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# City of West Burlington Fall News & Highlights

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## W.B. Fire Department to Host First Soup Supper

We hope to see you there! 

Bring your appetite! The West Burlington Fire Department will host their 1st Soup Supper on **Saturday, November 1st** from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event will be held rain or shine at the West Burlington Fire Station, 301 Broadway Street. Chili and Vegetable soup will be served along with other refreshments. Donations for the Fire Fighters Association will be accepted. Stop in and visit with members of your volunteer Fire Department and take a tour of the Fire Station.

Sponsored by the West Burlington Fire Fighters Association.

## "PREVENT HOME FIRES"

by Fire Chief Lenny Sanders

As we go into autumn, the West Burlington Fire Department would like to remind you to review fire alarm procedures with your family. Our children get a refresher as they return to school each fall, but as adults we sometimes forget what the correct actions are. Please make sure that you have an escape plan that includes two routes out of each room in your house. Also, it is very important that you have a pre-arranged meeting place so that you can account for all family members. You should call 911 from a neighbor's house or from a cellular phone *after* leaving the building. Most importantly, once you get out, you must stay out.

If you cannot get out of the building, go to a window and make yourself seen by waving a towel in the window or shining a flashlight through the window. Also, there are ladders available that can hang from a window sill and can be deployed even by young children to allow you to climb down from a high window. Practice opening the window with your children, and make sure that they know what to do if the smoke alarm goes off while they are asleep.

As important as it is to know what to do in the event of a fire, it is just as important to prevent fires from happening. Many fire departments see this as their primary mission, and ours is no different. Please, use caution when cooking or when burning candles.



Fire Prevention Week  
October 5—11th  
This theme for 2008 is:  
**"Prevent Home Fires"**

Never leave either unattended, and make sure there are no combustibles near them.

Sometimes all we need is a quick reminder to get us back into safe behaviors. With your help, we can make sure that West Burlington stays safe and happy for a long time to come.

## YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITE



The City is still operating the yard waste drop off site, located at 515 W. Glasgow where West Burlington residents may drop off grass, leaves and small branches. All yard waste must be removed from plastic bags.

This drop off site is limited to West Burlington residents disposing of yard waste from their property only.

Businesses, including lawn services and apartment complexes are not authorized to use this facility and will face a citation if caught.

### Street Sweeper

According to City Code Chapter 135 leaves and grass may not be placed in the street for disposal. The street sweeper is not designed to pick up yard waste and piles left in the street will not be picked up.

Don't Forget



November 2nd

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

**Open Burning is prohibited inside the City limits with the following exceptions.**

**Outdoor and Cooking Fires** - Grilling or cooking food in manufactured outdoor fireplaces or grills. No permit required. Outdoor cooking fires shall be conducted within safe distances from buildings, structures and combustible materials. Fuel shall be limited to clean lumber, logs, propane, natural gas, charcoal, kerosene or camp-stove fuel.

**Leaves** - Leaves and twigs smaller than one inch in diameter and two feet in length. Open burning of leaves shall be permitted on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** during daylight hours. Permitted only between **April 1st through April 21st and October 15th through November 30th**. A permit is not required for leaf burning.

**Landscape Waste** - Defined as tree trimmings and brush on large

areas of agricultural land (over 1 acre) located with the city limits may burn leaves on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Prior to commencement of open burning, the fire department shall be notified. A permit is required. The time period of the landscape waste fire shall be approved by the fire chief and shall be included on the permit.

**Trash Burners/Burning Barrels** - Fires for the disposal of yard waste (including brush, sticks, branches, and shrubs, but **NOT** to include garden waste, leaves or grass) and household rubbish (including paper and wood products, but **NOT** to include rubber, asphalt compounds, plastic, garbage, food products, waste, or other non clean-burning materials) conducted in approved containers. Burning in a Barrel shall be permitted on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** during daylight hours.

**Training Fires** - Fires set for the purpose of bona fide instruction and training of public and industrial employees in the methods of fire fighting. Prior to commencement of open burning, the fire department shall be notified and a permit obtained.

**Disaster Rubbish** - Defined as the open burning of rubbish, including landscape waste, for the duration of the community disaster period in cases where an officially declared emergency condition exists. Prior to commencement of open burning, the fire department shall be notified and a permit obtained.

**Religious and Ceremonial Fires**— Prior to the commencement of a religious or ceremonial fire, the fire department shall be notified and a permit obtained.

