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Winter 2006

Happy Holidays

Snow and Ice Removal

The full width of public sidewalks, crosswalks, and curb ramps must be cleared of snow and ice by noon of the day following a snow or ice accumulation. Sprinkle irremovable ice with a de-icing agent or sand to prevent slippery conditions. Sidewalks and ramps are to be cleared again after each plowing operation. Sidewalks on major streets are inspected for compliance and the residential areas are inspected on a complaint basis.

Notice of noncompliance is sent to a property owner if snow and ice is not removed as required. If the work is not completed within the allotted time, city crews will perform the work and charge the property owner. For example, a 60 foot wide lot would be charged \$127 each time it is completed by city crews. Call the Parks and Forestry Department at 471-8420 if you have questions or to report a violation.

Snow Emergency Parking

During a snow emergency there is no parking on any street in Wauwatosa, except for the loading and unloading of passengers (3 minute maximum) or loading or unloading of property (30 minute maximum), provided parking restrictions are not already in place at the location.

Buried Fire Hydrants

Water hydrant visibility and accessibility are crucial during our snow season. By removing the snow from around a hydrant you make them visible and easily accessible for the fire department in case of an emergency.

Holiday Refuse Pickup

Mon. Dec. 18	Regular Monday pickup
Tues. Dec. 19	Regular Tuesday pickup
Wed. Dec. 20	Regular Wednesday pickup
Thurs. Dec. 21	Regular Thursday pickup
Fri. Dec. 22	City holiday—no pickup
Mon. Dec. 25	City holiday—no pickup
Tues. Dec. 26	Pick up Friday 12/22 routes
Wed. Dec. 27	Pick up Monday 12/25 routes
Thurs. Dec. 28	No regular collections
Fri. Dec. 29	City holiday—No pickup
Mon. Jan. 1	City holiday—No pickup
Tues. Jan. 2	Regular pickup schedule resumes

Holiday Tree Collection:

Real Christmas trees that are clear of wrappings, wire, metal, nails, or tree stands and placed at the curb are picked up between Jan. 8—12 on regular pickup day and will be chipped into mulch. Do not put a tree in the alley. Artificial trees or wreaths must be put in the regular garbage.

Public Works Drop Off Center:

From Dec. 19—Jan. 13 the public works drop-off center at 11100 W. Walnut may be used by residents without charge. Hours are 7:30 am—4:30 PM. There are different hours on holidays. On Dec. 22, 23, 29, and 30 the hours are 10 am—2 PM.

The center is closed Sundays, Mondays, and city holidays, with an exception being the holiday hours indicated above. A \$10 annual permit is required at times other than Dec. 19—Jan. 13. Permits are available at the public works office, the treasurer's office at city hall, or by mail from the engineering dept., 7725 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

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Library News

Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9 am-9 PM
 Friday, 9 am-5 PM
 Saturday 9 am-5 PM
 Sunday, 1-4 PM

Closed Dec. 22—25 and Dec. 29—Jan. 1

How to Reach Us:

Email: tosa.mail@mcfls.org
 Website: <http://tpublish.fp.execpc.com> or search
 "Wauwatosa Public Library"

Overdue fines, etc. 414-471-8484
 Adult services/reference 414-471-8485
 Children's services 414-471-8486
 Meeting Rooms/Administration 414-471-8487



For Children

Holiday Magic Show featuring The Magic of Rick Allen, Thurs., Nov. 30 at 7 PM.

After School Adventure Party Fridays, Dec. 1; Jan. 5; Feb. 2; 3:45—4:30 PM. For students in grades 1 through 6; held in the Children's Story Room. *Register in person or by phone.*

Baby Days This 3-week series begins Wed./Thurs., Jan. 17/18 for newborns through 4 year olds with adults and siblings. *Register in person or by phone with a valid library card beginning Sat., Dec. 9.*

Library Story Time Program is for 3, 4, and 5 year olds who are able to attend story time independently. Begins on Thurs./Fri., Feb. 23/24, a 5-week series, 30 minute sessions. *Register in person or by phone beginning Sat., Feb. 10 with a valid library card.*

Stamp Collectors Workshop Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 7:00—8:15 PM for students in grades 2—8. *Register in person or by phone beginning Sat., Feb. 3 with a valid library card.*

For Adults

Florentine Opera Insights Join us on Sat. Feb. 3 at 12:30 PM in the Firefly Room for the Florentine Opera Insights program on Verdi's *Macbeth*, including live musical excerpts.

Annual Review of New Books For adults only, Sat. March 10, 10:00—11:30 AM. Review new children's books, for adults who work with children. *Register in person or by phone beginning Feb. 10.*

Tax Forms

Federal and state tax forms and publications are available as of January 12 at the library.

AARP Tax Help

Free tax preparation help is available for qualifying senior citizens. Appointments are required. Call 471-8486 after Jan. 9 for more information or to make a reservation.

Special Needs ID Program

A program for residents with special needs is offered by the Wauwatosa Fire Department. Pertinent information about a resident's special needs are identified in the computer-aided dispatch system. Should an emergency call be received at that address, the information is displayed on a printout that alerts the responding emergency personnel to any special needs. Information may include medical concerns, location of a patient if confined to bed or a wheelchair, the name of a family member or neighbor holding a key. Residents or a relative of a resident may contact the fire department at 471-8490 to request an application or download information from <http://www.wauwatosa.net/display/router.asp?DocID=52> (Special Programs).





