



CITY OF CUDAHY

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Greetings from the Office of the Mayor:

After the long harsh winter and late spring, I truly hope that you found time to enjoy summer and any one of the many great offerings in our community. With the arrival of our beautiful fall season comes the return to school for our children. This allows most households the ability to get back into normal routines which includes preparing for the inevitable in Wisconsin which is winter.

Some of the events enjoyed this past spring and summer included the Earth Day / Arbor Day Celebration, Memorial Day Celebration, United Performing Arts Fund bike ride, Cudahy Family Movie Nights, the 4th of July parade and daylong celebration, Patrick Cudahy's Race for the Bacon, Cudahy Lions Club Sweet Apple Wood Days, CPD National Night Out, USA Triathlon and all of the other events I may have neglected to mention. The aforementioned celebrations and fun adds to what makes our community a great place to live and work.

I encourage you to take advantage of as many of our upcoming events as possible this fall and winter. They include the Hometown Holiday Celebration at the Cudahy Family Library on Saturday November 29th. Also, the School District of Cudahy Community Education and Recreation Department has a host of family orientated activities here in our community. Please see the 2014 Fall Recreation Guides for additional details.

The Common Council and I continue to move the business of the City forward. My administration has been working on the revision of our Five Year City Financial Management Plan. As a part of that plan, the City borrowed money to fund various

infrastructure and capital projects needed to address our aging infrastructure. Through prudent financial management, the City was able to hit the market at a great time, resulting in money savings for the taxpayer while gaining funds for capital equipment, road improvements, water and sewer improvements and storm water system bonds. It is paramount that we continue to maintain, repair, and replace our aging infrastructure in a cost effective means for our taxpayers.

In 2015, the City will embark upon major road construction and utility work. Due to deplorable winter conditions and the late construction start in 2014, the City of Cudahy had to adjust their 2014 construction work plan and bid projects for a 2015 construction schedule. The first project, which has already been bid out and awarded, will be the reconstruction of Packard Avenue from Holmes to Cudahy Avenues.

Construction on Packard Avenue will include the replacement of the pavement, sidewalk, street lights, modifications to the signal lights, the addition of a bike lane and construction of bio-filtration for storm water. The majority of the funding will be paid through local dollars however; staff has secured a small amount of funding through the State Local Road Improvement Program and a Storm Water Grant from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

Due to changes in digital and communications technology, all municipalities in Milwaukee County were faced with the expense of equipment replacement. Cudahy's Common Council approved the purchase of \$170,000 in radio and communications equipment and saved over \$35,000 on a substantial purchase.

During the month of June, a seamless transition of the Cudahy/Greenfield WIC Clinic occurred with the administration of the clinic transferred to the City of West Allis. By working cooperatively between three non-border communities, we were able to save this vital program for those in our community that utilize it. This kind of “outside the box” coordination between Cudahy, Greenfield, and West Allis is what our taxpayers expect of their elected officials. I support any and all means to maintain services at a cost effective price.

Since returning to office, the City has billed over \$43,000 on chronic nuisance properties for undue police services under our Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. The good news is that this takes the burden off the backs of the taxpayers. My administration is committed to continued enforcement of our Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.

Business retention, new business growth, and economic development continue to be one of the top priorities of my administration. Ground breakings occurred in June and July on two residential projects—the Squire Avenue Village Apartments and the Haven at Sweet Applewood. These two projects will bring over \$5.5 million in new development to the City. The new self-storage units, EZ Self Storage on Pennsylvania Avenue, are currently under construction.

We are working with existing businesses in an effort to keep them in Cudahy, while striving to attract new businesses and development during our slow economic recovery. We continue to explore any and all efforts at new business attraction and are currently working on a Request for Proposals on various City/CDA owned properties that will be released to the business and development community this fall. Additional local business efforts have included working closely with a Cudahy resident as he moves forward with the opening of a neighborhood deli/grocery store in the former Demos Photography studio and assisting another local business owner who must relocate his business.

In August, the Common Council approved a joint grant with the City of Milwaukee and the suburban municipalities for the replacement of SCBA units

for our fire department. By working together and doing a joint application process, the City of Cudahy only had to utilize \$19,000 in funds, saving the taxpayers \$170,000.

Other general government items included my attendance at the SE Wisconsin Heroin Summit held in June at Marquette University. Heroin use and addiction is not just a Cudahy problem, but is a regional problem. I found this symposium very beneficial in the identification of additional resources we can use to battle this challenge.

The City of Cudahy continues to work on initiatives to increase the number of homeowner occupied properties. Since last November, I have been working on a local program to provide incentives (which will be paid back) to convert duplex properties to single family and for the conversions of attic space to livable use space. The program, modeled off a program in Shorewood, should be finalized this fall and will be rolled out in the spring of 2015. In addition to those efforts, the City continues to research other avenues to aid us in our goal of reducing the number of non-owner occupied homes to owner occupied properties in the community.

During the month of September, after a long and exhaustive process, I am pleased to welcome aboard Ms. Katie Gajeski, our new Public Health Officer. While our previous Health Officer left for a tremendous professional opportunity at the State of Wisconsin, we all look forward to the new Public Health Officer joining the Health Department team in early October.

In closing, many residents have asked me, “Mayor, why is your newsletter piece always so long?” My answer is that it’s my twice a year opportunity to reach out to every Cudahy household in an effort to keep you informed on the issues and developments here in our community. I am truly blessed to be the Mayor of the Greatest City in the State of Wisconsin. You are also blessed to be living here. This is your community and it has a lot to offer. It is entirely up to you to take advantage of the many good things happening here!

John R. Hohenfeldt
Mayor

Cudahy- St. Francis Interfaith Program for the Elderly

Phone: 414-483-4474
Email: csfinterfaith@hotmail.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday 8:30 am to Noon
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Project Concern of Cudahy- St. Francis

Food pantry and clothing bank for Cudahy and St. Francis

Phone: 414-744-0645
Email: projconcern@msn.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday 9:00 am to Noon
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
Friday 9:00 am to Noon
Helping neighbors in need with food
1st Saturday of every month 9 am to 11 am
For more info: www.projectconcerncudahy.org

CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE

For your convenience, we now accept credit and debit card payments for Taxes, Utilities and miscellaneous charges. We contract with GovPayNet for this service. Their fees for any individual who chooses to utilize this service are as follows:

Utilities & Miscellaneous

Transaction Range	Service Fee Amount
\$0.01 - \$50.00	\$1.50
\$50.01 - \$75.00	1.75
\$75.01 - \$100.00	3.00
\$100.01 - \$150.00	4.00
\$150.01 - \$200.00	6.00

**For each additional increment of \$50.00,
Or portion thereof, add \$1.50**

Tax Payments

Visa Debit = \$3.95 flat fee.
All other debit and charge cards fee is 2.75% of amount placed on card. (This 2.75% applies only to tax payments.)

