

City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Help Keep Inlets Clean

The City of Wauwatosa has **7,250** storm sewer inlets in our **103** miles of storm sewers. It is impossible for City crews to keep them clean on a continuous basis. Therefore, the Public Works Department is asking residents with inlets in front of their homes to help keep the grates clear of debris. By helping keep the grates clear it will allow rainwater to go into the storm sewer.

Do You Use the TIPS Hotline?

The Public Works Department would like your feedback on your use of the TIPS Hotline. We are contemplating eliminating the Hotline due to lack of use by the residents of Wauwatosa. If you make use of the information provided, ranging from garbage collection changes to leaf pick-up schedules, and wish this service to continue, please call 414-471-8422 or send an e-mail to mkreiter@wauwatosa.net.

Holiday Refuse Pickup

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6: No collections

Tuesday, Sept. 7: Pick up Monday and Tuesday's refuse, Schedule A recycling carts and Schedule D yard waste.

Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 25: No collections

Friday, Nov. 27: Pick up Thursday and Friday's refuse and Schedule B recycling carts.

Find information by address at www.wauwatosa.net.

Use the *Search Site* box near the top left of the page.

GO PAPERLESS CAMPAIGN!!!!

The City of Wauwatosa has embarked on a new "Go Paperless Campaign" in an effort to reduce the number of publications that are currently distributed to residents and businesses via the US Postal Service. Go to the City website, www.wauwatosa.net, and click the "Go Paperless Campaign" link on the left side menu.

Yard Waste Collection Tips

Yard Waste collection ends on October 15th and will begin in mid-April 2011.

October 4-8: Last Collection for Schedule "D"

October 11-15: Last collection for Schedule "C"

With the annual permit brush and branches may be taken to the Public Works yard located at 11100 W. Walnut Rd. Tues. through Sat. from 7:30am to 4:30pm. They can also be picked up at the curb for a minimum \$55 charge by calling 471-8422. **Brush and branches**

should not be mixed with leaves. Yard waste should not be mixed with the household trash or placed in plastic bags or cardboard boxes. Label your Yard Waste containers and do not use the garbage cart or recycling cart for yard waste.

Leaf Collection

The Fall Leaf Collection program begins on **Saturday, October 16th** and **ends on Sunday, November 14th**.

Leaves, weeds, and garden plants may be raked into the curb during this time. The final collection will begin on November 15th. Late rakers will be notified of a charge for pick-up.

An option for recycling your leaves is to mulch them into your lawn. If you chose to rake them, here are some tips:

- Place leaves, weeds, and garden plants in the street as close to the curb as possible
- Take brush and branches to the Drop-off Center
- Keep storm water inlets free from leaves and debris
- Do not park over or near leaf piles to avoid car fires
- After November 15th, leaves can be brought to the Public Works Drop-off Center Tues.-Sat. between 7:30am and 4:30pm with the valid \$20 annual permit.

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7 at 2:00 AM —Set clocks back one hour.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

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TTY: 471-8484

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 Richard Baker, Municipal Judge Phone: 471-8488

First District

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 Linda Nikceovich 453-7873

Second District

Kathy Causier 771-0123
 Eric B. Meaux 258-1407

Third District

Tim Hanson 303-3521
 Jacqueline S. Jay 403-0838

Fourth District

Dennis McBride 258-4574
 Jill Organ 302-9098

Fifth District

Bobby Pantuso 736-5700
 Michael Walsh 477-2830

Sixth District

Brian Ewerdt 915-7379
 Thomas Herzog 257-9132

Seventh District

Cheryl Berdan 550-0184
 Donald F. Birschel 476-5971

Eighth District

Craig Wilscon 745-5188
 Jason G. Wilke 527-1146

Library Hours



Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM
 Friday, 9 AM-5 PM
 Sunday: Closed until October 3, then open
 1 PM-4 PM

Closed Saturday, Sept. 4 through Monday, Sept. 6.

Closed Thursday, Nov. 25 & Friday, Nov. 26.

