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Summer 2007

4th of July Celebration

The Independence Day theme is *Freedom is...* and everyone is invited to join in the festivities on Wednesday, July 4, 2007.

- 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, sponsored by Froedtert Hospital and The Medical College of Wisconsin



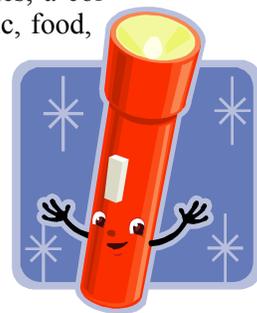
The parade steps off from 104th St. and heads east on North Ave. to 80th St. Family fun activities include games, judging of decorated bikes, buggies, wagons, etc. Ice cream will be distributed to participants. Call the Civic Celebration Commission hotline at 414-479-8988 for questions or for volunteer opportunities.

Parade Route Safety: To ensure everyone's safety and comfort on the parade route, the rules below apply to the annual Independence Day parade.

- 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

Night Skies and Fireflies is the theme for the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. Family activities are from 4—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 13, 8 AM—Noon at the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers' benefit pancake breakfast at Hart Park. After May 13 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.



Tosa Tonight Concert Series

Concerts will be held 5:30 PM—9:00 PM as follows:

- Wed., June 20 Jacobus Park
Wed., July 18 Wisconsin Avenue Park
Tues., August 7 National Night Out—Hart Park
Wed., August 15 Hoyt Park

For more information see the concert announcement inserted into this newsletter.

Holiday Refuse Collection

Wednesday, July 4 is a holiday. Wednesday's collections will be picked up on Thursday, July 5.

Monday, September 3 is a holiday. Monday's collections will be picked up on Tuesday, September 4.

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Library Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM—9 PM
 Friday and Saturday, 9 AM—5 PM
 Sunday, 1 PM—4 PM through May 6
 Summer hours begin June 9 when library is open on Saturday, 9 AM—1 PM, and closed on Sundays.

Library is closed May 26—28, July 4, and Sept. 1-3.

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

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Children's Library Events

GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY 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.

Kick-Off Day, Monday June 18

Truly Remarkable Loon, a comedy juggling act that includes spectacular plate spinning feats, will perform two shows at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM in the Civic Center Auditorium for children 3 years and older. Adults are welcome too.



Story and book talk series for children of all ages begin the week of June 18. Registration is not required.

Preschool Storytime 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 4 and under with adult

Special Mondays (August) for youth in grades 1—5

Treasure Hunt Week (August) for all ages

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

Yard Waste Questions

Yard waste should be set out before 7 AM for biweekly collection. Do not rake yard waste into the street. Yard waste is collected according to the A & B schedule. Grass clippings are not picked up nor accepted at the drop-off center. Schedule information is available at www.wauwatosa.net/publicworks. Put yard waste into reusable containers marked "Yard Waste" in 2 inch or larger letters. Paper yard waste bags or cardboard boxes may also be used. Plastic bags may not be used. 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 \$45 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. The center is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. A \$10 annual permit is required to use the drop-off center.

Sewer Backups

Before calling a plumber because your basement has a sewer backup, call public works at 414-471-8422 for an around-the-clock emergency response. We can determine whether the backup is in the city sewer line.



Yard of Distinction Awards

2007 Yard of Distinction nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2007. Call Doris Baier at 414-461-6925 to nominate a yard that deserves special recognition.



Health Department News

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



August 7 Clinic Cancelled

The August 7 immunization clinic is cancelled due to Tosa Night Out activities. Information about National Night Out can be found on page one. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Health Department Honored

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recognized the Milwaukee/Waukesha County Consortium for Emergency Public Health Preparedness for its readiness to handle large-scale public health emergencies.

The consortium consists of fourteen Milwaukee and Waukesha County public health agencies. The Wauwatosa Health Department serves as fiscal agent for the consortium. The honor was attained through the Project Public Health Ready initiative that NACCHO conducts with support from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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.



Fines usually amount to \$109.00 A pet must be walked on a leash that does not exceed ten feet. Please be a responsible pet owner.

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.

Wauwatosa Senior Commission



Adding Life to Years is the Wauwatosa Senior Commission's vision and their mission is to affirm the dignity and value of all aging Wauwatosans. To learn more visit www.wauwatosa.net/Health Department. For more information on community resources or to forward concerns on behalf of all Wauwatosa seniors, call 479-8939 or email seniorcommission@wauwatosa.net.

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.

Street Project Updates

Visit www.wauwatosa.net/public works/engineering/public construction or call 414-479-8987 for information on city street and highway paving projects.



Secret Gardens Tour

The 13th Annual Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour is on Saturday, July 14 from 10 AM—5 PM, rain or shine. Tour six private gardens including the beautiful garden at the Kneeland-Walker House. 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, and Wisconsin Garden & Pet. 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 4 & 5, 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. The 15-room mansion, dating from 1890, has 1.5 acres of lovely landscaped lawns and gardens, mature trees, grass tennis court, carriage house, and horse corral.

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.

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.



Summer Tree Care

Supplemental watering to a tree planted in the previous year is encouraged. Mulch, not stone, can be added around the tree base at a 3" minimum depth to keep moisture in, cool the roots, and eliminate damage from lawn equipment.



Apply mulch around the trunk base and out from the trunk 1—2 feet, making sure mulch is not against the tree trunk. Please do not attach or tie anything to a tree. Penetrating the trunk with nails causes openings for disease, insects, and potential decay. Tying anything to a tree can distort healthy growth and creates hiding spots for insects. Call the Parks and Forestry Department at 414-471-8420 for more tree care information.

Street Light Out?



To speed the repair of a flickering or burned out street light call the public works department at 414-471-8422 with the location of the pole.

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