If you require Phone-Assisted Service with a live agent at GovPayNet additional fees apply.

Note: Utilities and taxes can be paid online. Our website is www.Cudahy-wi.gov. Miscellaneous billings must be processed over the counter.

Fees: The City does not absorb charge card fees as we feel they should be paid by those who choose to use this service- not as part of the tax levy which affects all taxpayers.

**Based on the above fee schedule GovPayNet accepts the following credit, debit or prepaid debit cards:
MasterCard - VISA - American Express - Discover - Debit Cards**

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:
Nov. 27 & 28-Dec. 24 & 25-Dec. 31 & Jan. 1**



2015 BUDGET: The City of Cudahy's 2015 Budget and Tax Levy Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 5050 S. Lake Drive.

ELECTION NEWS:

The General Election is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. If you are not registered to vote, you may register at the Clerk's office until 5:00 P.M. the Friday before the election (October 31, 2014) or on Election Day at your polling place. For complete information go to our web site www.Cudahy-wi.gov click Departments/Clerk-Treasurer/Election Info or call 414-769-2204

VOTER ID IS IN EFFECT **STATE LAW NOW REQUIRES PHOTO ID - BE PREPARED OR GET PREPARED EARLY**

WHO IS REQUIRED TO PRESENT PHOTO ID?

- ANY PERSON VOTING IN PERSON ABSENTEE
- ANY PERSON VOTING AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY
- ANY PERSON REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL

WHO IS NOT REQUIRED TO PRESENT PHOTO ID?

- ANY ACTIVE MILITARY OR PERMANENT OVERSEAS VOTER
- ANY BALLOTS OBTAINED THROUGH MY VOTE WISCONSIN
- INDEFINITELY CONFINED VOTERS AND CONFIDENTIAL VOTERS

WHAT ARE ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID?

THESE FORMS OF ID MAY BE USED IF EXPIRATION IS ON OR AFTER NOV. 7, 2012

- STATE OF WISCONSIN DOT ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD (even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended)
- MILITARY ID CARD ISSUED BY A U.S. UNIFORMED SERVICE
- U.S. PASSPORT BOOK OR CARD

THESE FORMS OF ID MAY BE USED ONLY IF UNEXPIRED

- STATE OF WISCONSIN DOT ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD RECEIPT (valid for ONLY 45 days)
- IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE IN WISCONSIN
- A CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION THAT WAS ISSUED NOT EARLIER THAN 2 YEARS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE ELECTION AT WHICH IT IS PRESENTED
- A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY A WISCONSIN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:
 1. Date of Issuance
 2. Signature of Student
 3. Expiration date no later than 2 years after date of issuance
 4. The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.BRINGIT.WI.GOV OR CALL THE CLERK/TREASURERS OFFICE AT 414-769-2204

Proof of Residence for College and University Students

What is the difference between proof of residence and photo ID?

- Proof of residence documents show your current address. A variety of documents can be used, and they do not always have to have a photo. Proof of residence is required to register before you vote
- Photo identification shows you are who you say you are. Photo ID documents must have a picture, but do not have to include a current address. Photo ID is required to receive a ballot and vote
- Some documents have both a photo and a current address, and qualify as proof of residence and photo ID

The University or College ID can be used as Proof of Residence as long as it is accompanied with one of the following documents:

- A fee receipt issued by the institution that includes the student's address and is issued no earlier than nine months before the date of the election
- A certified housing list provided by a public institution to local election officials as long as the list contains the student's address & verifies U.S. citizenship

A letter issued by a public university or public college which verifies the student's campus residence is valid proof of residence without university or college ID.



These other documents also can be used as Proof of Residence:

- Paycheck
- Bank Statement. Electronic statements are acceptable only if printed
A current and valid Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin Identification Card
- A University, College or Technical Institute fee card or Identification card (must include photo)
- A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (Utility bill) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before Election Day. Electronic Statements are acceptable only if printed
- Any identification card or license issued by an employer in the normal course of business that contains a photo of the cardholder or license holder, but not including a business card
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year proceeding the date of the election.
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body or unit
- An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes
- Residential lease (Not valid if registering by mail)

PIT BULL PERMITS

The City of Cudahy has an ordinance requiring a Special Pit Bull Permit. This permit is required for all Pit Bulls residing in the City of Cudahy. There is a \$50.00 fee renewable every January 1st and other requirements. Please refer to our website www.cudahy-wi.gov. Click on Residents, then on Pet Licensing Information. The ordinance and the permit are both available for review and download. The special Cudahy Pit Bull license is required in addition to the regular dog license.

IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER SERVICE OUR RESIDENTS, WE HAVE CHANGED THE BUSINESS HOURS AT CITY HALL TO:

7:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

IN-PERSON TAX COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF:

7:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

TAX BILLING

Tax bills will be mailed this year and in your hands no later than December 15, 2014. As a cost saving effort, the City will not be sending out paid receipts for taxes received by mail. If you would like a copy of you paid tax bill, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your payment. If paying at the bank, you will receive a stamped receipt there.

MADACC will be sending out dog and cat license renewal information by mail around the same time you receive your tax billing. Watch for a pink postcard. Remember, when licensing your animals, it is necessary to bring rabies vaccination paperwork. All adult dogs and cats are required to be licensed by State Statute.

Any Pit Bulls not registered or not re-registered by January 1st of each year will be removed from the City of Cudahy.

*****NEW: HOURS FOR IN-PERSON TAX COLLECTION ARE 7:30AM TO 4:00 PM*****

TRICK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014 FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM





The Cudahy Tourism Commission

Our Mission:

To develop and position the City of Cudahy as an attractive destination through the promotion and advocacy of local events, attractions and businesses.

Visit us on the City of Cudahy Web Site:

http://www.cudahy-wi.gov/visitors/tourism_commission/index.php

Or e-mail us to help market your events at:

cudahytourismcommission@ci.cudahy.wi.us

CITY OF CUDAHY – FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT: PROTECT YOURSELF!

Seeking housing is never an easy task. For many Wisconsin residents, illegal discrimination makes finding and keeping housing much more difficult than it should be. Housing discrimination is common, yet most people remain unaware of its prevalence. Equal housing opportunity-the idea that all people should have equal access to all the housing they can afford-is the law.

