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NEWSLETTER

City of Saint Francis

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A Letter From Your Mayor

EXTRA EXTRA read all about it! Our December issue of the newsletter reports to our citizens a moment in St. Francis history that will be remembered forever, it explains all the details of our New St. Francis Civic Center that will be the new home of our Police, Fire and City offices as well as the Historical Society.

Now is our "time" for a new building for us to call home and be a showplace for our sense of community and pride. The Clear Vision Statement developed by the Municipal Building Citizen Committee who worked on this important project is as follows:

"Our citizens have invested in our City and their service and protection are in the forefront of an endeavor to provide effective and efficient service, safety, security, systems, and structure through the development of the New St. Francis Civic Center building. Our ClearVision is to unite our attractive lakefront community in the spirit of investing in our future and building on the success of the past. The St. Francis Civic Center will be "Where our Heart Remains" as a symbol of pride and our unique sense of Community."

City Hall was dedicated in 1962 and it was built with just enough room for the time, an expansion in the 1970's gave a bit more room, but in 2012 there are more needs, accessibility and privacy regulations, codes and safety standards needed for Municipal Safety and service buildings that we just can't meet in our Nicholson Avenue building any longer. As the new Mayor, I became the leader of the Municipal Development Citizen Committee that former Mayor Richards started to study our future Municipal and Safety Building needs. A study the committee asked for back in February of 2010 showed the building was just simply not acceptable or adequate for future needs.

I have been hosting City Hall Open House events since July 31st when I started by meeting with volunteers serving on Committees/Commission and Boards for the City of St. Francis. These events were started by myself for citizens to connect with their City and with each other but evolved into a discussion of our current building. In August and again in October interested citizens joined me at City Hall for the Open House and many took a tour of the building. At the 3 Open Houses our visitors and citizens were wondering why City Hall looked and felt inadequate to fill their needs and the needs of the Community.

Many citizens and families attended the November 1st and December 8th Open Houses at City Hall and heard the report from the Municipal Development Citizen Committee that it was "time" for a new City Hall, Police and Fire Department. Those who attended were asked to fill out a comment sheet and many of the sheets indicated that the tour was outstanding and that the building was too small and was not adequate for the City's needs. Most agreed with this mainly because of issues of the general age and persistent maintenance problems and lack of space to respect privacy, security as well as technology and regulatory needs. (Continued on Page 4)

City Hall- Holiday Hours

The City Hall will be closed the following days for the Holidays:

December 24th, 25th & 31st

January 1st



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St. Francis Civic Center City Hall | Police Station | Fire Station | Historical Society



Frequently Asked Questions

How much will the Project Cost? The City Council has designated \$8.5 Million dollars for the total cost of the project.

Does the City plan to levy the full amount of the project on the Tax Bills? No, the City Council has approved a Finance Plan which covers 55% of the borrowing cost by utilizing cost saving measures implemented in both the 2012 and 2013 Budget. The remaining 45% of the borrowing will be added to the overall tax Levy starting in 2014.

What is the financial impact on the average home valued in St. Francis at \$160,000? The average home in St. Francis will see an increase in their tax bill of less than \$60/year for the new project. Please keep in mind, the City Council has kept the Levy the same for three years running. If the Council would have increased a conservative 2% over those three years, the tax impact on an average home in St. Francis would have been over \$90/year.

Where will the new site be located? After several months of identifying possible site locations, the Council picked the location about 300 feet west of the Community Center located on Howard, between KK and Packard Avenue at approximately Lipton Avenue.

When will the project start? The planning and design work has just begun, the Public Bidding process for construction is estimated to be April of 2013 with a target grand opening in March of 2014.

What is the plan for the old building? The City has not identified an end user for the current City Hall Site on Nicholson, however the intention is sell the property upon moving to the new Civic Center.

Why does the City need a new Facility? Over the past 10 years the City has looked at dozens of combinations of options to accommodate the space and logistical needs which have changed over the last 50 years, mainly in the Police and Fire Departments.

