


NEWSLETTER


City of Saint Francis

2014 Second Quarter

State of The City: A Message To Our Citizens

During my first two years as Mayor, I have had the opportunity to work with the Common Council on our City's goals, and to reach out to you, the citizens of St. Francis, at gatherings such as Open Houses, Community Connections business events, and with more extensive newsletter articles. As a City we are embarking on our new Civic Center project and looking forward, but it is now time to look to the next level of forward thinking. At our City Council meeting on April 15th I asked the Council to join with me to be the best we can be looking forward for our Citizens. At this meeting we started a new Council term and a new face was elected to the Council. I would like to congratulate our new Alderman, Ray Klug from District 3 and our re-elected Alderman Mike McSweeney, District 2 and Steve Wattawa, District 1; as they were sworn in on April 15th.

As residents of St. Francis, you are demanding services that make our City more unique than ever and that fit your busy lifestyles. Many of you have asked us to move forward with safety, security, small town values, service, and forward thinking leadership, in order to attract new families and new businesses to our community. I am sincerely dedicated to achieving these goals. That being said, you also asked us to use your tax dollars effectively and efficiently while achieving these goals. In preparation for our work toward these goals and the second half of my term as Mayor, I met with each Council member for very successful and insightful conversations. From here we will have a Development session in May, meeting specifically to go over our goals and expectations as a Council, as well as to review procedures and protocols on the Council, Board, Commissions, and Committees of the City. In my conversations with Council members, some common topics came up. These included:

New St. Francis Civic Center: An in-depth study of our City's future and needs led to the decision to build our new St. Francis Civic Center. A citizen committee participated on every level. The City borrowed money at an all-time low in the market, and kept your citizen investment to a minimum. This project is progressing on schedule and on budget. The project includes a private donation that has enabled the Historical Society to be part of our new St. Francis Civic Center. It will not only be a public building for City functions and services, but also a destination for citizens, visitors, and newcomers. Everyone is working diligently on plans necessary for moving to our new facility and we have worked hard to keep you informed on the details.

Website: Our new website (<https://wi-stfrancis.civicplus.com/>) was launched in August of 2012 and since then has steadily helped you to become more informed and involved. But there is much more to do; you've told us that there are many more ways you want to use this resource. We are currently working on pulling together all our scheduling and calendar resources for the website, and looking at the features we believe would best serve you.

Attorney Fees: I requested a review by the Council of the procedures we use with our City Attorney. This is a statutory position and therefore many duties are outlined in the statutes and must be adhered to. Since the City Attorney is mandated to deal with all contracts, agreements, MOUs and code modifications (resolutions) in addition to Municipal Court, I asked the Council Committee Chairs to consult the Attorney on any issues in this regard, in order to avoid litigation, exposure, time delays, and, more importantly, misunderstandings that lead to inefficiency in City spending.

Road Maintenance: Questions about road maintenance are common from you our citizens; and the Council and Committees have reviewed the list of roads to be reconstructed more than ever this past year. Further, I am asking a report be generated that includes a the details of each project undertaken in the last 10 years, those yet to be completed and projections for future maintenance needs.

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State of The City: A Message To Our Citizens (Continued)

This will serve as an important tool for us in working with citizens who want more information on our plans. Using this report, the Council will review our present situation regarding reconstructed roads and their present conditions, the general condition of all roads in the City, ways to handle financing of future maintenance of roads and infrastructure, and our needs for the next 10 years and beyond.

Employee Relations/Staffing: A new employee performance and evaluation system was started in 2013, which gives us a starting point for all opportunities for advancement of our employees in City positions. Act 10 has been implemented for some time now, this Act prohibits us from requiring City residency for our employees. However, a serious look at retaining the residency of employees is necessary, as well as other items. As citizens of St. Francis, you have told me on many occasions that residency of employees is something you appreciate and are in favor of. The City of Milwaukee has implemented a lump sum payment to employees who are residents; I will bring forward the details to the Council for review of such a program, with the hope of implementing new ideas to help employees who currently live in St. Francis stay in our City.

Technology: Tablet computers are keeping our Council members in touch with each other and with you. I have seen how Council members use their tablets in many ways, including obtaining information during meetings. As we move into using the technology of the new Civic Center, we will have even more access to City information electronically, which will help to facilitate our decision-making. It will provide access to many more public City documents and information through access to the City server, such as shared project status charts, calendars, and more, saving staff time and paper in the process.