Federal and state fair housing laws make it illegal for housing providers (landlords, real estate agents, apartment managers, etc.) to discriminate based on any of the following categories: race, sex, national origin/ancestry, color, disability, religion, family status (household composition, including presence of children), sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income or age.

Housing discrimination appears in many different forms. Sometimes housing providers discriminate overtly by making statements to applicants such as “we only rent to working people,” “no kids allowed,” or “we don’t rent to single moms.”

Victims of housing discrimination have the right to pursue complaints in public administrative agencies such as Wisconsin Equal Rights Division or the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. People with housing discrimination complaints may also file lawsuits in state or federal court.

If you have questions about housing discrimination, fair housing laws and what your options may be for pursuing a complaint of housing discrimination, call the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council’s statewide complaint intake line at 1-877-647-FAIR (toll free).

FROM YOUR INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:

Friendly Reminder to Correct Downspouts and Sump Pumps if in Violation.

CMC 15.13 - SUMP, SUMP PUMPS AND SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE.

(2)CLEAR WATER DRAINS.

All sump pumps installed for the purpose of discharging clear waters from foundation drains and ground infiltration, where the plumbing fixtures in the building are connected to a sanitary sewer and where the building is not serviced by a storm sewer, shall be discharged onto the ground not more than 6 feet out from the building and one foot above the permanent grade. The sump discharge pipe shall be on the front and/or back of the building, no closer than 3 feet to the corner of the building and be located in such a manner that the water shall be discharged in a manner so as not to create a nuisance to adjoining properties. Where storm sewer is available, sump discharge must be connected to it.

CMC 15.125 - RAIN GUTTER DOWNSPOUTS AND EXTENSIONS.

Downspouts shall not be extended more than 6 feet from any building. All extensions shall be directed to the front and/or rear of the building and discharges in a manner so as not to create a nuisance to adjoining properties. Any exceptions to the above must be granted by the plumbing inspector in writing.

BE PREPARED – TIPS FOR HOME SELF-INSPECTION:

As you may recall, last year's winter was brutal. The inspection department had many weather related property damage issues, some of which could have been avoided with some preparation BEFORE the season hit in force. Take some time to conduct a preseason inspection of your home. Yes you are the inspector.

Begin on the exterior, check around the foundation for "points of entry" of any wild life, look for cracks and openings not only for critters to access your home but cold air as well. Look above the foundation where it meets siding, flashing, doors and windows. Make sure there are no holes at the eaves and fascia along the roof lines. Make a note of them and properly seal any defects you may find.

How are the gutters and downspouts? Gutters should be kept free of leaves and debris. Downspouts need to be clear and diverted away from your foundation. Gutter and sump pump discharge are required to flow in such a manner as not to create a nuisance to your neighbor's property or any public street, sidewalk or alley. Are tree limbs clear of your roof and siding?

If you have outdoor water faucets (hose bibs) the water supply needs to be turned off and drained. Some people install an insulated cover on them for the winter season.

Install all your storm windows and doors, repair any damaged glass and glazing compound. Be sure they all fit well. Check weather stripping on the windows and doors, replace as needed.

Burst water pipes caused many problems last year. Water piping on exterior walls may not be good design, but it is what it is, and you may want to take precautions to prevent them from freezing. Heat tape should be used with caution and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, avoid the use of extension cords. NEVER use an open flame to thaw a frozen water pipe. If temperatures fall below zero for extended periods of time you could allow a faucet to trickle during those periods, be advised using this method will result in a higher water bill.

The pipes can be insulated or if the water pipes are under a cabinet leave the cabinet open allowing air to circulate. Most new home's thermal envelopes are generally in good condition. Some older homes may need improvement, by adding insulation to walls, attic and sill which is the space between the floor joists in a

basement's perimeter. Make sure any crawl spaces are properly insulated; keep water piping on the warm side of the thermal envelope in these spaces.

Continuing on the interior, make sure all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are in working condition. A smoke alarm, at a minimum, shall be located one on each floor level of your home, including the basement. New construction will have additional smoke alarms in each sleeping area and they are interconnected so if one alarms they all will alarm.

Have your furnace inspected by a licensed heating contractor, replace the filter regularly. Many newer furnaces vent directly to the outdoors, check these PVC vents to be clear of any obstructions. During cold weather make sure they are not covered with snow or are iced over. Check the chimney when it is used to vent appliances, look for any cracks or openings, and seal any found. Appliance vents need to be pitched toward the chimney rising ¼ inch per foot at a minimum, joints should be tight, check for corrosion or holes in the vent and it must be properly supported, clear of combustibles.

Look over the ducts from the furnace they must be supported, free from holes and gaps. Use duct tape (not duck tape) to seal small openings if found. Make sure your supply and return registers are clean, unobstructed and open.

Dryer vents need to discharge to the building exterior, remove any lint built up and check the exterior discharge hood and clear it of any obstructions. Gas dryer vents need to be metallic and no dryer vents may be secured with screws. Kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans are required to vent to the building exterior, not into any attic spaces where moisture can cause damage.

Inspect the attic; is all the insulation properly in place? Vents in the attic space should be kept open and clear, air needs to move through the attic even during winter months to minimize condensation issues, if you see dark coloration on rafters or roof sheathing you may not have enough ventilation. If any plumbing supply is located in the attic, it must be on the warm side of the thermal barrier. Duct work in the attic needs to be sealed and insulated.

Finally be very cautious using portable space heaters, follow the manufacturers' instructions. Do not leave them unattended or use them while you are asleep. Electric units should never be used with an extension cord. Keep heaters clear of combustible materials. Do not use any unvented fuel fired heaters in a dwelling.

If you find some of these problems you may wish to hire someone to affect the repairs, if so, hire a qualified, licensed and insured contractor.

These measures may help you get through our winter months ahead safely and without Old Man Winter causing any damage to your property.

Signs in the Right of Way

Cudahy Municipal Code Section 17.0606(e) specifically talks about the placement of signs, such as rummage sale signs in the right of way. Please observe our municipal code:

Rummage Sale and Garage Sale Signs are permitted provided that **no such signs shall be erected or placed within the public right-of-way** and that such signs are removed within 24 hours following the sale. Such signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in area and 6 feet in height, and shall not be illuminated. Rummage sale signs may be placed off-site on other residential lots within the City with the property owner's permission.

