

# City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

Volume 28, Issue 1

<http://www.wauwatosa.net>

Spring 2007

## Holiday Refuse Collection

There is no collection on April 6, Good Friday. That Friday's collection will be on April 5, Thursday. There is no collection on May 28, Memorial Day. That Monday's collection will be done the day after the holiday on Tuesday, May 29.

## Yard Material Collection Begins

The "A" schedule yard material collection begins Monday, April 16 and the "B" schedule begins Monday, April 23. See the insert in this newsletter for more information.

## Fire Hydrant Flushing

This April the water utility will flush dead end hydrants to improve water quality. Flushing will occur during daytime business hours and signs announcing that flushing is scheduled will be placed a day prior to opening the hydrants.

As water moves through the water pipes there may be some discoloration of water. You can flush your service line by turning on a faucet that is close to your water meter. We recommend that you postpone doing laundry on the day we flush the hydrants until you flush the lines.



## City Meeting Schedule

Common Council meetings are held monthly on the first and third Tuesday. Council Committee meetings are held monthly on the second and last Tuesday. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting times are available at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net) or by contacting the city clerk at 414-479-8917.



## ADA Information Forum

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal civil rights law designed to assist disabled citizens. The Wauwatosa Committee for Citizens with Disabilities will sponsor an ADA Public Forum on Sat., April 28 from 9:15 AM—12 Noon in the Firefly Room of the public library located at 7635 W. North Ave.. Discussion topics include ADA compliance and information in areas of business, education, employment, and recreation. The forum is free and open to the public.

The Wauwatosa Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is sponsored by the City of Wauwatosa and exists to advocate for the rights and concerns of all Wauwatosa residents with disabilities. Call 414-259-0051 or 414-226-8378 for more information about this forum or how to become a committee member.

## Attention Pet Owners

Melting snow uncovers a lot of yard debris. 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 while being walked a pet must be on a leash that does not exceed 10 feet. A feces scoop must be carried and used. For a free package of disposable litter scoops, stop by the health department while supplies last. 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.



*Pull Out & Save the 2007  
Recycling, Yard Waste & Garbage Guide  
Inside this Newsletter*

Mayor Theresa M. Estness Phone: 479-8915  
 Richard Baker, Municipal Judge Phone: 471-8488

<b>First District</b> George P. Becker 771-2606 Peter Donegan 259-8973	<b>Second District</b> James J. Krol 453-2904 Eric B. Meaux 258-1407	<b>Third District</b> Tim Hanson 303-3521 R. Jeffrey Krill 708-6489	<b>Fourth District</b> Jill Didier 259-1484 Bernard J. Grimm 774-1299
<b>Fifth District</b> Jerome Stepaniak 258-0709 Vacant	<b>Sixth District</b> Brian Ewerdt 475-9658 Tomas Herzog 257-9132	<b>Seventh District</b> Donald F. Birschel 476-5971 Atis Purins 476-2468	<b>Eighth District</b> Craig S. Maher 462-3738 Tom H. Treis 462-3737

# Library News

## Library Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM  
 Friday and Saturday 9 AM-5 PM  
 Sunday, 1-4 PM through May 6 (Closed on  
 Sundays from May 13 throughout the summer)  
 Library is closed Friday, April 6; Sunday, April 8;  
 and Monday, May 28.

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

Website: <http://tpublib.fp.execpc.com>  
 Email: [tosa.mail@mcfls.org](mailto:tosa.mail@mcfls.org)

**Florentine Opera Insights**—Join us for a program on Rossini's *Barber of Seville* with live musical excerpts on Saturday, May 31 at 12:30 PM in the Firefly Room. Free, no registration is required.

**Annual Review of New Children's Books** for adults only, Saturday, March 10, 10:00—11:30 AM. *Register in person or by phone.*

## Tax Assistance and Forms

Persons 60 years of age and older are eligible for free AARP tax preparation assistance. Call 414-471-8485 for a reservation. Federal and State tax forms and publications are available at the adult library.



## Children's Events

**After School Adventure Party** For children in grades 1 through 6; held in the Children's Story Room. *Register in person or by phone.*

Friday, March 2, 3:45—4:30 PM  
 Friday, May 4, 3:45—4:30 PM

**Library Story Time** for 3, 4, and 5 year olds who are able to attend story time independently beginning Thursday, March 1 or Friday, March 2; a five-week series, 30 minute sessions. *Register in person or by phone with a valid library card. Enrollment is limited.*

**Parochial Elementary School Art Show** on display from Tuesday, March 13—Saturday, March 30.

**Family Story Night** most appropriate for families with children 3 years old and older, Wednesday or Thursday, April 11 or 12 at 6:30 PM. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, March 17.*

**Spring Break ASAP** for students in grades 1—6; Friday, April 13 3:00—3:45 PM. Milwaukee Ballet representatives will share information and demonstrate costumes from the ballet's recent performances. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, March 17.*

**Baby Days** for children through 4 years old accompanied by an adult. The 3-week series begins Wednesday or Thursday, April 25 or 26. Each session lasts approximately 20 minutes. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, March 31 with a library card.*

**Public Elementary School Art Show** on display from Wednesday, April 18—Thursday, May 10.

**Spring Book Sale**  
**Saturday, April 21 9 AM—5 PM**  
**Sunday, April 22 1 PM—4 PM**  
**Library Firefly Room.**



Stay up-to-date—Find timely information at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net)



# Health Department News

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



## Freedom From Smoking®

*Make 2007 your year to quit smoking!*



**Location:** Wauwatosa Health Department  
Community Room  
7725 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa

**Time:** Orientation: May 1, 2007  
Meets weekly: May 1 – June 12, 2007  
Meets at 6:30 pm

**Cost:** \$35 for Wauwatosa residents  
\$85 for non-Wauwatosa residents

For information or to register, call 414-479-8939.

