

City of West Burlington

Fall News & Highlights

2020

FALL CLEAN-UP SET FOR OCTOBER 7TH

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On **Wednesday, October 7th**, the City of West Burlington will offer residents living inside the city limits an opportunity to dispose of items that can not be disposed of with your typical garbage collection. Please read the list of permitted items that can be placed out for Fall Clean-Up this year. If you have questions about this service, please call City Hall at 752-5451. Thank you for your cooperation.

GUIDELINES

- Place permitted items at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- DO NOT pile items on top of one another.
- Separate major appliances from other items.
- If it looks like rain in the forecast, please cover your items so they do not become saturated.
- DO NOT place items in the alley.
- Items that are not permitted will not be picked up and must be removed from the curb

PERMITTED ITEMS

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Appliances	T.V.'s or Computer Monitors
Metal or Steel Furniture	Tires or Batteries
Carpet	Demolition Material, Wood, Drywall
Mattresses	Hazardous Materials or Liquids
	Yard Waste
	Household Garbage

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

YARD WASTE OPTIONS

Leaves are starting to fall, and West Burlington provides a couple of options for disposing of leaves and yard waste. These options are limited to West Burlington residents only.

DROP-OFF SITE

The West Burlington Residential Yard Waste Collection Site is located at 2000 W. Mt. Pleasant St.

RULES FOR THE DROP-OFF SITE:

1. Residents living within the corporate city limits of West Burlington only.
2. NO commercial lawn care services.
3. NO plastic bags.
4. Place yard waste in designated areas.
5. Pick-ups or trailers with loose yard waste and/or branches must be covered with a tarp to prevent items from blowing out.

6. Violators are subject to a fine of \$500 for the first violation and a fine of \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. Surveillance cameras are in use at the site.

OPEN BURNING

- Leaves only.
- Wednesday & Saturday ONLY (Oct. 15 to Nov. 30).
- During daylight hours only. Fire must be extinguished 30 minutes before sunset.
- NO burning on a seal-coated or asphalt surface.
- More information on Open Burning Regulations can be found in Chapter 157 of the City Code.

DO NOT - RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES AND GRASS INTO THE STREET

This can and does cause serious blockages and backups in the storm sewer system. The street sweeper is not designed to pick up yard waste, and piles left in the street will not be picked up. Violators will be ticketed.

POLICE CHIEF LOGAN: SURVEILLANCE CAMERA REGISTRATION:



YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR CITY SAFE

The West Burlington Police Department is committed to using every resource to prevent and solve crimes and to protect citizens and their property. Many residents and businesses are now utilizing surveillance cameras. These cameras may capture persons and events that may help the police department solve crimes and keep the city safe without officers having to go door to door.

The West Burlington Police Department asks residents and businesses around the city to register their privately-owned surveillance camera systems by completing a quick form found on the city's website (www.westburlington.org) or stopping in the office. As our officers respond to reports of criminal activity in our community, they may be able to use the information or footage captured on these security cameras to assist in the criminals apprehension and prosecution.



By registering your camera system with the West Burlington Police Department, officers will be able to identify what cameras may have captured criminal activity. You will only be contacted by the West Burlington

Police Department if there is an incident within the vicinity of your camera system. Officers or detectives may request to view the footage to assist in the investigation. The information obtained from registered cameras is not made public and cannot be accessed remotely.

From the desk of Councilmember Christy

The city is excited to announce two new programs for residents. Tree Replacement Committee and Neighbors Helping Neighbors are the two groups we are welcoming to the city!



The Tree Replacement Committee will provide free trees for yards, especially those that have lost a tree to the emerald ash borer, as well as other yards. Trees may also be planted at the schools and parks. The money for the trees would be provided by a grant from Trees Forever and Alliant Energy. One way to help us qualify for the grant is to have community participation in a committee to help plant these trees. This a great opportunity for individuals, families, Boy and Girl Scouts, school, church and service groups to help beautify our city. We would also like to qualify as a Tree City USA city.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is the other pilot program. It involves removing snow from front porches and sidewalks or raking leaves for residents who are seniors or those incapable of shoveling or raking. Our neighbors who need the services and those who would like to help would be put on a list to be coordinated by the city.