Does the City have the Financial Stability to afford this project? The City of St. Francis currently does not have any debt which is unusual for a local government. The Elected Officials and Management team has worked hard over the last 10 years to eliminate debt and cash finance major purchases and projects. The scope and nature of the new Civic Center warrants borrowing the funds for the project.

Is the City going to build an environmentally friendly facility? The Building Committee which is working with Staff and the City Council to help with the project has directed our Architects "Bray & Associates" to provide cost benefit analysis on green options for construction.

If I would like to know more about this project or tour the existing City Hall when can I do that? January 5th from 9am – 11am Staff and members of the Building Committee will be at City Hall to provide tours and information.



City Garbage Information

Clean Up & Garbage

Collection Rules:

Alley/Curb Service: Approved containers shall be placed for collection at ground level on your property (not in the street) as accessible as possible to the alley or curb line. Containers may not be placed more than 24 hours prior to collection and shall be removed within 12 hours after collection. Remember materials must be out by 6:00 a.m. on collection day. Garbage must be secured when you place it out for pickup.

Do Not Litter!

Summary of Materials to be Collected by the Contractor:

- Garbage (refuse/rubbish/trash) must be properly wrapped in 32 gallon container (max). The weight limit is 80 pounds per unit to be able to be handled by one man.
- Only the fruit and vegetables from plants.
- Furniture and Miscellaneous (sinks, tubs, chairs, sofas, beds, dressers, etc.): Contractor has 7 days to pick up larger (2-man) items. Hay or straw, small amounts of building materials, lumber (less than 4' in length), stone, rocks, concrete, sod, sod/soil mix or soil in containers—less than 80 pounds per unit (2 to 3 containers per week).
- Tree stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls (max 80 pounds per item).
- Paint Disposal: Water based—use absorbent such as oil dry, kitty litter, sawdust, etc. to soak up paint. Place absorbent in container for disposal or let air dry outside. Place dried paint cans with covers off at the alley/curb for pick up. For oil based paints, call MMSD at 225-2066.

- Carpets—roll and tie in lengths of 4 feet or smaller. Maximum weight of 80 pounds per roll. Please keep carpet dry.

- Concrete blocks or bricks:

Waste management has changed their procedure regarding concrete pick up. Place concrete, block or bricks out on your scheduled day. Waste Management will collect the debris the next day.

Items Banned from Landfill:

The following appliances are banned from the landfill: air conditioners, furnaces, dehumidifiers, water heaters, water softeners, dishwashers, washers, dryers, stoves/ovens, microwaves, freezers and refrigerators. Pick up may be arranged through Refrigerant Recovery at (414) 643-7740.

As of September 1, 2010 it is illegal to dispose of:

- Consumer computers, consumer printers and printer/fax/copier/scanner combinations.
- Consumer video display devices, including televisions, laptop computers and computer monitors with displays of at least 7" in the longest diagonal direction
- Computer peripherals
- Fax machines
- DVD players, VCR's and other video players (i.e. DVR's)
- Phones with video displays (i.e. cell phones)

When purchasing new electronics, discuss recycling options with the place of purchase. Also, the City has posted on their website (www.stfranciswi.org)

other locations to recycle equipment.

Missed Pick-ups:

If you have missed the regular garbage or recycle collection (which is subject to holiday adjustments) notify Waste Management at (888) 960-0008 immediately between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday—Friday or via email at WMEservice@wm.com.

If you notified Waste Management and your garbage/recycling was not picked up the next day, contact the Engineering Department (481-2300) each day until pick up is made.

During Holiday adjustments, you must place your containers out on your regular pick up day. The Contractor will pick up as soon as possible the next day.

Remember, yard waste, tires, car batteries, motor oil and toxic waste must not be placed in containers for removal.

All these items (except toxic waste) may be brought to the Recycle Center. Do not mix any other substance with the motor oil. Please note the hours of the drop-off site. Leaving items at times other than those posted is not permitted.

Bulk Trash :

Metro Recycling and Disposal Facility
10712 S. 124th Street
Franklin, WI 53132

414-529-6180 (F)414-529-6192

Dumpsters:

Dumpster permits are now required for placement on City right of way and private property. Any dumpster on the street must have a flashing barricade at each end. Contact the Engineering Dept. for details.