Development, Tax Base Growth, Prosperity: Many of you have talked with me about the crossroads we are at with Economic Development in this community. I have asked senior members of the Council to work side by side with what I call our Tri-Committee group — the Community Development Authority, the Economic Development Committee, and the Planning Commission — to work on implementation of economic growth initiatives. This will include planning and moving forward with specific incentives, grants, and loan programs to attract and assist businesses. We will begin in the five Catalytic Sites that have been conceptualized and targeted by the Planning Commission in recent months. With the assistance of Graef, efforts to complete our Comprehensive Plan are almost in place. I have asked that planning grant funds be pursued and TIF funds be used to obtain the resources needed to solidify these plans and assist in keeping our Comprehensive Plan concepts on development on track and moving forward.

Dispatch Service: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding our Police and Fire Dispatch services is in place with the City of Oak Creek and is due to be brought to the Council in early June. In May, I am requesting a detailed PowerPoint update on the findings and progress, as well as the provisions and terms in the MOU. This will help answer your questions about cost savings, service, equipment, and staffing. One common question is whether this Dispatch service agreement will lead to our St. Francis Fire or Police Departments combining their services with other cities. The answer is a resounding “no.” We have no intention of that happening.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to a productive and collaborative year of working with our Common Council, Board, Committees, and you, our citizens. We know that St. Francis is not an average community and we will strive to maintain and enhance what we have in order to best serve you! Please if you can spare the time let me know if you have questions or comments for me. Have a wonderful Spring and Summer!



Elected Council members Sworn in at the April 15th Council meeting.
Mike McSweeney -District 2, Ray Klug -District 3 (newly elected),
Steve Wattawa -District 1.



Sneak Peak Inside the St. Francis Civic Center

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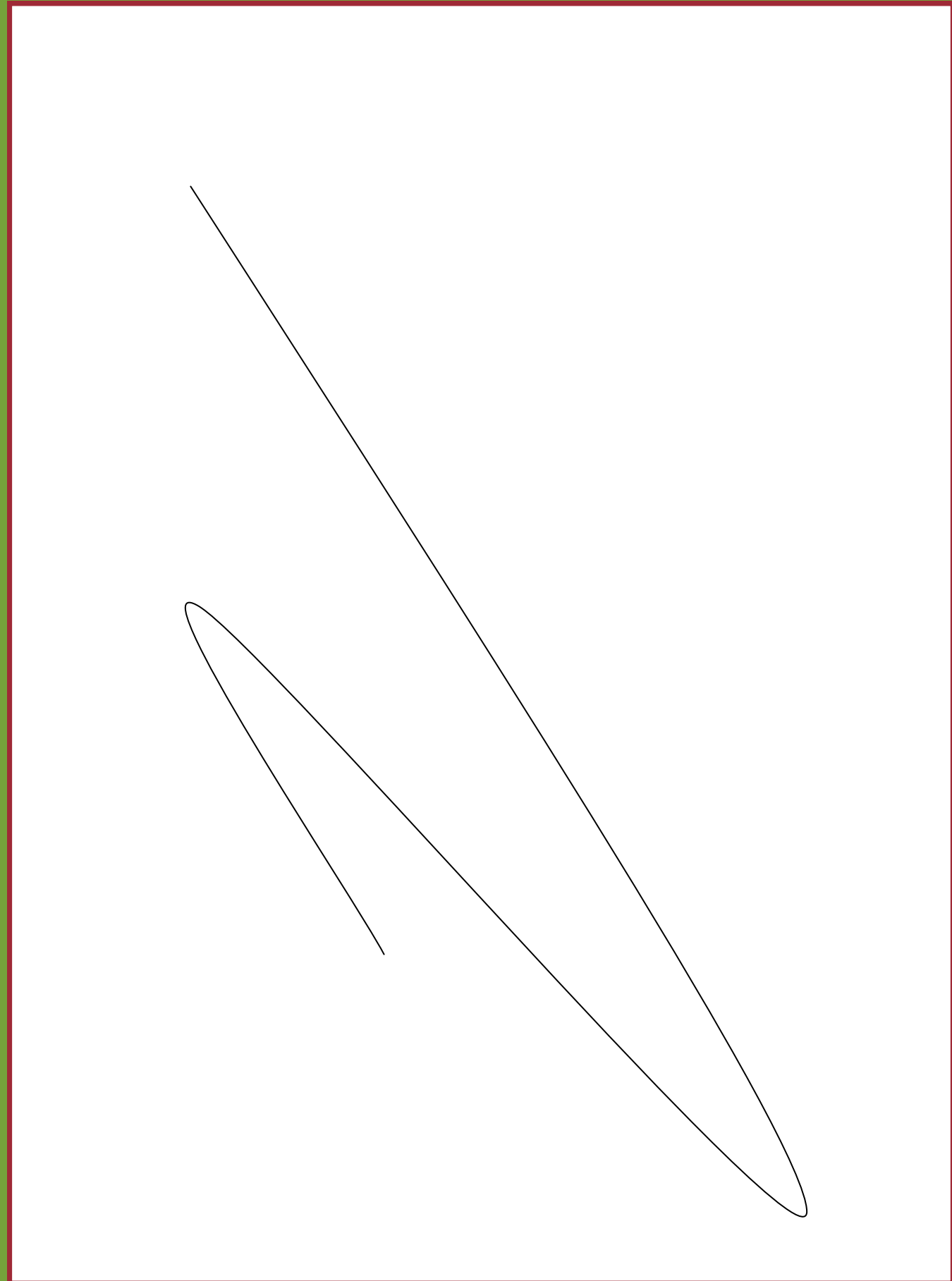
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St. Francis Civic Center - Buy a Stone

