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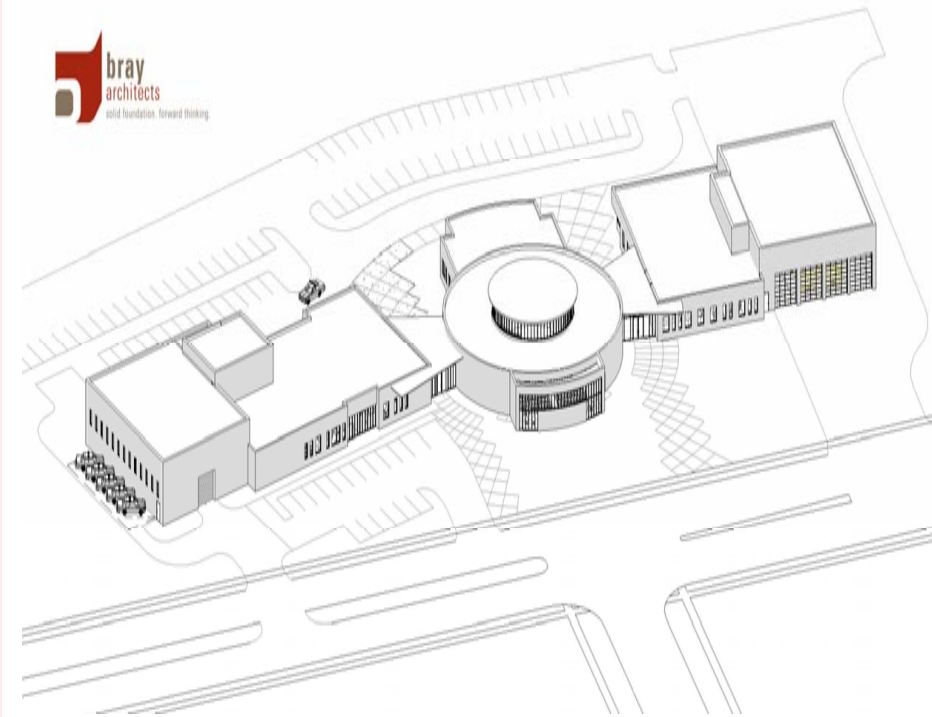
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# NEWSLETTER

## City of Saint Francis

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## A Letter From Your Mayor



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### **FORWARD FOR ST. FRANCIS: The New St. Francis Civic Center**

In our last newsletter we announced that the City Council moved forward with the recommendation of the Municipal Building Citizen Committee to build the new St. Francis Civic Center, the future home of the City Hall, Fire & Police Department and Historical Society.

I want to thank everyone who contacted me and other members of the Council to ask further questions and get more details on the project. We had citizens attend our January Municipal Building Citizen Committee meeting and comment also.

The citizen feedback I received has varied from "I have lived in St. Francis 30 years and I never thought I would see the day we would have a place like that" to "it's about time" to "you better keep me informed on what this building will mean for our taxes" and "what say so did citizens have?" I received additional comments with forward thinking ideas such as: "With the new building and our proximity to the lake...I see potential for our Community to become the Jewel of Milwaukee County"

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### **STAY CONNECTED**

Visit the City's website to view the City calendar and sign up for notifications.

[www.stfranciswi.org](http://www.stfranciswi.org)

## A Letter From Your Mayor (Continued from page 1)

The City Council is leading the way and is committed to the ideal the Citizen committee put forward that the Civic Center will "be a symbol of pride and our unique sense of Community". I thank the Council for their partnership with our Committee and how well they listened and continue to listen to what they have to say. In the December issue of the newsletter I explained our process and our efforts to bring citizens into the current City Hall to understand our need for new facilities.

Speaking of Unique! The Historical Society is planned to be part of our New Civic Center combined with City Hall, Fire & Police. This is a new civic partnership development concept that is rarely done in Municipalities. Our Council and citizen Committee adopted this concept to remember our strong St. Francis foundation of the past as they looked to our future to meet the needs of our citizens and community in our changing society. This partnership allows for enhanced public use of the building for all citizens with exhibit space and meeting rooms. As the project develops we will keep citizens informed on the planning of exciting public art elements of the building and surrounding grounds/plaza. The Historical Society has supporters and donations which are assisting with their part of the project. Further planning is being explored by the Municipal Building Citizen Committee at their meetings.

As your elected officials, we understand where you are coming from because we are taxpayers also, therefore we will continue to keep you up to date and you are invited to attend the Municipal Committee meetings, Council meetings and follow our agendas. Our Website will have agendas, minutes and regular updates on details. Municipal Development Committee meetings are at 7p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Our investment for this building will be for 20 years starting in 2014. The Council approved the resolutions to begin financing the project at the Feb. 5th meeting. The members of the Council have made a commitment that the yearly amount will not exceed 60 dollars on an average household of \$160,000.