For more information about these programs, or to volunteer or to be a recipient of the services, please call

Councilmember Kathy Christy : (319) 208-1009

help encouragement
sharing time
support joining-in
attendance aid
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determination concurrence
hardwork treasure
volunteer assistance
charity

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY MAYOR HANS TROUSIL

As elected Council Members and Mayor, our responsibility is to have a well-staffed government to help our community thrive and grow as efficiently as possible.

The City of West Burlington has several opportunities for you to get involved. There are several Board and Commissions, and some new committees that have been established to help make decisions and provide guidance on what the future of our community should look like.

We are always looking for volunteers to fill these positions. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place to live, work, and play. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. Volunteers are often the glue that holds a *community* together. The most significant benefit of getting involved and volunteering is the impact a group of dedicated volunteers has on the community.

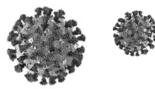
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD OR COMMITTEES, LET US KNOW!

- **Planning and Zoning Commission**—The Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on rezoning applications, subdivision plat approval, and amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. Commission members are responsible for reviewing zoning and subdivision applications regarding their impact on the neighborhood, community, environment, and the city's utilities and transportation systems. The Commission will be updating the city's 20-Year Comprehensive Plan over the next couple of years. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets quarterly or as needed.
- **Board of Adjustment**—The Board hears matters that could arise in conflicts on properties within the city, such as setbacks on lots or sizes of additions to current structures. The Board of Adjustment meets as needed.
- **Animal Hearing Board**—The Board consists of volunteer members with at least one member representing the Humane Society and at least one member representing the veterinarian profession. The Board conducts hearings and issues orders to abate animal nuisances and protect the community from dangerous animals. The Board also makes recommendations to the City Council and West Burlington Police Department concerning animal issues, including animal-related legislation, animal control regulations and the Humane Society Animal Facility operation. The Board is not part of the Animal Control Enforcement Unit within the city, but is an independent body created by this chapter. The Animal Hearing Board meets as needed.
- **Park Board**—The Board oversees our parks general welfare and helps the City Council make decisions and future improvements to them.
- **Tree Replacement Committee**—The newly established Tree Replacement Committee will be in charge of helping find funds to replace and plant trees that have been removed due to disease or age.
- **Neighborhood Watch Committee**—The Committee consists of a group of West Burlington citizens interested in aiding our local police department to prevent crime within the city. Its residents helping one another by keeping extra eyes and ears out, reporting crime, and learning strategies to pass along to the community on how to keep their homes more secure, to watch out for each other, and report suspicions to police.
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program**—The City Council is also interested in starting a NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR PROGRAM. This program would be neighbors willing to help older or unable individuals shovel snow off their sidewalks in the winter.
- **4th of July Committee**—The Committee consists of volunteers that assist in running events and fundraising for the city's annual celebration.
- **Fire Department**—has openings for volunteers who are interested in joining. Applications can be picked up at WB City Hall.
- **Police Department**—has openings for reserve officers. Please contact Chief Jesse Logan for more information.

STAY SAFE WB

It is critically important to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, and **every person and every business can help.**

Mayor Trousil would like to remind the community that now is not the time to become lackadaisical or complacent in taking precautions to protect yourself and your family from being exposed to the Corona Virus.



What you need to know...



- Stay home if sick.
- Use on-line services when available.
- Wear cloth face coverings in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when social distancing measures are challenging to maintain.
- Maintain 6' social distance from others.
- Use hand sanitizer before entering and after leaving stores.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.
- Do your part- Don't flush disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, and other non-flushable personal hygiene products. These items are solid waste and must be disposed of with other refuse in the trash and never flushed down the toilet. If flushed, especially in large quantities, even wipes labeled as 'flushable' can completely block the sewer and cause messy, expensive sewer backups into homes.

COVID-19 SCAMS

Be aware that criminals are attempting to exploit COVID-19 through a variety of scams:

There have been reports of:

- Individuals and businesses selling fake cures for COVID-19 online and engaging in other forms of fraud.
- Phishing emails from entities posing as the World Health Organization or the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Malicious websites and apps appear to share virus-related information to gain and lock access to your devices until payment is received.
- Seeking donations fraudulently for illegitimate or non-existent charitable organizations.

