

# NEWSLETTER

## City of Saint Francis

2014 Fall

### A Letter From Your Mayor

#### **The St. Francis Civic Center - 3400 E. Howard Ave.**

Our New home of the Police Department, City Hall, Fire Department and Historical Society is only days away from being completed. A picture is worth a thousand words.....so take look on page 2 to see the transition of the building as viewed from Lipton Ave. I took these photos over the past year, it is quite a transformation.

Speaking of photos I need to share a recent favorite of mine I took a few weeks ago. I took a photo of the Rotunda and focused on the lighting that shows how the sections of the roof glow day and night. The Rotunda is a unique part of the building that I am excited for everyone to see. It is a place that combined with the Historical Society exhibits will be a beautiful and enjoyable place to visit, bring friends and family.

The completion of our transition and transformation to our new Civic Center will be our dedication on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Now mark your Calendars!!!

**Civic Center Official Dedication Date is set on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m.**  
3400 E. Howard Ave. -Young and old are invited to celebrate the opening of our building – there will be FREE refreshments, giveaways and activities. The ceremony and festivities will include the dedication of the stones that will be placed from the Buy A Stone program.

**Civic Center Gala Reception – Evening of Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
More information to come. The Gala will be a ticketed event to celebrate our new building, the holiday season and raise funds that can be used for enhancing other public areas on the Civic Center grounds. More information will become available soon, myself, Alderwoman Fliss and City Clerk Anne Uecker will be coordinating the planning, but if anyone would like to volunteer to help let me know!

I personally would like to thank on behalf of myself and the Common Council all of our City Staff, and employees during this time for always stepping up to bring our building project forward efficiently and effectively. Internally we have had daily review of progress from our Administrator, Chief's and Building Inspector. We have had technology and furniture committees and our construction committee that has met regularly since the project began. Behind the scenes we have some individuals who are not on our staff contribute to the success this project. Our General Contractor, Beyer Construction with Ed Gorichs and Brandon Applebee have worked hard, Eddy our site manager is on site until 7:30p.m these summer days making certain everything is going smoothly. I have appreciated working with them and they have been very helpful to not only me but all of our staff. Joining our construction committee in assisting with this project has been our IT consultant Mike Williams, as well as Mike Hacker leading the team at Bray Architects. Members of the Historical Society Board assisted by another behind the scenes assistant, Susan Catral from Catral Doyle designs, have been very dedicated meeting weekly preparing the details of our eight display cases in the Rotunda and I also sincerely thank them for their efforts.



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Looking back to the start of Summer, which by the way seemed like started July 4<sup>th</sup>! Our citizens who were able to attend our "Sneek Peek" of the Civic Center event on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The event gave a first hand look into the design and construction progress of the building. Now in the grand scheme of things, that event day seems so far away, but volunteers that helped like Judge Peter Hemmer, City Att. Paul Alexy, Kathy Bauernfeind, Judy Phillips and Richard Adamczewski, helped make the event a success. Other volunteers really helped make that day successful along with our City Staff and Beyer construction. We had homemade goodies from Alderwomen Bostedt and Fliss, City Clerk Anne Uecker and with Judy Bieszk, and Christine Essex and coffee and lemonade donated from "Jacob's Well Café" (*formally Fixx Coffee*)

**What about our OLD City Hall?** Our Municipal Development Citizen and staff Committee continues to meet also working on advising the City on many aspects of the New Civic Center and involving the public. They will continue meeting as we transition and explore our OLD City Hall building and site for the future. At this point we have no definite plans for the Nicholson Building, we are focusing on the move to the new building, but preliminary discussions have taken place with Plan Commission and the Council starting to gather options. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask me anything. Give me a call on my cell phone: 414-399-0797 or email me.

**The Civic Center Buy A Stone** program was a success with 100 Stones that were sold. The Stones are being engraved and will be placed in the seating wall walking up from the parking lot of the Civic Center and the Garden Wall that will be next to the Flag Poles in front of the Building. Thank you to Becky, Jane, Anne and Jean in the office for taking the inquiries and orders in the Clerk's office and thanks also to my brother in law, Tim Carls of Vernon Graphics, for donating his time to design our brochure and donate several banners. Lastly, I send a special thank you to everyone that took the time and made the investment to honor a loved one, or be a partner with us in the Buy A Stone program. You helped create a welcoming place we can enjoy and take pride in as individuals, groups, and businesses in St. Francis.

**Citizens of St. Francis, the biggest thank you of all goes out to you!** I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our citizens of St. Francis on behalf of the City Council and our City Staff and Employees. I have sensed a lot of excitement as I have been around the City this Summer. You have been attentive, interested, supportive, understanding and enthusiastic throughout this building project. You have shown us why we have a sense of community that no other City can match!

