



# West Burlington City Newsletter

June 2011



## JOIN US IN DOWNTOWN WEST BURLINGTON FOR THE ANNUAL 4th of JULY CELEBRATION!!!



### BECOME PART OF THIS YEARS 4TH OF JULY EVENT

Planning is well underway for this years 4th of July Celebration. As usual the day will start off with a pancake breakfast and end with music and fireworks! All the normal activities are being planned and hopefully a few new ones will be added.

If you wish to enter the **CRAFT SHOW, PARADE, TALENT SHOW OR KARAOKE CONTEST**, entry forms are available at City Hall or by visiting us at [www.westburlington.org](http://www.westburlington.org) just follow the link to **July 4th Celebration**.



The next planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6th, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and all are welcome to attend and help finalize our plans. If you need further information or just have questions please call City Hall at 752-5451 or Rod Crowner at 759-1298.



## MONDAY, JULY 4TH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS INCLUDE

- 6:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. FIRE DEPARTMENT **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
- 7:00 A.M. CRAFT SHOW
- 10:00 A.M. CLASSIC CARS, TRUCKS, RACE CARS & CYCLE DISPLAY
- 10:30 A.M. ALL DENOMINATION PATRIOTIC PRAISE SERVICE 
- 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S GAMES
- 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. BINGO (City Hall Basement - Handicapped Accessible)
- NOON OUTDOOR STAGE EVENTS BEGIN (See performances below)
- 4:00 P.M. **4th of July PARADE** (Register your parade entry at City Hall)
- 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. MUSIC BY "THUNDER AND LIGHTING PRODUCTIONS"
- 10:01 P.M. **FIREWORKS**

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AND DRINK  
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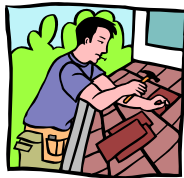


## PERFORMING ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE \*\*MONDAY, JULY 4TH\*\*

- 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. YOUTH TALENT SHOW
- 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. KARAOKE CONTEST
- 6:15 P.M. - 7:15 P.M. MUSIC BY KROSS COUNTRY
- 8:30 P.M. - 11:30 P.M. **MAGGIE SPEAKS** — This Chicago band has been changing what people think of cover bands since 1997. Drawing off a huge range of music, Maggie Speaks cranks out an incredible non-stop high-energy show that leaves people breathless. You'll know every song, but you won't believe how this band delivers them one after another. Think of it as your favorite mix come to life.



## FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOME REPAIRS OR DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE



The Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission is offering low to moderate income homeowners funds for home repairs or down payment assistance. The funds are available from the Federal Home Loan Bank and Great River Housing, Inc. Homeowners can receive up to \$10,000 for home repairs and \$5,000 for down payment assistance. Some of the eligible repairs would include; roof repair, siding, window replacement, electrical upgrades, plumbing upgrades, insulation, foundation repair, water heater replacement, furnace replacement, and lead based paint remediation. Homeowners' annual gross income must be below the income shown in the following table and homes being sold on contract are not eligible for this program. The assistance to the homeowner is a blend of grants and loans. Applications can be picked up at West Burlington City Hall. For more information contact Beth Hartman at 319-753-4317 or at bhartman@seirpc.com.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME
1 person	\$32,450
2 person	\$37,050
3 person	\$41,700
4 person	\$46,300
5 person	\$50,050
6 person	\$53,750



## CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2010

We are very pleased to provide you with the 2010 Annual Water Quality Report. This report keeps you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year and contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. West Burlington purchases water from the Burlington Municipal Waterworks. The source of our water is both groundwater and surface water. Approximately 80% of our surface water is drawn from the Mississippi River. The remaining 20% of groundwater is drawn from 3 wells in the Pleistocene aquifer(s). In 2010 our water quality testing showed the following results:

### BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS TESTING SHOWS:

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A	TT	0.08 NTU	N/A	0.01-0.08 NTU	None	Soil runoff
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.49 ppm	RAA	0.34-1.49 ppm	None	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10	10	3.7 ppm	N/A	1.7-3.7 ppm	None	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG=4.0	MRDL=4.0	2.33 ppm	RAA	0.19-3.3 ppm	None	Water additive used to control microbes
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	17.6 ppm	5/11/2010	N/A	None	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.025 ppm	6/16/05	N/A	None	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (ppm)	N/A	TT	52.25	RAA	37.43%-60.07%	None	Naturally present in the environment

### WEST BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL WATER TESTING SHOWS:

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	2 ppb	9/30/2010	0-4 ppb	None	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG=4.0	MRDL=4.0	2.1 ppm	RAA	.68-2.49 ppm	None	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.06 ppm	9/30/2010	0-0.06 ppm	None	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (ppb) [Total trihalomethanes]	N/A	80	64.00 ppb	RAA	32-120 ppb	None	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	24.00 ppb	RAA	16-36 ppb	None	By-products of drinking water disinfection

**Note:** Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

#### DEFINITIONS

\*Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

\*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

\*ppb - parts per billion.  
 \*ppm - parts per million.  
 \*N/A – Not applicable  
 \*RAA – Running Annual Average  
 \*IDSE – Initial Distribution System Evaluation  
 \*NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Provides for on-the-spot measurement of turbidity in water.  
 \*Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements

which a water system must follow.

