

City of

WEST BURLINGTON

Warm Weather Greetings!

Summer 2022



Welcome to the summer edition of the city's newsletter! It seems like warmer weather has just arrived, yet here we are about to celebrate the 4th of July! Summer is the perfect time of year to enjoy outdoor activities. We hope to see residents enjoying family-friendly activities and events this season.

4th of July Schedule of Events



6:00am - 10:00am

Fireman Association Pancake Breakfast

7:00 am

Relay For Life Craft & Vendor Show

9:00 am

Bike Races

10:00 am

Cruise Day Display

11:00am - 3:00pm

Lions Club Bingo

11:30 am

Kids Games, Bounce Houses & Dunk Tank

Noon

River City Baggers Cornhole Tournament

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Little Squirts Water Fight

3:45 pm

Kids Parade

4:00 pm

4th Of July Parade (Huston Street)

7:00 pm

The Broadway Bullfrog Race Championship

8:00 pm

Raffle Drawing

10:01 pm

Fireworks

Outdoor Stage

11:30 am

Live Music by "Sean Kistler"

1:30 pm

It's Electric Entertainment - Kids Talent Show

5:00 pm

Live Music by "Jarrod Hogan & South 55"

8:30 pm

Live Music by "First Dance"

4th of July Celebration RAFFLE

tickets are NOW available at City Hall

PRIZES: Ring Home Security Package with 2 Doorbells, Chime, Spotlights, Bridge & 1 Year of Ring Pro; Blackstone Grill, Accessories & Meat Bundle; Xbox Series S, an Extra Controller & 1 Year of Gold; Cooler filled with \$ 500 Cash!



Fundraising Opportunity!

Raise \$\$\$ for your organization by selling raffle tickets!

Tickets sell for \$2, and your organization will receive \$1 for each sold! To start selling, visit the West Burlington City Hall.

West Burlington Swimming Pool

602 WEST BURLINGTON AVE. | PHONE: 319-753-6930 | OPEN DAILY: 11:30 - 7:00 PM
TENTATIVELY OPEN MAY 28

Join us at the

pool!

**TENTATIVELY SET TO OPEN
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

*Saturday, May 28th
11:30 am - 7:00 pm*

DAILY ADMISSION

\$4.00
for all ages

COUPON BOOKLET - 12 VISIT COUPON BOOKLET
\$44 (AVAILABLE AT THE WEST BURLINGTON POOL)

PRIVATE POOL PARTIES -

ONLY AVAILABLE AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS (*depending on staffing*)
HOURS ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
FROM 7:00 - 8:00 PM
COST: \$350

GAZEBO RENTAL -

AVAILABLE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS
TIME OPTIONS: 1:00 - 3:00 PM OR 4:00 - 6:00 PM
COST: \$25 + REGULAR ADMISSION



CITY PARKS

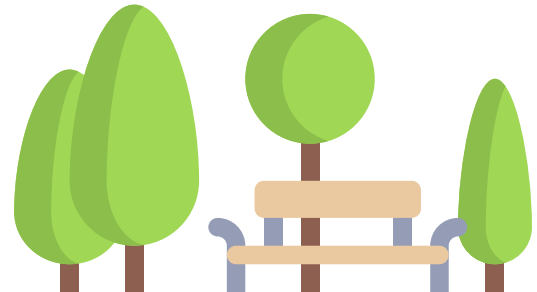
Our local parks and open spaces are an important part of our community, and while city crews work hard to keep them clean and maintained, we can use a little bit of help from our park visitors!

We don't ask that you clean up after others – if you would like to do that, we thank you – we are just asking that you leave the park the way you found it and clean up after yourself.

Helping is easy! Some easy ways you can help keep our parks clean and beautiful include:

- **Please do not litter.**
- **Minimizing your trash.** Reduce the amount of waste you bring into our parks by using re-usable containers that you can bring home afterward.
- **Use the garbage cans located throughout our parks.**
- **Practice pack it in, pack it out.** If you bring something with you, take it when you leave. That includes food scraps and cigarette butts!

By working together, we can ensure that our parks and open spaces remain clean, safe, and beautiful for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come. Thank you for doing your part!



Pet Waste Receptacles

Walking through the city parks with your pet is tidier and more convenient for owners! Please help keep our parks clean, and be sure to pick up after your pets by utilizing the waste receptacles!

