

City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Spring Election

The Spring Election is on Tuesday, April 5. The ballot includes races for several judges, county executive, school board, and 6th District Alderperson. 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 or check the voter public access site of the Government Accountability Board website at <https://vpa.wi.gov>. If you are not registered to vote in Wauwatosa, you may register at the polls on Election Day. Bring a proof of residence showing your name and current Wauwatosa address.

Please note, the state legislature is considering passage of a bill requiring electors to show a photo ID prior to voting; it is unknown at this time whether this requirement will be in effect for the April election.

Prior to an election you may register to vote Monday through Friday from 8 AM—4:30 PM at the city clerk's office at city hall and through March 16 at the library. Visit <http://elections.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=15149&locid=47> to download registration forms from the Government Accountability Board website. For complete information about voter registration and voting by absentee ballot visit the city clerk's page at www.wauwatosa.net.

Yard Material Pickup Begins

Curb and alley yard material collection begins Monday, April 18 for those on the D week, which is opposite the B week for recycling pickup. The C week yard material collection begins Monday, April 25, opposite the A week for recycling pickup.

The *2011 Guide for Recycling, Yard Materials, and Garbage has an error in the Yard Material Collection calendar*. Be sure to look in your next water bill for a copy of the "CORRECTED" page two. The Guide that was distributed in the Winter 2010 City Newsletter has an error. If you have any questions call the Wauwatosa Public Works Office at 471-8422.

Holiday Collections

Garbage and recycling will not be picked up on Friday, April 22, 2011. The Friday collection will be made on Thursday, April 21. There will be no collections on Memorial Day, May 30th. The Monday collection will be done on Tuesday, May 31st.

Disposal of Electronic- "E-Waste"

Computers, televisions, and all peripheral devices must be recycled. By State Law they cannot be put in a landfill. In Wauwatosa, you can take these items to Goodwill, 12121 W. Feerick St., Best Buy, 2401 N. Mayfair Rd., or Milwaukee PC, 11633 W. North Ave.

For more information go to:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/ecycle/>

Spring 2011 Weed Out and Menomonee River Clean-Up

Please join the Friends of Hart Park Foundation and The Milwaukee Riverkeepers for their Spring 2011 Weed Out and Menomonee River Clean-Up.

The Friends of Hart Park is a non-profit organization whose goal is to promote the preservation of Hart Park. Please visit our web site at www.ihartpark.com for further information about The Friends of Hart Park.

The event will take place Saturday, April 16th, 2011 from 9am- noon. We are looking for volunteers to help with pulling weeds and cleaning up along the Menomonee River at Hart Park.

We will be meeting inside the Muellner building at 9am. We will be supplying bags. Please bring gloves, sheers and any supplies that you think will be beneficial for the clean-up.

Please visit the Riverkeepers web site at www.mkeriverkeeper.org to register for the event.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

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Mayor Jill Didier Phone: 479-8915
Richard Baker, Municipal Judge Phone: 471-8488

First District Peter Donegan Linda Nikcevich	259-8973 453-7873	Second District Kathy Causier Eric B. Meaux	771-0123 258-1407	Third District Tim Hanson Jacqueline S. Jay	303-3521 774-6860	Fourth District Dennis McBride Jill Organ	258-4574 302-9098
Fifth District Bobby Pantuso Michael Walsh	736-5700 479-9910	Sixth District Brian Ewerdt Jeff Roznowski	915-7379 258-0633	Seventh District Cheryl Berdan Donald F. Birschel	550-0184 476-5971	Eighth District Craig Wilson Jason G. Wilke	745-5188 527-1146

Library Hours



Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM
Friday and Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM
Sunday, 1 PM—4 PM through May 1 except as noted below.

Closed on April 2 and 4, May 29—31.

