

# City of Wauwatosa

## Newsletter

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Fall 2012

### General Election

The Fall General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6th. This ballot contains the race for president as well as races for US Senate, US House of Representatives, state senator (1 ward only), state assembly districts 12, 13, 14, and various county races. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Check the Wisconsin Voter Public Access website at <https://vpa.wi.gov/> if you are unsure of your voting location.

If you have moved since the last election, you will need to re-register to vote. 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 28 consecutive days, and at least 18 years of age on Election Day in order to vote. Check the city's website at [www.wauwatosa.net/vrapplication](http://www.wauwatosa.net/vrapplication) for a list of acceptable proofs of residence. You may register to vote at the City Clerk's office through the Friday before each election.

Please note, you do not need to register to vote prior to each election. You only need to register to vote if you moved since the last election and have not registered at your new address.

Registered voters needing to vote by absentee ballot may do so by sending a written request for an absentee ballot to the City Clerk's Office, 7725 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. The request must be signed by each voter requesting a ballot; include the date of the election, your 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. Absentee voting in the Clerk's office will occur the weeks of October 22 and October 29. For more information, please visit [www.wauwatosa.net/absenteevoting](http://www.wauwatosa.net/absenteevoting).

Please call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921 with additional questions.

### Holiday Refuse Pickup

**Labor Day**, Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. No Collection

- Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – pick up Monday garbage, recycling and yard waste.
- Wednesday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – pick up Tuesday garbage, recycling, and yard waste.
- Thursday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – pick up Wednesday garbage, recycling, and yard waste.
- Friday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – pick up Thursday garbage, recycling, and yard waste.
- Saturday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – pick up Friday garbage, recycling, and yard waste.

**Thanksgiving**, Thursday, November 22nd. No collections.

- Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – pick up Thursday garbage and “B” recycling
- Saturday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – pick up Friday garbage and “B” recycling.

### Yard Waste Collection Tips

Yard Waste collection ends on October 12<sup>th</sup> and will begin in mid-April 2013.

October 1-5 Last Collection for “A” Yard Waste

October 8-12 Last collection for “B” Yard Waste

With the annual or daily permit brush and branches may be taken to the Public Works yard located at 11100 W. Walnut Rd. Tues.-- 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 containers “Yard Waste” and do not use the garbage cart or recycling cart for yard waste.

***Daylight Saving Time ends on November 4 at 2:00 AM —Set clocks back one hour.***

ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

FAX: 471-8989

TTY: 471-8484

Mayor Kathy Ehley Phone: 479-8915  
 Richard Baker, Municipal Judge Phone: 471-8488

**First District**

Peter Donegan 259-8973  
 James Moldenhauer 453-8821

**Second District**

Kathy Causier 771-0123  
 John Dubinski 708-9978

**Third District**

Tim Hanson 303-3521  
 Gregory Walz-Chojnacki 475-0260

**Fourth District**

Dennis McBride 258-4574  
 Jill Organ 302-9098

**Fifth District**

Bobby Pantuso 736-5700  
 Joel Tilleson 226-2139

**Sixth District**

Brian Ewerdt 915-7379  
 Jeffrey Roznowski 258-0633

**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: 1 PM-4 PM  
 Closed Thursday, Nov. 22 & Friday, Nov.

23 and December 9, 16, 23-25 and December 30-  
 January 1.

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

E-mail: [contact@wauwatosalibrary.org](mailto:contact@wauwatosalibrary.org)  
 Website: <http://www.wauwatosalibrary.org>

**For Adults**

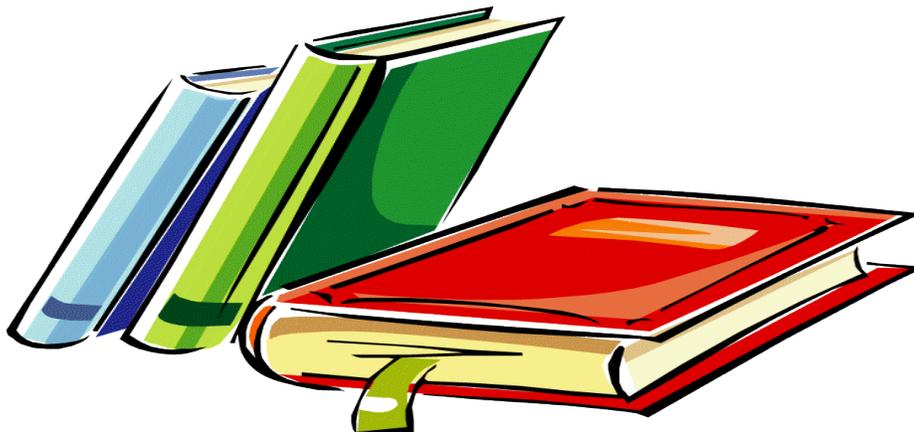
**Florentine Opera Insights**

Saturday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the Firefly Room.  
*Carmen* by Georges Bizet. Join us for the Florentine Opera's Insight Program, including a discussion of the opera and featuring musical excerpts performed by members of the Florentine Opera Company.