**Salute To Another Great Summer:** Some Thank You's! To: the 128<sup>th</sup> Dinner/Dance committee representatives from St. Francis, Rick Wier, John Kolb, Greg Schlecht for your efforts and honoring Veteran Richard Paradowski; the Memorial Day Committee for a moving ceremony including the High School Choir; the private donors and Hawke's Landscaping for the new playground, patio and Vretenar Memorial Park signs dedicated on June 11<sup>th</sup>; the Native American Guests that attended our Nojoshing Trail dedication and helped us remember our Heritage; Jacob's Well Café and Ubeer Gasthaus Pub for hosting a Community Connections meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for an awesome celebration adding more kids activities; the Arts Council for all they do and partnering with our Police Department helping make their events a success at the Park; the Police Department for the Night Out and Movie Night with the All Abilities Park Design Day; the Milwaukee County Parks for the Sprecher Beer Garden stop; Visit Milwaukee for bringing so many visitors with the Great Lakes Triathlon; the Library for providing the Fizz, Bang, Boom Read program and other great summer activities; WHEDA/WEDC State officials for visiting St. Francis and touring our City to find ways to assist with future economic development.



*St. Francis Civic Center*

## City Hall: Services Moving

With construction at the St. Francis Civic Center almost complete City Hall is getting ready to move. We anticipate that the move will not impede much on City business. During the move City Hall will need be closed September 30th and October 1st to transfer all of our operating systems over. Protective services will, of course, still be available with no service interruption.

Please keep in mind that all City business will take place at the Civic Center at 3400 E. Howard Avenue once the move is complete. Tax collection at the end of the year will take place at the new location.

For the latest information on the big move go to our website and sign up for notifications: [www.stfranciswi.org](http://www.stfranciswi.org)

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## 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 the St. Francis Civic Center (3400 E. Howard Avenue). The hours for tax collection are Monday – Friday 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 at the Civic Center. Those payments should only be in the form of checks and will be processed the next business day.

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 in 2014 will be December 30th.** City Hall will not be open for tax collection on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Payments can be made at the banks or placed in the drop box.

You can view your tax bill online via the City's website at: [www.stfranciswi.org](http://www.stfranciswi.org). 2014 tax bills will not be available until mid December.

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## Trick or Treat – October 26<sup>th</sup> 4-6p.m. **\*\* New Time\*\***

Mayor CoryAnn asks everyone to have a safe and happy Trick or Treat on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-6p.m. By request of many citizens part of our Trick or Treat time will be later bridging into the evening.

Remember, if you keep your porch light on this will help children know that you are participating in giving out Candy! (Remember remove your plants or decorations were visitors could walk or stand).

Some important tips include travel with a parent or

Guardian, if an adult cannot be with you travel with friends.

Stay in familiar neighborhoods, visit homes with porch light on and/or their inside door is open –Walk don't run – cross at the crosswalk at corners and obey signals - don't cut across lawns -Accept only wrapped treats and have your parents inspect them before you eat them. Accept treats at the door only. **NEVER** enter a home or vehicle without your parent! Make sure your costume is safe; you don't want to trip and you want to be able to see out of it.



# Health Department News

## DISABLED PARKING CERTIFICATION

The Health Department can certify applications for individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. There is no charge for the service. Residents of St. Francis can call the Health Department for an appointment.

## CALL A NURSE

The St. Francis Health Department can answer your health related questions. Call the Health Department.

## NEW PET?

Are you thinking of a new pet? The City has an ordinance states each household is allowed two (2) cats and two (2) dogs. Each animal must be licensed and kept up to date on vaccinations. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Health Department.

## WITNESS THE FITNESS

Want to maintain your fitness even during the chilly fall and cold winter months? Want to start a new fitness program of walking? **Witness the Fitness is for you!** The program will begin Monday, November 3, 2014 and continue every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until spring. You simply go to St. Francis High School between the hours of 5pm and 7pm and walk in the halls. You walk at

your own pace, for the amount of time that you wish and there is no worry about the weather. So come and join us, it's free. You can walk alone or bring a friend. Families welcome!!! If you have any questions call the Health Department.

## SHARPS DISPOSAL

In Wisconsin the law states you may **NOT** place any needles, syringes or lancets in the garbage or recycle container. Used sharps can stick waste workers or injure others if not disposed of properly. Beginning October 1, 2014 St. Francis residents may bring their used sharps to the St. Francis Health Department. Needles, lancets, syringes must be in an approved red biohazard sharps container. You may purchase a 1.5 qt container for \$3.00 and the disposal fee is \$5.00 for a 1.5 qt container. If you wish to purchase or dispose of a container, PLEASE call for an appointment. If you have questions, call the Health Department.

## ILLNESS

There has been an increase in diarrhea illness. One of the most important prevention measures you can take to protect yourself and others is to **WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY!** It is such an easy activity to prevent so many different

illnesses.

Also, remember if you or your children are ill **STAY HOME.**

## SCHOOL IS OPEN

With a new school year beginning there are so many things parents need to think of.

