

City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Vote on April 4

The spring election is Tuesday, April 4. Positions on the ballot include state and county judges, municipal judge, and alderpersons.



Polls are open from 7 AM—8 PM on Election Day. Call the city clerk at 414-479-8921 if you are not sure of your voting location. If you are not registered to vote in Wauwatosa, you may register at the polls on Election Day. Bring along proof of residence showing your name and current Wauwatosa address. You must be a U.S. citizen, a Wauwatosa resident for at least 10 days, and at least 18 years of age on Election Day to vote. Prior to an election, register to vote at the city clerk's office Monday—Friday from 8 AM—5 PM, and until two weeks before an election at the city library Monday—Thursday evenings.

You may also register to vote via by-mail registration until two weeks before an election. Voter registration forms may be downloaded via a link on the city website (www.wauwatosa.net) to the Wisconsin Elections Board website. From the city's website, click on *Departments*, *City Clerk*, and *Elections/Voting*. The city clerk portion of the website contains complete information about voter registration and voting by absentee ballot.

Registered voters needing to vote by absentee ballot may do so by sending a written request for an absentee ballot to the City Clerk, 7725 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213. The request must be signed by each voter requesting a ballot; include the date of the election; indicate voter's date of birth, the Wauwatosa home address and the address to which the ballot should be mailed, if different. You cannot vote by absentee ballot if you are not registered to vote in Wauwatosa.

Holiday Refuse Collection

There is no collection on April 14, Good Friday. That Friday's collection will be on April 13, Thursday. There is no collection on May 29, Memorial Day. That Monday's collection will be done the day after the holiday on Tuesday, May 30.

Yard Material Collection Begins

The "A" schedule yard material collection begins Monday, April 17 and the "B" schedule begins Monday, April 24. See the insert in this newsletter for more information.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

This April the water utility will begin flushing hydrants at the dead ends of the water mains to improve water quality. Flushing will be during daytime business hours and announcement signs 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 on. We recommend that you postpone doing laundry on the day we flush the hydrants.

*Pull Out & Save the
2006 Recycling, Yard Waste & Garbage
Guide Inside this Newsletter*

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

First District

George P. Becker 771-2606
 Elizabeth Bruderle-Baran 475-9293

Second District

Timothy M. Casey 771-1907
 James J. Krol 453-2904

Third District

R. Jeffrey Krill 708-6489
 Clarence Jenkins 257-3573

Fourth District

Alan Kopischke 258-3633
 Bernard J. Grimm 774-1299

Fifth District

Jerome Stepaniak 258-0709
 Jim Sullivan 456-1161

Sixth District

Thomas Herzog 257-9132
 Peter Subotich 774-7761

Seventh District

Donald F. Birschel 476-5971
 Atis Purins 476-2468

Eighth District

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 7 (Closed on
 Sundays throughout the summer)
 Library is closed Friday, April 14; Sunday, April 16;
 Saturday, May 26; and Monday, May 29
 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



Florentine Opera—Join us for a program on Verdi's *Aida* with live musical excerpts on Saturday, May 6 at 12:30 PM in the Firefly Room. Free, no registration is required.

Annual Review of New Books for adults only, Saturday, March 18, 10:00—11:30 AM. *Register in person or by phone beginning Feb. 18.*

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.

Spring Book Sale

Saturday, April 22 9 AM—5 PM
 Sunday, April 23 1 PM—4 PM
 Library Firefly Room.

Children's Events

After School Adventure Party For children in grades 1 through 6; held in the Children's Story Room.

Friday, March 3, 3:45—4:30 PM
 Friday, April 7, 3:45—4:30 PM
 Friday, May 5, 3:45—4:30 PM

Teach Your Children To Save Week—Monday, April 17—Friday, April 21. Various events presented by the Wauwatosa Savings Bank. *Call the library for details.*

Parochial Elementary School Art Show on display from Tuesday, March 7—Friday, March 24.

Family Story Night most appropriate for families with children 3 years old and older, Tuesday or Wednesday, April 18 or 19 at 6:30 PM. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, March 25.*

Baby Days for children through 4 years old accompanied by an adult. The 3-week series begins Wednesday or Thursday, April 26 or 27. Each session lasts approximately 20 minutes. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, April 1 with a library card.*

Public Elementary School Art Show on display from Wednesday, April 5—Sunday, April 30.