**PERMITS** — An inspection of burn barrels and open burning sites is required to obtain a Burn

Permit. Permits are good for one year and cost \$10.00

The time period of the landscape waste fire shall be approved by the fire chief and shall be included on the permit.

**RULES FOR OPEN BURNING**

• Attendance/Fire Extinguishing Equipment. Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person familiar with the open burning regulations with appropriate fire extinguishing

equipment readily available.

• Wind Speed. No burning when wind exceeds 10 mph.

• No burning within 25 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Exception. Clearance from structures and other combustible material is allowed to be reduced to not less than 25 feet when the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

• Exception. Landscape waste fires shall be permitted only when

the open fire will be at least one quarter mile or more from any building inhabited by other than the land owner or tenant conducting the open burning and is maintained at safe distances from other combustible materials.

The Fire Chief is authorized to require fires be immediately discontinued if determined offensive to surrounding property or the open burning constitute a hazardous condition.

**NEW FACES AT CITY HALL**

The next time you drop in City Hall you'll see some new faces. Please help us welcome Katie Eagen, Dana Buster, Deb Swink, Jared Reed and Lenny Sanders.

Katie Eagen will be one of the first faces you see when you walk in the door at City Hall. Katie joined us at the end of May as our Utility Billing Clerk/Administrative Assistant and just last month was appointed Deputy City Clerk. If you haven't meant Katie stop by City Hall and introduce yourself we're sure you'll like her as much as we do.

In July Dana Buster was promoted to full-time Administrative Assistant in the Police Department. Dana shares the front office with Katie, so you will most likely see one or the other when you come in. Dana and Katie cover for each other, which allows excellent customer service at the front desk. The Department is thrilled to be fully staffed with a full-time Administrative Assistant again.

With Dana moving to a full-time position the City hired Deb Swink as part-time Administrative Assistant in the Finance Department. You'll probably recognize Deb if you've ever been to a Pampered Chef party. Deb still works for Pampered Chef, but decided to add a little something more to her resume when she started with us in July. Deb is doing great and has been really fun to have around.



Katie Eagen, Utility Billing Clerk (left)  
Dana Buster, Police Dept. Admin. Assist. (right)



Jared Reed, Development Services Coordinator

Jared Reed joined us in August as Development Services Coordinator. Jared will take over for Building Inspector Lowell Hoy, who retired in December. Jared will also work with the Planning and Zoning Department as well as implement some new programs for the community. Make sure you stop in and see Jared before you start your next building project. Jared is available mornings and afternoon at City Hall.

Just down the street from City Hall the Fire Department has seen some changes over the last couple of months. In August Council approved the appointment of Lenny Sanders as Fire Chief and Todd Van Scoy as 1st Assistant Fire Chief. John Schuff was appointed 2nd Assistant Fire Chief as well. Chief

Sanders reports that the Fire Department is running smoothly and staff is busy attending various training opportunities and preparing for the upcoming Soup Supper.





Lenny Sanders, Fire Chief



## FALL CLEAN-UP - OCTOBER 13TH

It's Fall Clean-Up time!! Twice a year the City of West Burlington offers residents an opportunity to dispose of items that can not be disposed of with your normal garbage collection. Please read the list of items that can be placed on your front curb for collection by city crews along with guidelines to follow when putting items out. Residents need to place their junk items on their front curb no later than 7 a.m. on Monday, October 13th. Items place on curb after 7 a.m. will not be collected. If you have questions about this service please call City Hall at 752-5451. Thank you for your cooperation.

### FALL CLEAN-UP ITEMS

 PERMITTED	 NOT PERMITTED
◆ Appliances	◆ Tires or Batteries
◆ Furniture	◆ Demolition Material (i.e. drywall, lumber)
◆ Carpet	◆ Hazardous Materials or Liquids
◆ Mattresses	◆ Yard Waste
◆ Metal or Steel	◆ Household Garbage

Fall clean-up is not available to businesses, apartment complexes or residents living outside the city limits.

### GUIDELINES

- Items must be on your front curb no later than 7 a.m. on Oct. 13th
- Do Not put your clean-up items at the curb prior to October 5th
- Do Not stack items on top of one another
- Separate major appliances from other items
- Do Not place Fall Clean-up items in same location as regular household garbage collection
- Do Not place items in alley
- Items left after Fall Clean-up must be removed by October 19th to avoid a nuisance violation



### CITY PROJECT UPDATE

**SWIMMING POOL** — Swimming Pool contractors are working on a final punch list and winterizing for the season. We hope everyone had a chance to visit the pool and enjoy all the amenities. If you are interested in working at the pool next summer be sure to stop by City Hall and fill out an application. We are always looking for lifeguards, admission and concession staff. It's a great summer job.