\*Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).



Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. West Burlington Municipal Water is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water



tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**CONTAMINANT VIOLATIONS**

West Burlington Municipal Water had no contaminant violations in 2010.

**ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION**

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

The West Burlington water supply obtains its water from the Pleistocene aquifer. The Pleistocene aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials allow contaminants to move through the aquifer fairly quickly. The wells will be most susceptible to activities such as dry cleaners, gas stations, industrial sites, and municipal wastewater dischargers. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the IDNR, and is available from West Burlington Municipal Water at 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Our water utility is making every effort to protect the water system from potential security threats. You, as customers, can also help. If you see any suspicious activity near the water tower, treatment plant, wells or fire hydrants, please contact us at 319-752-5451 or the local police/sheriff department. We

appreciate your assistance in protecting the water system.

*Cryptosporidium* is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes *cryptosporidium*, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicated the presence of these organisms in our source water and/or finished water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of *cryptosporidium* may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. *Cryptosporidium* must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

For questions regarding this information, please contact City Administrator Dan Gifford at 319-752-5451 during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Decisions regarding the water system are made at the West Burlington City Council meetings held on first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 122 Broadway Street and are open to the public.

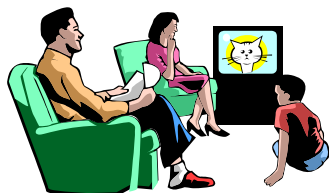


\*Spanish: Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua bebar. Traduzcalo o hable conalguien que lo entienda bien.

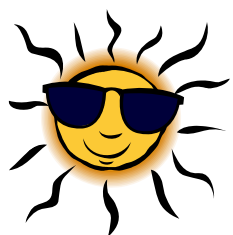
**STAY CONNECTED**

**West Burlington now has its own Public Access Channel!**

Mediacom customers should tune their T.V.'s to Digital Cable channel 81, or to channel 121-6 on a digital television to watch the Cities broadcast channel. For analog televisions, contact Mediacom for information and availability.



**WATCH COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE! GO TO WWW.WESTBURLINGTON.ORG**



# West Burlington Swimming Pool

602 West Burlington Ave.

Phone: 319-753-6930



**OPENING JUNE 2nd**

## ADMISSION PRICES

Daily Admission — \$4.00

Single Passes — \$60 (plus tax)

### Family Passes\*

Two—\$120 (plus tax)

Three—\$140 (plus tax)

Four—\$160 (plus tax)

Five—\$180 (plus tax)

\$20 for each additional family member, plus tax.

\* A Family Unit is defined as mother, father, legal guardian and their children who live in the home and who are under 18 years of age or a student. Applicants may be required to provide proof of family status.

**SAVE!** Bring your 2010 Season Pass back this year for a 2011 sticker and **SAVE \$1.00 PER PASS.**

## POOL HOURS

Monday—Saturday

11 am — 7 pm

Sunday

1 pm — 7 pm



## WEATHER POLICY

Our policy this year will be if the pool can not open due to inclement weather check back in at 2:00 pm. At that time, a decision will be made whether to reopen or stay closed the remainder of the day.



## SWIM LESSONS

Registration will take place at the swimming pool beginning June 2nd.

**Schedule:** 1st Session—Monday—Friday June 20—July 1st (Registration deadline June 10th)  
2nd Session—Monday—Friday July 11—July 22nd (Registration deadline July 1st)

**Cost:** \$30 Per Session—No refunds after the 2nd lesson (\$10.00 late registration fee after stated deadline)

**Hours:** Advanced and Intermediate 9:15am-9:45am  
Beginners from 10:00am-10:30am

Children will be grouped according to ability and must be at least 5 years old to participate. Due to inclement weather, eight lessons will be considered a full session. Private lessons are not available.

## PRIVATE POOL PARTIES

Private pool parties can be scheduled from 7 - 9 p.m. To schedule a private party call 753-6930. Parties must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Cost: \$300. Food may be brought in for private parties. No alcoholic beverages. Groups are responsible for cleaning up after private parties.

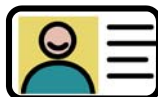
## GAZEBO RENTAL

To reserve the gazebo during regular pool hours call 753-6930. Cost: \$25.00 for 3 hours.



## GIFT CARDS

For your convenience money can be added to a Gift Card or Season Pass and used for daily admission or snacks in the concession area.



## CONCESSION AREA

Even if you're not swimming you can stop by the pool for quick bite to eat. Visit the concessions window located on the east side of the building under the pergola.



## 2011 POOL EVENTS & SPECIALS

- Tuesday and Thursdays Free Admission after 5:00 p.m.
- June 6 Grandparent's Day (Grandparent gets in free)
- June 12 Father's Day (Dad gets in free)
- June 15 70's Themed Day
- June 27 Two for One Admission
- July 4 4th of July Games & Activities
- June 11 Grandparent's Day
- June 13 60's Themed Day
- June 27 Two for One Admission
- August 8 Grandparent's Day
- August 10 80's Themed Day
- August 15 Two for One Admission
- August 27 DMC Humane Society Dog Wash



## WELCOME CHIEF HEIM



The next time you stop in at City Hall you'll see a new face. Please help us welcome Mike Heim as our new Building Inspector and Fire Chief.