Criminals will likely continue to use new methods to exploit COVID-19 worldwide. To avoid these scams:

- Do not click on links from unknown sources.
- Get updated information directly from relevant governmental agencies.
- Ignore online offers for "miracle" health products, treatments, or vaccinations.
- Do your research before donating to a nonprofit or charity.

If you think you are a victim of a scam or attempted fraud involving COVID-19, you can report it without leaving your home through several platforms:

- Contact the Iowa Attorney General's Office by calling 888-777-4590
- Contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or justice.gov/disastercomplaintform
- Report it to the FBI at tips.fbi.gov
- If it is a cyber-scam, submit your complaint through www.ic3.gov/default.aspx



The West Burlington Independent School District school year is back in session! Give our kids a break! Please be cautious while driving. Observe speed limits, school zones, pedestrian channeling devices, stop signs, and property owners be sure to clean objects from your sidewalk. Watch for our little ones walking to school. Pay attention to crossing guards and intersections. Anticipate changing traffic patterns and leave from home with these in mind. Please give our children a "brake" and drive with care.

HAPPENINGS

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, October 17, 2020
Where: West Burlington Fire Station, 301 Broadway Street
Time: 6:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Cost: Free-Will donations



Please stop by and meet the members of the Fire Department and take a tour of the station. Fire Trucks will be on display. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2020 ELECTIONS

Prepare today so you can vote by mail. Residents may vote early, up to 46 days before Election Day. Request your absentee ballots today by visiting <https://dmcountyelections.iowa.gov/>.

Date and Deadlines for the 2020 General Election

- October 5—Absentee ballots ready; First day to vote in-person absentee
- October 24—Saturday, Auditor's office open; Voter pre-registration deadline; Deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed
- October 31— Saturday, Auditor's office open from 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m.
- November 2—Absentee ballot in-person deadline; 5:00 p.m.
- November 3—Election Day

Poll Hours

7 a.m.-9 p.m.

2020 CENSUS *It's not too late!*

The 2020 Census has been underway since early this year, but if you haven't responded yet, it's not too late to respond and shape your future! There's still time! You may complete the questionnaire online at 2020census.gov, by calling 844-330-2020 or by returning the paper form you received in the mail. Respond using the address where you were living on April 1, 2020 and make sure to include anyone who was living with you at the time.

YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS—as does that of your friends, family, and neighbors. The 2020 Census results determine how many seats our state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives and inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding will be allocated every year to communities like ours across the country. Households in West Burlington currently hold a 69.4% response rate and rank 342 out of 928 cities.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS



Nov. 1, 2020 2:00 a.m.

HALLOWEEN



Saturday, October 31st
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR GIFFORD

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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1st & 3rd
Wednesday
of every month

6 p.m.

City Council
Chambers
122 Broadway Street

Live on Facebook

We can now email
your monthly
utility bill!
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Please call Katie at
City Hall
(319)752-5451

or email:
willfordk@westburlington.org

to add your email
address to your
account!

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Check on your
account information.

Has your phone
number changed?

Mailing address?

Call City Hall to make
changes to your
personal information.

Hello to all West Burlington residents!

I hope this newsletter finds you well during these unusual times. The City of West Burlington has several projects in the works. The most visible is the constructing a new water tower near the city's public works building on Mt. Pleasant Street. The new tank's construction serves as a replacement to the ground storage tank near Deery Brothers on Gear Avenue that has outlasted its time. The 500,000-gallon tank is estimated to cost around \$3.5 – \$4.0 million. The project is being financed with a low-interest loan from the Iowa Finance Authority. Once the new tower is completed and operating, Gear Avenue's property will be cleared and sold, returning it to the tax rolls.

Another project that is set to commence soon is the Upgrade to the South Wastewater Lift Station. The current lift station is at capacity and in need of significant repairs. This project will cost a little over \$1 million and be financed through the Iowa Finance Authority. The upgraded lift station will serve the city's needs well into the future.

Contractors have recently begun work on the Huston Street Resurfacing Project. This project includes the patching and overlayment of asphalt to the street. The construction will also incorporate work in intersections from West Burlington Avenue to Vernon Street to improve the safety of sidewalk crossings.