Are You Being Alerted?

The City has launched our new interactive website and traffic has been high. Did you know that on our new website you can register to be alerted via email or text message of everything from Snow Emergencies to City Hall Meeting?

Sign up today at: www.stfranciswi.org. We are also now on Facebook, come on over and like our page to stay in the loop.



City Recycling Information

Recycling Information:

Please recycle the following after rinsing the container clean as necessary:

Plastic bottles and containers #1-7
Glass bottles and jars
Aluminum cans, tin or steel cans, foil and pie tins
Paperboard from cereal, cracker, snack boxes, etc.
Paper cardboard from cartons, dairy and juice containers
Flattened cardboard
Junk mail
Phone books
Magazines, Newspapers, Office Paper
Brown paper bags

Place your cart on the opposite side of the driveway from your garbage cans. For alleys, place your recycling cart at least three (3) feet to the side of your garbage and as far away from the garage as possible without blocking the alley. The recycling cart must be out at the street or alley for it to be picked up.

City Recycling Center Hours:

2125 East Bolivar Avenue

The City Recycling Center may accept: Yard Waste, Tires, Motor Oil & Vehicle Batteries.

Proof of Residency Required

Summer Hours:

April 1st-October 31st Monday 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Winter Hours:

November 1st-March, 31st Monday 4:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday Closed Saturday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This is a self-help facility.

Accommodations for disabled persons are available.

NOTE: Branches should be left as long as possible. Do not mix grass, leaves, twigs, branches-they are stored separately. Containers must weigh less than 50 pounds. Sod or, sod/soil mix, hay or straw are not yard waste.

Yard Waste:

Yard waste has been banned from landfills since 1993. Wisconsin Act 296 defines yard waste as leaves, grass clippings, garden debris and brush including clean, woody vegetable material no greater than 6" diameter, pine needles and cones.

Hazardous Waste:

Household hazardous waste and antifreeze can generally be disposed of free by calling MMSD at (414) 225-2066.

Recycling Electronics

The City cannot accept electronics for recycling. Our contractor will not pick up any type of electronics.

Please visit the City's website for a list of acceptable locations to recycle electronics.

When purchasing electronics, discuss recycle options with the retailer.

Hazardous Waste Permanent Collection Sites

(www.mmsd.com for mobile sites) Milwaukee

City of Milwaukee Self Help Station (Open to all Milwaukee County residents for HHW)

3879 West Lincoln Avenue

HOURS:

Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Menomonee Falls

Veolia Environmental Services
W124 N9451 Boundary Road (124th Street)

HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Franklin

Veolia Environmental Services
10518 South 124th Street

HOURS:

Tuesday - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Know Your Code: Dog at Large

The City has received numerous complaints regarding dogs at large. Per City Municipal Code: Section 180-1a (not to run at large). No person having in his possession or under his control any animal or fowl shall allow the same to run at large within the City. Citations may be issued for violations of this Municipal Code.

This includes letting your dog run off leash on public property within the City of St. Francis. Also included is large privately owned fields without prior consent from the owner.

The Milwaukee County Parks system offers wonderful Dog Parks that provide beautiful play areas and walking paths for your four legged friends. Visit their website for information and locations on these dog exercise areas: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/Parks>. We are fortunate to have a wonderful Dog Exercise Area right next door in the City of Cudahy located in Warnimont Park: 6100 S. Lake Drive.

As always if you have questions, please feel free to contact City Hall.

City of St. Francis Tax Collection

The City of St. Francis will be accepting tax payments in several different ways. You can pay your taxes in person at City Hall. Hours for tax collection are Monday – Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tax payments can also be dropped off 24 hours a day in the drop box located in the front door of the City Hall. Those payments should only be in the form of checks.

Payments can also be made to the City's lockbox. A self-addressed envelope for the lockbox will be included with your tax bill.

