

# City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Summer 2009

## 4th of July Celebration

The Independence Day theme is *Wauwatosa Salutes America* and everyone is invited to join in the festivities on Saturday, July 4, 2009. The parade steps off from 104th St. and goes east on North Ave. to 80th St. 9:00—11:00 AM Festival Parade

12:30—4:00 PM Family Fun at Hart Park

9:15 PM Fireworks at Hart Park

Family fun activities include games, judging of decorated bikes, buggies, wagons, etc. Ice cream will be distributed to participants. Call the Civic Celebration Commission hotline at 414-479-8988 for questions or to volunteer.

**Parade Route Safety:** To ensure everyone's safety and comfort on the parade route, these rules apply:

- Items such as chairs, blankets, tape, rope, etc., may not be placed in the public right-of-way before 6 AM on parade day. The right-of-way includes the sidewalk, the area between the sidewalk and the curb, as well as the grassy boulevards within the street east and west of Menomonee River Parkway.
- Items placed before 6 AM on July 4 will be removed and not returned.
- A responsible person must remain with items placed on the parade route after 6 AM.
- Items left unattended at any time will be removed and not returned.

## Holiday Refuse Collections

**Friday, July 3** is a city holiday and garbage, and recycling normally collected on Friday will be picked up on **Thursday, July 2**.

**Monday, September 7** is Labor Day and garbage and recycling normally done on Monday will be picked up on **Tuesday, September 8**.

## Tosa's Night Out

*Tosa's Night Out* is Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. Family activities begin at 4 PM and include games, inflatable rides, a coloring contest, Kid Care ID, music, food, exhibits and a flashlight walk. The evening will conclude with fireworks.

The event is free and everyone is welcome. You may, however, elect to officially register for the flashlight walk. Registered participants will receive a t-shirt, flashlight, and other items.

Registration begins on Sunday, May 10, 2009 from 8 AM—Noon at the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers' *Pancakes with Mom* breakfast at Hart Park. After May 10 register at the Little Read Book Store, 7603 W. State Street during regular store hours. An individual registrant pays \$8, a family of two is \$13, a family of three is \$16, a family of four is \$19 and the fifth family member is free.

## Keep Wauwatosa Beautiful

Wauwatosa property maintenance and public health municipal ordinances must be adhered to at all times, including when a foreclosure is in process. Report property concerns to the community development (479-8907) or health (479-8939) departments. City staff will inspect credible complaints and issue orders to the property owner to correct problems. Failure to take corrective actions may lead to municipal citations and/or corrective actions by the city. Any corrective action conducted by the city is charged to the property's tax roll. Corrective action on foreclosed properties may be delayed due to verification of property ownership.

## Overnight Parking

There is no parking on city streets between 3 AM and 6 AM including holidays and weekends. Special permission for each night of overnight parking can be obtained by calling 1-900-388-2800. The 900 number is \$1.50 per call. For more information call the police non-emergency number 414-471-8430.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

FAX: 471-8989

TTY: 471-8484

Mayor Jill Didier Phone: 479-8915  
Richard Baker, Municipal Judge Phone: 471-8488

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## Library Hours



Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM  
Friday and Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM  
Summer hours begin June 13. Saturdays  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM, closed on Sundays

The library will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

Telephone reference 414-471-8485  
Children's services 414-471-8486  
Over dues, etc. 414-471-8484  
Administration 414-471-8487

Email: [tosamail@mcfls.org](mailto:tosamail@mcfls.org)

Website: <http://tpublib.fp.execpc.com>

## For Children

Kids! **BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY** this summer.

Registration for **Reading Record Cards** and **Listening Cards** begins in June. Children can earn prizes this summer as they read or listen to books.

**The Chickadees**, a female music trio, will present two shows on **Kick-Off Day, Thursday, June 18** in the Civic Center auditorium at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Children 3 years old and older are invited. Adults are welcome too.

Story and book talk series for children of all ages begin the week of June 22:

**Storytime** for 3, 4, and 5 year olds

**Crafting the Classics** for children grades 1—3

**Imagine That!** for students grades 3—5

**Create Worlds** for students grades 6—8

**Story Telling Workshop** for students grades 1—5

**Talent Show** for preschoolers—8th graders

**Treasure Hunt Week** (July) for all ages

**Films and Books** (July/August) for all ages

**Rhyme Time** (August) for children 3 and under accompanied by an adult, older siblings welcome

**Special Mondays** (August) for students in grades 1—6

Registration is required for the Storytelling Workshop and the Talent Show only. Please visit the children's library for a complete schedule of events.

## Yard Material Disposal

Put leaves, brush, and small branches, but no grass clippings, in reusable containers marked clearly with 2 inch or larger lettering as "Yard Waste." Paper yard bags may also be used. Cardboard boxes and plastic bags should not be used for yard materials. Do not rake yard material into the street.

Place yard materials out for biweekly collection before 7:00 AM. The city's contractor, Veolia, collects yard materials from the curb or alley every other week according to Schedule A or Schedule B published in the spring 2009 newsletter. This information is available under the public works department/operations page at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net).

The city website has garbage, yard materials, and recycling collection day information available at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net). Click on the *Search for Information* box in the middle of the page.

A maximum of 5 bundles of brush, tied with string or twine, that are no more than 4 feet long and weigh less than 50 lbs. will be picked up without charge. Larger amounts of unbundled brush will be picked up for a minimum \$48 charge after a written estimate is given, or without a signed estimate if a request for brush pickup is not received by the city. Brush creating a hazard at the curb may be immediately picked up and billed.

The drop-off center located at 11100 W. Walnut St. accepts brush, leaves, and other yard waste from residents between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM Tuesday through Saturday. Grass clippings are not accepted. The center is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. A \$10 annual permit is required to use the drop-off center. Call 414-471-8422 if you have questions.