The City and Southeastern Community College have partnered to install a pedestrian crossing across Agency Street at the college entrance. Many students have been crossing the street at that location, and the speed of traffic makes the crossing without traffic control dangerous.

Utility Payment & Contact Information during Cold & Flu Season

The City of West Burlington provides several options for citizens to pay monthly utility bills. If you prefer to avoid contact, please take advantage of these options:



On-Line Payments - www.westburlington.org

Drop Box – The city has set up two drop box locations for your convenience. Both boxes are monitored by surveillance cameras and checked daily.

- Parking lot behind City Hall – A green, fully marked drop box, located in the rear parking lot, underneath a small shade tree.
- The newly installed drop box is located right before the front entrance of City Hall.

Mail – Payment can be mailed to 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa 52655

ACH – Funds are automatically drawn from your bank account each month. Forms can be found at www.westburlington.org or call us at 319-752-5451, and we can mail you a form to set up automatic monthly payments.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT & BUILDING PERMITS

Residents of West Burlington have so much to be proud of. Your efforts in keeping the city looking clean and well-kept will not go unnoticed. While many citizens properly maintain their property, sometimes property owners need a reminder of their responsibilities to keep our city looking great.



As a reminder, the following items can NOT be stored outside and would be considered a violation of City Code:

- Old scrap copper, brass, lead, iron, steel, or metal.
- Old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubbish, debris, waste, or used lumber. Neatly stacked firewood on a side yard or rear yard is not considered junk).
- Dismantled vehicles, machinery, and appliances or parts of these items.
- Discarded glass, tinware, plastic household goods, or hardware.
- Inoperable vehicle or defective vehicles.

If you are making any structural changes or improvements, it is essential to check with City Hall to see if a Building Permit is required.

Permits are required for the following:

- New Construction
- Additions/Remodeling affecting a load-bearing wall
- Signage
- Sidewalk
- Driveway
- Siding
- Fencing
- Roofs (beyond shingles)
- Deck/Patios
- Swimming Pool (if permanent structure)



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



The City of West Burlington urges residents to always contact Iowa One Call before any digging projects, large or small. Even if you're digging in the same location, just a little to the left or right or deeper can cause damage or potential injury. It's happened to other homeowners, don't let it happen to you. Avoid damaged utility line costs and disruption of service to our neighbors. Be safe, always call 811!

Simply go on-line to iowaonecall.com or call 811 or 1-800-292-8989

PET WASTE RECEPTACLES



Walking through the city parks with your pet just became a little cleaner. West Burlington City Council requested staff to evaluate the need for pet waste stations to tidy up the parks. Over the summer, the public works department installed several receptacles for public use.

Help keep our parks clean and be sure to pick up after your pets!

ANIMALS PROHIBITED FROM RUNNING AT LARGE

The City of West Burlington does have a leash law and prohibits people from allowing their pets to run at large in the city limits. If you don't have a fenced-in area to keep your pet on your property, they must be on a leash and under the owner's complete control. Animals found at large will be seized and impounded.



Click on the Alert Iowa Image. You will be redirected to the Alert Iowa website to complete your enrollment.

Visit the Des Moines County Emergency Management webpage at:

To Register:

information.

Des Moines County Emergency Management encourages Des Moines County citizens to sign up for your home, school, and workplace addresses. Messages can be issued via landline or wireless phone, text messaging, FAX, TDD/TTY, and social media. Messages may contain photos, videos, and audio attachments to help subscribers better understand the situation at hand or where to find additional information.

Alert Iowa will allow citizens to sign up for the types of alerts they would like to receive and what Des Moines County communities you would like to receive alerts for. You can register contact information for your spouse and family. In the event of an emergency, a text message, voice call or email will be sent to the contact information that you register with the system. You can register contact information for your emergency, and public safety warnings. In addition to your phone numbers and email, weather, imminent emergency, and public safety warnings. You can sign up to receive alerts for all types of emergencies, including mass notification and emergency messaging system. You can sign up to receive alerts, imminence emergency, and public safety warnings. In addition to your phone numbers and email.

Sign up for Des Moines County/Alert Iowa Alerts!

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