Mike has had a long career in Fire Protection Services. He came to West Burlington in November from Kansas with over 32 years of service. Mike started his career in 1973 as a volunteer firefighter in a suburb of Kansas City. In 1985 he became an instructor for the University of Kansas for Fire Service Training and was awarded Instructor of the year. In 2000 Mike became Deputy State Fire Marshal until he retired in 2008. We are excited to have Mike as a full time Fire Chief at City Hall. Mike can be reached in the mornings and afternoons at City Hall to help with any building or fire inquires.

## Imagine Our Future Campaign

We are excited to invite everyone who live, works, visits and studies in the Des Moines County and greater Burlington/West Burlington area to engage in a community wide initiative to help create **FIVE big ideas** for the future. The initiative titled "IMAGINE" kicked off in May and continues through October 2011.

### GOALS:

- Bring together our communities through a grassroots visioning process to improve the future of Des Moines County and the greater Burlington area
- Capture the energy and imagination of the communities to generate ideas, plans and dreams to move our communities forward
- Evaluate all ideas submitted and select five ideas that have broad community acceptance, a visionary outlook and make a long-term impact

### Q. How will the top five ideas be selected?

A. There are five key steps in Imagine's idea-selection process:

1. During the first two months of imagine, everyone who lives, works, visits and studies in Des Moines County and the greater Burlington area is invited to submit their ideas for making this a better place to live, work and play. Imagine hopes to gather at least 2,000 ideas.

2. A selection committee of 10 to 12 residents representing a cross section of the communities will review all ideas and narrow them to a list of 100 ideas. If you are interested in serving on the selection committee, please visit [www.ImagineOurFuture.net](http://www.ImagineOurFuture.net).

3. Through an open-voting process community members will be asked to select the top 30 ideas from the list of 100.

4. The Imagine steering committee will select the top five ideas from the list of 30.

5. The five best ideas will be announced in October 2011. Community members and organizations then will be invited to collaborate, adopt projects and start accomplishing these ideas. We hope to have all five ideas under way and some completed by the end of 2016.

### Q. Are there limits to the ideas that can be submitted?

A. No. Don't worry about how your idea would get done or how much it would cost. There are no "bad" ideas.

### Some questions to consider:

- If you had unlimited resources and could do anything you wanted, what would it be?
- Is your idea visionary? Will it have broad community support and long-term effect?
- What is missing in Des Moines County and the greater Burlington area?
- What is the best place you've ever visited? What did you like about it? What did it look and feel like? How could Des Moines County and the greater Burlington area be the same?
- What would make Des Moines County and the greater Burlington area an ideal place to live and work?



### Q. How do I submit my ideas?

A. Go to [www.ImagineOurFuture.net](http://www.ImagineOurFuture.net) to submit your ideas.

You can also drop off your ideas at City halls in West Burlington, Burlington, Danville and Mediapolis or the public libraries in Burlington, Danville and Mediapolis.

Ballots also will be printed in the Des Moines County News, Mediapolis News and The Hawk Eye.

Submit your ideas for the future of Des Moines County and the greater Burlington area. **HURRY! Deadline is June 30, 2011.**

Imagine Our Future  
PO Box 1244  
Burlington, IA 52601

**SHARE YOUR IDEAS**  
at the  
**PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**  
On Tuesday, July 19th  
5 --6 p.m.  
West Burlington City

# 4th of July Raffle

**Don't forget to buy your Raffle Ticket!!**

Drawing will take place on the 4th of July. You don't have to be present to win, but you won't want to miss it all the exciting things we have planned. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are available at West Burlington City Hall. Proceeds are used to pay for the fireworks display.



## **3 PRIZE PACKAGES\* 3 CHANCES TO WIN!**

### **#1—Backyard Party**

Includes: Pool, Patio Furniture, Gazebo, Grill, Fire Pit , Games, Margarita Machine & much more!

### **#2—Fishing Package**

2 man fishing boat, motor, fishing poles, tackle and more

### **#3—Cooler of Cash**

\$500 Cash



The prize packages are on display at City Hall. Stop by to check them out and buy your raffle ticket.



## **PERMITS REQUIRED**

Type of Construction	Permit Required	Fee Required
New Construction, Addition	YES	YES
Alteration & Repair Homes, Garages, Stores/Offices Storage Buildings	YES YES	YES NO
Temporary Structures	YES	NO
Remodeling - Residential Business	NO YES	NO YES
Business License (Temp/Perm.)	YES	YES
Fences, Sidewalks, Driveways	YES	NO
Signs (Permanent/Temporary)	YES	YES
Roof, Window Replacement	NO	NO
Siding, Decks, Patios	YES	NO
Pools (between 24" and 48" deep)	YES	NO
TV antenna, satellite	YES	NO

*IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR PROJECT LISTED, CONTACT CITY HALL TO MAKE SURE A PERMIT IS NOT NEEDED*