Opportunity for remembrance, commemoration or recognition now available through the St. Francis Civic Center "Buy a Stone" Program. Stones will be displayed in the public plaza and seating wall.

- Remember a loved one, pay tribute to someone gone before, or be recognized as a partner in our Civic Center Public Plaza, with the purchase of an engraved Stone.
- Stone Purchases offer a way to involve everyone in the new Civic Center. Funds raised from the purchases will help support the construction of outdoor surroundings, walkways and seating areas of the Civic Center.

Cost

120.00 - 1 line (brick size 4 x16 inches)
 180.00 - 3 lines (brick size 8 x16 inches)

2 Options for Placement of your Stone

"Buy a Stone" in Civic Center Seating Plaza Wall (Max 100 available)
 "Buy a Stone" in Civic Center Garden Wall



Limited Quantities Available

Our Civic Center "Buy A Stone" program kicked off at St. Francis Days and the Citizen feedback received was very positive. We have now developed a list of citizens that have requested to receive updates on the Civic Center. Contact the Mayor to be added to this list.

Order forms are available at City Hall or at the Library. Order deadline is July 7, 2014.

Milt Vretenar Memorial Park

Save The Date! June 11th is not only the first Arts Council Concert in the Park, but there will also be a dedication ceremony for Vretenar Park. The new Milton Vretenar Memorial park will be dedicated on this day. We are also dedicating the new signage, patio and playground updates that were provided by a generous private donor.

The 'Party on the Patio' will start at 6:30pm and the concert will begin at 7pm. There will be refreshments and special surprises for the kids as well as the grown-ups.

The updates to the park will serve as wonderful upgrade to our City for families to enjoy year round. The City of St. Francis is proud to have such a wonderful Municipal Park that hosts many events throughout the Summer. We hope everyone will enjoy the updates.



We hope to see you there!

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.



Health Department News

Want to win prizes while getting some exercise? Why not participate in WALK TO THE DAYS! Date: Sunday, August 31, 2014 . Registration Time: 10am Watch for more information or call the Health Department. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Warm weather is coming; along with it will be MOSQUITOES and TICKS. It is very important to take personal protective measures against mosquito and tick bites to prevent virus infections. Limit time spent outdoors at dusk and dawn or other times mosquitoes and ticks are active, wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when outdoors, use insect repellent containing DEET (<10% for children) or Picaridin while outdoors (for further information on repellents go to the website http://www.cdc.gov/dvbid/westnile/ga/insect_repellent.htm and www.cdc.gov/features/stopticks. Maintain window and door screens to prevent mosquito bites. Eliminate standing water in your yard where mosquitoes can breed. Check self, children and animals after leaving grassy moist areas. If ticks are noted on skin remove with care and as soon as possible. See website for further information.