**Annual Fall Book Sale at the Library**

Saturday, Oct. 13 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, Oct. 14 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In the Firefly Room.  
 Hundreds of books, CDs and DVDs for sale at very low prices.



**For Children and Families**

**Library Story Time** for 3, 4, 5 and 6 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Wed/Thurs, Sep 5/6; a five-week-series, 30 minute sessions. Stories, songs, crafts, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *Registration not required.*

**Plan a Slumber Party** for school-aged children; Fri, Sep 14; 3:45 – 4:30 pm. Learn about story and game ideas for having a super slumber party. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**Rhyme Time** for children ages 3 and under with an adult and siblings begins Wed/Thur, Oct 17/18; 20 minute sessions; 3 week series. *No registration required.*

**Elephant & Piggie** for school-aged children; Fri, Oct 26; 3:45 – 4:30 pm. Celebrate the popular series by Mo Willems. *Register in person or by phone beginning Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**Kohl's Wild Theater "Vampires vs. Aliens: A Wisconsin Wildlife Double Feature"** is most appropriate for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders and families with children of all ages; Sat, Nov 10; 1:30 – 2:15 pm. The Zoological Society of Milwaukee presents a conservation-themed program that includes drama, songs and puppetry. *No registration required.*

**Zentagle** for school-aged children; Fri, Nov 30; 3:45 – 4:30 pm. Learn about the relaxing art of Zentagle, then create your own beautiful image. *Register in person or by phone beginning Sat., November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



# 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 day cares must be up to date with immunizations. Additional vaccines may be 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](http://www.wauwatosa.net/immunizationclinics) for a listing of clinic dates and times.

## Immunization Clinic Changes

Due to recent changes in federal funding, the Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) will not be able to **provide immunizations to children who are fully insured** as of October 1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) define fully insured as "anyone with insurance that covers the cost of vaccine, even if the insurance includes a high deductible or co-pay". This definition includes situations when immunization costs are denied for payment because the plan's deductible had not been met. As federal guidelines allow, the WHD will continue to provide the following services at no cost (free):

- Influenza (flu) vaccine for all children through age 18 years
- Vaccines to children through age 18 years with no insurance
- Vaccines to children through age 18 years with medical assistance funding (ex: BadgerCare)
- Vaccines to children through age 18 years who are native Americans
- Vaccines to children through age 18 years who are Alaskan natives
- Pertussis-containing (Whooping Cough) vaccine for all children through age 18 years

## Tell Us How the City of Wauwatosa Can Best Communicate With You!

The City of Wauwatosa is gathering information on how Wauwatosa residents obtain news and updates about city services, community events and urgent municipal announcements. In the past, the City of Wauwatosa published and mailed a quarterly newsletter, which is now available as an on-line/electronic newsletter. Communication methods such as television, radio and newspaper continue to be used, but there is also a growing interest in social media and other online resources. Social media is electronic communication (internet or mobile) through which users create communities and share information, ideas, messages or other content (pictures or video). The City of Wauwatosa would like to know the most effective way to communicate with its residents. Please find the survey at [www.wauwatosa.net/health](http://www.wauwatosa.net/health) or call the Health Department for a paper copy at 414-479-8939.

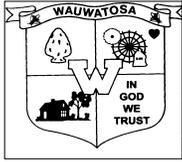
## Who needs a Hydrant?

The City of Wauwatosa Water Department is having a limited sale of used Hydrant inventory. If you would like to inspect them beforehand, they are located at 11100 W Walnut Rd. There are various brands and sizes to choose from. The purchase price for a hydrant is \$95.

The used hydrants can be made into great yard decorations among other things. Why buy another gnome when you can have a fire hydrant?

Please call the Water Department Business Office at (414) 471-8480 and ask for Jeff Tschudy if you would like to reserve a hydrant.





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



## ISO Rating

This May, the Development Department - Building and Safety Division was evaluated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) through a comprehensive program called the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS). ISO is an independent statistical, rating, and advisory organization that serves the property/casualty insurance industry. Wauwatosa scored higher than State and National averages in Code Administration, Plan Review, and Field Inspection. As a result, Wauwatosa has earned a BCEGS class of 4 for 1 and 2 family dwellings and a class 3 for all other construction, both of which are an improvement from the previous evaluation in 2006.

## Fall 2011 Leaf Collection

Rake out for the Fall Leaf Collection program begins on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> and ends on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Leaves, weeds and garden plants may be raked into the curb during this time. The final collection will begin on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Late rake outs 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 12<sup>th</sup> leaves can be brought to the Public Works Drop-off Center Tues.-Sat. between 7:30am and 4:30pm with the valid permit.

## 2013 Property Revaluation

Wisconsin Law requires market value assessments of all property. Market influences and changes require reassessments to be performed as all properties do not necessarily change at the same rate. Our last revaluation was done for the 2006 assessment year. The 2013 revaluation will provide an opportunity to adjust assessments to market value.