The Municipal Development Committee Meeting held February 27th the committee discussed the schematic diagram (inserted on the front cover) and reviewed project timeline details. The next Municipal Development Committee meeting is scheduled for March 27th at 7p.m. at City Hall and the public is invited.

**St. Francis Civic Center Building – City Hall, Fire, Police and Historical Society** (As new details and designs are established hard copies they will be available at the Library info area.)

- \* **Front of Civic Center on Lipton and Howard**
- \* **Entrance from both North and South of Building**
- \* **3 buildings connected by public entry corridors -  
-----Fire (East), Police (West) City Hall/Historical Society (Center)**
- \* **Rotunda Center with City Hall transaction Counter (north side rotunda)**
- \* **Council Chambers, Meeting Rooms (South side rotunda)**
- \* **Historical Society Exhibit in Rotunda, an Office/Work room (south side)**
- \* **Civic Center Completion in summer of 2014**

Feel free to contact me I am always open to hearing from citizens on any issue in addition to being a resource to those interested in learning more about our community. I would appreciate any time you can take to give me your feedback. Remember the City of St. Francis is all about "YOU". You are why St. Francis is a great place and I am ready to hear from you whenever you have the time we can meet in person or talk by phone or email. Our plans for City summer activities are beginning and if you are interested in being involved in some way let me know.

Sincerely, Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for the 4th of July and other opportunities within the City to get involved and help your community. Call the Mayor, 399-0797

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 Meetings?

Sign up today at: [www.stfranciswi.org](http://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.

## Coyote Concerns

If you are concerned about coyotes on your property or in your neighborhood, follow these tips for safety:

**Do not feed coyotes!** Problems occur when people begin feeding coyotes, either deliberately or inadvertently. Garbage should be stored in secure containers. Do not put meat scraps in compost piles.

**Remove bird feeders and outside pet food containers.** Coyotes will prey upon small mammals attracted to birdseed and pet food.

**Don't allow pets to run free.** Keep a watchful eye on your pets. Walk dogs on a

### 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](http://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.



leash, especially at night.

**Provide secure shelters.** For poultry, rabbits, or other outside pets make sure their outside shelter is secure.

**Clear wood piles, brush piles and other potential cover for coyotes.**

**Don't leave small children outside unattended.**

**Reinforce the coyotes' natural fear of humans** by turning on outside lights, making loud noises, throwing rocks and so forth. Be aggressive in your actions! Although the response may not be immediate, eventually the coyotes will flee.

**Consider fencing your yard.** Use a minimum height of 6 feet and bury the bottom at least six inches below ground level. Slant the top of the fence away from the enclosed area to prevent them from getting over the top.

**Encourage your neighbors to follow the same advice.**

For more information on Coyotes, please visit the DNR's website at [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) or call 888-936-7463.

## 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 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 : Sharon Lockwood – Commending her for her service on the St. Francis Library Board Serving 16 years as President.

Proclamation : Greg Schlecht - Recognizing his Award by the St. Francis Association of Commerce, as "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" Greg is the President/Owner and General Manager of Greg's True Value Hardware.

Proclamation: Sister Lucille Walsh on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Sister is a resident of Claire Hall and was one of the first female graduates of Marquette University Dental School.

## Health Department News

### Carbon Monoxide Safety

Did you know that CARBON MONOXIDE is a colorless, odorless gas produced by the combustion of gasoline, kerosene, wood, oil and natural gas?

It can be produced by faulty furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces or the improper use of gasoline powered engines indoors such as generators.

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide exposure can include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Dizziness
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea

EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSTALLED ON EACH FLOOR, WITH AT LEAST ONE PLACED NEAR THE BEDROOMS.

### 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 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.

### Walk To The Days

It still may feel like winter and you probably don't want to think about the end of

Summer. However, there is reason to think about Labor Day weekend! The reason is: WALK TO THE DAYS!!! So mark your calendar for Sunday September 1, 2013 at 10am.

It is free to participate in this family friendly event, and there will be free prizes. This event is sponsored by the St. Francis Health Department.

**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.**



## Milwaukee County Home Loan Program

There are some wonderful opportunities for home owners through Milwaukee County. One program in particular is the Milwaukee County HOME Repair Loan Program. This program offers low and no interest loans to income qualified homeowners in suburban communities of Milwaukee County such as St. Francis. Loans are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Some of the Emergency Home Repairs are made to restore basic functions to homes including: water, hot water, heat and municipal order compliance.