Summer is a time for festivals. Many festivals have animal exhibits or petting zoos. To avoid potential disease DO NOT eat or drink in animal areas, this includes the use of pacifiers. Wash hands after leaving animals area.

VACINATIONS Don't forget, children that will be entering K5, boosters are required prior to the start of school, those booster shots are: DTaP, Polio, MMR and Varicella vaccine. A booster dose of the Tdap vaccine will also be required prior to the start of school for those students entering 6th grade. If you do not have health insurance or you are on Badger Care, you may receive your vaccines at the St. Francis Health Department for no cost.

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.

We are also now on Facebook, come on over and like our page to stay in the loop.



Please call for an appointment

Most accidents occur right in your home. Don't take a chance of having yourself or loved one injured. Call the Health Department for a FREE Home Safety Assessment.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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

Beach water testing at Bay View Beach will begin soon and will continue until Labor Day. The water is tested for high levels of E Coli bacteria and signs are posted for swimming appropriately at the beach. The results are also posted at www.wibeaches.us or contact the health department for results.

UNWANTED MEDICATION?

Do you know what to do with unwanted pills or liquid medications? Here are a few easy steps to rid yourself of unwanted pills and be good to the environment.

NEVER flush medications down the toilet or sink.

INSTEAD:

Remove pills from container (this way others will not know what the medication is or who it belongs to).

Crush pills and mix with an undesirable substance like kitty litter. If the medication is liquid, mix it with sawdust or flour.

The medication can then be disposed in the trash.

The St. Francis Police Department also accepts unwanted medication during the hours of 8am – 4pm, Monday – Saturday.

NEED A PLACE TO DISPOSE 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. All you need to do is purchase a biohazard container from the pharmacy. The cost is under \$10

We all love our animals and we want to treat them kindly. Exercising them by walking is good for the animal as well as the owner. Please remember to keep your pet on a leash and to **clean up their waste** while you are walking them and also in your own yard.

Just a reminder, to make sure no food, seed or any feeding material is placed on the ground. If you are feeding birds, make sure the seed is placed in a container which is raised off of the ground where it is not accessible to other wild animals.

The Health Department continues to provide Public Health Nursing Services. Health Information, monitoring and assessment by a Registered Public Health Nurse is available in the home by request or referral for all St. Francis residents. Just contact the Health Department.

Are you the parent of a child between the ages of 1 and 4 years old? Wondering if your child is growing developmentally? Contact the Health Department for more information on the FREE Ages and Stages Program.

The Health Department has tips to keep your environment and your family healthy. Learn more about poison and injury prevention, air quality and food safety.

Have health questions or need to report a communicable disease? Call the St. Francis Health Department at 414-481-2300x133.

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 shrubs with intact root balls (max. 80 pounds per item).

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 for information.)
3. Wait to do laundry until the storm passes. Always wash in full loads. Did you know new washing machines use 35-

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 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
www.recyclemorewisconsin.org
www4.uwm.edu/shwec/wrmd
www.refrigerantrecoveryinc.net
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.

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

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. 124th 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.

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.

City Recycling Information

Recycling Information:

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

Glass bottles and containers #1-7
Plastic 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.

Also, the City has posted on their website (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.

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 extension 128, 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. 124th 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 (124th 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



Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites

MAY 31
CUDAHY HIGH
SCHOOL

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4950 S. Lake Dr.

JUNE 21
SHOREWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
1701 E. Capitol Dr.

JULY 26
UIHLEIN SOCCER
PARK

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
7101 W. Good Hope 7725 W. North Ave.
Rd. (parking lot on west side of Park)

SEPTEMBER 13
WAUWATOSA
CITY HALL

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

STATE FAIR PARK
OCTOBER 10

Gate 8 (off 76th Street)
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 11
Gate 8 (off 76th Street)

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Library News

Summer is the time to read for fun! Kids, start your imagination rolling this summer with the free 2014 Summer Reading Program at the St. Francis Library: "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Teens can register for "Spark a Reaction". Both programs are sure to inspire a love of reading and learning. We hope to encourage kids and teens to read throughout the summer, to keep their hard-earned reading skills. Sign-up begins June 2, 2014, at the library.

You'll find a cornucopia of fun this year. Not only can participants earn exciting prizes just for reading, they can explore science through many hands-on, interactive experiments and displays. Additionally, we'll have many "four star" performers that you can enjoy.