Make sure your child is up to date with immunizations. If you are not sure, contact the Health Department.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

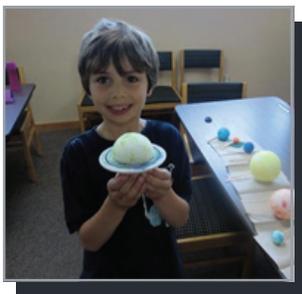
The Health Department has a FREE blood pressure screening program. It is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Faircrest Apartments, 1920 E. Tripoli Ave. 10am to 11am, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the St. Francis Health Department, 4235 S. Nicholson Ave. from 9am to 11am. No Appointment is necessary.

## YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Have health questions or need to report a communicable disease? Call the St. Francis Health Department at 414-481-2300 extension 133.



## Around Town



Fun At The Library!



National Night Out– Thanks for another great event



Historical Society members at the 4th of July



Mayor & Patriotic Resident



City Dignitaries with Miss St. Francis



Mayor CoryAnn with Patriotic Wagon Winner

## Library News

### Fall Storytime

Pre-reading skills start here! Join a storytime at the St. Francis Library and enjoy stories, songs, movement activities, fingerplays, flannel stories, crafts and more! Classes are available for ages 1 – 6. Siblings are welcome! Registration begins September 2 and the classes run from September 15 through November 19.

### Tot Time

Tot Time is a drop-in play group on Friday mornings from 9 – 11 am. It's a great time for kids to play together with toys, games, snacks and activities. Join us at 9:15 for Circle Time, and then – it's playtime! A great social time to share with other kids and adults. There is no registration required for this free program.

### Ghostbusters & Good Books

Who're you gonna call if you need to "bust" a ghost? Wisconsin Ghostbusters will be here to get you ready for Halloween. Meet the busters themselves, spook up some crafts, and you may even get slimed! A free program for all ages. No need to register. **Saturday, September 27 at 1:30 pm.**

### The Raising of the Alvin Clark

The Raising of the Alvin Clark is the story of Wisconsin salvage divers embarking on a history-making adventure leading to the recovery and restoration of the two-masted schooner that lay silently in 110 feet of dark, frigid water in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Presenter Richard Bennett was one of the original dive team members. This presentation covers the history of the Clark, her demise, her discovery, the salvage techniques and her final chapter. Please register in advance for this free program to be held on **Thursday, October 2 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.**

### Zentangle Art

It's the sophisticated art of "doodling". No rules and no experience required, just the desire to be creative. You'll be amazed at the results and how this unique art form will transform some of your free time and channel your energies in a new way. All materials are provided. Space is limited so register soon for this free program to be held on **Wednesday, October 15 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.** For ages 14 and over.

### Build with the Lego Legends, John & Sylvia Peine

The Lego experts return again to launch another Lego Club building season. Help build a Lego city with their bricks and with your imagination. When everyone is part of a team, everything is awesome! Fun & easy for all ages. **Saturday, November 15 from 12:30 – 3 pm.**

Call the library at 414-481-7323 to register for a program or visit our website at [www.stfrancislibrary.org](http://www.stfrancislibrary.org) for more information on these and other activities at the library.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Fall Storytime**

*Sept. 15 – Nov. 19*

*(No Storytime the week of Nov. 3)*

Pajamarama (ages 2 - 6)

Mondays from 6 – 6:45pm

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 – 6)

Tuesdays from 10:15 – 11 am

Toddler Storytime (ages 2 – 3)

Wednesdays from 10:15 – 10:45am

### **Tot Time**

*Sept. 19 – Nov. 21*

*Fridays from 9 – 11 am*

### **Library Opens at Noon**

*Thursday, Sept. 25*

Staff In-Service Day

### **Ghostbusters & Good Books**

*Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1:30 pm*

### **Baking With Herbs**

*Monday, Sept. 29 from 6 – 7pm*

### **The Raising of the Alvin Clark**

*Thursday, Oct. 2 from 6 – 7:30pm*

### **Zentangle Art**

*Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 5:30 – 7:30pm*

### **Friends Fall Used Book Sale**

*Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:30am – 3pm*

### **Halloween Boo Bash**

*Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1:30 – 3pm*

### **Harry Houdini: His Life and Legend**

*Thursday, Nov. 6*

### **Build with the Lego Legends, John & Sylvia Peine**

*Saturday, Nov. 14 from 12:30 – 3pm*

### **Sherlock Holmes: The First CSI**

*Thursday, Nov. 20*

### **Tree Trimming Party**

*Saturday, Dec. 6*



## Notice: Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in St. Francis

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed on private property in the City of St Francis.

EAB has been identified in 32 counties in Wisconsin, many in the southeast, including Milwaukee. All 32 counties have been quarantined. EAB damages a tree's ability to transport food and water, leading to die back and decline.

