)

[www.WestAllisDowntown.com](http://www.WestAllisDowntown.com)

[www.wawmchamber.com](http://www.wawmchamber.com)



*Start the Holiday Season in  
West Allis Downtown!*

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 3, 2016**



**CHRISTMAS**  
*on the Avenue*

1:30-4 p.m.: Downtown Activities

4-4:30 p.m.: Community Sing / Tree Lighting

**West Allis Community Christmas Parade to follow!**

West Allis Downtown Activities include: *(for a complete list of businesses & activities: [www.WestAllisDowntown.com](http://www.WestAllisDowntown.com))*

- \* Artwork of WA/WM School children
- \* Music by West Allis Swing Street Big Band
- \* Santa's Café sponsored by West Allis Celebrations Committee
- \* Bring your camera and capture the memories
- \* Games
- \* Activities
- \* Hayrides

Brunch With Santa @ Mis Suenos. Call 414-763-5150 for more information

Community Sing/Tree Lighting (Centennial Park Plaza-City Hall; 7525 W. Greenfield Ave.)

West Allis Community Christmas Parade

*This year's theme is: "Santa Paws is Coming To Town." Parade Route: Greenfield Avenue from 81st to 65th Street*

# West Allis-West Milwaukee School District

# NEWSLETTER

## Strategic Plan Update

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board recently approved the [West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Strategic Plan](#). This plan is the culmination of a process that engaged stakeholders (e.g., teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members) in defining the measureable outcomes and strategies for achieving our district vision: “The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, in partnership with family and community, will foster personal excellence and life-long learning for all students.”

The purpose of any strategic plan is to provide focused and coherent direction for an organization’s efforts. Our plan focuses on four core areas called the Building Blocks of Personal Excellence. These four areas represent our commitment to developing smart, caring, and creative kids; employees who are engaged and deeply dedicated to their work; a community that shares in our vision of excellence; and an organization that effectively uses its resources.

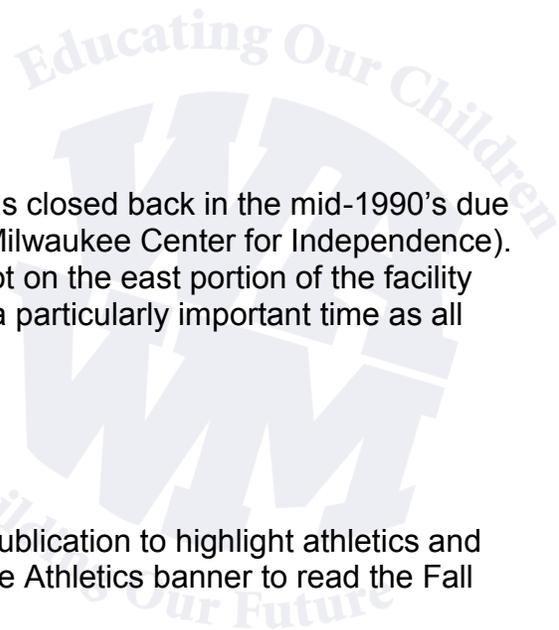
A strategic plan is not designed to provide detailed direction for each step but rather to give broad direction for the use of high-leverage strategies to get results. Our plan commits us to continually working to improve our efforts. Through a continuous improvement mindset and set of actions, we believe our students and community will be well-served. To learn more about our plan, access [Understanding the Strategic Plan](#). We look forward to using this plan to set a course that helps us achieve our goals over the next five years.

## Budget Update

We are pleased to share that we are currently projecting a 2016-2017 budget that will be “in the black.” This is very good news. Our goal was to develop a budget that is \$2 million dollars in the black and we are making good progress towards that goal. As we continue our effort to openly communicate about our fiscal picture we wanted to update you on the things we’ve done to become more efficient while maintaining our focus on ensuring that all students achieve.

- Reduced teacher FTE costs by participating in AGR with a focus on instructional coaching.
- Reduced facility and maintenance costs by moving 4K into neighborhood elementary schools.
- Reduced administrative costs by consolidating district positions.
- Reduced school and department budgets by 5%.
- Reduced the district instructional services budget by an additional \$200,000.
- Reduced the facility and maintenance budget by an additional \$200,000.

In addition to the reductions above, we made the last OPEB payment this year and the last payment on one of our iPad leases which further reduces our on-going costs. We continue to work toward rebuilding our funding reserves. We continue to focus on our fiscal progress with a commitment to carefully monitoring our resources and staffing needs based on enrollment.



## Former Roosevelt Elementary Property Sold

The former Roosevelt Elementary School has been sold. Roosevelt was closed back in the mid-1990's due in part to enrollment declines. The property was purchased by MCFI (Milwaukee Center for Independence). As part of the agreement of the sale, the district still holds a one acre lot on the east portion of the facility which is currently green space and a playground. This sale comes at a particularly important time as all funds are being directly applied to the district's fund balance.

## Athletics Update

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District periodically creates a publication to highlight athletics and students athletes in our district. Please visit our website and click on the Athletics banner to read the Fall Athletics Update.

## Walking School Bus Initiative

In partnership with the West Allis Police Department and the City of West Allis, the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District is working on a new initiative to create Walking School Buses throughout our district. A Walking School Bus is a group of students who walk to school together under the supervision of a adult leader. This simple, safe, and healthy program will help to ensure that children arrive to school safe and on time. West Milwaukee Intermediate School will be the pilot school. We look forward to sharing more information on this initiative as it progresses.

## September is Attendance Awareness Month

Dr. Marty Lexmond, Superintendent of Schools has joined a nationwide effort to celebrate Attendance Awareness Month in September, and has pledged to raise awareness about the value of regular school attendance and focus on reducing chronic absenteeism in the new school year.

The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District recognizes that good attendance is essential to academic success. Far too many students are at risk academically because they are chronically absent. Chronic absence is described as missing 10 percent of the school year—or about 18 days—for any reason, excused or unexcused. Research shows that this is the point at which absenteeism begins to affect student performance.

During Attendance Awareness Month, we are asking school leaders, community advocates, parents, and students to act upon these critical first steps to help stem chronic absenteeism:

- Build a habit and a culture of regular attendance
- Use data to determine when and with whom chronic absence is a problem, and
- Identify and address barriers to getting children to school.

Please visit [www.wawm.k12.wi.us/attendance](http://www.wawm.k12.wi.us/attendance) to find more important attendance information and tips.