As in the past, several local banks will take full payments of your property taxes. They are:

Associated Bank	3719 South Kinnickinnic Avenue
BMO-Harris Bank	4677 South Packard Avenue
PNC Bank	3454 South Kinnickinnic Avenue
Tri City Bank	4698 South Whitnall Avenue

The last day the City will be accepting payments for 2012 is December 28th. City Hall will not be open for tax collection on December 31st. Payments can be made at the banks or placed in the drop box.

View Your Taxes Online

You can now view your City of St. Francis Taxes online. Visit the new city website at www.stfranciswi.org to link to this information. You can access the information from the home page of the website under 'Quick Links' and follow the link under the section City Clerk/Treasurer. You will then be redirected to a page that will allow you to search for a property a variety of ways. Once you are in the tax key needed you may obtain information for 2010, 2011 and 2012. The left hand margin of this page will allow you to view: parcel information, assessment information as well as the taxes.

When in the Taxes section please notice that *Net Taxes, Special Charges and Delinquent Utilities (if applicable)* all have drop down menus. Selecting this option will give a more detailed description of the charges.

We hope this additional website feature is helpful to you. Take a moment while you are there and look around to see what the other features the City's new interactive website can offer you. Sign up to be notified about a variety of things such as snow emergencies, crime alerts and meeting notices.



Packard Avenue Looking South

A Letter From Your Mayor (continued from page 1)

Throughout this process, several citizens in attendance also indicated their interest in getting involved and volunteering with the City and the new Civic Center effort. Citizens who have further question or want to get involved are invited to call me at 414-399-0797. You are also invited to attend an upcoming Municipal Building Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7pm.

In closing, I wish everyone a joyous and wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season. It is a special time to connect with our families and appreciate the true treasures we have in our lives. I appreciate any time you can take to give me feedback on anything I have said. Remember, St. Francis is all about you and you make it a great place. Our Community is a unique place to be on Milwaukee's South Shore for the best in living and working on Lake Michigan. Our St. Francis Civic Center will be an important part of our lakefront community that we can all be proud of to enjoy for many, many years to come!

Sincerely, Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls

43rd Annual Business & Industry Appreciation Night

The 43rd Industry and Commerce Appreciation Night was held on September 26th, 2012, and we thank the many City officials, area officials, association of commerce members, supporters, citizens and friends that attended the dinner and awards presentation. The event was sponsored jointly by the City of St. Francis and the St. Francis Association of Commerce. The event was organized by the City of St. Francis Economic Development Committee, Chaired by Rick Wier including members Sandy Jaskulski, Jeff Czarnecki, Greg Schlecht, Al Richards, Melinda Dejewski, Craig Vretenar and Tim Rhode. The featured speaker was Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls, who spoke on the 43 year old tradition of recognizing St. Francis business leaders and current activities for continued economic diversity of our Community. Mayor Steve Scaffidi from Oak Creek made some comments as a special guest to thank our South Shore communities for support in the aftermath of the tragedy in Oak Creek and talk how his community and the business community responded. Also at this event, new businesses in the community are annually recognized as well as

expanded businesses. Association of Commerce President, Dan Ward along with Mayor St. Marie-Carls, made the presentation of awards. County Supervisor Pat Jursik was in attendance to present a resolution from the County Board and State Representative Christine Sinicki presented resolution from the State Legislature. Other State and local officials sent their congratulations via letters that were read, including a letter from the President.

The St. Francis business honored as the 2012 recipient was Foamation and owner Ralph Bruno. St. Francis has been the home of Foamation since 1998. The company is known for the famous "Original Cheesehead" hat and other popular products. Foamation started twenty five years ago with Ralph Bruno's creation of a cheddar yellow wedge-shaped headpiece. He personally wore the headpiece he created for the first time at a Brewer's Game. When the popularity of his product exploded with the Packers Superbowl in 1996, Bruno needed more space for production and moved his operation to St. Francis. Foamation products are a real sensation and source of pride for our State and novelty for our sports fans, we are proud that Foamation calls St. Francis home and look forward to more "Foam" fever and continued success to Ralph and his family.