ONLY ash (*Fraxinus*) trees are attacked by the emerald ash borer, including white, green, black and blue. Note that Mountain Ash is not a true ash and is not attacked. Ash trees can be identified by their opposite branching pattern and compound leaves with 5 to 11 toothed leaflets. Symptoms of EAB in ash trees include: crown die-back and decline; S-shaped tunnels under the bark; D-shaped exit holes; larvae under the bark and woodpecker damage due to woodpeckers eating the larvae. Homeowners can identify ash trees and symptoms of EAB by visiting:

<http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/articleassets/EAB-HomeownersGuide.pdf>

Further information on EAB can be accessed at the WI EAB website: [www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov) A list of insecticide treatments for EAB is shown by selecting the Homeowner tab on the site to the *Home Owner Guide EAB Insecticide Treatment.pdf*

If you live in Milwaukee County, you can call the UW-Extension horticulturists and Master Gardeners to discuss your plant health questions. The staff has also been trained to answer EAB questions. Contact the Horticulture Help Line: 414-256-4664: Monday – Wednesday, 9:00am – Noon.

Homeowners concerned with conditions of an ash tree on their property, may also decide to contact a tree service company they are familiar with or an ISA certified arborist to evaluate the tree. A listing of certified arborists may be found on the Wisconsin Arborist Association website: <http://www.waa-isa.org/>

St. Francis residents are asked NOT to transport firewood from St Francis to other locations.

Currently, there is no solution to stopping the spread of EAB and no way to eradicate EAB. The City of St Francis continues to monitor its street and park ash trees for EAB and evaluate for future treatment or removal. To date no ash trees have been treated for EAB. The City stopped planting ash trees in 2007.

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## 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.**

**June 7th- Proclamation** “Milwaukee Archdiocese Synod Day” The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Synod was held in St. Francis at the Cousin’s Center with over 500 participants.

**June 11th - Proclamation** “Milton Vretenar Memorial Park Day” Mayor Vretenar inspired people of St. Francis with his passion for the Park to work further for events which started the St. Francis Arts Council in 1982 and brought 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities here as well as St. Francis Days.

**June 22nd- Proclamation** “Nojoshing Trail/Native American History Day”

The celebration marked a unique and historic moment of the dedication of our new Nojoshing Trail in St. Francis and commemoration of our Native American History.

**August 5th – Proclamation** Thanking Joanne Richards for her service to the Library Board. Joanne served the City of St. Francis Library Board for Six Years.

**August 19th– Proclamation** To Police Chief Kaebisch and National Night Out Coordinators, Dimitri Kamolov and Shane Czerniakowski. This event has created a legacy in St. Francis as a strong safe community.

**August 20th– Proclamation** To Ruth Lepkowski– a 65 year resident of St. Francis who served in WWII as part of the Navy “Waves” celebrated her 90th birthday.

## City Notes For Your Information

### **Housing Grant Program available in St. Francis—(limited time)**

St. Francis is eligible for a program with BMO Harris Bank. Borrowers buying or refinancing located in our area can receive up to \$3,000 in grant money to use toward a down payment or to reduce the closing costs on a home purchase or refinance. Mayor CoryAnn was able to find out about this opportunity at a South Shore Chamber of Commerce meeting and wanted to bring it to citizen's attention and encourage them to look into it; however it does only apply to the purchase of refinance of a primary residence. This is a private program, but many communities have entered into similar programs in partnership with local banks. The BMO Harris Cudahy Office has Kimberly Marsicek available to handle inquiries at 414-331-9233 or email [kimberly.marsicek@bmo.com](mailto:kimberly.marsicek@bmo.com). It is called the Neighborhood Home Loan product.

### **Vision 2050 Workshops – presented by the South-eastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

The Third set of workshops for the public are taking place in September as part of the next phase of the Vision 2050 process. At the workshop at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m. the public will have a chance to review a series of sketch level and land use and transportation scenarios. Their website with more details is [www.vision2050sewis.org](http://www.vision2050sewis.org)

**45th Annual Industry & Commerce Appreciation Night.** September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will honor St. Francis Brewery as our Business of the Year, tickets are on sale for the dinner at City Hall for a cost of \$26.00 each. The team from the Brewery including Rich Michalski, Dr. Mateo and his wife Pam, son Mike and General Manager, Nick Dillon have built a business that continues to bring many visitors to our Community and has become a gathering place for St. Francis. St. Francis has always taken pride that generations of business owners that have chosen to make St. Francis their home and this event honors them past and present for their commitment to our City. Our industry and commerce leaders play an important role in sustaining our quality of life and sense of community. Thank you to the Economic Development Committee for making this event possible.

### **Fun Walk at the Seminary –**

The Friends of the Poor walk is taking place on September 20<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. at the St. Francis Seminary. The St. Vincent De Paul Society is involved in this walk and it is being held to help support meal programs that feed hungry families and individuals. This walk will be along the Oak Leaf Trail and there will be no disruption to traffic.

Phone number for information is: 414-462-7837

### **St. Francis Civic Association:** (formerly the St. Francis Association of Commerce)

A new membership application available at City Hall and other places in the Community. The mission of the Association is to promote the betterment of St. Francis through Community involvement, academic advancement, and recognition of civic involvement to further promote an active interest in civic affairs and to exercise any and all powers necessary for the purpose of obtaining and furthering any of its objectives and purposes.