Reference and adult services (414) 471-8485
Children's services (414) 471-8486
Overdue fines, renewals (414) 471-8484
Administration (414) 471-8487

Email: library@wauwatosalibrary.org

Website: wauwatosalibrary.org

For Adults

Poet Stephen Anderson, first place winner of the Kay Saunders New Poet Award, will read from *The Silent Tango of Dreams* and sign copies of his book on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 PM in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Spring Book Sale, thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs at remarkably low prices. Saturday, April 9 from 9 AM—5 PM and Sunday, April 10 from 1—4 PM.

Save the Date

Thursday, April 7 Wauwatosa Public Library Foundation Leadership Luncheon featuring Andrew Ross Sorkin, author of *Too Big to Fail: How Wall Street and Washington Saved the Economy and Themselves*. For more information go to wauwatosalibrary.org or call the Library at (414) 471-8485.

For Children

Please register for programs in person or by phone at (414) 471-8486.

Special After School Program for students in grades 1 through 6; held in the children's story room. Fridays: March 4; April 1.

Library Story Time for 3, 4, and 5 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Wed/Thurs, March 2/3; a four week-series, 30 minute sessions. Stories, songs, crafts, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy.

Parochial Elementary School Art Show on display from Wednesday, March 2—Thursday, March 24.

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Public Elementary School Art Show on display from Tuesday, April 5—Thursday, April 28.

Billy's Dairy Dancing Farm presented by the Milwaukee Ballet for students in kindergarten through 8th grade, Saturday, April 9 from 1:30—2:15pm; held in the Civic Center Auditorium.

Rhyme Time a 3-week series for newborns through 3 year-olds with adults and siblings. The 20-minute sessions begin Wednesday/Thursday, April 13/14.

Fairy Tale Family Story for families w/children 3 yrs. old or older. This 30 min. program begins at 6:30pm on either Wednesday, May 4 or Thursday, May 5.

Mad Hot Ballroom and Tap Dancing presented by Roosevelt Elementary School in the Civic Center Auditorium, Thursday, May 5 from 4:00—4:30pm

AARP Tax Help

Free tax preparation help is available on Mondays beginning on February 14 from 10 AM—4 PM through April 11. Assistance is available for all taxpayers with an emphasis on age 60 or older. Appointments are required.

Call 471-8485 to make a reservation.

*Note: No tax help on 3/7/2011.



Health Department News



Parenting Classes Offered

The Wauwatosa Health Department, in partnership with The Parenting Network, offers 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 starts April 19 and concludes on May 24, 2010. Classes are held at The Lutheran Home, 7500 W. North Avenue from 6:00—7:45 PM. The cost is \$60.00 per person; \$80.00 per couple. Childcare is provided for children birth to age 12 for a fee. Registration is required by April 8, 2011. Contact Tom Weber at the Parenting Network at (414) 671-5575, Ext. 14 to register.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner

City ordinance requires pet owners to periodically clean up animal excrement on their property. A pet walker is responsible for the animal's acts on public and private property. Pets must be on a leash that does not exceed 10 feet while being walked. A feces scoop must be carried and used. It is illegal to discard feces in the street, sewer, or on property other than your own. Wrap the animal waste and place it in with your garbage.

Remodeling? Beware of Lead

Since most Wauwatosa homes contain lead-based paint, it is important to check for the presence of lead in paint before starting. 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. Annually, approximately 30 lead-poisoned Wauwatosa children are followed by the health department. It is important to practice safe methods to contain lead paint dust and debris when disturbing old paint and remodeling. A Wauwatosa survey found that the majority of area contractors surveyed were NOT lead certified; upon creation of a lead hazard, most contractors would only notify the homeowners, leaving you responsible for the clean-up. 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 the Health Department at 479-8939 for more information and a free copy of the Environmental Protection Agency's *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*.

ATC and WE Energies are hosting an open house informational meeting:

Thursday, March 10, 4-7 p.m.,
Wauwatosa Civic Center, 7685 W. North Ave.