Milwaukee County Home Repair Program

2711 West Wells Street Room 102

Milwaukee, WI 53208

Phone: 414-278-4917

FAX: 414-223-1815

HomeRepair@milwaukeecountywi.gov

The Milwaukee County Housing Division provides a home repair program using Federal CDBG and HOME funds in County communities **excluding** West Allis and the City of Milwaukee. The program offers low interest and 0% interest loans to income qualified homeowners for:

Emergency Home Repair

Loans are made to restore basic functions to the home including: water, hot water, heat and municipal order compliance.

Standard Loan Programs

Cover a wide range of repairs including: roofing, siding, trim, windows, porches, foundation repair, heating, plumbing, electrical or other necessary repairs. *Grant funds available for accessibility/home modifications.*

Application Process:

Call 414-278-4917 to apply.

1. Application will be taken over the phone and emailed to the homeowner.
 - a. All household members over 18 years of age must sign the application, conflict of interest statement, and release form.
2. Return completed application with all income and debt information.
3. Once applicants submit all documents and are determined to be income eligible, a staff member will contact the home-owner to inspect the property.
4. Staff will write scope(s) of work and have repairs bid out to contractors. Owners will review and select bids and calculate the amount of loan needed.
5. Loans go before a committee for approval. If approved, a loan closing is scheduled, contracts are signed and work begins!

Listed below are income limits based on household size. Please call 414-278-4917 if you are interested in applying for the program.

2014 Income Limits

Household Size	Gross Annual Income
1	\$39,400
2	\$45,000
3	\$50,650
4	\$56,250
5	\$60,750
6	\$65,250

(HOME Program has a Maximum Home Value, \$171,000)

Cudahy Family Library

3500 Library Drive

Phone: (414) 769-2244

www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org

www.facebook.com/cudahyfamilylibrary

Stop in, call, or visit the website for details on each event and for information on other Library programs. Events are free and do not require registration.

Children's Events - Weekly Storytimes & More

Educational and fun?? Our weekly storytimes are filled with learning, singing, and interactive play! No registration is required for these free events. Ages are recommended for the different programs, but younger and older siblings are always welcome. Come join in the excitement! See our website for days and times.

Babies & Toddlers & Books

@ 10:15 & 11:00 on Tuesday mornings

Ages birth—36 months. Books, bounces, rhymes, dances and early literacy enjoyment for littles!

Preschool Storytime

@ 11:00 on Tuesday mornings and 6:30 on Thursday evenings

Ages 3, 4, & 5 years old. Interactive stories and crafts perfect for preschoolers!

Family Sing & Swing @ 10:15 on Thursday mornings

All ages. Dance and sing, accompanied by Miss Abby's ukulele and perhaps a puppet or two!

Monthly Events

For specific information about these upcoming events, please visit our website.

LEGO® Club

First Tuesday of every month @ 4:00pm in the Storytime Room

Everything is awesome when you're expanding your imagination and building something cool! Second through sixth graders are welcome.

Art Club

Fourth Tuesday of every month @ 4:00pm in the Storytime Room

Explore the styles of artists like Mondrian, Kandinsky, Lichtenstein and more! First through sixth graders are welcome. Play clothes are encouraged as we may get messy.

Sensory Playdates

First Friday of the month @ 10:15

Have fun and meet new friends at our sensory playdates. Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are welcome! Wear clothes you won't mind having get a little messy.

Family Movie Nights

Last Monday of the Month @ 6:00

Call for titles.

Teen Events

Teen events are open to students in grades 6-12.

Teen Crafternoons

Second Monday of every month, right after school

Take a quick study break and do a quick, rewarding craft. All supplies provided.

Minecraft In Real Life

Friday, September 26 @ 3:30

Come play a real-life version of this popular video game! Punch through boxes and craft weapons to battle baddies. First person to collect enough diamonds and craft a diamond sword wins ... A REAL FOAM DIAMOND SWORD.

Teen Read Week

October 12-18

We'll have fun events throughout the week. Check the website for more details!

Plants vs. Zombies In Real Life

Friday, October 31 @ 3:30

Choose sides and protect your turf in this fun Halloween-themed game. Costumes are not only encouraged, but HIGHLY encouraged.

Pizza Election

Tuesday, November 4 @ 5:30

We'll sample pizzas, enjoy a hearty debate, and then vote for the official pizza of the Cudahy Family Library Teen Space. Free and delicious!

Mario Kart In Real Life

Monday, December 22 @ 3:30

Decorate your own "kart" and speed around an indoor race track. (Watch out for banana peels.)

CUDAHY FAMILY LIBRARY **FALL-WINTER LINEUP**

*All Events are **Free to the Public** with the Exception of optional lunches and the Harvest Tasting Event*

Financial Peace University

A Plan for Your Money

Presented by Roy Lemmer

Thursdays, Sep. 11 – Nov. 6, 2014

6:15-7:45PM

Paranormal Investigations

Presented by W.I.M.P.S. (We Investigate Most Paranormal Stuff)

Tales from Hector, Eddie and Rick

Rodriguez, real life paranormal investigators

Thursday, October 2, 2014 – 6:30-8:00PM

National Yarn Day

Come early to the event and see a yarn “bombing” of the library. Lunch will be available for purchase starting at 11:00 AM
Work a project and shop at a mini craft book sale

Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 – 10AM – 4:30PM

HARVEST TASTING

Cudahy Family Library’s Annual Fundraiser after hours in the library. Taste distinguished wines, craft beers, bountiful food. Enjoy The Voices of Rock performed by John Von Theil and Danny J as Elvis and Roy Orbison.

Friday, October 17, 2014 – 7:00-10:30PM

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 – 2:00-6:00PM

Vendor Fair

Support the Library while shopping from local vendors. Lunch will be available for purchase on Saturday.

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014 - 10:00 – 4:00 PM

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 – Noon-3:00PM

Eerie Similarities Between John F. Kennedy & Abraham Lincoln

Presented by Historian James Gibbons who maps the paths that led these presidents to their tragic rendezvous with destiny.

Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 – 6:00-8:00PM

Hometown Holiday Celebration

Enjoy a visit from Santa

Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014 – All Day

Charles Dickens’ Doctor Marigold’s Prescriptions

Live performance by actor Stephen Parr. Come see “Charles Dickens” in one of his most enchanting short stories.

Monday, Dec. 15, 2014 – 6:00-8:00PM

**CUDAHY'S POLICE CHIEF THOMAS
POELLON:**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Cudahy Police Chief Tom Poellot is the Chair of the Domestic Violence Committee for the Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Executive's Association (MCLEEA), Board Member for Sojourner Family Peace Center, a member of the Wisconsin Department of Justice (WisDOJ) Domestic Violence Training Team, and is a member of the WisDOJ Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training Advisory Subcommittee.

Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney Peter Tempelis is the Captain of the Domestic Violence unit at the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office.

The following article was co-authored by Chief Poellot and ADA Tempelis at the request of and in response to the following question by End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin.

In the 2010 Domestic Violence Homicide Report, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin included a Call to Action. One element of that call urged communities to pay attention to the signs to potentially lethal violence and ongoing abuse. Specifically, the call said: "We know that attempting to make a permanent break in the relationship and violence with a pattern of coercion—whether financial, physical, sexual, or in relation to children—are serious markers of high risk violence. Too often, however, we are inept at "connecting the dots" and see only individual, isolated incidents, rather than the pattern of ongoing coercion, intimidation, and violence. We must get better at building recognition of and attention to risk and danger at every point of intervention, and crafting strategies to respond, engage and problem-solve with those who are at risk." How has your police department and/or community worked to identify and respond to lethality risk in domestic violence cases?

Milwaukee County has a proactive, multi-faceted strategy to identify and respond to lethality risk in

domestic violence cases, particularly intimate partner matters.

First, we successfully pursued federal grant funding for adoption and implementation of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to identify relationships with high risk for lethality and provide proactive intervention services aimed at preventing homicide. Our partners include the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Sojourner Family Peace Center, and End Domestic Abuse, among others. LAP is identified as a best practice by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Second, the District Attorney's office created a Victim/Witness Protection program comprised of investigators and analysts who investigate intimidation and witness tampering following the incident. Such conduct is most prevalent in high risk matters in which the offender exerts significant power and control over the victim. The offender's aim is to avoid accountability and without investigation and response, the result often includes continued violence. The program was highlighted at a national conference on lethality as a best practice and "the future of domestic violence enforcement."

Third, we continue to enhance our diverse and comprehensive victim advocacy services, which include providing to victims and their children basic necessities such as food, shelter, transportation, clothing, security, counseling and support groups, advocacy services and children's programming. Many law enforcement agencies, particularly those with the highest number of homicide incidents, have co-located victim advocacy services provided by Sojourner Family Peace Center (SFPC). SFPC also is co-located at the District Attorney's office. Co-location allows for immediate service to victims and their children after domestic abuse incidents. SFPC also provides advocates who travel to law enforcement agencies which do not yet have co-location. These services also are available within the community before violence erupts.

Fourth, consistent with our efforts to broaden and expand service to victims and their children, SFPC and Milwaukee County are opening a Family Justice Center (FJC) – breaking ground this Fall, 2014. The FJC will be one of the first of its kind,

housing holistic services to victims in one location. Services will include a shelter, co-located law enforcement and prosecutors, school representatives, as well as medical, social services, counseling and legal resources, all under one roof, at a safe location within blocks of the courthouse.

Fifth, the District Attorney's office created the Child Protection & Advocacy Unit (CPAU) comprised of specialized prosecutors who work in concert with law enforcement, social services and Domestic Violence Unit prosecutors. CPAU prosecutors handle matters involving both domestic violence and child abuse, which requires unique investigation and service. The benefits of the partnership include not only enhanced, specialized service, but also detection of the signs of child abuse. If we are to end the cycle of domestic violence, we recognize we must first identify and treat children who have suffered adverse childhood experiences, while also protecting their family.

Sixth, the District Attorney's office and Milwaukee Police Department piloted its chronic and high risk offender program. The purpose was to identify relationships at high risk for lethality so that investigation of incidents as well as stalking behavior is targeted by both law enforcement and the prosecutor's office. This program laid the foundation for discussion between the District Attorney's office and the Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Executives Association (MCLEEA) regarding moving forward on the LAP application because the LAP provided an evidence based method for identifying relationships at high risk for lethality.

Seventh, our partnership between law enforcement, SFPC advocates, prosecutors, and victim/witness protection investigators helped us further develop our interdisciplinary approach to effective investigation of stalking which focuses on an offender's course of conduct rather than singular incidents of abuse. This approach led to the successful apprehension and conviction of a very high risk offender within our community. It is an approach we replicate on other high risk offender matters.

Eighth, in recognition of the difficulty in prosecuting domestic violence cases, the District Attorney's office and the Wisconsin Attorney General's office partnered in successfully briefing, litigating and prosecuting offenses without testimony in court by an alleged victim. Given a defendant's right to confrontation under the U.S. Constitution, bolstered by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Crawford v. Washington (2004), prosecutors must be aware of the limited exceptions to admissibility of hearsay statements by a victim/witness at trial. The model brief on post-Crawford admissibility as well as the groundbreaking case, State of Wisconsin v. Scottie Baldwin (2009), applying the doctrine of forfeiture by wrongdoing in a non-homicide domestic violence context, are now routinely applied by Milwaukee County prosecutors. Such application is particularly notable given the unfortunately high rates of failure to appear by domestic violence victims/witnesses in metropolitan jurisdictions.

These initiatives, which are by no means exhaustive of our combined efforts, illustrate why Milwaukee County continues to serve as a leader in developing and applying new and innovative best practices to transform and save lives of those suffering the ills of domestic violence. This leadership is the result of longstanding partnership and collaboration between law enforcement, domestic violence advocates and prosecutors which we hope leads to greater justice and protection for victims and their children.

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FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...



Fall Leaf Collection

SCHEDULE:

- The Department of Public Works will begin fall leaf collection on October 6th.
- There is no set day or schedule and it is done based on crew and equipment availability.
- The City cannot guarantee that your leaves will be picked up weekly. Leaf collection **will end on November 21st or the first measurable snowfall**, whichever is first. After that time you will have to bag your leaves in a re-usable container or paper bag and pay for a special pick-up or take it to the City's Drop-off Site for a fee.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- The Department requests that you refrain from piling leaves into piles higher than 1' above the curb, as the leaf collecting equipment is unable to pick-up large piles. Large piles are also a safety hazard as children like to hide in them.
- Please keep leaf piles a minimum of 10' away from storm drains to prevent the storm sewer from getting clogged.
- **Do not place woody material such as branches in the leaf pile.** The crew will have to go around the pile because the equipment is unable to pick it up.
- No containers or bags

FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION – October 27 to October 31, 2014

Plant materials and garden waste can be placed in the curb line with your leaves for this week only.

- **Have your yard waste out by that Monday** – there is no set schedule.
- Please no bags, boxes or containers.
- **Absolutely NO trees, branches, or brush.** Piles with branches will be skipped as the material collected is taken to a facility that can't process woody material.