**WATER PROJECT** — K.M.King, Inc. is working on the extension of water main down Hwy 406 Rd. and into the IAAP. This will open the area west of town for new development and allow residents along Hwy 406 Road to connect to City water.

A second connection to the Burlington Water System is in the final stages of planning and will be going out for bid in the next few months.

**FIRE STATION ADDITION** — City Council is working with Metzger Johnson Architects to design an addition to the south side of the Fire Station.

### GARBAGE COLLECTION MOVES TO WINTER SCHEDULE



LaVeine Sanitation will collect garbage once a week beginning **November 1st**.

Collection for residents West of Leffler Street will be on Monday.

Residents East of Leffler Street will have Tuesday collection.

# 4th of July Thank You

A special thanks goes out to everyone who attended and everyone involved with organizing another fantastic 4th of July Celebration in downtown West Burlington.

Without the support of volunteers, community organizations and the generous donations from private businesses the 4th of July Celebration would not be possible. This year monetary donations were made by the following businesses and community organizations.



### GOLD

Two Rivers Bank, Shottenkirk, F&M Bank, G.R.M.C., Alliant Energy, Burlington Trailways, Snyder & Associates, Golden Eagle Distributing, Big River Resources, COBO, J&M Displays

### SILVER

Pepsi, S&R Oil Five, Dr. Bradley Randolph, Westland Mall, Borghi USA, Otis Campbell & Aunt Beas, First Construction Group, Derby's Furniture, Fun City, Dr. Pepper, KKMI 93.5, W.B. Lion's Club, Fleck Sales

### BRONZE

French-Reneker-Associates, Two Rivers Insurance, Hy-Vee, Ideal ready Mix, Anderson Service Center, ReMax, Shipley Contracting, Sherwood Co., Heartland Foot Care, J&J Auto Sales, Alexis Fire, Collision Center, W.B. Barber & Style, Bauer Build, Brockway Co., Balzer Brothers, Carter Nursery, Shipley Ready Mix, Doran & Ward, ABC Fire Extinguisher, Rheinschmidt's Custom Tile, DMP Ins., UPS Store, National Federation of the Blind

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

**SAME TIME SAME PLACE!**



## Warning from the Police Department

The West Burlington Police Department continues to receive reports of persons falling victim to telephone and internet fraud scams in spite of numerous cautions to beware of "easy money" opportunities. When something appears to be too good to be true, it probably is.

There are many versions of these scams going around our community. In one version, the victim is asked to be a "mystery shopper" in order to visit local businesses and check on their level of service. A recent victim's first assignment was to check a business that wired money. A check was sent to the victim for over \$4,000.00 with instructions to deposit it in her bank account, use

her account to purchase a money wire and send it to an out of state location. The victim was instructed to keep a portion of the money for her trouble, keep a small portion for her next "mystery shopper" assignment, and send the rest to the out of state location. Shortly after sending the money by wire, she learned that the check she deposited in her bank was forged and would not be honored. The victim was out the entire amount of money she wired.

Other scams are very similar to this. You are sent a check, asked to cash it, keep a portion of the money for your trouble, and send

the rest to an address provided. Once again, the check will end up bouncing and you will be left holding the bag for the money you sent on. Sometimes small checks will be sent to you that will be good, so you become confident that the offer is for real. Then you will receive a larger check that will not be honored, leaving you responsible for a large amount of money.

You should be very cautious about offers of high pay for "work at home" or jobs using the internet. While some may actually be legitimate, many are not and could end up costing you a lot of your hard earned money.

**"If it sounds to good to be true, it probably is"**

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BURLINGTON OFFICIAL  
WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.WESTBURLINGTON.ORG](http://WWW.WESTBURLINGTON.ORG)

### City of West Burlington Calendar of Events

- City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 13th—Fall Clean-up for all residents (look inside for more information)
- October 15—November 30th—Open Burning of Leaves is permitted on Wednesday and Saturday only.
- October 23rd —31st—Red Ribbon Week
- Friday, October 31st—Trick or Treat 5:30—7:30 p.m. 
- November 1st—Twice a week garbage collection ends until May.
- Saturday, November 1st—West Burlington Fire Department Soup Supper 4:30—8:00 p.m. 
- November 27 & 28th—City Hall closed for Thanksgiving