Stay up-to-date—Find timely information at www.wauwatosa.net

Attention Pet Owners

Melting winter snow uncovers a host of yard debris. Pet owners are required by ordinance to periodically clean up animal excrement on their property. For a free package of disposable litter scoops stop by the health department while supplies last.





Health Department News

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



Activity and Nutrition

The 2003 Community Health Assessment indicated that residents are not meeting recommended physical activity and nutrition. In 2005 the health department convened the Physical Activity & Nutrition (PAN) Committee of local organizations, businesses, schools, residents to improve activity and nutrition in our community. The PAN Committee's vision is "a fit and healthy Wauwatosa community" and its mission is to create 1) a fit city for all residents through education, organizational change, and policy development and 2) an environment that supports healthy eating and activity for all residents, employees, and visitors through private and public partnerships. Future issues of this newsletter will include committee updates.



Free Services & Resources

The following services and resources are available by calling 479-8939:

- Start off on the right foot by requesting the *Best Walks in Wauwatosa Neighborhoods* booklet
- Prepare before a disaster strikes with the *Emergency Preparedness Informational Packet*
- Protect your child with free immunizations
- Know your blood pressure reading by attending an adult health clinic
- Receive food vouchers and nutrition counseling through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics
- Obtain housing and other resources for seniors
- Identify hazards with a home safety nurse visit
- Stop smoking with tobacco cessation resources

Parenting Classes Offered



The health department, in partnership with the Parenting Network, will offer a 7-week program for parents of children of all ages. *The Love and Logic Parenting Program* will be held at the Lutheran Home for a small fee. Call the health department for start date information.

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.

Lead paint debris poses a poisoning threat and children under age six are especially susceptible. Call the health department at 479-8939 for safe lead paint removal practices or to obtain a free copy of the EPA's *Reducing Lead Hazards when Remodeling Your Home*.

Immunization Program

In 2005, the health department's Immunizations Program collaborated with Wauwatosa day care facilities serving 289 children age 12 months through three years of age. In one year the State regulation immunization rate or participating day cares improved from 65% to 87%.



A public health nurse evaluated the day cares' immunization compliance rates and offered assistance and guidance in evaluating and improving immunization record keeping and assessment, gaining parental cooperation and other issues. A big thank you to the following Wauwatosa day cares that demonstrated dedication to children's health by voluntarily participating:

- Blue Mound Child Care Center
- Ebenezer Child Care Center Prime
- Grandma's House Day Care Center—Plank Road
- Grandma's House Day Care Center—Vliet
- Kelsey's Kare
- Lutheran Home Children's Center
- Mary Linsmeier Preschool
- Michelle's House Family Day Care
- St. Aemilian Preschool, Inc.
- Tendercare Child Care Center at Lutheran Manor
- Wauwatosa Day Care & Learning Center—103rd Street
- Wauwatosa Day Care & Learning Center—Glenview



Spring Cleanup
April 24—May 5
*Complete guidelines can be found in
the insert inside this newsletter.*

Train Whistle



Three accidents have occurred on the railroad tracks in the Hart Park construction area since construction began. To increase public safety, train whistles will be sounded when trains pass through the Hart Park construction area until construction is complete.

Where to Put Blue Bags

If you use a green garbage cart and there is enough room remaining in it after putting in your garbage, place any tied blue recycling bags in the cart on top of the garbage. If your cart is full, please place the tied blue bags alongside the full garbage cart.

Friends of Hart Park



A nonprofit organization entitled Friends of Hart Park is being organized by the Wauwatosa Park Board to assist with park maintenance and to raise funds for park expansion. To learn more about this opportunity, call Hart Park at 471-8420.

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.

Spring Gardening Lecture

The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc. proudly presents “*Flowers with Flair for a Distinctive Front Yard*,” a talk by Sharon Morrissey, Consumer Horticulture Agent and Associate Professor for the UW-Extension in Milwaukee County, author, and columnist. Please join us for Sharon's expert advice on colorful plant selections on **Thursday evening, March 30th, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Civic Center Lower Hall at Wauwatosa City Hall. The cost is \$7 per person at the door. Proceeds will be used to purchase flowers for the committee's Adopt-A-Bed Program. Limited seating. Please register in advance by calling Nancy @ 414/453-3085 or Sandy @ 414/258-9014.



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