Your Thoughts on the Community's Health

All local health departments are required by law to conduct a community-wide health assessment every 5 years to prioritize the health needs and programming for their communities. As part of our health assessment, the Wauwatosa Health Department is interested in hearing from you, the community, about your thoughts on the health of our city and residents. We would like to know your perceptions of health, the barriers to health services you've experienced, and your vision of what health services are needed in the community. The health discussions, or focus groups, will be one 1- to 2- hour commitment in the spring or summer. Residents will be given \$20 for their time. We are seeking residents to discuss the following tentative topics: Issues affecting youth, Maternal - Child and reproductive health, Stress and mental health, Safety and injuries, and Overall health needs for Wauwatosans.

If you are interested in voicing your thoughts and opinions, call us at (414) 479-8939 to sign up.

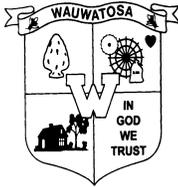
Proposed Power Line and Substation in Wauwatosa

American Transmission Co. and We Energies hosted an informational open house this past October for a project to enhance the electric delivery system serving western Milwaukee County. "We've received valuable input on the preliminary power line corridors that were presented," says Mary Carpenter, ATC local relations representative. "Feedback is critical, and we welcome the opportunity to include area residents in the planning process."

ATC and We Energies have proposed a plan that would enhance reliability and meet the rising demand for electricity along the U.S. Highway 45 corridor. After studying a number of options, the utilities concluded that the best overall solution is the construction of a new We Energies substation to be fed from ATC's 138,000-volt electric transmission system. The proposed substation would be built adjacent to the existing Milwaukee County Substation.

ATC will host a final open house later this year to gather additional comments and feedback that will help determine the potential routes before the application is filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in March 2012.

For more information on the project, including a project map, visit www.atc-projects.com or contact Mary Carpenter, ATC local relations representative, at 262-506-6922 or ncarpenter@atcllc.com.



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Remodeling Plans?

The Wauwatosa Building and Safety Division has guidelines available that outline what building or remodeling projects require building permits, the information required, and the Design Review Board approval process.

Generally, non-structural repairs or alterations that do not create new rooms or modify exiting do not require a building permit. An example is replacing kitchen cabinets without altering the room or repairs to a porch or trim that is not structural. The permit process is simple and a permit usually is obtained for interior projects within a couple days. Projects that require Design Review Board review usually take 2 weeks for approval. If a contractor performs the work, they typically obtain the necessary permits.

It is recommended that at least two, preferably three, bids be solicited. All contracts, including change orders, should be in writing and the contractor should verify possession of Wisconsin Department of Commerce Dwelling Contractor Certification. The certification is required to perform work on one or two-family dwellings. Checking a contractor's references is the best indicator of their qualifications.

Please call the Building and Safety Division at (414) 479-8907 Monday—Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM if you have questions. Building inspectors are available for technical code questions from 8:00—9:00 AM and 1:00—1:30 PM. You will find additional information at [the City website](#).

Overnight Parking

There is no parking on any city street between 3 AM and 6 AM including holidays and weekends. Special permission for each night of overnight parking can be obtained by calling 1-900-388-2800. The 900 number is \$1.50 per call. For more information call the police non-emergency number (414) 471-8430.

Wisconsin *Move Over* Law

Any time people are working in a street or highway near traffic, drivers and workers are at risk. Being able to identify the emergency or work zones can save lives. Signs are flashing lights, utility or emergency vehicles, orange signs, flags, barrels and cones. And, of course, people.

To protect themselves and others, drivers need to slow down whenever they see flashing lights, or move over, if possible. In some construction areas lowered speed limits are posted and must be obeyed. To help safeguard law enforcement officers, emergency responders, road maintenance workers and others who work on the side of highways, Wisconsin has a *Move Over* law.

The *Move Over* law requires drivers to shift lanes or slow down in order to provide a safety zone for a squad car, ambulance, fire truck, tow truck or highway maintenance vehicle that is stopped on the side of the road with its warning lights flashing. Drivers have two options for creating a safety zone. If the road has more than one directional lane, like the Interstate, and you can switch lanes safely, you must move over to vacate the lane closest to the law enforcement or other vehicle with its lights flashing. If the road has a single directional lane or you can't safely move over, you must reduce your speed.