**ANIMALS PROHIBITED
FROM RUNNING AT LARGE**

The City of West Burlington does have a leash law that prohibits people from allowing their pets to run at large within 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.



When you have a project that requires digging, your first step is to contact Iowa One Call. You can do this by calling 811 or 1-800-292-8989. You can also file locate requests at www.iowaonecall.com/homeowners/



White - Proposed Excavation



Pink - Temporary Survey Markings



Red - Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables



Yellow - Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials



Orange - Communication, Alarm, or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops



Blue - Potable Water



Purple - Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines



Green - Sewer and Drain Lines

UTILITY FLAGS



Why are there utility flags in my yard?

There are typically a few reasons these types of little colored flags will appear in your yard or lawn. The primary reason is a planned excavation in the vicinity of your property. The flags indicate someone has requested the location of underground utilities on or near your property. The homeowner, a contractor, a utility company, or the city may have requested upcoming repairs, installations, or maintenance. This does not mean that someone will be parking an excavator in front of your home and tearing up your entire lawn. The excavation could be for anything, maybe the fire hydrant across the street is being repaired, or your next-door neighbors are installing a new mailbox or clothesline.

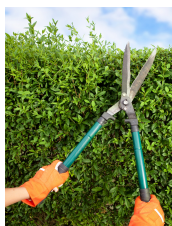
Just because the flags are on your lawn does not mean your lawn will be affected. Often, the individuals or companies who call in the "Call 811 Ticket" requesting to dig do not have all the information needed to identify the exact location of the work. Instead, they will call in several properties for one small excavation to ensure that the locators have marked the proposed work area. It is not uncommon for a company to call in a 150' radius for a project. The other reason flags have appeared in your yard is because someone is planning to do work. Engineers will request to have utilities marked out to design new utility systems around the old ones and safely excavate the ground.

Can I move the utility flags in my yard?

No. In Iowa, it is illegal to tamper with any underground utility markings placed under Iowa's Call 811 dig laws. Moving or removing flags and paint markings may ultimately make you liable for any damage.

Speak with the 811 operators and ask if they can provide any information about what is happening at your address. They should be able to provide the contact's name and number for the individual who called in the dig request. You can then speak with this person to see if they have completed the work or if the flags are needed in your yard.

YARD WASTE OPTIONS



West Burlington's Yard Waste Site at 2000 W. Mt. Pleasant Street is still temporarily CLOSED during the construction of the new water tower.

The City has made arrangements with the Des Moines County Landfill, 13758 Washington Rd., to accept all yard waste (grass, leaves, limbs) from West Burlington residents. This arrangement is only available for residents living inside the West Burlington city limits. Take your West Burlington Utility Bill to show you receive garbage service with the City for proof of residency.

Temporary options for yard waste disposal:

- Leaves and grass can be taken directly to the Des Moines County Landfill. Show your City Utility bill to dispose of limbs and brush at no charge.
- Residents may contract directly with LaVeine Sanitation for a yard waste collection cart.

**For safety purposes, the Yard Waste Site is protected by 24-hr surveillance video. Violator(s) will be prosecuted.*

SNOW & LAWN SERVICE FOR HIRE



www.westburlington.org

The city has added a new feature to the website. Snow removal and lawn services for hire are posted for public use.

If you would like to add your name to the list, please stop by City Hall and fill out a registration form. Once you are registered, we will add your information to the City's website for residents to contact you directly. There is a \$5.00 annual registration fee.

The City will not coordinate services and will not be responsible for the quality of work. This is an effort to assist residents looking for services.

WATCH OUT FOR PHONIES



Message from Chief Logan,

I would like to remind all community members to be mindful of potential scams. While advances in technology have vastly improved our lives, making things like banking and staying in touch with loved ones more accessible, they have also created opportunities for people with ill-intent to take advantage of that technology for criminal purposes.

Often, scammers target members of the community who might not be thoroughly familiar with the technology they possess, depriving them of money or personal information.

Remember, no one will ever ask you to pay for anything in gift cards. If you ever have a question about the legality of a phone call, email, or mail, you can call the company to get a better understanding.

Below are several of the more common scam attempts that the department has been made aware of.

Ransomware-Ransomware is a type of malicious software, or malware, that prevents you from accessing your computer files, systems, or networks and demands you pay a ransom for their return.

Business Email Compromise-Business email compromise (BEC) is one of the most financially damaging online crimes. It exploits the fact that so many of us rely on email to conduct personal and professional business.