Telephone reference 414-471-8485

Children's services 414-471-8486

Overdue fines, etc. 414-471-8484

Administration/Room Reservations 414-471-8487

NEW E-mail: contact@wauwatosalibrary.org

NEW Website: <http://www.wauwatosalibrary.org>

For Adults

Take a look at the Library's new website. In addition to the new look, the website offers valuable resources free to residents of Wauwatosa. New this year, Tutor.com, an on-line live tutor to help students in grades K- 12 and beyond with math, English, social studies, etc. Tutors are available 24 hours per day. You must have a valid Wauwatosa Public Library card to connect to this site. Other resources available through your library's website include Consumer Reports online, Reference USA, Standard and Poors, and much more. The new website was designed by Wauwatosa resident, Pat McKenna of MojoWeb Productions. The UWM School of Continuing Education will offer two classes at the Wauwatosa Public Library this fall. Enrollment is limited. To register call UWM at 414-227-3200 or go to <http://www.sce-arts.uwm.edu>. To request a catalog, call 414-227-3320.

Florentine Opera Insights

Saturday, Sept. 25, 12:30 PM in the Firefly Room. A discussion of Don Davis' new opera, *Rio de Sangre*, with live musical excerpts.

Annual Fall Book Sale at the Library

Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In the Firefly Room.

For Children and Families

Special After Program for students in grades 1 through 6. Fridays, Oct. 2; Nov. 6; Thursday, Dec. 4; 3:45-4:30 PM in the Children's Story Room. *Register in person or by phone.*

LIBRARY STORYTIME for 3, 4, and 5 year olds who are able to attend storytime independently begins Wednesday, Oct. 13 or Thursday, Oct. 14. A 5-week series, 30 minute sessions. *Register in person or by phone with library card beginning Saturday, Sept. 18th.. Enrollment is limited.*

MORNING TEA for children ages 3 and older with an adult; Saturday, Sept. 11; 10:00-10:45am. Bring your favorite adult with you to sip tea, listen to a story, and make a craft project. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, August 14th.*

HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLIES: TAE KWON DO program for children ages 4 and older; Thursday, Sept. 16; 3:45-4:45 in the Firefly Room. Program will include conflict avoidance, building self-confidence, and participatory self-defense techniques.

"SEVEN WONDERS OF SASSAFRAS SPRINGS" Family Event, Thursday, Oct. 7; **6:30-7:15pm;**

Children's librarians recommend reading the book by Betty Birney, but that is not necessary to attend and enjoy this program. An introduction to the Seven Wonders of the World and an invitation to families to share a "wonder" and the story behind it. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, Sept. 11th.*

COSTUME SHOW for 1st grade and older; Thursday, October 28th; 3:45-4:15pm; model a costume on stage, listen to scary stories and do a fun activity.

SPORTS MANIA for 1st through 6th graders; Friday, Nov. 5; 3:45—4:30pm. Guest sport speaker, books, and an activity. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, Oct. 9th.*

Rental Management Training Seminar

Monday, September 27th, 2010, 6 PM—8PM

Wauwatosa City Hall, Upper Civic Center Room, 7725 W North Avenue, See the City Website for more information: www.wauwatosa.net



Health Department News

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



Back-to-School Vaccines

Are your child's immunizations up to date? The Student Immunization Law requires that all children in schools and daycares to be up to date with immunizations. Additional vaccines are required for this school year. Parents may be fined if immunizations are not current and recorded on file at the child's school. If you have any questions about the Student Immunization Law or your child's immunization status, please contact the Wauwatosa Health Department at 479-8939. Free childhood vaccines are offered through the health department immunization clinics. Log on to www.wauwatosa.net/immunizationclinics for a listing of clinic dates and times.

Thank you Wauwatosa Store Clerks for Doing the Right Thing

As part of Tosa United and the WATCH Coalition, tobacco sale compliance investigations were recently conducted by the Wauwatosa Police Department (WPD) and students from local schools. Under WPD's supervision, minors entered 28 local establishments and attempted to purchase cigarettes. Twenty-five clerks/owners did not make a sale to a minor. The WPD congratulated these clerks and their establishments for doing the right thing. Unfortunately, students were able to purchase cigarettes at 3 establishments because the clerks failed to properly validate their ages. Citations were issued by the WPD to clerks and establishments that sold cigarettes to minors. Please visit the health department's website for a list of establishments that passed the tobacco compliance investigations at <http://www.wauwatosa.net/tobacco>. Support these establishments as they continue to abide by the laws and protect our youth from the dangers of tobacco.

Parenting Class: Becoming a Love and Logic Parent

The Wauwatosa Health Department, in partnership with The Parenting Network, will offer a 6-week training for parents. *Love and Logic*® is a nationally regarded parenting program and is effective for parents of toddlers to teens. The series runs from Nov. 2 to Dec. 7, 2010 at the Lutheran Home, 7500 W. North Avenue, from 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM. The cost is \$60 per person; \$80 per couple. For a fee, childcare is available for children from birth to age 12. Registration is required by October 25, 2009. To register contact Tom Weber at the Parenting Network, 414-671-5575 x14.