The Police Department

Holiday Safety

The St. Francis Police Department wishes a Happy & Safe Holiday Season to all. It is important during this busy time of the year to exercise some basic safety tips so you do not become a victim of crime. When leaving your home, we suggest you keep some lights on. If possible, leave a second car in your driveway. Stay alert to your surroundings when traveling to your favorite shopping destinations. Lock your vehicle and look around when walking into the business. Once inside, it is important for those who have a purse to secure it; don't leave it unattended in a shopping cart. Don't let others distract you while someone may be attempting to steal your belongings. Place your purchases inside your trunk and out of sight and don't leave multiple packages inside your car for an extended period of time.

Winter Driving Tips

Please exercise care and caution when driving. Winter weather requires patience and paying attention to the road conditions. Visibility is lessened this time of the year. Slow down and keep a safe distance from the vehicles in front of you. Pay special attention around schools and school zones. Obey the rules of the road, traffic standards and signs. Remember texting and driving IS ILLEGAL. Inattentive driving equals more accidents, injuries and deaths on our roadways. The St. Francis Police Department is continuing its involvement in three county wide traffic enforcement programs that include seat belt violations, speed and drunk driving. As you attend holiday

parties, and consume alcohol don't drive impaired. Always have a designated driver or use other forms of transportation.

Community Outreach for the Holidays

The St. Francis Police department prides itself on being a part of many community outreach programs throughout the year.

The Holiday Season is no exception. This is a great time of year for our department because officers get involved in some very special activities. For example, members of the St. Francis Police Department will again partner with local businesses this year in delivering food to select families over Christmas. We will also have an officer involved in the 'Shop With A Cop' program that includes officers and children throughout Milwaukee County. Our officers enjoy these very positive contacts.

We want to remind all of our citizens to assist us in keeping this a great community. We hope you check out the City website and look into our department for valuable information. Don't forget to join us on

Facebook.

Enjoy this special time with friends and family



Library Director Amy Krahn, Santa, Mayor St. Marie-Carls & Miss St. Francis Collen Mrotek



National Night Out- McGruff The Crime Dog & Officer Kamolov

Fire Department News

Holiday & Winter Fire Safety Concerns



The Holidays, along with winter snow and ice, are fast approaching. As we all gather together for the holidays, the fire department wants you to enjoy the holiday cooking and festivities safely. Deep Frying turkeys or any other holiday treat are delectable, however very dangerous. It is

important to keep all flammable liquids and materials away from your home. Remember to use the correct amount of oil when using a deep fryer and keep a close eye on it. These materials are very dangerous, especially if the turkey is not fully thawed. Winter is very cold and more activities are done inside. It is also important to remember proper usage of your ovens and stoves. If you haven't already, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

Christmas tree lights and decorations are a wonderful winter tradition. Dry Christmas trees are very flammable material and when they are combining with hot lights, the tree could ignite in seconds. Every year, over 200 Christmas trees are known to start on fire and cause large amounts of damage to homes and even claim lives. It is important to constantly keep the tree watered. The more the tree holds the water, the less flammable it is. The placement of the tree is imperative. It is important not to place the tree by an exit so that it blocks a way out of the home. Also, do not place a tree around any flammable materials like a heater or fireplace. Decorations are okay to put on the tree as long as they do not have an open flame and the electric lines are well maintained and not overloaded.

Eventually, pending Wisconsin's bizarre winters, the snow will

fall. Sometimes fire hydrants become lost because they are covered by snow. This makes the job of the Driver of the Fire Engine very difficult because they may need that hydrant to put out a fire. When they eventually find the hydrant, they must take the time to shovel it out. These are precious seconds lost that could be used to extinguish the fire. If you see a hydrant covered in snow, shovel around it or call the Fire Department.

Keep the Wreath Red

As we deck the halls of our homes with bright lights and colorful decorations the fire department will also take part in the annual tradition of decorating. Again this year, the outside of the firehouse is decorated with a large Christmas wreath. This wreath is adorned with bright red lights. All the lights will remain red unless a fire occurs in the city of St. Francis, more specifically a fire caused by holiday decorations. At that time, a white bulb will replace a red one. Fire Chief Andrew Neargarder brought this program to St. Francis when he became Fire Chief in 1990. The program originated in Illinois and is a product of the Illinois State Fire Chiefs Association. It is a reminder for everyone to be fire safe throughout the holidays. In the ten years our fire department has had the program, there has only been one bulb replaced.



