

# City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Summer 2008

## 4th of July Celebration

The Independence Day theme is **Happy Birthday, America** and everyone is invited to join in the festivities on Friday, July 4, 2008.



- 9:00—11:00 AM Festival Parade
- 12:30—4:00 PM Family Fun at Hart Park
- 8:00—9:00 PM Evening Program at Hart Park.
- 9:15 PM Fireworks at Hart Park will originate from the east end of the park. No seating will be allowed on the stadium field. The evening program is best viewed from the west stadium bleachers.

The parade steps off from 104th St. and heads east on North Ave. to 80th St. 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, the rules below 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.

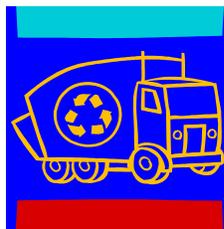
## National Night Out 2008

*Tosa's Night Out* is Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. Family activities are from 5—8 PM and include games, inflatable rides, a coloring contest, Kid Care ID, live 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, flasher button, and other items along the walking route. Registration begins on May 11, 8 AM—Noon at the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers' benefit pancake breakfast at Hart Park. After June 1 register at the Little Read Book Store, 7603 W. State Street during regular store hours. Registration is \$8 per person or \$19 for a family up to five.

## Holiday Refuse Collection



**Friday, July 4** is a holiday and garbage, recycling and yard waste collection normally done on Friday will be picked up on Thursday, July 3.

**Monday, September 3** is a holiday and garbage, recycling and yard waste collection normally done on

Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, September 2.

## Street Project Updates

Visit [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net) or call 414-479-8987 for city street and highway paving projects information.

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**Library Hours**

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM—9 PM  
Friday and Saturday, 9 AM—5 PM  
Summer hours begin June 14 when library is open on Saturdays, 9 AM—1 PM, and closed on Sundays.

Library is closed July 4.

Overdue fines, etc. 414-471-8484  
Telephone reference 414-471-8485  
Children’s services 414-471-8486  
Administration/Room Reservations 414-471-8487

Email: tosa.mail@mcfls.org

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

**Children’s Library Events**



**CATCH THE READING BUG!** this summer.

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

**Monday, June 16 Kick-Off Day for CATCH THE READING BUG!** Dr. Bob Kann, a storyteller, magician, juggler and author, will perform two shows at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM in the Civic Center Auditorium. Children 3 years and older are invited. Adults are welcome too.

Story and book talk series for children of all ages begin the week of June 16. Registration is not required for summer events.

- Preschool Story Time** for 3, 4, and 5 year olds
- Stories & Books** for youth entering grade 1—3
- Book Highlights** for youth entering grades 3—5
- Brown Bags & Books** for youth entering grades 6—8
- Films & Books** (July & August) for all ages
- Baby Days** (August) children 2 and under with an adult, older siblings welcome
- Special Mondays** (July & August) for students in grades 1—6
- Treasure Hunt Week** (August) for all ages

Visit the Children’s Library for a complete schedule of events.

**For Adults**

Please help the Library Board and staff plan for the future. Look for a link to the library’s survey on the library webpage: <http://tpublib.fp.execpc.com> or on the City of Wauwatosa web page <http://www.wauwatosa.net> beginning on June 1 under *Hot Topics*. Please take a few minutes to give us your opinions and help us to better serve our community.



**Recycling Update**



The bi-weekly cart recycling collection program is off to a great start. For the first three months of the program recycling rates are up 40% over a similar 3-month period on a five-year average. Revenue for the first three months total \$28,833.50.

**Sewer Backups**

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.

**Outdoor Grilling Safety**

Summer brings outdoor grilling. The following fire safety tips will help to keep you and your family safe this summer. Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a grill. Keep children away from hot grills. Never grill in an enclosed area because carbon monoxide may be produced. Make sure everyone knows how to Stop, Drop, and Roll in case someone’s clothing catches fire. Call 911 if any accident causes burns requiring emergency medical attention.





# Health Department News

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



## Immunization Clinic Added

Due to the new state vaccination requirements for children in day cares and schools, the Wauwatosa Health Department added an August 5 Immunization Clinic.