Since convening in May 2005, the Wauwatosa Physical Activity and Nutrition (PAN) Committee, consisting of approximately 30 interested professionals and residents, hosted a successful Mayor's Summit on Children's Physical Activity and Nutrition and completed an employer survey on wellness-related issues. Based on the Summit discussions and survey results, the committee is planning selected initiatives. One initiative is the development of a tool kit promoting local resources to assist employers in implementing wellness programs in their businesses. Please watch the newsletter for future updates on other programs and projects that are in the planning stages. Residents interested in joining the committee are welcome to call the health department at 479-8939 for more information.

Flu Vaccine

It is not too late to reduce the chance of getting the flu this season. Flu vaccines are still offered at immunization clinics. Call 479-8939 for immunization clinic information.

Clinic Canceled: The Dec. 28 immunization clinic is canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Buy Pet Licenses Online

Pet licenses are available for renewal or first time purchase online and there is no service fee. Use your computer and enter necessary information; make the payment using Visa or MasterCard, and the license is mailed to you. Pets already registered with the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) will receive renewal notices in the form of a postcard. The postcard replaces the 3-part form previously used.

There are three ways to purchase pet license:

- Online at www.wauwatosa.net. Click on *Treasurer* in the *Departments* drop down box, select *Dog and Cat Licensing On-Line*, and click on *Proceed to On-line Licensing*;
- Mail the renewal postcard, rabies certificate, and a check to the treasurer's office at 7725 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213; or
- Go to the treasurer's office at city hall in person with the renewal postcard and rabies certificate to purchase the license.

Ice Skating

There is public skating in the Muellner Building at Hart Park on the days listed below. Skates are not available for rent.



Fri., Nov. 24	1-3 PM
Sat., Nov. 25	1-4 PM
Sun., Nov. 26	1-4 PM
Sat., Dec. 2	1-4 PM
Sun., Dec. 3	1-4 PM
Sun., Dec. 10	1-4 PM
Sun., Dec. 17	1-4 PM
Sun., Dec. 24	1-3 PM
Tues., Dec. 26	1-3 PM and 6-9 PM
Wed., Dec. 27	1-3 PM and 6-9 PM
Thurs., Dec. 28	1-3 PM and 6-9 PM
Fri., Dec. 29	1-3 PM and 6-9 PM
Sat., Dec. 30	1-3 PM
Sun., Dec. 31	1-4 PM
Sun., Jan. 7, 2007	1-4 PM
Sun., Jan. 14	1-4 PM
Sun., Jan. 21	1-4 PM

Fees:

Child city resident:	Free
Adult city resident (18 and over):	\$2
Child nonresident:	\$2
Adult nonresident:	\$4

Holiday Fire Safety

The following tips will keep your home safe during the holiday season.

- Use a tree that is not shedding needles
- Use flame-retardant artificial trees and decorations
- Use lights labeled from an independent testing lab
- Inspect lights every year; throw away lights with frayed or cracked cords or loose sockets
- Do not run cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters
- Do not overload electrical outlets
- Unplug lights before leaving or going to bed
- Place your tree away from a fireplace or space heater
- Maintain a constant water supply — check it daily
- Remove dried out trees away from the home
- Dispose of a discarded tree promptly



Property Tax Statements



The 2006 property tax statements are expected to be mailed December 10. The preferred method of payment is to use the enclosed green envelope included with your tax bill. Mail your check payable to the City of Wauwatosa along with the tax bill. Don't forget to endorse the escrow check. The tax bill will be receipted and promptly mailed to you.

For those who pay their property taxes using the three installment plan, the first installment must be paid in full no later than January 31, 2007. The second installment is due March 31 and the third, May 31. Failure to pay by the due dates will result in interest and penalty charges.

The treasurer's office is open Monday—Friday 8 AM—5 PM. The office is closed on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25 but is open Saturday, December 30 from 9 AM—Noon.

To find your property tax bill on line visit www.wauwatosa.net. Click the search box near the center of the page. You will be taken to the assessor's page where you can access property information by address. Tax information is near the bottom of the page and you can reprint the tax bill. When making a payment, the reprinted tax bill is acceptable.

Winter Reminders

Please keep the following in mind this winter:

- Clear a curb or driveway area for your refuse cart. Do not place the cart on the sidewalk or on top of a snow drift.
- Backyard refuse pickup residents need to clear a path that is at least 3 ½ feet wide from the storage area to the street.
- Keep carts and containers accessible but clear from roadways or alleys so plows do not hit or bury them during heavy snowfalls.
- Recycle in city-approved blue bags, tie the bags, and place them inside carts.



A Plow Hit Your Mailbox?

If your mailbox is damaged during a plowing operation, report it immediately to the public works department at 414-471-8422. If the incident is reported by our plow operator, we may assist with a temporary mailbox upon request. We will need the following information to process a claim: address where incident occurred; date of incident; amount of damage claimed; any information such as truck number, witness names, etc. You will be notified after the city determines the claim's validity.

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