Charity and Disaster Fraud-Charity and disaster fraud schemes seek donations for organizations with little or no work. While these scams can happen at any time, they are especially prevalent after high-profile disasters.

Spoofing and Phishing-Spoofing and phishing are schemes aimed at tricking you into providing sensitive information—like your password or bank PIN—to scammers.

Here are some general tips to keep in mind to protect yourself from becoming the potential victim of a scam:

- If an agency - such as someone purporting to be your health insurance provider, your utility company, or the IRS - reaches out to you asking for personal information, do not be afraid to hang up and call them back from a phone number on a trusted document such as a bill or health insurance card.
- Legitimate agencies will **never** ask for payment via gift cards, especially government entities.
- Donating to causes is perfectly fine; however, research the charity or organization you are donating to. Change your donating strategy to initiating contact with the entity versus responding to mail or emails you receive from them.
- Be cautious about saving personal information (credit card, bank, social security info). Do not save that information on a shared device such as a family computer or loaned device.
- If you are not sure about something you've received, ask someone that can help you decide its authenticity.
- Do not click on links from emails you have never had contact with. Double-check the email address of the sender as it may be a phishing attempt.

CURFEW REMINDER:

The West Burlington Police Department would like to remind parents that the City of West Burlington enforces a curfew for minors seven days a week.

Exceptions include travel to and from work, authorized school, church, or municipal function, or when they are accompanied by a parent or other person charged with the care and custody of such minor.

Curfew hours apply to any minor under eighteen (18) years. It is unlawful for any minor to be or remain upon any of the alleys, streets, or public places or in places of business and amusement in the City between the designated curfew hours.

CURFEW HOURS MEAN:

- For persons 17 and under, when school is in session the next day:
11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- For persons 17 and under, when school is not in session the next day:
12:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

The West Burlington Police Department is reminding residents and visitors that parking restrictions are enforced year-round.

DO   **DONT Park**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read and obey parking signs.• Park as close to a curb as possible, within 12 inches• Display your disabled hangtag from the rearview mirror• Park in the same direction as traffic• Lock your doors and remove valuables from sight• Move your vehicle parked on a public street every 72 hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In front of No Parking Signs• In front of fire hydrants or driveways• Within 20ft of an intersection• In a loading zone if you are <u>NOT</u> unloading or loading a vehicle• In a space reserved for people with disabilities• On a sidewalk, crosswalk, or space that blocks an intersection or pedestrian access• Park recreational vehicles, unattached trailers, or construction equipment on public property |
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PERMITTING & NUISANCE ABATEMENT



West Burlington requires a Permit for the following projects and activities:

- New Construction
- Additions to existing structures
- Remodeling that affects load-bearing walls
- Sidewalks - (Ask about the City's sidewalk reimbursement program!)
- Demolition of existing structure
- Driveways
- Siding
- Fencing
- Roofing (beyond shingles)
- Deck/Patios
- Swimming Pool (permanent)
- Garages/Sheds
- Dumpster Permit
- Burning Barrel/Open Burning
- New Business
- Signage

Outdoor storage of the following items is not allowed and would be considered a nuisance:

- inoperable or defective vehicles
- parking campers, boats, trailers, or vehicles in a front yard or on a non-durable/dust-free surface
- scrap copper, brass, lead, iron, steel, or metal
- discarded/dismantled appliances



- plastic household goods
- discarded household goods
- paper trash, rags, batteries, rubbish, waste, glass
- household furniture
- lumber (not including neatly stacked firewood)



TO OBTAIN A PERMIT OR REPORT A NUISANCE CONTACT:

SHAUN RYAN, FIRE CHIEF/BUILDING INSPECTOR

PHONE: 319-850-4269 | 319-759-8808 OR EMAIL: RYANS@WESTBURLINGTON.ORG

WEST BURLINGTON'S ANNUAL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE: JUNE 25



Register at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, to have your address added to the official Garage Sale Map. We'll take care of the advertising for you. This is available to residents living inside the city limits.

- Registration Deadline: June 20
- Registration Fee: \$5.00
- City-Wide Sale Date: Saturday, June 25 (rain or shine)
- Time: 8 am - 4 pm

The Official Garage Sale Map will be available after June 23, at City Hall and online at www.westburlington.org.