### **Lion's Center Activities, 3476 E. Howard Ave.**

The St. Francis Lion's have bingo every Wednesday at the Lion's Center. Many school, community, veteran and scout groups benefit financially from these bingos through the generosity of the Lion's Club allowing them to have events in their facility they own and operate. Food is always served with a variety of menu items and dessert. Progressive jackpots have made these bingos even more fun! 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beer and Wine Tasting event will take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> with prizes for the best costumes. Call the Lion's Center for more information at (414) 483-5080.



Future Hands of St. Francis

## Election Inspectors Wanted

Do you like interacting with people? Would you like to be involved with the election process? Are you a detailed person?

If so, the City of St. Francis is looking to increase our list of available Election Inspectors. We are also looking for Election Inspectors willing to become Chief Election Inspectors. Election Cycles consist of two elections in odd years and four elections in even years. We are looking to give more people the opportunity to assist with elections.

For more information, please contact Jean DeMores, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer at 414.978.2126 or Anne Uecker, City Clerk/Treasurer at 414.978.2125.

## The Police Department



On behalf of the St. Francis Police Department we hope everyone had a safe and fun summer. Our Community Resource Officers hosted several events this summer. On July 11<sup>th</sup> the "Movie Frozen" was shown outdoors at Milton Vretenar Memorial

Park. The weather cooperated and everyone seemed to enjoy the movie and refreshments. We thank the local businesses and St. Francis Lions for their donations and time. Our Award winning National Night Out Event was held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Milton Vretenar Memorial Park. This was a combined effort with the St. Francis Arts Council and the Concert in the Park. The festivities included music, entertainment, exhibits and more for all to enjoy. A special thanks to Community Resource Officers Dimitri Kamolov and Shane Czerniakowski for their time and effort.

The Fall Season will be special time for our department as we look forward to moving into our new Police Facility. The additional space will allow us to operate in a safe and efficient manner. It will also enhance our technological abilities as we move into the next generation of policing. Members of our department have worked very hard to maintain the standards and quality of life for our resident and they are deserving of this facility. Many member of our department have contributed to this project, but a special thanks to Captain Thomas Dietrich, Officer Rodney Lucht, and Police Clerk Kristy Czerniakowski for their contributions.

We also recognized the twenty-seven years of service from Lt. Jeffrey Varga who recently retired. Sgt. Kevin Hunter was promoted to Lieutenant of Police, congratulations to both. New Officers Michael Scott and Shannon Fettig have joined our team and have been welcomed additions.

St. Francis Police Dispatch will be merged with the City of Oak Creek. We thank this dedicated group for their commitment to the city and our officers. They have been a vital part of the police operations and service to our citizens, and will be missed. Thanks to those who voiced their concerns and supported them during this process.

Traffic safety remains a priority, and becomes even more important with the start of a new school year. Please pay attention to the increase in children and adults walking in school zones. We suggest you plan accordingly by starting your day earlier to avoid scheduling problems. Officers will be conducting traffic enforcement, so please slow down and obey the signs, crosswalks, and crossing guard instructions to help ensure the safety of our children; ultimately it is your responsibility to drive in a safe manner! Packer season is approaching, enjoy the games but don't drink and drive, it only puts others in harm's way.

In closing, we continue to urge our residents to partner with us in preventing crime. We need your support and diligence to keep our community safe. Find out how to join or become a Captain in our Neighborhood Watch Programs. Join us on Facebook and or check out the website for more information. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

## The Fire Department



With Daylight savings approaching, it's time to start thinking about smoke detectors and their maintenance. There are three main types of power that can go to a smoke detector; 9v battery, 10 year lithium battery and hard wired. If you have a 9V battery you should be changing out the battery twice a year (a good rule of thumb is daylight savings day). Typically, with a 10 year lithium battery, you don't have to change the batteries. When a 10 year lithium detector goes the whole unit needs replacing. Most hard wired units have a backup battery that needs replacing once a year. All detectors have a shelf life of 10 years and should be replaced. Other maintenance we can do with our smoke detectors is vacuuming the vents on the outside (and inside if your unit has a cover). All smoke detectors should be tested once a month. A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. A smoke detector only works when it is properly installed and regularly maintained. Also remember if you sleep with your bedroom door closed you should have a smoke detector both inside and outside your bedroom. If you're unable to afford, unable to replace, or just have a questions regarding smoke detectors please don't hesitate to notify the St. Francis Fire Department. When in doubt throw it out. It's always better to be safe.



Mayor CoryAnn & Miss St. Francis Brynn Weinzirl following the beautiful Memorial Day ceremony with 128th Dinner Dance Honored Veteran Award Winner Dick Paradowski

## Building Inspector's Office

Building Inspection general office hours are 8 to 9 AM and 1 to 2 PM Monday to Friday

**Building.** Permits are required for the following: New construction, home 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 replacements requiring opening enlargement, basement rec-rooms and bedrooms.