Why is the revaluation necessary?

- The City's average assessment ratio is approximately 110% percent. This does not meet the standard established by Wisconsin Law.
- Valuation inequities exist within classes of property. (Market value changes vary by neighborhood.)
- Valuation inequities exist between classes of property. (Residential and commercial properties may not be at the same level of assessment.)

Since 2008, we have been reviewing sold properties and performing inspections of properties where new permits have been issued. This new data enables us to make data corrections and value changes as needed. The updated property data will be the basis for valuing all parcels for the 2013 revaluation.

The 2013 revaluation will be conducted by city staff utilizing recent sales of all property types and existing property information. New values will be stated at 100% of fair market value. Notices of new values will be mailed next summer. At that time, property owners will be given ample opportunity to discuss their new values with the City appraisal staff.

If you would like a city appraiser to make a presentation to your business or civic organization, call City Assessor Steve Miner at 479-8969.

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# WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Seasonal Influenza Shots are for Everyone!

Seasonal Influenza is a contagious respiratory disease caused by the influenza virus that spreads from person to person through coughing or sneezing. Basic prevention includes: washing your hands, covering your nose and mouth when you cough/sneeze, staying home when ill, and seasonal flu vaccination. Anyone who wants to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or spreading influenza to others, should get vaccinated! If you have any questions, please call the **Wauwatosa Information and Referral Nurse at 414-479-8939**.

### Home Visits for Flu Shots Available

Public Health Nurses are available to make free home visits to administer flu vaccine to children or adults who are homebound due to a health, disability, or mobility issue. Fee is only for adult vaccine. Call 414-479-8939 to arrange a visit.

### Seasonal Flu Vaccine Costs

The flu vaccine is \$25 and is covered by Medicare Part B/Medicaid. The Health Department will:

- \* Bill standard Medicare/Medicaid insurance.
- \* **Charge \$25 to individuals with Railroad Medicare or Medicare with an HMO replacement plan.**
- \* Provide a receipt to submit for reimbursement or tax deductions.
- \* Provide free flu vaccine (injection or FluMist) to children under age 19 years.

## 2012 HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEASONAL FLU CLINIC DATES

**Location:** Wauwatosa City Hall  
7725 West North Avenue  
Lower Civic Center

Thursday	October 11	3:00 pm—6:00 pm
Monday	October 22	3:00 pm—6:00 pm
Monday	November 12	3:00 pm—6:00 pm

The above flu clinics are tentatively scheduled. Dates, times, and recommendations may change with little notice based on federal, state, or local needs. For the latest updates, call the **Wauwatosa Health Department Message Line at 414-479-8938** or check the website at [www.wauwatosa.net/flu](http://www.wauwatosa.net/flu).



**FREE  
children's  
flu shots!**

# WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

7725 W North Avenue—City Hall Lower Level

## Immunization Services

The Health Department provides childhood and adult vaccines during regularly scheduled immunization clinics. The Health Department is located in City Hall, the lower level, west of the Library.

### September 2012 Schedule

Tuesday September 4 4:00—6:30 pm  
Tuesday September 11 8:30—10:00 am  
Thursday September 27 2:00—4:00 pm

### October 2012 Schedule

Tuesday October 2 4:00—6:30 pm  
Tuesday October 9 8:30—10:00 am  
Thursday October 25 2:00—4:00 pm

For additional clinic dates and information check the city's web site [www.wauwatosa.net/immunizationclinics](http://www.wauwatosa.net/immunizationclinics) or call the Information and Referral Nurse Line at 414-479-8939

**Are your student's immunizations up to date?**

### Check your child's record!

WI State Law requires children in daycare/school to be up to date with immunizations. Parents maybe fined if immunizations are not current and on file at their child's daycare/school.

If you have questions about the law or your child's immunization status, call the Health Department at 414-479-8939.

## STAY INFORMED

For the latest Wauwatosa Health Department information, please refer to:

- 📄 **WHD website**  
[www.wauwatosa.net/health](http://www.wauwatosa.net/health)
- 📄 **Message Line 414-479-8938**
- 📄 **Information & Referral Nurse Line 414-479-8939** to talk to a nurse
- 📄 **Sign Up for Health Department Email News Flash:**  
Log on to [www.wauwatosa.net/health](http://www.wauwatosa.net/health) → "Notify Me" left side of page → Scroll down the page to News Flash → Health Department

### Other reliable information sources:

- 📄 [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- 📄 [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)
- 📄 [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)
- 📄 [www.dhs.wi.gov/immunization/reqs.htm](http://www.dhs.wi.gov/immunization/reqs.htm)

**Pneumonia Shots**

**Pneumonia Vaccine** is a one time vaccine recommended for all adults aged 65 or older. The vaccine is available at the Health Department immunization clinics for \$75 for residents or at your health care provider.