June 19 - Mad Science will electrify you with their amazing experiments

June 26 - Rick Allen will amaze you with unbelievable magic

July 10 - David Stokes will share his nature facts and fancies

July 17 - Karl Debelack will shock you with sharks

July 24 - Ardan James will thrill and chill you with his astounding illusions

July 31 - Jim Hyatt will bring live animals so you can see them up close.

August 7 - TBA, hopefully robotics

Be creative, think critically, and read for a lifetime of success! Reading can earn you coupons from many nearby restaurants and family-friendly places. Find weekly surprises when you go on scavenger hunts in the Youth Room. Find answers to things like, "What happens when you microwave Ivory soap?", "How can candy and a cola be explosive?", and "How do robots work?"

Teens can join the Teen Advisory Group, which plans awesome activities and helps advise what books and media they'd like us to add to the library collection. Some activities already planned include: make your own ice cream, "Protect Your Peeps", Zombie Prom, Mythbusters, Alka-Seltzer rockets, Ghost Hunter Science, and Iron Chef.

We didn't forget about the adults! We are also offering our adult summer reading program with prizes donated by local

businesses. Set a good example for your young readers, or just kick back and enjoy some great summer reads – and have a chance at winning a prize, too. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 – 1) read a book, 2) fill out an entry form, 3) Repeat!

Beatlemania

This year marked the fiftieth year of the Fab Four's invasion of the U.S. Join Beatles expert Aaron Krerowicz for his presentation "The Beatles: Band of the Sixties". This two hour discussion will span the full 1960's beginning with the band's seminal visits to Hamburg, through the Beatlemania years, and concluding with *Abbey Road*. The program will be supplemented with audio clips of music and excerpts from interviews with the band members. Join us Saturday, June 14 from 1 – 2:30 pm for this sure to be popular program. Space is limited so please call the library at 481-7323 to reserve a seat for this free program. The program is for Beatles fans 12 years and older.

Calling All Artists & Crafters!

The library is exploring the possibility of hosting a craft fair, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the library. We want to gauge the level of interest and availability of local crafters before proceeding. So, if you are an artist or crafter and would be interested in selling your goods at a small craft fair, please contact Library Director Amy Krahn at 481-7323.

Learning Connections

Beginning Saturday, Feb. 22nd, the library once again began offering literacy and ELL (English Language Learning) services through a new drop in program called "Learning Connections". This program will offer free assistance to any adult learner who needs help with reading, writing, English language learning, conversation skills, filling out basic forms, and more. Trained volunteers will be available to provide help on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 1 – 3 pm in the Friends Room. Need help or have questions? Feel free to drop in! The program is sponsored by the St. Francis Public Library, with assistance from Wisconsin Literacy.

Call the library at 481-7323 to register for a program or visit our website at www.stfrancislibrary.org for more information on these and other activities at the library.



The Easter Bunny Visited the Library



Welcome our latest addition— Bane



Easter Tours at Buddy Squirrel. Mayor St. Marie-Carls, Alderwoman Bostedt & Friends

City Notes For Your Information

The City of St. Francis congratulates the Miss St. Francis Pageant on 50 years of service to our Community. The pageant held on April 26th had more than 40 former title holders return for participation in the celebration. The first pageant was held in conjunction with St. Francis Days. The photo below show Miss St. Francis as part of our Civic Center Groundbreaking with Mayor CoryAnn, Miss St. Francis 2014, Cecilia Margraff and some other longtime Pageant volunteers. The New Miss St. Francis will again be part of the dedication ceremony of the Civic Center at 3400 E. Howard Ave. The tradition of the Miss St. Francis Pageant will also be part of the exhibits on display at the new Civic Center.

St. Francis Days is also celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Remember to make plans to attend one of the longest running and most successful festivals in our area on Labor Day Weekend 2014. Spread the word! The Committee is working on making this celebration special so if you are interested in being part of the parade or learning more go to their website at www.stfrancisdays.com.

The Municipal Building Development Committee met in April and has the following information to report. (this is the Committee that continues their advisory work to the Council with Civic Center and related issues) A SNEEK PEEK of the new Civic Center is planned in a preview event in early June. Our photo shows the view from Lipton Ave. and the view coming toward the Center, the stone is in for the exterior and the transformation will occur in the coming months from purple gypsum board now seen to stone. The Committee also reviewed the progress of the St. Francis Historical Society with the design and artifacts for their 8 displays that will be permanently placed in the walls of the Civic Center Rotunda for enjoyment of our citizens and visitors. Dedication of the St. Francis Civic Center is scheduled for October 26th.