FREE Shots for Adults

Are you up-to-date with your Tetanus shot? If not, the health department is offering **FREE** immunizations at our family immunization clinics. While supplies last, free shots include:

- Tetanus (Td)
- Tetanus-Diphtheria-Whooping Cough (TdaP)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Chicken pox (Varicella)
- Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Log on to www.wauwatosa.net/immunizationclinics for the dates and times of our clinics. For more information, call the health department at 414-479-8939 or e-mail

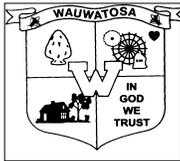
Wauwatosa Senior Commission: File of Life

Wauwatosa Senior Commission is proud to sponsor "**FILE OF LIFE**" for all citizens regardless of age. **FILE OF LIFE** is in a magnetic pocket that sticks to the refrigerator. It has a card containing medical information. This personal medical information is an invaluable resource to emergency medical teams responding to critical, life-threatening situations. The **FILE OF LIFE**™, enables medics to obtain a quick medical history when the patient is unable to offer one. The card, which is kept in a red plastic pocket labeled **FILE OF LIFE**, lists the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, insurance policy, and social security numbers, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name, and a health care proxy.

The benefits of the **FILE OF LIFE**:

- Emergency Responders instantly know medical history.
- Hospital emergency staff can quickly evaluate for drug reactions.
- Patient knows that if they are unconscious their life saving info and contact information is available in a recognizable, easily accessible format.

The Wauwatosa Senior Commission will be part of National Night Out offering the **FILE OF LIFE** for a \$1 donation. It will be available at the Health Department in City Hall and all Wauwatosa Fire Departments. For further information please call the Health Department at 479-8936.



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Fall Elections

Dates: Partisan Primary Election – September 14, General Election – November 2

Races: US Congress, District 5; US Senator, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Senator, District 5; State Assembly, Districts 12, 13, 14; Sheriff, Clerk of Court

Who Can Vote?: US citizens; At least 18 years of age on Election Day; Resident of Wauwatosa for at least 10 days prior to the election

Where Do I Vote?: Visit the city's website at www.wauwatosa.net/votinglocations, or call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921.

Voter Registration (4 Options): If you voted in Wauwatosa in the last election and your Wauwatosa address has not changed, you do not need to re-register. If you have not voted in Wauwatosa before, you will need to register to vote in Wauwatosa. You can register at the City Clerk's office prior to the election, in the evenings and on weekends at the Wauwatosa Library up to 20 days before an election, by mail up to 20 days before an election, or at the polls on Election Day (with proof of residence).

Download a voter registration application from the city's website at www.wauwatosa.net/vrapplication. Call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921 for more information.

Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballots are available in the City Clerk's office approximately three weeks before an election for those electors who are unwilling or unable to vote in person at the polls on Election Day. Voters must be registered to vote in Wauwatosa before casting an absentee ballot. You may vote by absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office, or submit a signed, written request for a ballot, and one will be mailed to you. Absentee ballots are counted at the polls on Election Day. Visit the city's website at www.wauwatosa.net/absenteevoting or call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921 for more information. The Clerk's office may be open additional hours prior to the November election for voter registration or for absentee voting.

2011 Revaluation of all Properties in City

The Assessor's Office revalues locally assessed property to keep assessed values close to full-market value, as required by Wisconsin statutes. The next reassessment is scheduled for the 2011 assessment year.

Residential property values are determined by sales of similar properties. For 2011, the land and the improvement portions of your assessment may change at different rates. The residential sales from the last three years have shown a dramatic change from the first half of the decade.

On the commercial side, redevelopment has been driving our market. We are seeing this on Mayfair Road, 124th Street, and other locations. Three approaches will be used for the valuation of commercial properties; the income approach, the cost approach, and the sales comparison approach. The 2011 reassessment will take into account these and other factors that affect market value.

Based on location, condition, and demand, properties may change at different rates. Since 2008, we have been reviewing properties and performing inspections in order to make corrections and value changes as needed. For the revaluation, only a portion of the properties will need to be inspected. These inspections will include properties that have recently been sold, where permits have been taken out, or when an inspection has been requested by the owner. These inspections will continue into 2011. If you have questions about the 2011 Revaluation, please call the Assessors' Office at 479-8969.

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