Fire Fighter Jeff Jankowski, Driver Operator

Snow Emergencies

With winter just around the corner, we want to keep everyone safe on the roadways and sidewalks of St. Francis. Please keep in mind that whenever 3" or more fall within a 24 hour period a Snow Emergency may be declared in the City. When a Snow Emergency has been declared parking on arterial highways is prohibited and strictly enforced. If a vehicle interferes with or impedes snowplowing the vehicle will be removed at the owner's expense.

Residents have been observed blowing or shoveling snow onto the roadway. This is discouraged and unlawful for several reasons. First, it is costly to have the plows return to clean this up a second time. Second, it is hazardous as it often results in frozen lumps or ruts in the roadway or alley. Finally, it is quite often done while traffic is passing on the street, thereby obstructing vision.

To keep our neighbors safe, snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow fall. Ice on sidewalks must also be maintained by using ashes, sawdust, sand or salt. If snow/ice is not removed in a timely manner, the City may take care of it at the owner's expense. When removing snow/ice, please be mindful that it is unlawful to pile snow in the streets or alleys of the City.

Let's work together to keep our City safe this winter. If you have questions or concerns regarding Snow Emergencies, please contact the D.P.W. at 481-2300 Ext. 128. If after normal business hours, please contact the Police Department's non-emergency number at 481-2232.

Visit the City's website to sign up for alerts and be notified of Snow Emergencies: www.stfranciswi.org.

From The Building Inspection Department

Building Inspection general office hours are 8 to 9 AM and 1 to 2 PM Monday to Friday. Call the Inspection Department if you have questions.

Building. Permits are required for the following: New construction, building additions & alterations, garages, sheds, gazebos, greenhouses, pools, hot tubs & spas, decks, signs, retaining walls, fences, fireplaces, woodburners, gas fired appliances, structural alterations, furnace & air conditioner installations, reroofing, residing, window or door replacements requiring opening enlargement, basement rec-rooms and bedrooms.

Bring in as many details of your project as possible. A plan is required. Structural details are required, with dimensions and types and sizes of lumber. Location of structures in the yard is critical as well, because building and zoning codes require certain setbacks depending on the project. A survey should be included for additions, garages, sheds, pools, hot tubs, greenhouses, gazebos and fences.

Permits are now available on the City website as well as project specifications for accessory buildings, decks, fences and pools.

Electrical. All electrical work done in the City requires a permit before work is started and must be done by a licensed electrical contractor.

New Item -- As of April 2013 Electrical work can be done by any State licensed electrical contractor as City licenses will not be required by State regulations.

Permit applications are available online at the City website.

Plumbing. The owner of a single family home may do plumbing work such as repairs or alterations. New homes and all other properties require a State licensed plumber for repairs or alterations. Permits are required.

Roof Drains & Sump Pump discharge is to be three feet from any structure and directed onto the owners property to be dissipated before reaching the public way. It cannot be directed by hose or pipe directly onto a City sidewalk, alley or road and create an icing condition. Extensions of drains require written request to Plumbing Inspector for approval.

Carbon Monoxide. Have your furnace checked by a trained professional prior to the heating season. Make sure all gas appliances are properly vented and maintained to prevent carbon monoxide from entering your home. Carbon monoxide is a odorless toxic gas. A carbon monoxide detector installed in the home per the manufacturer's specifications is required by State code if your home has any gas appliances. Unvented or ventless heaters

are not allowed by code to be installed in your home. Note that Chimney liners (flexible stainless steel) used for venting water heaters installed inside of masonry chimneys should be checked yearly.

Dryers, especially gas dryers, should have the venting cleaned yearly and the venting should be kept as short as possible. Flexible venting should be the metallic type and be kept free of kinks. Hard metal pipe should not be screwed but taped with aluminum tape to prevent lint accumulation. All joints should be tight fitting and mechanically fastened. Holes or leaks can allow carbon monoxide and excess moisture into the home.