Memorial Day Celebration is taking place at 8:30a.m. at our Veteran's memorial on Nicholson Ave. The St. Francis High School Choir will perform and a short ceremony and program will take place. Members of our Police and Fire Department will be there as well as an honor guard of veterans. Please join us to honor of veteran's and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

The St. Francis All Abilities Park Committee received a Memorandum of Understanding from the City Council on April 15th after the Park Commission and Public Works Committee both made site suggestions. The Committee will begin fundraising for construction of an All Abilities Park to be located just South of Ubeer Pub in a City owned lot located there. The group is planning their first event on May 17th 9a.m. to 4p.m. at Deer Creek Intermediate School, Go to STFAAPlayground.org for details. The committee is a group of independent residents from the City and is fundraising the entire cost of the Park.

Jean Freimuth and Diane Czeszak were named 2013 Citizen of the Year on January 25th at a dinner held at Pulaski Inn, sponsored by the Association of Commerce. The two women have volunteered over 35 years with the Miss St. Francis Pageant as well as other Community organizations. Over 150 volunteers and friends of Jean and Diane attended the dinner in their honor including roasts and toasts from Dave and Nancy Goeltz, Marianne Kwiatkowski, Michele St. Marie-Boelkow, Citizen of the Year 2013, Gregg Schlecht and Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls. Pictured below is Jean and Diane with Mayor CoryAnn and Michele St. Marie-Boelkow.

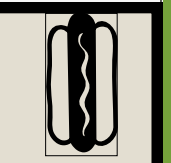
Retirements from the City of St. Francis:

We would like to thank Lt. Jeff Varga who served 27 years with the City of St. Francis Police Department. Lt. Varga spent most of his law enforcement career with the City and was known and respected throughout our City. We wish him well in his retirement.

Captain Larry Passafaro announced his retirement from the St. Francis Fire Department. Captain Passafaro served 29 years as a firefighter and served our City most of those years. He was the only St. Francis firefighter that had had the experience of hanging on to the back of the truck on the running board on emergency calls. Modern fire trucks have space for all personnel in the cab for safety.



St. Francis Arts Council



Summer Concert Series 2014

Milt Vretenar Municipal Park

Packard and Denton Avenue

**** We will be observing National Night Out during the concert on August 6th ****

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Rain Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014

7:00-9:30 p.m.

76 Juliet

High Energy Variety Music

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Rain Date: Thursday, July 10, 2014

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Sensations (Formerly 6 Pack)

Rock & Roll Dance Music

**** Wednesday, August 6, 2014 ****

Rain Date: Thursday, August 7, 2014

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Random Maxx

70's to Current pop/rock Music

****** Season Specials ******

Wednesday, June 11th - Free Ice Cream

Ordinance No. 637 prohibits the carry-in of alcoholic beverages.

See our summer schedule on the St. Francis Day's WEB site www.stfrancisdays.com

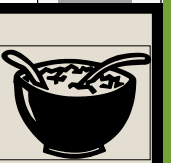
All proceeds from the sale of our concessions pay for the cost of the entertainment.

FOOD SERVICES OPEN AT 6:30 PM



In the event of inclement weather please call St. Francis City Hall

(481-2300) to get information on that evening's performance.





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!*



Summer **Cool** has started!

Call the Rec center for more info or to see if there are spots available.

Rita Davis, Community Engagement Coordinator

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Follow St. Francis Recreation



St. Francis 4th of July Celebration

It all starts at the Civic Center site on Howard Avenue & continues at Vretenar Memorial Park: 4224 S. Kirkwood Avenue.

Our City of St. Francis 4th of July Celebration activities offer a truly fun and affordable way to celebrate our Nations Birthday. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th of July in and around our community during the summer season. Summer in St. Francis is brought to you by many wonderful volunteers new and old that have dedicated their lives to making St. Francis the best it can be!

-9:00a.m. Gather at Lipton and Howard Avenues. for Parade Line up at the new Civic Center Site.