## Parenting Classes Offered

The Wauwatosa Health Department, in partnership with The Parenting Network, is offering a 7-week training for parents. *Love and Logic*® is a nationally regarded program for parents of toddlers to teens. The series starts March 12 at the Lutheran Home, 7500 W. North Ave. from 6:30—8:15 PM The cost is \$40 per person; \$50 per couple with scholarships available. Childcare is available for children birth to age 12 with a cost of \$15 per child (maximum \$45 per family) for all 7 weeks. Registration is required by March 8, 2007. To register contact Tom Weber at the Parenting Network, 414-671-5575 x14.



## Spring Cleanup

*April 23—May 4*

*Complete guidelines can be found in the insert inside this newsletter.*

## Street Project Updates

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

## The Wauwatosa PAN Committee presents: Strides Toward a Healthy Lifestyle

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 6—7 PM  
Firefly Room, Wauwatosa Public Library  
Register by calling 414-479-8939

Presented by: Kathy Menard-Rothe, MS, Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Senior Clinical Exercise Physiologist.

Learn about the benefits of exercise and using a pedometer to count the steps you walk each day. We will cover proper walking techniques and how to pick the best pair of shoes. There is no cost to participate in the class, but it is recommended that you purchase a Digi-Walker pedometer or bring your own pedometer.



*For up-to-date recycling information check Cable Channel 25.*

## Remodeling?

Spring brings remodeling projects and questions about building codes, permits, and precautions on lead poisoning. Interior project permits may be obtained within a day or two. Projects requiring Design Review Board assessment usually take two weeks for approval. Call 479-8907 for guidelines.

It is important to practice safe methods to contain lead paint dust and debris when disturbing old paint and remodeling. Lead poisoning can cause reduced intelligence, hearing, kidney function and motor control. Children under age six are especially susceptible to being lead poisoned by small amounts of lead paint dust or debris. It is up to you as a homeowner to be aware of who is remodeling your home and what their knowledge is about lead hazards. Call 414-479-8939 for more information and a free copy of the EPA's "Lead In Your Home: A Parent's Reference Guide."

## City Comprehensive Plan



This spring the process for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan will be initiated. The Comprehensive Plan was last revised in the mid-1970's. A Comprehensive

Plan is a very important document that establishes a community vision, lays out future land use, and identifies issues and opportunities for the future of Wauwatosa. A critical part of this process will be the citizen participation element, which will provide opportunities for residents to express ideas, opinions, and concerns. We hope that everyone will watch for notices about these meetings and plan to participate in the process.

## Signs in City Right-of-Way



As warmer weather arrives, signs advertising rummage, garage, and estate sales, or houses for sale begin appearing throughout Wauwatosa. Signs placed in the city right-of-way are distracting to motorists. The right-of-way is the area between the street

curb and lot lines and also includes boulevards. Signs placed in this area or attached to light, traffic, or telephone poles will be removed and discarded. Please help maintain a safe, beautiful, and uncluttered Wauwatosa.

## Increase in Sewer Bills



The average residential customer will see an approximate 20% increase or \$8.35 per quarter in their sewer bill beginning with their Feb. 1, 2007 bill. The increase is due

to the Department of Justice's mandated sanitary sewer repairs (manhole inspection and repair) that are funded with revenues from the local portion of the sewer bill. Details are:

	2006	2007 no mandatory projects	2007 with mandated projects
<b>Connection Charge</b>	\$7.05	\$6.35	\$6.35
<b>Local Charge</b>	\$15.02	\$16.22	\$23.33
<b>MMSD Charge</b>	<u>\$17.99</u>	<u>\$18.73</u>	<u>\$18.73</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$40.06	\$41.30	\$48.41
<b>% Increase</b>		3.10%	20.84%

### City of Wauwatosa Newsletter Spring 2007 Volume 28-1

The City of Wauwatosa Newsletter is published four times a year and mailed at no direct charge to all residents and businesses of Wauwatosa.

© City of Wauwatosa. All rights reserved.

**Legislation, Licensing, and Communication Committee:** Alderman James Krol, Chairperson; Alderman George Becker, Vice-Chair; Alderman Donald Birschel; Alderwoman Jill Didier; Alderman Brian Ewerdt; Alderman Tim Hanson

Editor: L. Kavelaris, Administration Dept. Telephone: 414-479-8915, Fax: 414-479-8985.

PRINTED WITH  
SOY INK

printed on recycled paper



PRRSTLD  
USPOSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 3234  
Milwaukee, WI

City of Wauwatosa Newsletter  
City Hall, 7725 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213-0068