Dumpster permits are now required for placement on city right of way and on private property. Contact the Inspection or Engineering Department for all details.

Information on radon gas, asbestos and lead in the home is available from the Inspection Department and on the City website.

Concrete flatwork (sidewalks, patios and drives) do not require a permit for this type of work. Be aware that draining runoff water from concrete flatwork onto an abutting neighbors property from your property causing drainage issues or damage can result in a civil matter between neighbors.

City Council Resolutions and Mayoral Proclamations:

City Resolutions and Mayoral Proclamations/Commendations serve as an important way the City of St. Francis can officially and publically thank and give recognition to individuals and groups in the Community. For more information call 481-2300.

- Resolution - Industry and Commerce Appreciation Night – Celebrating their 43rd Annual Dinner Honoring Foamation
- Proclamation – City of St Francis Fire, Police, Staff and Fiduciary Real Estate Development Inc – RidgeView Fire, recognition for exemplary service
- Proclamation – Kohl's Department Stores – Contributions to Historic Seven Bridges Restoration project in Grant Park
- Proclamation – Carl Kitzinger - for his service and contributions to the St. Francis Community as presented at the Committee, Commission and Board event.
- Proclamation – No Texting While Driving Event – Acknowledging the effort of our Police Department, High School, and AT&T in partnering for an awareness event on December 12th.

Health Department News

The Flu Season Is Upon Us

Flu can put you at risk for other illnesses such as pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus and ear infections. The flu vaccine is available at the St. Francis Health Department. The cost is only \$25.00 for adults and free for children under the age of 18. Watch for clinic dates and times, or call the Health Department for an appointment. There are other prevention measures you can take to protect yourself and your family:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Dispose used tissue properly.
- Stay home when ill.
- Avoid crowds.

Winter Is Upon Us

The St. Francis Health Department is urging people to use carbon monoxide detectors and perform regular inspections of gas heaters and appliances to guard against carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased at most hardware stores and function like smoke detectors, by sounding an alarm if carbon monoxide levels are high enough to cause illness.

Are You The Parent of a Child Between the Ages of 1 & 5 years old?

Are you wondering if your child is developmentally growing? Contact the Health Department for more information on the Ages and Stages Program. It is free, only takes a few minutes to complete and can be done in the comfort of your own home.

Free Home Safety Screening

The St. Francis Health Department offers free screening to residents regarding home safety. A nurse will come to your home and help you solve safety issues, free of charge. Contact the

Health Department for more information.

Disposing of Needles, Syringes or Lancets

The South Shore Aurora Pharmacy located at 2000 East Layton Avenue, inside the Lake Shore Medical Building will dispose of these items. You will need to purchase a biohazard container. The pharmacy has those containers available for purchase.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

The St. Francis Health Department has a FREE blood pressure screening program. It is held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Faircrest Apartments, 1920 E. Tripoli from 10am-11am. There is another held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the St. Francis health Department, 4235 S. Nicholson from 9am-11am. No appointment necessary.

Whooping Cough

We continue to see cases of Pertussis (whooping cough) in the State. Parents are advised to keep their children up-to-date on vaccinations.

Pertussis is a bacterial infection spread through the air by direct, prolonged face to face contact with a person that has Pertussis.

Pertussis begins with cold like symptoms and cough that gets worse over a period of 1-2 weeks. Symptoms usually include a one series of coughs followed by a whooping noise. However some people do not develop the whoop. Some people experience a low grade fever. Some may also have difficulty catching their breath, turn blue or vomit after the series of coughs. The cough usually worsens at night and cough medicine usually doesn't help.

If you or your child develop any of these

symptoms, stay home and away from other people. You should then contact your medical provider

Maintaining Your Health During the Stress of the Holidays

The holiday season is upon us. This time of year can be a very stressful time to maintain your health and your weight with all of the tasty treats around. Here are some helpful tips to help you during this holiday season.