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Dear Friends,

Spring, 2011

On June 6th, the Wauwatosa Beautification Committee distributed thousands of annuals to our volunteers, the Gardening Angels. These 200 + fantastic citizens then prepared WBC's adopted boulevard gardens and street planters and planted them to the brim. Our urban life is thereby more closely connected to nature, and that is something the Wauwatosa Beautification Committee is proud to do for our community. Moving around Wauwatosa last summer it was always a pleasure to come across the gardens tucked into neighborhoods or lining our boulevards.

WBC'S accomplishments last year included purchasing new, bright yellow safety vests to keep our Gardening Angels safe while working in our gardens. Watch for them this spring as you travel through Wauwatosa. WBC honored 27 landscapes, residential and commercial, with our Yard of Distinction award. WBC repaired and replaced our Welcome-to-Wauwatosa sign at 60th & North Avenue; renovated several of our large boulevard gardens; and held a smashingly successful 16th Annual Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour. To see the honorees, and garden tour information, visit our website at WBC-wi.org.

Our garden beds will soon be done hibernating and, and as all gardeners do, we're busy planning. In 2011, WBC will be redesigning and ordering new Yard of Distinction signs. We plan to renovate a few more of our large gardens, and we have already ordered our annuals for this years' Gardening Angels to plant around the city in June. While The Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour is our major fundraiser, scheduled for July 9, 2011, we are a non-profit, and continue to rely on the generosity of individual citizens and Wauwatosa-based businesses to keep our projects on course. Please consider the Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc. as you plan your charitable contributions this year. If you wish you can make a contribution via the Pay Pal account you will find at our website. If you want to help us with our mission please call Mary, 414-915-4148.

Thank you very much, and Happy Spring!

Matt Stano, President
The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc.
<http://www.WBC-wi.org>

Donation (Tax Deductible) \$25___ \$50___ \$75___ \$100___ Other___

Name/s_____

Address_____ City_____ State/Zip_____

Phone (____)_____ e-mail_____

Please make check payable to **Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc.**
P.O. Box 13401, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, Inc.

Volunteers Wanted

[call Susan 453-0555 or Mary 915-4148]

- Are you a regular attendee at the “Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa” Tour?
- Do you like what we’ve done with the plantings at City Hall & the Library?
- Have you enjoyed all those median & neighborhood plantings when you drive through Wauwatosa?
- And, do you love our Blue “Welcome to Wauwatosa Signs?”

If you do, and you can spare some time from spring through fall, the Wauwatosa Beautification Committee could use your help with these and other projects!

Gardens which need additional Gardening Angels include:

- City Hall & Library Gardens
- Milwaukee Ave @ 83rd Street (triangle)
- Welcome-to-Wauwatosa sign at 122nd & Bluemound

17th Annual Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour, July 9, 2011

The Wauwatosa Beautification Committee is seeking Secret Gardens whose owners would welcome being on our 18th annual 2012 Tour. We especially welcome do-it-yourself gardens as well as professionally designed gardens. Secret means secret, your garden must be mostly hidden from street view. Fair warning: you will be visited by Committee members who include a landscape architect and a retired Latin teacher/horticulturist who preview potential tour gardens so please contact us only if you are a serious gardener! If you think your garden shines please give us a call or e-mail and we will contact you to set up a “garden interview”. (We also welcome recommendations from friends of persons with “secret gardens”.)Contact info below.

YARD OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

[call Kathy at 257-1819]

Every year WBC awards 3 Yard of Distinction awards within each Aldermanic District and up to 5 YOD awards to qualifying businesses. Criteria is posted on our website. The Yellow Door Hanger award is for residents or businesses who catch our eyes with something we think beautifies Wauwatosa. Spring flowers are on our minds now! Please contact us if you see someplace which deserves recognition.

E-mail us at wauwatosa.beautification@yahoo.com or check out our website www.wbc-wi.org to find out more about WBC. Call Marge at 414-807-5652.