

City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Spring Election

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1st. Polls are open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Races on the ballot include School Board, Alderpersons, Municipal Court Judge, Circuit Court Judges, and Court of Appeals Judge. There will also be municipal and county referenda on the ballot. The municipal referendum pertains to limiting the rights of corporations and allowing government regulation of political contributions and spending. The county referendum pertains to compensation of the County Supervisors.

In-person absentee voting at the City Clerk's office will be available during regular business hours from March 17 – 28 for those voters unable to vote in person on April 1st. Registered voters may also submit written requests to have absentee ballots mailed to them. See the city website for more information: www.wauwatosa.net/elections.

New voting locations: Voters in Wards 2 & 3 who had been voting at Washington Elementary School will now vote at Wauwatosa Woman's Club, 1626 Wauwatosa Avenue.

Voters in Ward 13 who had been voting at Longfellow Middle School will now vote at the Firefly Room of the Wauwatosa Public Library.

Voters in Wards 18 and 19 who vote at Wauwatosa West High School will now enter Tosa West from the east parking lot entrance.

Voters in 23 and 24 who vote at Madison Elementary School will now enter Madison School from the east parking lot entrance.

Drop-Off Center News

As part of the 2014 Budget, the Department of Public Works will be making cost saving adjustment to the Drop-off Center in early Spring. Please be advised that the hours, accepted materials and general operating procedures are subject to change.

Mayor's Corner

Wauwatosa continues to be a “hot” area for growth and development— one of Wisconsin's most desirable places to live, work and play. My role as Mayor is to find the balance our community development while keeping our quality of life high and protecting our green space.

I am holding a series of Town Hall Meetings in each district again this year. I want to provide you with information about our strategic plan for the future of Tosa, updates on continuing City and State construction projects and share news about new developments.

Joining me this year is Wauwatosa School Superintendent Dr. Phil Ertl. He will be reporting on the Tosa schools today and discuss future plans. You can also meet your local Aldermen and ask questions.

It's an exciting time for Wauwatosa. I want to keep you informed about what's happening in our City and your district. Please come and find out more at my Town Hall Meetings. Here is a complete Town Hall Meeting Schedule or visit our website at www.wauwatosa.net.

All Town Hall Meetings are scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m.

- March 12, Dist. 8, Ald. Jason Wilke & Craig Wilson
Madison Elementary School; 9925 Glendale Ave.
- April 2, Dist. 6, Ald. Cheryl Berdan
Underwood Elementary School; 11132 Potter Rd
- April 23, Dist. 3, Ald. Jim Moldenhauer
Wauwatosa Women's Club; 1626 Wauwatosa Ave.
- May 7, Dist. 6, Ald. Jeff Roznowski
McKinley Elementary School; 2435 89th St.
- May 14, Dist. 5, Ald. Joel Tilleson & Bobby Pantuso
Roosevelt Elementary School; 2535 73rd St.
- May 21, Dist. 2, Ald. Kathy Causier & John Dubinski
Wauwatosa Women's Club; 1626 Wauwatosa Ave.

Mayor Kathy Ehley

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Library Hours



Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
through May 17
Sunday: 1—4 p.m. through May 18

except as noted below.
Closed on May 24—26

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

Email: library@wauwatosalibrary.org
Website: wauwatosalibrary.org

For Children

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW
on display in the Children’s Library from Tues., April 8 – Mon., May 5.

LIBRARY STORY TIME for 3, 4, 5 and 6 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Wed./Thurs., April 16/17 through April 30/May 1; 3 week series, 30 minute sessions. Programs include stories, songs, crafts, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *No registration required.*

MAD HOT BALLROOM & TAP DANCING will be presented by Roosevelt Elementary School in the Civic Center Auditorium on Thurs., May 8 from 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. For all ages -- everyone welcome.

RHYME TIME for newborns through 3 year-olds with adults and siblings begins on Wed./Thurs., May 14/15 through May 28/29; 3 week-series, 20 minute sessions. This early literacy program for babies and pre-kindergarten children features rhymes, stories, songs, finger plays and dramatic movement. *No registration required.*

FIZZ, BOOM, READ! SUMMER LIBRARY READING PROGRAM begins Mon, June 2, 2014. Pick up your reader or listener logs at the Children’s Library Reference Desk. First day to turn in reader/listener logs is Mon, June 23, 2014.

SUMMER KICK-OFF DAY with ANIMATED ILLUSIONIST/MAGICIAN, ARDAN JAMES, 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Thurs., June 19, 2014 in the Civic Center Auditorium -- Everyone welcome.

LIBRARY STORY TIME for 3, 4, 5 and 6 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Tue./Wed., June 10/11 through June 24/25; 3 week series, 30 minute sessions. Programs include stories, songs, crafts, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *No registration required.*

For Adults

FLORENTINE OPERA INSIGHTS

Join us for excerpts from Puccini’s La Boheme and information about the opera, with performances by members of the Florentine Opera on Sat., April 12th at 12:30 p.m.

SPRING BOOK SALE

Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, etc. at remarkably low prices!
Sat., May 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., May 11th, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Animal Regulations / Ordinances

Covered under Wauwatosa Ordinance 9.04.020 is the “Regulation of Animals”. Under this ordinance it is unlawful for anyone to allow an animal/pet of any species to run at large. Further, all dogs and cats need to receive the rabies vaccine and be licensed through the City. That being said, if a person feeds and/or provides indoor or outdoor shelter to an animal, they have in fact established ownership of the animal even without ever taking it into their home.