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

**Plumbing.** The owner of a single family home may do plumbing work such as repairs or alterations. All other properties require a licensed plumber for repairs or alterations. Permits are required.

Dumpster permits are required for placement on city right of way and on private property. Flashing barricades front and rear are required if placed on the road. Contact the Inspection or Engineering Department for all details. Placement in the street between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> requires approval of the Engineering Department for winter plowing requirements.

The City website has information on many building projects for planning purposes as well as links to sites with information on Radon, Asbestos and Mold. Permits are available on line as well.

Address numbering is required on garages with alley access. This is a requirement to help protective services in event they access your property from the rear for emergency purposes.

Roof Drains & Sump Pump discharge is to be three feet from any structure and directed to a public way. It cannot be directed by hose or pipe directly onto a City sidewalk, street or alley and create an icing condition. It is required to dissipate on your lawn area. Extensions of drains require written request to Plumbing Inspector for approval.

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 manufacturers specifications is a good precaution. Unvented or ventless heaters are not allowed by code to be installed in your home.

When venting dryers is advisable to use metal, either galvanized steel or aluminum pipe to the exterior outlet. When using flexible plastic pipe it should be checked bi-annually for any cracks or holes which may allow carbon monoxide into the home if you have a gas dryer and moisture into the home with any type of dryer. The vent pipe should be cleaned at least once per year of any lint. Also note the interior of dryers should be cleaned of lint yearly as well. This is typically a manufacturers requirement to avoid a dryer fire.

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## Fair Housing

The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 makes it unlawful to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing on the basis of race, color, religion, handicap, familial status (families with children), or national origin. Other acts have included, or inserted other protected classes (sex, age) to make the act more inclusive. The Fair Housing Act covers all real estate related transactions including the sale or rental of housing, insurance, appraisals, lending, redlining, blockbusting, and due to the civil rights issues hate related crimes. It is also unlawful to retaliate against a person who exercises their rights under the law, or any person who assists them in exercising their rights.

It is Unlawful to Discriminate in Housing Based on these Factors:

Race, Color, National origin, Religion, Gender, Handicap (if you or someone close to you has a disability), Familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child)

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, which is supported by the Milwaukee County CDBG program, provides comprehensive services to residents of Milwaukee County in an effort to affirmatively further equal access to housing opportunities. Information about fair housing can be obtained by contacting MMFHC at (414) 278-1240.

ADDITIONAL FAIR HOUSING RESOURCES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development - [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

•National Fair Housing Advocate Online - <http://www.fairhousing.com/>

•State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov>



# St. Francis Recreation



3680 Kinnickinnic Avenue

St. Francis, WI 53235

414-482-8404 414-482-8484

<http://www.stfrancisschools.org/schools/recreation/>

*Dedicated to providing programs and activities for  
community involvement and growth. Come check us out!*



**Fall 2014 Recreation booklet is available at Deer Creek Intermediate School, the library,  
and printable on our website. Registration is Saturday, September 6th  
@Deer Creek Gym. Miss the registration? Contact Peggy Pfeffer for class availability.**

**\*\*New offerings!\*\***

**Aerobics, Zumba, Under 10 Tennis, Fun Swims, Family Fun Night and More!!**

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**Follow St. Francis Recreation**



## St. Francis to Participate in Next Mayor's Fitness Challenge

The City of St. Francis has joined forces with other area municipalities including Cudahy, Franklin, Greenfield, Oak Creek and South Milwaukee, to bring our residents the South Suburban Mayors' Fitness Challenge.

This Challenge, starting in mid-September and wrapping up at the end of January 2015, is an initiative providing free fitness, educational and social events to men, women and children seeking to improve their health. Our goal is to continually motivate our residents to think about how they work out, what they eat, and who they can turn to in their community for help with their wellness goals.

Oak Creek's mayor, Steve Scaffidi, began the Challenge in 2012, and asked other city leaders to join him in an effort to expand the third year of this initiative to a larger area, with more participants and events. We are excited to be a part of this expansion.

### SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS'



### FITNESS CHALLENGE

Registration details will be available soon. Please visit the Challenge Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/MayorsFitChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/MayorsFitChallenge), for details as they are released.

## Take a Walk? Why Not...Walking in St. Francis

Walking around St. Francis is beautiful and as part of the Mayor's Fitness Challenge I would like to ask everyone to consider walking 5 - 10 miles a week. Start slow and give it a try. The weather is still good to get started now. In the winter, we have a partnership called "Witness the Fitness" with the Recreation Department and the High School where the High School is open for walking in the evenings. So, get out there and walk our wonderful City. The No-joshing Trail is open. Also, here are some other distances for easy reference courtesy of Kathy Mathew of St. Francis. **Lake Path Lunham to Howard:** 1 mile, **Greene Park Oval:** 1/2mile **Packard to Lake Drive on Lunham:** 1 mile, **Packard to KK on Howard:** 1 mile, **Howard to Morgan on KK:** 1.5 miles, **Howard to Oklahoma on Lake Drive,** 2 miles. If you would like maps or information let me know, here's to your health!