*This is our annual Red, White and Blue community and youth parade...just decorate to participate
Businesses and groups are invited to have a float or unit – call the number below to register.*

-9:30a.m. – Judging of Bikes/Trikes/Wagons - decorate your own way, judging by Miss St. Francis with Trophies! Many first ever trophies have been awarded to our St. Francis youth! – up to 12 yrs old

-10:00a.m. – Parade begins – Howard to Packard to Lunham ending in Vretenar Memorial Park

-10:30a.m. – Ice Cream cups for everyone distributed at the park – Lunham Avenue entrance

----- Park Concessions Open (closes at 9:00p.m.) – Low family priced food for everyone!

Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Popcorn, Ice Pops, Water & Soda, – Beer/Wine cooler concession tent also opens - concessions support July 4th festivities and volunteer groups who help

----- Visit the St. Francis Historical Society and Municipal Development Committee tables- Info & Giveaways until 1pm

-11:15a.m. – Flag Raising Ceremony – Awards presented for Red, White and Blue Parade entries

-11:30a.m. to 4p.m. – Free Bounce Houses for the kids brought to you by Music on the Move Plus

-11:30a.m. to 5:00pm – Free Children’s Games (ages 4-10), Children’s Craft Barn, Summer Cool Youth Showcase & Free Petting Zoo Opens

-12:00p.m. – Sign up for Horse Shoe Tournament -at the horseshoe pits

-1:00p.m. – Horse Shoe Tournament begins

-1:30p.m. – Talent Show (park band shell) – youth of our community show your stuff (ages 4-18)

Call number below for information

-5:30p.m – 9:15p.m. Live Music with “76 Juliet”

-9:15p.m. – FIREWORKS

St. Francis is all about YOU. So we need all of YOU to come and join your community on this day of celebration.

The 4th of July Commission would like to thank the City of St. Francis staff and City Common Council members for their support and assistance. Also special thanks go out to the businesses who are participating in the parade and who have contributed with donations.

Let us borrow your memories of 4th of July for the St. Francis Historical Society

*Bring your old 4th of July photos to the St. Francis Library by June 22nd – we will take good care or scan them.
Photos in the Park or Lakefront preferred, but all are welcome.*

We acknowledge the time and dedication of the 4th of July Commission members. They include: Chair, Gail Kolvenbach, Treasurer, Donna Klug, Secretary, Chris Osburn and Members: Rick Spear, Ray Klug, Ben Opala, Joel Sills and Eric Borkowski - Fireworks Manager, Rick Hackl, Council Representative: Ald. Sue Bostedt.

Further information and applications are available at City Hall and the Library. Call Chair, Gail Kolvenbach with questions 414-744-3053



The Fire Department

A Summer Safety Tip From Your Fire Department

The grilling season is among us. Some safety tips we all should know before starting the grill.

- Whether you use charcoal or propane you should always grill outside.
- The grill should be a safe distance (10ft) away from any structure, over hanging branches, and deck railings.
- Keep children and pets at least 3ft away from grilling area.
- You should never leave grill unattended.
- Always clean fat and grease build up from the grill and drip trays.
- When starting a gas grill make sure the lid is open. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before relighting. If at any time you have a gas leak either by smell or bubble test, turn off gas tank and grill. (A propane grill will release bubbles if you apply a little soapy water solution to the hose.)
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from grill and call **911**.
- For charcoal grills only use charcoal starter fluid.
- Never mix charcoal fluid with any other flammable liquids.
- Keep charcoal fluid away from any heat source and away from children.

- When finished grilling let the coals completely cool before disposing in a proper metal container. Per State Code no grills of any kind are permitted on balconies for all residential buildings. (except one and two family dwellings)

***There's Nothing Better Than The Taste of Grilled Food.
Be Safe & Enjoy: SFFD***



Thank You Captain Passafaro!
**For almost 30 years of service.
Enjoy retirement —you deserve it!**

The Police Department

Summertime brings an increase in all types of activities. We depend and rely on the assistance and cooperation of our citizens and others in maintaining a safe community. A safer practice is to enjoy the parks or lakefront when accompanied with others. Pay attention to your surroundings. Don't leave valuables inside parked unattended vehicles, especially in parking lots and along the lakefront.

The Common Council has established many ordinances that assist in maintaining a high standard of living. We expect people to follow the rules and report any violations. Common courtesies and respect can help achieve this goal. For example, The City does have a Nuisance Ordinance that requires property owners pay for protective services when three or more contacts have occurred in a thirty day period.