Tuesday, August 5  
4:00—6:30 PM  
Wauwatosa City Hall  
7725 West North Avenue

## Free Litter Scoops

City ordinance requires that pet owners periodically clean up animal excrement on their property. Free litter scoops are available at the health department.

## Attention Pet Owners

A pet walker is responsible for the animal's acts on either public or private property and must carry a feces scoop while walking the pet. It is illegal to discard feces in the sanitary sewer or on property other than your own. It is also against the law to allow a pet to run at large. A pet must be walked on a leash that does not exceed ten feet. Please be a responsible pet owner.



## Poll Workers Needed

Poll workers are needed to staff the polls from 7 AM—8 PM on election day. Duties include setting up the polling place, registering and recording electors, issuing ballots, processing absentee ballots, monitoring voting equipment, counting votes, and completing required forms properly. Poll workers need to be US citizens, Wauwatosa residents, at least 18 years of age, and not disqualified for voting for reasons described in 6.03, Wisconsin Statutes. The ability to read and understand English, record information accurately, interact well with the public, and print or write clearly is important. Poll workers are paid \$95 for working on election day and \$10 for attending pre-election training.

If you are interested in being a poll worker, submit in writing, your name, address, telephone number, and political party affiliation, if any, to the City Clerk's office, 7725 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. No telephone calls, please. When a political party is involved in the nomination of election inspectors, appointments are made with regard to party affiliation. Submission of information does not guarantee a work assignment this fall.

## 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 414-479-8939. Disposal 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 questions about West Nile Virus, call the Information & Referral Nurse Line at 414-479-8939.



### *Take Action for Your Own Protection!*

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

Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active

Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and socks if outside during times mosquitoes are active

Use insect repellent 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. Remove discarded tires, dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or other containers

Ensure roof rain gutters drain properly—clean gutters when clogged

Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and hot tubs or keep covered when not in use

Drain water from pool covers

Change bird bath water every 3-4 days

Turn wading pools and wheelbarrows over not in use

Encourage neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.

## Yard of Distinction Awards

2008 Yard of Distinction nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2008. Call Doris Baier at 414-461-6925 to nominate a yard that deserves special recognition.



## Milwaukee County Home Repair Program



Milwaukee County's Home Repair Program makes no or low interest loans to income eligible owners for most home repairs. The program works simply. An application is taken over the phone.

After verifying eligibility, someone from the program staff visits with you to discuss the work needed. Bids are obtained from experienced private contractors registered with Milwaukee County. Program staff goes over the bids with you and generally, the low bid is accepted.

Loan documents, including a promissory note and a lien, are prepared for your signature. Once the loan is closed, the contractor begins the work. County staff inspects the work (during progress, if necessary) and when it is completed. The contractor is paid by the County upon your approval. You make

monthly payments to the County. There are no loan costs or fees. The amount and term of the loan is determined by the work done, the equity in your home, and what you can afford to repay. For some eligible homeowners, repayment can be deferred until the house is sold. If you have any questions, or if you would like to apply, please call 414-278-4917.

Income limit based upon household size:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$37,650	\$43,000	\$48,400	\$53,750	\$58,050	\$62,350	\$66,650	\$70,950

### Secret Gardens Tour

The 14th Annual Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour is on Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 10 AM—5 PM, rain or shine. Tour seven private gardens including the beautiful gardens at the Kneeland-Walker House where master gardeners and plant societies will be on hand selling plants, garden related items and answering gardening questions. Advance tickets are \$10 and can be purchased beginning early June at the following ticket outlets: Alfa Flower Shop, The Flower Lady, Hawks Nursery, Locker's Florist, Rose's Flower Shop, Wisconsin Garden & Pet, and Fruit of the Bloom. On tour day, tickets are \$12 and will be available at Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive. Call Doris at 414-461-6925 or Sandy at 414-258-9014 for more information.



### Firefly Art Show

The 21st Annual Firefly Art Show is Saturday and Sunday, August 2 & 3, 2008 from 10 AM—5 PM. The juried art show is held on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Kneeland-Walker House, 7406 Hillcrest Drive, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Come stroll the beautiful mansion grounds and enjoy the fine art and live music. Grilled sandwiches, desserts, and snacks are offered for sale. There is a moderate admission fee.

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