The Standard Loan Programs cover a wide range of repairs from roofing down to foundation repairs and everything in between. Loans and grants may also be available to make homes accessible for disabled or elderly households.

To find out if your home would qualify for this program contact the Milwaukee County Home Repair program at 414-278-4917. You can also visit: [county.milwaukee.gov](http://county.milwaukee.gov) and search HOME Repair Loan Program. This is a County run program, not a City of St. Francis loan program. Questions must go through Milwaukee County.



## Summer Fun For The Kids

The St. Francis School District's Summer School/Cool registration will be held on April 27th from 8:30am—12:00pm in the Deer Creek Gym. The Recreation Department is thrilled to bring back 2 programs that were started last year. Safety Town, is a program for 4 & 5 year olds to learn safety in a 'child size city'. Also returning is Adventure Camp, a program for grades 3-5 to learn camping skills. Visit [www.stfrancischools.org](http://www.stfrancischools.org) in April for a complete list of summer offerings. For more information, please contact the St. Francis Recreation Department at 482-8484.

## The Police Department



We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and is enjoying the winter activities. Spring is right around the corner and each season presents new challenges. As the weather warms up there is usually an increase in activity. Please report any suspicious activity as soon as possible. The safety of our citizens and visitors is our top priority. We need your assistance and partnerships in keeping St. Francis a great place to live and work.

The St. Francis Police Department remains committed to programs that bring citizens business owners, and officers together in a positive way. The following are some of the programs and events being organized by our Community Resource Officers. We are currently accepting applications for our Citizen Academy that begins in March 27<sup>th</sup>. The nine week program meets once a month with participants being exposed to all facets of police work. We are also continuing our partnership with Deer Creek School and the Choose Not To Lose Program.

The SFPD has a great program for interested property owners and managers. We team together to maintain the quality of life and public safety for your tenants. Please contact Officer Dimitri Kamolov for more information on our Crime Free Multi Housing Program.

Preparations have begun in planning for our annual Family Movie Night that will be held in early June at the municipal park. The Award Winning National Night Out Event will be held on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Park.

Please stay attentive when driving and follow the rules of the road. The St. Francis Police Department will participate in three traffic enforcement grants. Enforcement will target drunk drivers, speed, and seat belt violations. Please take your time and get to your destination safely while paying special attention around the schools. These are heavily congested areas with people and vehicle traffic.

On behalf of past, present, and future members of the police department, we thank all those who support the building of a new police facility. We look forward to continuing our work with Municipal Development Committee and city officials in moving this project forward during this very exciting time.

Reminder, for updates and event information check the website and join us on Facebook.



2012 Graduation Class of the SFPD Citizens Academy



### Citizen Of The Year

(L) Fire Chief Frank Lockwood, Judge Peter Hemmer, Mayor St. Marie - Carls, Citizen Of The Year Greg Schlecht, Alderman & Council President Don Brickner, Alderwoman Debbie Fliss & Alderman Michael McSweeney.

## Fire Department News



### New Equipment to Keep You Safe

The harsh cold temperatures mean that the ponds and lakes are freezing up. The St. Francis Fire Department recently acquired a Rapid Deployment Craft or 'RDC'. The RDC can be used in a wide range of emergencies which include ice and open water rescue. Unlike other rescue boats the RDC doesn't need a boat ramp to deploy. Only weighing 50lbs the RDC is easy to deploy and inflates in seconds. For open water rescues the RDC will be equipped with a 6hp outboard motor. The RDC is available to all of our communities and mutual aid box alarm companies upon request.



Lt. Poplar and the new St. Francis Rapid Deployment Craft

### Safety Tips for Spring Cleaning

Let's all hope the groundhog is correct and that we're heading towards an early spring. Face it, you'd much rather cut grass than shovel snow. Along with the spring thaw comes the spring cleaning. A change of season is a great catalyst to clear out the clutter from our closets, attics and basements. Here are some helpful hints when you get down to work:

- ◇ Get rid of the clutter! A clean house is a safe house. Now is the time to take care of the things you've been putting off. Get the garage done once and for all (or at least for the rest of this year).
- ◇ Dispose of the chemicals properly. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District offers a North, South and Self Help drop off sites year round. It also offers a mobile drop off opportunity at different places and times of the year. Check <http://v3.mmsd.com> or call MMSD at 414-272-5100 for more info.
- ◇ When you start cleaning, use protective eyewear and gloves. Some of the harsher chemicals can pose a hazard to your safety. Better to be safe than sorry.

## Don't Text and Drive an Important Message

*Reflections on the December 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly at St. Francis High School from the Mayor*

I was invited by the St. Francis Police Department and AT&T to attend and present as part of an "It can Wait" school assembly at St. Francis High School bringing awareness to the dangers of texting and driving. The event has had a lasting effect on me and I sincerely thank all involved in presenting this important message.