WEST BURLINGTON CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MARK ITEMS YOU PLAN TO HAVE AT YOUR SALE WITH AN ☒

_____ CLOTHING

_____ SPORTS EQUIPMENT

_____ TOYS

_____ HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

_____ FURNITURE

_____ TOOLS

_____ ELECTRONICS

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH \$5.00 TO WEST BURLINGTON CITY HALL BY JUNE 20

2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT

FOR WEST BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY



We are very pleased to provide you with the 2021 Annual Water Quality Report. This report keeps you informed about the excellent water and service 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. In 2021 our water quality testing showed the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL-(MCLG)	COMPLIANCE		DATE	VIOLATION	SOURCE
		TYPE	VALUE & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	75.00 (37-150)	9/30/2021	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	22.00 (8-40)	6/30/2021	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	0.00 (ND-32) *one sample exceeded AL	2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.04 (ND-0.12)	2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 –DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.08 (0.6 - 2.85)	6/30/2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes

PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION Our water system purchases water from Burlington Municipal Waterworks. Their water quality results were reported as follows:

CONTAMINANT	MCL-(MCLG)	COMPLIANCE		DATE	VIOLATION	SOURCE
		TYPE	VALUE & (Range)			
Original Supply ID: IA2909053—BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS						
01-S/EP FM MISS R. & WELLS 1,2, & 3						
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.0221	7/25/2018	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.7	7/25/2018	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	12.5 PPM	4/13/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	2.6 (1.200 – 2.600 PPM)	2021	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewerage; Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A (N/A)	TT	0.11 NTU (0.02-0.11 NTU)	N/A	No	Soil runoff

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.
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND– Not Detected
- ppb - parts per billion.
- ppm - parts per million.
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Provides
 - for on-the-spot measurement of turbidity in water.
- SGL– Single Sample Result
- 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.
- LRRA– Locational Running Annual Average

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).

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2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT



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 2021

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The West Burlington water supply obtains all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

Original Supply ID: IA2909053

Original Supply Name: Burlington Municipal Waterworks

OTHER INFORMATION

Turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique. 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact City Administrator Gregg Mandsager at 319-752-5451 during the following hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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

UTILITY BILLING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

GO
PAPERLESS

PAPERLESS E-STATEMENTS

We now offer a paperless option to receive your utility bill from the City! If you would like to have your monthly utility bill emailed to you, please call City Hall (319) 752-5451 or email willefordk@westburlington.org.

UTILITY PAYMENT DROP BOXES

For your convenience, 24-hour secure utility payment drop boxes are now available. Use the box located at the front entrance to City Hall, or drive-up to the box located in the parking lot behind City Hall.





City of West Burlington
122 Broadway Street
West Burlington, IA 52655

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Current West Burlington Occupant
West Burlington, IA 52655

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WEST BURLINGTON, IA
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Tax Abatement Program

PARTIAL OR FULL TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SINGLE- FAMILY, DUPLEX, & MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, IMPROVEMENTS!

What is Tax Abatement? A Tax Abatement is a temporary reduction in property taxes on the portion of assessed value that is added by new construction, additions, or improvements to an existing structure.

Residential

NEW RESIDENTIAL

FULL EXEMPTION

5 YEARS - 100%

(ON FIRST \$75,000 OF ADDED VALUE)

(includes single-family & duplexes)

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL

FULL EXEMPTION

5 YEARS - 100%

(ON VALUE ADDED)

(3 or more units)

ABANDONED PROPERTY

PARTIAL EXEMPTION

15 YEARS -

80%, 75%, 70%, 65%, 60%,

55%, 50%, 45%, 40%, 35%,

30%, 25%, 20%, 20%, 20%

(ON VALUE ADDED)

FULL EXEMPTION

5 YEARS - 100%

(ON VALUE ADDED)



Commercial

PARTIAL EXEMPTION

10 YEARS -

80%, 70%, 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%,

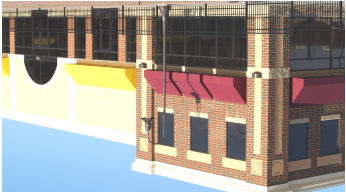
20%, 20%

(ON ADDED VALUE)

FULL EXEMPTION

3 YEARS - 100%

(ON ADDED VALUE)



Industrial

PARTIAL EXEMPTION

10 YEARS -

80%, 70%, 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%,

20%, 20%

(ON ADDED VALUE)

FULL EXEMPTION

Not available