*Mayor CoryAnn*



Nojoshing Trail Opening had Native American guests, music and blessings. Left Ald. Bostedt, Jeff Bowman, Rob Preston, Gary Beshaw (of tribal Council Menomonee Tribe and Mayor CoryAnn



New Patio & Playground equipment is being enjoyed often at the newly named Vretenar Memorial Park which was dedicated to our former Mayor with a ceremony June 11th.



The Sprecher traveling beer garden spent 10 successful days in Greene Park. Mayor CoryAnn joined County Parks Director, John Dargle & guests at the opening tap on July 30th



The St. Francis Fire Department celebrated 50 years in June.

# 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 **by 6am** for it to be picked up.

State law has changed in regards to the recycling of electronic equipment. Beginning 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.



## Fall Leaf Collection

The City will be collecting leaves this year starting September 22, 2014. The last day to put leaves in the gutter will be November 21, 2014. The leaves are collected citywide beginning on one side of the City and working toward the opposite side. It takes about one week during the height of leaf collection to make one trip throughout the City. Please place only leaves in the gutter; no branches or garden waste. Those items will break the machine.

Also, the City has posted on their website ([www.stfranciswi.org](http://www.stfranciswi.org)) other locations to recycle equipment.

## City Recycling Center:

2125 East Bolivar Avenue  
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 and collected in the garbage. No root balls.

## Special Yard Debris Pick-ups:

Brush or tree stumps can be picked up by the City for a fee. Call the Engineering Department for more information.

## Storm Damage:

After a storm, large wind damaged branches will be picked up by the City at no cost. Call the Engineering Department during normal business hours for more information.

## Keep our City Streets and Alleys Clean:

Many of the alleys are overgrown with weeds/shrubs or cluttered with debris/trash. This condition provides a habitat for mice, rats, other vermin, as well as detracts from the overall appearance of the City. Please cut the weeds, trim the shrubs, dispose of the trash. Also do not rake/place anything in the gutter other

than leaves during the designated leaf collection. It is a violation of City Municipal Code.

## Water in Basement:

If your sanitary sewer is backing up in your basement, this is an emergency.

To speak to someone for assistance call (414)481-2300, Monday – Friday 8am to 4:30pm. For assistance after hours or on weekends, call the Police Department at (414)481-2232.

## Rainwater Runoff:

Help yourself and your neighbors prevent basement flooding. Please remember it is illegal to connect downspouts and sump pumps to the sanitary sewer or the floor drain in your basement.

## Report a Spill:

Anyone witnessing the dumping or spilling of oil, antifreeze, or any other hazardous substance can report the spill to the Department of Natural Resources on their 24-hour hotline at 1-800-943-0003.

## Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste and Antifreeze can generally be disposed of free by visiting one of the year round or mobile hazardous waste collection sites listed below:

### Year-Round Drop-Off Points

#### Milwaukee

City of Milwaukee Self Help Station  
3879 W. Lincoln Avenue  
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 7am – 3pm  
Closed: 4/18, 5/23, 7/3, 7/4, 8/29, 11/27, 11/28, 12/25, 1/1/2015

#### Franklin

Veolia Environmental Services  
10518 S. 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Franklin  
Tuesday: 11am – 6pm  
Saturday: 8am – 2pm  
Closed: 5/24, 7/5, 8/30, 11/29, 12/27

#### Menomonee Falls

Veolia Environmental Services  
W124N9451 Boundary Rd (124<sup>th</sup> St.)  
Monday and Wednesday: 11am – 6pm  
Saturday: 8am – 2pm  
Closed: 5/24, 5/26, 7/5, 8/30, 9/1, 11/29, 12/24, 12/27, 12/31

# Saint Francis City Hall

## 2014 Meeting Schedule & Recycle Calendar

All meetings are located at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

If you have a question regarding a meeting, please contact City Hall at 414-481-2300

Meeting times and dates are subject to change.

Please visit the City's website to view the meeting Agenda.

**\*\* Highlighted Weeks Are Recycle Weeks. Circled dates are Holidays, collection will be delayed 1 day**

**September**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p><b>*City Hall Closed*</b> <i>Garbage/Recycle Delayed by ONE day.</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm- Finance 6:45pm- License 7:00pm- Common Council</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00pm – Police &amp; Fire Commission</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>8</p> <p>4:00pm – Municipal Court</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00pm- Economic Development 6:00pm- Board of Public Works</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00pm- Library Board at the Library</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:45pm- Traffic Safety</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm- Legislative 6:45pm- License 7:00pm- Common Council</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm Aesthetic Control Board</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4:00pm – Municipal Court</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm- Community Development</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>*Business of The Year Dinner*</b> (Details to be announced)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00pm- Zoning Board of Appeals</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 4:00pm- Police & Fire Commission	3
	6	7 6:00pm- Finance Com. 6:45pm-License 7:00pm-Common Council	8 5:00pm- Library Board (located at the Library) 6:30pm- Park Commission	9	10
	13 4:00pm- Municipal Court	14 4:00pm – Economic Development 6:00pm- Board of Public Works	15	16 6:30pm- Aesthetic Control	17
	20	21 6:00pm-Legislative 6:45pm- License 7:00pm-Common Council	22 7:00pm- Plan Commission	23 7:00 – Zoning Board	24
26 Civic Center Grand Opening	27 4:00pm- Municipal Court	28 6:30pm- Community Development Auth.	29	30	31