Our Community Resource Officers continue to offer and maintain many quality programs. Please contact them if interested in becoming part of our Neighborhood Watch Program or Crime Free Multi Housing Program that assists property managers and owners in tenant landlord issues. We will provide vacations checks on your home or property upon request.

Our annual Movie Night is planned for July 11th at Milton Vretenar Municipal Park. The movie is free and starts at dusk. There will be other free activities for children and refreshments throughout the night. Our Award winning National Night Out will be held August 6th at Milton Vretenar Municipal Park. It is free event with

numerous Law Enforcement displays along with informational booths. It will also be an opportunity to meet officers, including new members and our canine addition Bayne.

Please pay special attention to motorcycle traffic and bicyclist traffic. Remember that driving is a privilege and you are responsible for knowing the rules of the road. Make sure your traveling at a safe distance and speed. Inattentive driving causes many accidents and injuries. Texting and driving is illegal. Make sure you wear seat belts and have proof of insurance when operating a motor vehicle. The tint of your car windows should not exceed the manufacturers standard and no one appreciates excessive noise from your car or residence.

St. Francis Police Officers will participate in several Traffic Enforcement Operations including driving while under the influence, seat belt, and speed violations.

Have a safe and fun summer, and please join us on Facebook or check our website at www.stfrancispolice.org for updates and information.

St. Francis Police Department



Building Inspector's Office

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

Permits are required for the following: New construction, homes, additions, garages, sheds, pools, spas, decks, signs, retaining walls, fences, fireplaces, woodburners, structural alterations, furnace & air conditioner installations, reroofing, residing, window replacements requiring opening enlargement, basement rec rooms and bedrooms.

Bring in as many details of your project as possible. Structural details are required, with dimensions and types and sizes of lumber. Location of structures in the yard are critical as well, because building and zoning codes require certain setbacks depending on the project. Inspections are required for footings/foundations, rough frame -electrical -plumbing and final building, electrical and plumbing.

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.

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

The owner of a single family home may do plumbing work such as repairs or alterations. Rental properties require a licensed plumber for repairs or alterations. Permits are required. Call the Inspection Department if you have questions.

Pools- All pools require a permit except pools 2 feet or less in

depth which are temporary and easily removable. All pools are required to be located in the rear yard. They shall not be located within 4 feet of any other structure or object. Access shall be limited by fencing, removable or lockable ladders or steps. Complete codes available from the Inspection Department or Municipal Code Online.

Parking in residential areas-

Parking is not allowed on grass per Municipal Code. Vehicles are to be parked on vegetation free gravel, concrete, asphalt or paving brick. Automobile parking is allowed in the rear yard not to exceed 50% of actual area, but not more than 6 vehicles. Parking is allowed in the front yard on a driveway leading to rear or side yard parking. Vehicles are to be parked on vegetation free gravel, concrete, asphalt or paving brick.

Recreational vehicles are not allowed to be parked in front yards. They can be parked in the side or rear yard on the lawn. The lawn and grasses under and around these are to be maintained. Call the Inspection Department for complete regulations.

Hedges in front yard areas to be maintained at 32 inches or less in height and hedges in other areas are to be maintained at 6 feet height or less. All hedges are to be maintained with your property lines.

Diverting water from downspouts and sump pumps directly onto neighboring or city right of way is prohibited. Water from these sources are to be directed to the front or rear yard land and dissipated on lawn areas before draining onto city right of way. Extensions of downspouts and sump pumps are allowed to be 3 feet from the front or rear of the building. Extensions beyond this require Plumbing Inspector approval.

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.

Resolution : For retiring Lieutenant Jeff Varga of the St. Francis Police Department from the City Council recognizing his years of dedicated service.

Resolution: April 2nd by the City Council for Shari Franz- commemorating her 4 years of service to the City Council .

Nojoshing Trail Dedication

The City of St. Francis will be dedicating the new Nojoshing (pronounced nee-ah-shing) Trail System at 2:00pm on June 22nd. Please join us at the Lake Drive entrance as we unveil this beautiful new walking trail. This trail is made possible by Community Development Block Grants obtained by the City of St. Francis from Milwaukee County and HUD

There will be a dedication and recognition of the Historical Society and High School students who worked on the project. The plans for the days festivities are still being finalized, please keep an eye on our Facebook page & website for further details closer to the day.