Holiday Tree Disposal-- The Cudahy DPW will be collecting holiday trees placed by the curb (not alley) from Monday, January 6, 2015 to Wednesday, January 22, 2015. Please make sure the tree is visible to our crews by digging it out of snow banks. We will not dig it out of the snow bank. Also remove lights, tinsel and other items from the tree. After January 22, 2015, holiday trees left in the City right of way or buried in snow will be considered a nuisance and treated as an abatement. Wreaths should be placed in your garbage cart as they cannot be chipped.

Holiday Garbage Pickup

Thanksgiving

Thursday pick-up will be on Friday November 28th (the day after Thanksgiving Day).

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, will be picked up on Friday December 26

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1 will be picked up on Friday, January 2, 2015

Extra Garbage & Recyclables during the Holiday Season

In the past the City would send out extra trucks to pick-up extra recycling and trash after the Christmas holiday. The City no longer collects your garbage and therefore will not be picking up extra waste. So please do not place extra garbage and recyclables on top of or next to your carts for pick-up as the Contractor is only required to pick-up a cart where the garbage or recyclables are contained within the cart and the lid is secure. Residents can bring extra trash and recyclables to the City's Drop-Off Site on Saturday, January 3rd between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. This will be the only time the Drop-Off Site is open during the winter.

Cudahy Drop-Off Center

Location: 5631 S. Pennsylvania Avenue

Who can use it: City of Cudahy Residents Only

What can I drop off: Yard waste, branches, general house hold items, furniture, garbage, electronics, recycling, waste oil, lumber, metal,

The City cannot take: Items containing refrigerants, roofing materials, hazardous waste such as pesticides, paints or asbestos containing material.

Is there a fee: There is a fee and it is based on the vehicle or trailer size. Please visit the City's website for fee information or call (414) 769-2216.

E-Waste: The City of Cudahy cannot accept damaged (glass broken), stripped or partially de-manufactured TVs, Monitors or other electronic equipment.

FALL HOURS (Effective October 7, 2014 to December 6, 2014)

Tuesday & Thursday -- 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday -- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 27th

WINTER HOURS - The Drop-Off Site will be closed from
December 7, 2014 to March 21, 2015.

Winter Weather Information



Snow Clearing Operations

During a snow storm the City sends plows to “open” and maintain the driving lanes of a roadway. Since there are not enough plows or DPW employees to cover the more than 59 centerline miles of City roadway, the Public Works Department has to make critical choices during every snow event. The number one priority is safety. Therefore attention is given to the roadways that have a higher volume of traffic. Those get plowed or salted first. After the main roadways are addressed the Department clears/salts secondary roadways where there are School zones followed by low volume or residential streets. Alleys are low priority and may not get attended to during snow events until all City streets have at least been cleared and salted. Parking lanes are often times not plowed until the storm has past. Clearing/widening of the street is done at night when street parking is limited.

Use of Salt & De-icing Chemicals

Due to the close proximity to Lake Michigan the City restricts its use of salt and other de-icing chemicals. This policy has been in place for years to protect Lake Michigan since salt and deicing chemicals are very corrosive to the environment and do not “disappear” once they are in Lake Michigan. Many people get upset when the roadways are not down to bare pavement but adding more salt adds more issues to the quality of the Lake and the quality of your drinking water.

It’s Illegal & Costing the City Money

It is unlawful to throw, blow or shovel snow and slush into the street or alley. If you hire someone to clear your driveway of snow or you yourself do it – remember you cannot push or drag the snow out into the street or alley and “loose it along the street” or push it across the street to the other side. When you are clearing sidewalks, turn the snow blower chute towards the building side of the sidewalk to prevent the snow from piling up and rolling back into the street. In alleys – do not throw snow back into the alley. Snow that is thrown back into the alley becomes hard pack and causes severe icing issues. Due to the nature of an alley – salt has minimal effect on “hard pack” and the budget doesn’t allow for the salting of alleys.

Sidewalk Snow Removal —



The City codes make it the responsibility of the “owner, occupant or person in charge of any building or lot” to completely remove snow and ice from the abutting public sidewalk within 24 hours after each snow/ice event. Between storms it is the responsibility of the property owner to check the sidewalk for ice and salt or sand the walk to prevent slips and falls. If the sidewalks are not kept clear of snow and ice, the City, **without notice**, will do the work and bill the cost to the owner. Minimum charge is \$138.00.

A Note from the Department of Public Works

Since 2009 the Department of Public Works has lost 8 employees due to budget cuts. In addition, the State of Wisconsin has mandated greater requirements for the maintenance and operations of our Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Utilities. Those budget cuts along with the mandates have significantly depleted the Department's ability to keep up with the maintenance of roads and trees. In response the Department has contracted out some of the work and has charged fees at our Drop-Off Site. But the Department is not able to keep up with the service level of the past nor maintain the aging infrastructure. So we thought the public should know just what they pay for and some of the costs associated with providing DPW services: Services such as street sweeping, leaf collection, replacing catch basins and cleaning sewers are funded by your sanitary and storm water payments not taxes.

You pay:	\$3500 Taxes	City Gets: \$ 980	DPW gets \$186
	\$5000 Taxes	City Gets: \$1400	DPW gets: \$265
			<u>Actual Cost per Residential Property (2013)</u>
What does DPW provide	for \$210		
	To plow City streets (normal winter)		\$ 27.93
	To plow City streets (last winter)		\$ 34.97
	To plow alleys		\$ 6.99
	# of Properties served by alley (residential & non residential)		2944
	To maintain alleys		\$ 8.72
	To cut, plant, trim trees		\$ 29.67
	To maintain street lights		\$ 48.16
	To maintain streets (patch, line stripe, mow, take care of signs & signals)		\$ 48.49
Total DPW Cost of Service per Residential Property - Non -Garbage			\$ 204.93
	<u>Garbage</u>		
You pay:	\$35 garbage cart fee		Cost Per Cart
	Garbage Collection curbside		\$ 87.36
	Garbage Drop-Off Site		\$ 26.06
	Spring Clean-up - non-yard waste		\$ 12.40
	Total Cost for Garbage per cart		\$ 125.82
Total Annual DPW Cost of Service per Residential Property			\$ 330.75
			<u>City Cost to Dispose</u>
	Transfer Site Fee		
You pay:	\$ 5 per trunk-load at drop-off site (load under 50 lbs)		\$ 12.89
	\$ 10 per pick-up truck load at drop-off site (load under 300 lbs)		\$ 30.63



Cudahy Fire Department

Station #1 769-2232
4626 S. Packard Ave.