### **Or, Better Yet— Start Composting!**

For ideas on how to start composting at home call BeSMART at 1-866-917-8987 or go to the BeSMART website at [www.besmart.org](http://www.besmart.org) and click on "yard waste" on the left side of the page.



# Health Department News

For Further Information or an Appointment Call 414-479-8939



## Senior Transportation Survey Results

The Senior Transportation Survey, Adding Life to Years II, was completed in 2008. The recommendations were:

- Increase access to transportation services for seniors
- Maximize safe driving by senior citizens and help ease the transition between driving and not driving
- Establish a broad-based senior transportation coalition to review recommendations and develop a community plan

The full survey report is on the city website at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net). Select News/News Bulletin and click on Senior Transportation Survey. A limited number of print copies are available at the Wauwatosa Health Department. The results will be studied by the Senior Commission's ad hoc Senior Transportation Committee.

## New 2009-2010 School Immunization Requirements

Students entering grades 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12 will need a Tetanus booster (Tdap) if it has been 5 years or more since their last dose. Also, students entering grades K5, 1, 6, 7, and 12 who did not have chicken pox disease will need 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Students who do not meet this requirement may be excluded from school or fined by the district attorney. Immunize your child in summer before the busy fall season. The health department offers free childhood immunizations. For more information, call the health department's information and referral nurse line at 479-8939.

## Basement Backup? Call Us First

Before calling a plumber for a basement sewer backup, call the public works department at 414-471-8422 for an around the clock emergency response to verify the backup is a homeowner's responsibility.

## Street Project Updates

Visit [www.wauwatosa.net/public\\_works/engineering/public\\_construction](http://www.wauwatosa.net/public_works/engineering/public_construction) or call 414-479-8987 for information on city street and highway paving projects.

## Take the Sting Out of West Nile Virus

West Nile surveillance and treatment of catch basins for mosquito larva will continue this summer. Please report the location of dead birds to the health department by calling 479-8939. Disposing of dead birds is treated like disposal of small animals—use gloves and double bag the bird in plastic and dispose of it in your regular garbage. There is no need to contact public works for a special garbage pickup. If you need more information or have any questions about West Nile Virus, call the health department's information and referral nurse line at 479-8939.

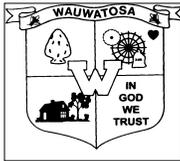
### *Take Action for Your Own Protection*

You can protect yourself from West Nile Virus in the following ways:

- Avoid outdoor activities when the mosquitoes are most active
- Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and socks if outside during the evening, night time and dawn hours
- Use insect repellent products with no more than 35% DEET for adults and <10% DEET for children
- Repair or replace all door and window screens
- Eliminate standing water that collects on your property
- Dispose of discarded tires, tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other water-holding containers
- Ensure roof rain gutters drain properly—clean gutters when clogged
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and hot tubs or keep them covered when not in use
- Drain water from pool covers
- Change bird bath water every 3—4 days
- Turn plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows over when not in use
- Encourage neighbors to eliminate mosquito breeding sites on their properties

## Yard of Distinction Awards

2009 Yard of Distinction nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2009. Call Doris at 414-461-6925 to nominate a yard that deserves special recognition.



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## Attention Pet Owners

Pet owners are required by ordinance to periodically clean up animal excrement on their property. A pet walker is responsible for the animal's acts on public and private property. It is unlawful for a pet to run at large and a pet must be on a leash that does not exceed 10 feet while being walked. A feces scoop must be carried and used. It is illegal to discard feces in the street, sewer, or on property other than your own. Wrap the waste well and place it in with your garbage. Please be a responsible pet owner.

## Rain Garden Fair

In partnership UW—Extension and Rain Gardens for Wauwatosa will hold a Rain Garden Fair: Training and Vendor Exhibition on June 11, 7 PM—9 PM in the Hart Park Muellner Building, 7300 Chestnut Street. Admission is free.

Wauwatosa property owners who install a functional rain garden meeting minimal requirements will be reimbursed \$5.00 per square foot for a maximum of 500 square feet.

The Rain Garden Fair will have:

- Rain garden educational exhibits
- Rain garden supply exhibits
- Master Gardener question and answer booth
- Expert presentations: Mechanics of Creating a Rain Garden and Choosing Rain Garden Plants

Contact the Milwaukee County UW—Extension office at <http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/events/> for more information about the Rain Garden Fair.

For additional information on Rain Gardens for Wauwatosa check the city website [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net), under the *Hot Topics*, stop in at the engineering department in city hall, or call 479-8991 for more information.

## 23rd Annual Firefly Art Show

August 1 and 2, 2009 10 AM—5 PM

Kneeland-Walker House  
7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa, WI

For more information call the Wauwatosa Historical Society at 414-774-8672.

## Secret Gardens Tour

The 15th Annual Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour is Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 10 AM—5 PM, rain or shine. Tour seven private gardens plus the beautiful garden at the Kneeland-Walker House where master gardeners and plant societies will be on hand selling plants, garden related items and answering gardening questions. Melinda Myers returns this year to answer questions and sign books for ticket holders. Melinda is sponsored by Kanavas Landscape, Inc.

Advance tickets are \$10 and can be purchased beginning early June at the following ticket outlets: Alfa Flower Shop, Blue Lapin, The Flower Lady, Fruit of the Bloom, Hawks Nursery, Locker's Florist, Rose's Flower Shop, and Wisconsin Garden & Pet. On tour day, tickets are \$12 and available at the tour starting point, the Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive. Consider planning a fun day with your friends and have lunch at a local restaurant. Some local restaurants will offer lunch specials on tour day. For more information call Sandy Greenfield at 414-258-9014.

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