- **Portion Control:** Watch the amount of food you eat. You can have your favorite holiday treat, but take a small portion. Fill your plate with fruit and veggies.
- **Walk Around The Room & Engage in Conversation:** Talking with people and 'catching up' keeps your mind occupied on the conversation rather than the 'goodies'.
- **Take a Walk:** This is an excellent way to burn off some of those calories and it actually helps control your appetite.
- **Help the Hostess Clean Up:** This can also help to burn off some of those calories and it actually helps control your appetite.
- **Stop Eating When You Are Full**

These are just some common sense tips that sometimes we all need to be reminded of!

If you have a health question or need to report a Communicable Disease, please call the St. Francis Health Department at

(414)481-2300 Ext 133.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!



Congratulations SF Police Department

Did you attend the 2012 Saint Francis National Night Out in August? If you did I know you will agree it was a wonderful family event. The National Association of Town Watch has selected St. Francis as the **National Award Winner** for its outstanding participation in the 29th Annual Nation Night Out.

This year's event involved 37.5 million people in 15,700 communities from all 50 states, US territories and military bases worldwide. Your St. Francis Police Department is already working hard planning the event for 2013. Come out and support your community so we can take home the award again next year.

Library News

The year 2012 was a year of milestones and transitions at the library. We marked our 25th year of service to the St. Francis Community with a celebration in October. We also said farewell to several staff members. Connie Sheehan and Suzanne Doyle are retiring after more than 15 years as librarians with our library. We are grateful for their many years of dedicated service and the joy they brought to the library every day and we wish them all the best. We also have two new staff members: Mary Naczek is the new library assistant in the children's area and Emily Rutter is joining us as a part time adult services librarian.



Be sure to watch for the new Little Free Library that will be going up on the corner of Howard and Lipton! Sponsored by the Library and Friends, the Little Free Library is dedicated to Helen Hachmeister (our founding director) and joins more than 2,500 other libraries of its kind. The Little Free Library movement began right here in Wisconsin and now has libraries worldwide. The movement shares our goal of promoting literacy and follows a "Take a Book, Leave a Book" philosophy.

Engineering/DPW News

2013 Potential Paving Projects

The City of St. Francis Engineering Department reviews the roads within the City to determine which roads are good, fair, and poor. The roads are then given a rating from 1 (poor) to 10 (new). Based upon these rating, we develop our 5 year Capital Improvement Paving Program. This list is brought forward for the Board of Public Works and the Common Council to review and approve. The streets that have been approved for 2013 reconstruction are as follows:

- * S. Ellen Street from E. St. Francis Avenue to the dead end
- * S. Kingan Avenue from E. Denton Avenue to E. Lunham Avenue
- * S. Barland Avenue from E. Crawford Avenue to E. Koenig Avenue

Please remember that this list is dynamic. Changes may need to be made to this list; however, before any project can move forward, a public hearing must be held to inform all affected property owners of the project and the proposed assessments.

2013 Construction Projects

In addition to the proposed road projects, the City of St. Francis undertakes other construction projects. In 2013, those projects are as follows:

- * Citywide Sidewalk Replacement Program
- * Trail System on Former We Energies Property
- * S. Brook Place Storm Sewer Construction
- * Citywide Sanitary Sewer Lining
- * Completion of Signalization of S. Kinnickinnic/E. Denton/S. Nicholson Avenues Intersection

These projects do not require a public hearing since the costs are not special assessed to the abutting property owners. The Citywide Sidewalk Replacement Program is funded through Community Development Block Grant Funds as is the Trail System on the Former We Energies Property. The storm sewer and sanitary sewer projects are from the respective utility funds. The Completion of the Signalization of S. Kinnickinnic/E. Denton/S. Nicholson Avenues Intersection is a project which required coordination from the Union Pacific Railroad and the State of Wisconsin. This project is scheduled for 2013 but will probably not occur until very late in the year. Once these signals are fully functional, the City can look to starting the process to make an application for Quite Zone status.

Holiday Decorations: Disposal

Christmas trees, wreaths, garland or floral arrangements should be put out with your garbage. These items will be picked up on your regular day by our contractor Waste Management. If you reside in a condo or apartment you will have to contact your management company or association for direction as the City does not take care of garbage removal for Apartments and Condominiums.