So if a citizen is found to be feeding and/or sheltering an animal that roams at large, is unlicensed or does not have a rabies vaccination, that citizen can be held responsible by the City and may be issued citations in violation of 9.04.020. This could include stray/feral dogs and cats. The citations begins at \$172.00 for each violation and can increase incrementally up to over \$2,500 for subsequent violations.

The proper way to handle a stray or feral animal is to call the Milwaukee Area Domestic Control office at 414-649-8640 at report it to them.



Health Department News

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 Wauwatosa Health Department at 479-8939 for more information.

Nurse Line for Wauwatosans

A Wauwatosa public health nurse staffs the Information and Referral Nurse Line Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The registered nurses answer health related questions, connect people to needed resources in the community, and begin investigating public health concerns. The types of calls the public health nurses answer are varied, from low cost clinic resources to discussing a child's growth and development to concerns about a restaurant. Don't worry if you are unsure if your question is public health related...we'll connect you to the right place!

Call the Information and Referral Nurse Line at 414-479-8939, or email us at publichealthnurse@wauwatosa.net.

Disposal of Electronics – “E-Waste”

Computers, televisions, and all peripheral devices must be recycled. By State Law they cannot be put in the garbage and taken to a landfill. In Wauwatosa you can take these items to Goodwill, 12121 W. Feerick St. Some retailers also take electronics for recycling – check with your favorite retailer. For more information go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ecycle/wisconsin/html>

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 or dog waste bags 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.

Critter Control

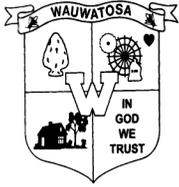
Animals are waking up from their winter slumber and will soon be running around looking for food, water and a new home. To prevent wildlife from taking over your backyard, you'll need to eliminate one of these three items.

- Remove food sources: Make sure that garbage cans are in good condition and properly secured, pet food is stored in rodent proof containers and that birdfeeders are at least 2 feet off the ground. Do not ground feed animals.
- Remove water sources: Make sure there are no standing puddles, upturned cans, or other water sources in your yard.
- Remove shelter sources: Keep landscaping well maintained and away from building foundations so that unruly shrubs do not become perfect hiding places. Tightly stack wood piles away from buildings.

Please visit the Wauwatosa Health Department's website, www.wauwatosa.net/health, for additional information on keeping your property pest free this year.

Healthcare Coverage Deadline is March 31

The Affordable Health Care Act requires most Americans to have health care by March 31, 2014. After March 31, individuals may change their coverage or enroll during a non-enrollment period only if there is a major life change, such as relocating to another state or a job loss. Otherwise, people will have to wait until the next open enrollment period. To sign up for insurance, log on to www.healthcare.gov to enroll today. For in-person assistance, an enrollment event is scheduled for March 6 from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Library's Firefly Room. See the newsletter flyer for details.



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Sanitary and Storm Sewer Rates Increase in 2014

The Common Council has approved rate increases for the sanitary and storm water sewer portions of your City of Wauwatosa water bill in 2014. In addition, the City of Milwaukee has proposed a wholesale increase of 0.85% in water rates to be effective on June 1, 2014.

Based on average residential water consumption, the sanitary sewer charge of the water bill will increase from \$28.10 to \$30.01 per month. For a typical single family residence, the storm sewer charge will increase from \$5.60 to \$6.55 per month. The increase in wholesale water costs by the City of Milwaukee are expected to increase by \$0.81 per quarter for the average residential water portion of the bill.

The rate increases are used to provide Wauwatosa residents and businesses with a greatly improved sewer infrastructure that addresses basement backups, surface flooding, and failing pipes that have all contributed to problems experienced over the past several years from sewers that were installed 75-100 years ago.

The City has made progress. In 2012, the City repaired and/or replaced 34,117 feet, or almost 7 miles, of sanitary sewer and 13,273 feet, or about 2 ½ miles of storm sewer. Wauwatosa will continue to strategically undertake multiple large sewer rebuilding projects to replace pipes at the end of their useful life for the next 9 years.

The impact on your quarterly City of Wauwatosa water utility bill, which includes your sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water charges, will vary depending on your water usage. For more information, please see the insert in your water utility bill, visit our website at www.wauwatosa.net/utilityrates or contact the Wauwatosa Water Utility at 414-479-8963.

Holiday Collections

Recycling and Garbage will be picked up on Friday, April 18, 2014. There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Memorial Day, May 26. That Monday's collection will be done on Tuesday, May 27. Tuesday collection will be done on Wednesday, etc. and Friday's collection will be done on Saturday, May 31, 2014.

Yard Material Pick-up Begins

Yard Material collection at the curb and alley begins Monday, April 14 for the "B" week – which is opposite the "A" week of recycling pick-up. The "A" week of Yard Material collection begins Monday, April 21, opposite the "B" week of recycling pick-up. City of Wauwatosa crews are doing the Yard Material collection.

The *2014 Guide for Recycling, Yard Materials, and Garbage* is available on line at www.wauwatosa.net. If you are not connected to the internet please call 471-8422 and ask for a paper copy to be sent out. Limited copies are available at the Library and City Clerk's Office.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Date is Set

The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection has been scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2014, at the Wauwatosa City Hall parking lot. The mobile collection will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the southwest corner of the parking lot.

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