# November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3	4 6:00pm- Finance Com. 6:45pm-License 7:00pm-Common Council	5	6 4:00pm- Police & Fire Commission	7
	10 4:00pm- Municipal Court	11 4:00pm- Economic Development 6:00pm-Board of Public Works	12 5:00pm- Library Board (located at the Library)	13 5:45pm- Traffic Safety	14
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	24 4:00pm- Municipal Court	25 6:00 pm- Community Development Authority	26 *CITY HALL CLOSED* <i>NO Garbage/Recycle Delayed by 1 day</i>	27 *CITY HALL CLOSED*	28

## 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 or collection cannot be guaranteed.** Garbage must be secured when you place it out for pickup. Do Not Litter!

### Summary of materials to be collected by the contractor:

1. Garbage (refuse/rubbish/trash) must be properly contained in 32 gallon max container – no loose garbage. The weight limit is 80 pounds per unit to be able to be handled by one man.
2. Only the fruit and vegetables from plants.
3. Furniture and Miscellaneous: (sinks, tubs, toilets with tank removed from bowl, 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).
4. Tree stumps, roots, or root balls (max. 80 pounds per item).

5. Paint disposal: Water based paints - 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 pickup. For oil based paints, see the hazardous materials information at [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com) or call 225-2066.
6. Carpets-roll and tie in lengths of 4 feet or smaller -max weight of 80 pounds per roll. Please keep carpet dry.

### 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. Here are some websites with information on how to recycle these items:

[www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/recycling](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/recycling)  
[www.recyclemorewisconsin.org](http://www.recyclemorewisconsin.org)  
[www4.uwm.edu/shwec/wrmd](http://www4.uwm.edu/shwec/wrmd)  
[www.refrigerantrecoveryinc.net](http://www.refrigerantrecoveryinc.net)  
[www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/home/appliance\\_recycling.aspx](http://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/home/appliance_recycling.aspx)  
<http://www.appliancerecycling.net/Home.html>

### Missed Pick-ups:

If you believe you have been missed by the regular garbage or recycle collection (which is subject to holiday adjustments) notify City Hall at 414-481-2300 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm. It can then be determined what action is necessary.

### Special Collections:

If you are in need of a special collection due to excess garbage or recycle materials, there are several options available. You can:

1. Call Waste Management at 888-960-0008 for a quote.
2. Purchase a Bagster from the local hardware store. There are instructions on how to have it collected included with the purchase. There is a fee for collection.
3. Order a dumpster. A permit from the City of St. Francis is required to have a dumpster on your property or in the street.
4. Haul the excess waste to the landfill located at 10712 S. 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Franklin, WI 53132. Hours are Monday through Friday 7am-4:30pm (cash customers 7am-3pm); Saturday 7-11am (cash customers 7-10am).

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. The hours are listed in this newsletter. 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.

## Every Drop Counts

### Help Protect Lake Michigan

We each use about 65 gallons of water a day. Help reduce the risk of sanitary sewer overflows and use less water when there is a heavy rain. What can we do at home to save water and energy? Here are some tips:

1. Fix Leaks. Nationally, 14% of the water we pay for drips down the drain, due to leaky plumbing.
2. City water use by 1/3 or more by installing low-flow showerheads, faucets, and toilets. (MMSD has a grant program for low-flow toilets. See [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com) for information.)
3. Wait to do laundry until the storm passes. Always wash in full loads. Did you know new washing machines use 35-

50% less water and energy?

4. Take a short shower. With a low-flow showerhead, an 8 minute shower uses about 17 gallons of water. A typical bath uses 24 gallons.
5. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth or shave and save 5 gallons of water or more every morning.
6. Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet until the water is cool.
7. Don't wash fruits and vegetables under running water, use a bowl instead.
8. Before pouring water down the drain, consider other uses for it such as watering a plant or garden and please never use your toilet as a trash can.

Additional tips are at [www.everydrop.org](http://www.everydrop.org)

## Prevent Water Pollution:

Storm sewers carry rainwater and snowmelt to Lake Michigan. This storm-water together with other pollutants is discharged without treatment. What can you do to help? Do not allow soil, leave or grass clippings to accumulate on your driveway, sidewalk or in the street; sweep up (do not wash down) fertilizer and /or soil off driveway and walkways. Dispose of pet wastes by flushing them down the toilet or bury it in the yard. Clean up after your pet while on a walk.

The City is a beautiful place to walk your pets. City ordinance does require you to clean up after your pets.

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