Station #2 769-2233
3115 E. Ramsey Ave.



Fall Back! Change Batteries

With the changing of the clocks, it is also time to change the batteries in your **smoke and CO detectors**. Make sure the unit operates when you press the test button. If the unit is older than ten years, or you have no idea how old it is, it is time to replace the unit. New units have a ten year lithium battery. Ensure there is a smoke detector on every level of your home and in every sleeping area.

Are You and Your Car Ready for Winter?

Winter weather tends to be harsh in Wisconsin, so it is best to be prepared for winter before it is here. A great way to be prepared is to make sure your car is ready for winter. Make sure to check fluid levels and confirm that equipment is in good working condition. Items to check include: antifreeze levels, oil, battery, brakes, exhaust system, heater, and defroster, all lights including hazards, Air filters, thermostat, tires and windshield wiper equipment. Also remember to keep your fuel tank full or close to full to avoid fuel line freezes.

You should also carry a winter storm survival kit in the back seat of your vehicle, in case your trunk jams or is frozen shut, that includes:

- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Shovel, tools, jumper/booster cables and windshield scraper
- High-calorie non-perishable food (raisins, candy bars, energy/protein bars, etc.)
- Sand or cat litter to use for traction
- Cell phone adapter

For more information on winter preparedness and how to winterize your car go to: <http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

Adopt a fire hydrant

As winter approaches, the Fire Department asks that



all residents watch for snow around the fire hydrants. Please keep a three foot area around the hydrant clear of snow. This helps fire fighters find the hydrants during an emergency. This may seem like a small request,

but to the fire fighters responding to a fire, it can make the difference between life and death. Thank you.

Winter Fire Safety Tips

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

- Be sure your space heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Woodstoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces, and proper floor support and protection.
- Have your chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it hasn't been used for some time.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. It is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels, including coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas. Products and equipment powered by internal combustion engines such as portable generators, cars, and lawn mowers also produce CO. CO detectors can save lives.

IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE A CO DETECTOR, PLEASE PURCHASE AND INSTALL A NEW CO DETECTOR IN YOUR HOME, IT'S THE LAW!!

Residential Knox Box Program,

The Cudahy Fire Department's residential Knox box program is designed to promote a lock box outside the home to allow firefighters to gain entry during a serious medical condition. The lock box is very similar to those required by commercial buildings in our city with **access only by the Cudahy**



Fire Department. The fire department is currently marketing this program to people who live alone with a serious medical condition. Donations were received by the Lyons Club and Emergency Restoration Specialists to purchase some Residential Knox Boxes to loan to residents who may have problems affording the entry system. Please contact the Cudahy Fire Department for further information. (414) 769-2233.



Holiday Safety

Every year over 300 fires are caused by holiday decorations. Dry vegetation, such as pine trees and boughs, are significant factors. Use only a fresh cut tree, and be sure to keep it watered. Use hot tap water to fill the water reservoir, this will help to keep the sap flowing. Check all electrical decorations for damage. Follow the manufacturer's

recommendations for hours of usage and areas for proper installation. Frayed or damaged wires are an invitation for fire. Do not overload outlets, or install too many light strings together. Overloading circuits and wires can cause overheating and lead to a fire. Another key point to remember is not to block doorways. If there is a fire, the normal pathways out of your home will be critical. Blocking that path with decorations could be the difference between escaping the fire and being trapped.



PORTABLE FIRE PITS

- Portable fire pits shall not be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10 feet of any structure.
- Portable fire pits must be placed on a noncombustible surface.
- Portable fire pits shall be listed by a nationally recognized testing organization or acceptable to the AHJ.
- Burning of yard waste or other refuse is prohibited; only clean, dry wood can be used.
- Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be used to ignite the fire.
- Smoke shall be limited and shall not become a nuisance to neighbors or public roads.
- No flame shall at any time exceed one foot in height over the source fuel.
- Portable fire pits shall not be used between 12AM and the following sunrise.

Additional Notes from Mayor Hohenfeldt:

Save the date for a new Home Town Holiday Event scheduled for Saturday **December 6th 2014 - 3:00 – 4:30 P.M.**

Through a cooperative effort, the City of Cudahy and the Cudahy School District art students will be creating ornaments for three trees that will be decorated, lit up and displayed in front of City Hall. Save the date for this new fun event!

Shining a Light on Cudahy

Looking for a good program to watch about the City of Cudahy? Enjoy John McGivern’s **Around the Corner**, Episode #307 on MPTV.ORG *ENJOY!*

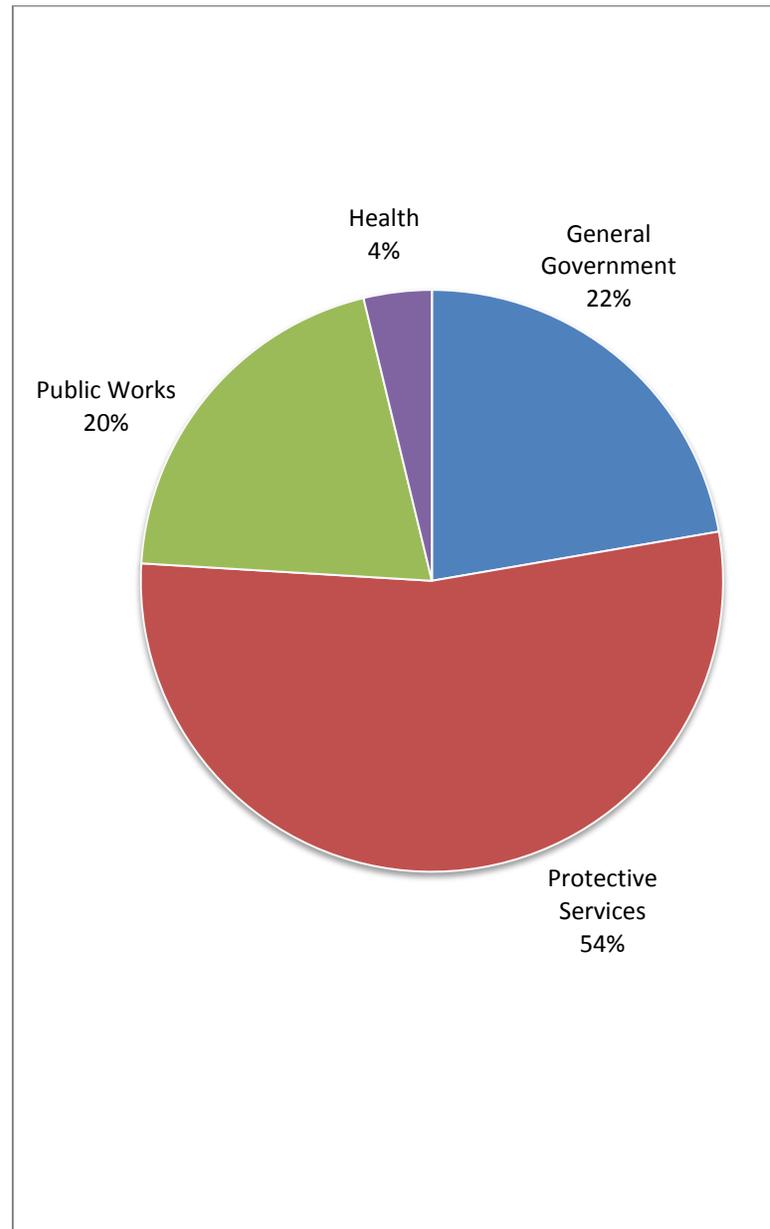
South Suburban Mayors’ Fitness Challenge