During the first part of the assembly a video was shown entitled "The Last Text". The video described in detail 4 incidents of texting and driving that profoundly affected the lives of the individuals, families and friends. In two of the stories death resulted because of a text message. One of the speakers caused the death of a bicyclist, the speaker could not forgive himself for what he did, he said it has haunted him every day of his life.

I was called up to speak right after the video and admittedly came up to the podium still a little choked up from the images and words of sadness in the video. I could not help but start out by telling all the students in the St. Francis gym that they would be sincerely missed if they were not in this world and they should not

text and drive and take the risk. I asked them to take the pledge and stop texting and driving and encourage others not to either because accidents from texting and driving result in tragedy.

All the speakers appealed to our students to understand this important message as well as the laws that ban texting and driving in Wisconsin; including Jeremy Harcus, our school resource police officer, AT&T State President Scott VanderSanden, Major Sandra Huxtable of the State Patrol and Principal Andy Muszytowski of St. Francis High School. The last part of the assembly involved a driving simulator demonstration where students from the High School demonstrated on a big screen how their vehicle would have reacted while trying to text and drive. Everyone could see that the drivers were making critical mistakes the State Patrol helped with the simulator that they provided that is sponsored by AAA. There were a few laughing moments when the students were getting used to the simulator, but there were also some gasps when they drove off the road.

Once again I commend the St. Francis Police Department, St. Francis High School, AT&T, the State Patrol and AAA for teaming up and providing such an important event for our students. Now let's all listen to the message of "It Can Wait" and keep everyone from harms way.

## Library News

### NEW HOURS

As of February 1, 2013

Monday—Thursday	9:30am-8pm
Friday	9:30am- 5:00pm
Saturday	9:30am- 4pm
Sunday	Closed

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

St. Francis Library is excited to join the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" initiative. Children will earn prizes for different milestones, starting at just 25 books read! After your family registers, you can enjoy books together, and reap benefits as your child gains skills. These skills will prepare your child to learn to read independently. Are 1000 books really possible? YES! You will be surprised how fast you will reach your goals. If you read only one bedtime story every night for three years you will have read 1095 books! Most people read more than one, so it shouldn't take that long. Stop by the library's youth room for more information.

### Speakers At The Library

Join Bay View historian and author Ron Winkler on *Thursday, March 21 at 6:30pm* as he presents a fascinating slide presentation and program on the beginnings of Bay View, St. Francis and Cudahy. He will focus on the early days of the three cities, their origins and their connection to the old Town of Lake. Ron Winkler is a member of the Bay View and St. Francis Historical Societies. He is the author of *Bay View*, part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series. His next book in that series, *Milwaukee's Town of Lake* will be published in December 2013. Copies of *Bay View* will be available for purchase. Please register in advance as space is limited.

Also coming is Clutter Coach, Kathi Miller will help you gain a new perspective on your belongings and teach you how to re-evaluate them. The program will be held on *Saturday, April 13 from 10 - 11:30 am*.

Call the library at 481-7323 to register for these events.

### Improvements Thanks To Donation

St. Francis Library was the recipient of a generous donation recently. The late Jean Wood was a local artist, longtime patron and library lover. You may have seen her name in a number of paintings and art books that she donated over the years. The money she left to the library will be used to purchase new tables for the program room, cozy seating areas for the adult and youth rooms as well as add to the collection of art books.

### New Website For The Library

The Library is excited to announce the launch of their re-designed website at [www.stfrancislibrary.org](http://www.stfrancislibrary.org).

Visit our new site to keep up with everything that is going on at your St. Francis Library.



## Animals

**A friendly reminder to residents, please follow City Code when it comes to Dogs and Cats. When you are walking your pets throughout the City and in the Seminary Woods area, please be courteous of your neighbors and keep them on a leash and pick up their litter.**

*Per City Code Chapter 180- Animals:*

*180-1 General Regulations:*

- A. *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.*
- C. *Animal litter. (1) Prohibited. It is unlawful for the owner or person in charge of an animal to permit fecal matter which is deposited by such animal while off its own premises to remain on any street, alley, sidewalk, lawn, field or any property, and it shall be solely the responsibility of such owner or person in charge of said animal to immediately after deposit remove all fecal matter by shovel, scoop or like instrument and deposit said fecal matter in a manner approved by the state or other local regulations. Further, the owner, tenant or person in charge of property, or the owner of animals that deposit such on private property, shall keep property clear of fecal matter.*

To read the City Code in its entirety, please visit the City's website at [www.stfranciswi.org](http://www.stfranciswi.org).