The office of the Mayor is pleased to have joined with several other south suburban municipalities in what is now being called the South Suburban Mayors’ Fitness Challenge.

The Challenge, which was originated in the City of Oak Creek, has expanded to additional communities including Cudahy, Franklin, Greenfield, South Milwaukee and St. Francis. The challenge dates begin with events on September 20, 2014 and run through January 31, 2015. More information including registration information can be found at:

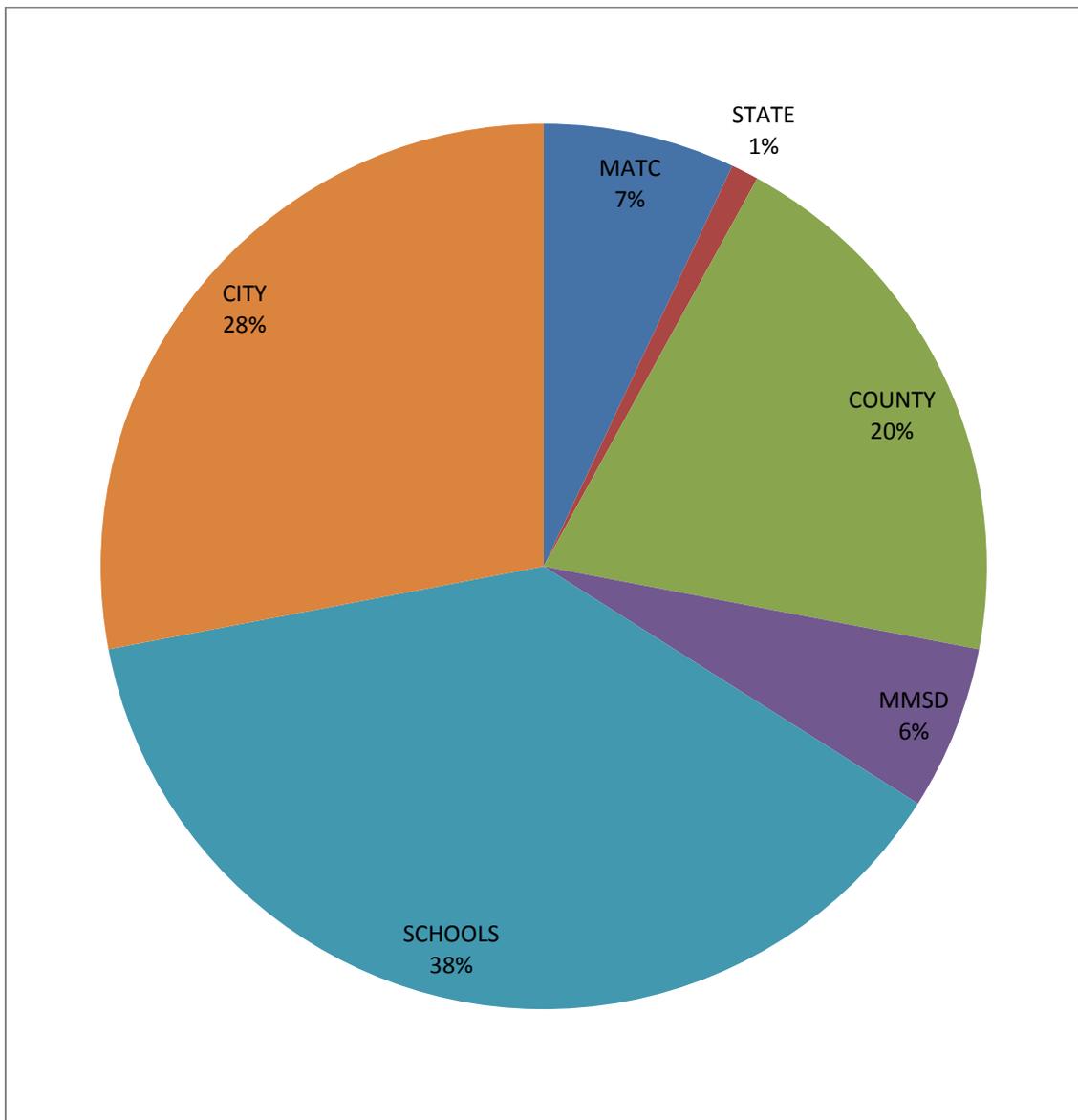
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Chart of 2014 City of Cudahy Expenses by Type



2014 Tax Dollar Chart for Each Taxing Jurisdiction per every \$100

The City of Cudahy only has taxing jurisdiction over the municipal services we provide to our residents. The only Tax Levy set by the Common Council is the City Tax Rate. Other taxing jurisdictions establish their own taxing rates.



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Assessor	769-2207	Inspection (building&plumbing)	769-2211
City Attorney	769-2243	Inspection (electrical)	769-2209
		Library	769-2244
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS(DPW)	769-2216	Mayor's Office	769-2222
Engineering	769-2212	Economic Development Dir.	769-2215
Fire/Police Department (emergency)	911	POLICE NON EMERG.	769-2260
		OVERNIGHT PARKING	744-3444
Fire Station (station #1)	769-2231	Water Utility (billing info)	769-2237
Fire Department (station #2)	769-2233	Water Utility (purification plant & after hours emergency)	769-2235
Health Department (main line)	769-2239	Municipal Court	769-2218