

# City of Wauwatosa

## Newsletter

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Summer 2014

### FALL PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION NEWS: Partisan Primary Election—August 12

#### Who Can Vote?

- US citizens
- At least 18 years of age on Election Day
- Resident of Wauwatosa for at least 28 consecutive days prior to the election

#### Where Do I Vote?

- Visit the city's website at [www.wauwatosa.net/votinglocations](http://www.wauwatosa.net/votinglocations)
- Visit the My Vote Wisconsin website at <https://myvote.wi.gov>
- Call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921

#### Voter Registration

- 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. All registrants must provide proof of residence. Download a voter registration application from the city's website at [www.wauwatosa.net/vrapplication](http://www.wauwatosa.net/vrapplication). Call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921 for more information.

### Mayor's Corner

I love Wauwatosa in the summer. I hope I get a chance to meet you at a Tosa Tonight Concert, the Farmer's Market, the Grand Prix Bike Race and don't forget to wave to me in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Our city comes alive with plenty of fun activities for "kids" of all ages. I just finished hosting Town Hall meetings in each district and appreciated hearing what's on your mind and sharing all the exciting things happening here, including being named the 19<sup>th</sup> happiest suburb in America by Movoto Real Estate Blog. For a list of community events, please visit the calendar at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net).

Construction continues to affect us all. Watertown Plank Rd. will remain closed until fall so it's best to avoid that area. And work continues on Burleigh Rd. near Mayfair Collection with the building of the new Meijer Superstore and Phase 2 of Mayfair Collection. Repaving will begin on Menomonee River Parkway and streets may be closed as infrastructure work continues to upgrade sewers to minimize the impact of flooding and basement backups.

Please drive carefully and slow down for construction work and traffic diverted through neighborhoods. Watch out for pedestrians, kids playing and bike riders. For the latest information, please visit the City website at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net) or the DOT site at [www.zoointerchange.wi.gov](http://www.zoointerchange.wi.gov).

At our City website, you can sign up to receive any updates via email or on your phone through "Notify Me" about construction, the latest news, meeting schedules and community events. Have fun safely this summer and smile.

### BASEMENT BACKUP? Call us First!

Do you have water in your basement? The Public Works Department has a service 24 hours a day 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year to make sure that the problem belongs to you before you call a plumber. Call 414-471-8422.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

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## Library Hours



Monday through Thursday, 9 AM-9 PM  
Friday, 9 AM-5 PM  
Saturday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Closed on Sundays

Summer hours begin June 1.

The library will be closed on July 4, Aug. 30 and Sept. 1.

Over dues, etc. 414-471-8484  
Telephone reference 414-471-8485  
Children's services 414-471-8486  
Administration 414-471-8487

E-mail: [library@wauwatosalibrary.org](mailto:library@wauwatosalibrary.org)

Website: [wauwatosalibrary.org](http://wauwatosalibrary.org)

## For Children

**CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION** for 1st through 5th graders; Mon, July 7; 1:30--2:15 pm. Officer Hudson from the Wauwatosa Police Department will demonstrate using science in solving crimes. *Registration not required.*

**RHYME TIME** for children ages 3 and under with an adult and siblings begins Wed/Thurs, July 9/10; 20 minute sessions; 3 week series. *No registration required.*

**HULA HOOPIN' QUEEN Author Visit** for children ages 4 and up; Thurs, July 10; 6:30 -- 7:00 pm. Author Thelma Lynn Godin will speak about her picture book which received a star review in *Kirkus*. *Registration not required.*

**MAD SCIENTIST** for 1st through 5th graders; Mon, July 14; 1:30--2:00 pm. *Registration not required.*

**K'NEX BRIDGES** for 1st through 5th graders; Tues, July 15; 1:30--2:30 pm. Learn about architecture and engineering by building a K'Nex bridge that spans the Firefly Room. *Registration is required.*

**FIBONACCI-SPIRALS IN NATURE** for 1st through 5th graders; Mon, July 21; 10:00 -- 10:45 am & 1:30 -- 2:15 pm. Experience the beauty of Fibonacci numbers in nature. *Registration not required.*

**MOTION IN THE OCEAN** for 1st through 5th graders; Fri, July 25 ; 1:30--2:00 pm. *Registration not required*

**FAMILY STORY TIME** for 5 year-olds and younger with an adult ; Mon/Tues, July 28/29; three week series, 30 minute sessions. *Registration not required.*

**STORIES FIT FOR A PRINCE... OR A FROG** for the whole family; Thurs, July 31 ; 6:30--7:00 pm. *Registration not required.*

**LOST IN SPACE** for 1st through 5th graders; Fri, Aug 1; 1:30 -- 2:00 pm. *Registration not required.*

**CHEMISTRY: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE CHEMICAL KIND!** for 1st through 5th graders; Thurs, Aug 7; 1:30--2:30 pm in the Civic Center Auditorium. This program of exciting chemical displays is provided by the Science Alliance. *Registration not required.*

**MOVIE & BOOKS** featuring the movie, "Lost and Found" based on a book by Oliver Jeffers; for ages 7 and younger; Fri, Aug 8; 10:00 -- 10:30 am. *No registration required.*

**MACHINES** for 1st through 5th graders; Wed, Aug 13; 1:30 -- 2:00 pm. *Registration not required.*

**STORY & CRAFT** for ages 5 and younger with an adult; Fri, Aug 15; 9:30 -10:00 am. *Registration not required.*

**SUMMER READING ENDS**; Fri, Aug 29; 5:00 pm. Last day to turn in Summer Reader/Listener/Challenge cards.

**LIBRARY STORY TIME** for 3, 4, 5 and 6 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Wed/Thurs, Sep 3/4 through Sep 17/18; 3 week series, 30 minute sessions. Programs include stories, songs, crafts, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *No registration required.*

## Tosa Farmer's Market Now Accepts Foodshare

Recipients of FoodShare (the program formally known at Food Stamps) can now use their SNAP/EBT benefits at the Tosa Farmers Market. Recipients will be able to use their Quest card right at the market and purchase fresh, local food from the vendors!

# Health Department News

## 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.

## Need Home Repairs?

The Wauwatosa Senior Commission in partnership with the Wauwatosa Health Department is spreading the word about Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee (RTGM) gearing up to repair 200 homes this summer! RTGM is an organization in which skilled and unskilled volunteers repair homes for low-income elderly or disabled residents. You must be a homeowner of a single family home or jointly owned duplex home where both owners live and qualify while being current on your property taxes. Logon to [www.rtmilwaukee.org](http://www.rtmilwaukee.org) for more information.

## West Nile Virus

The City will conduct surveillance for West Nile through the Wisconsin Dead Bird Reporting Hotline. Please report the location of dead birds to the Wisconsin Dead Bird Reporting Hotline (1-800-433-1610). Unless directed otherwise by the Dead Bird Reporting Hotline, disposal of dead birds is treated like disposal of small animals: using gloves, double-bag the bird in plastic and dispose of it in your regular garbage. There is no need to contact Public Works for a special garbage pick-up. If you would like more information or have any question about West Nile Virus, call the Wauwatosa Health Department Information & Referral Nurse Line at (414) 479-8939.

## FREE Sesame Street Healthy Recipes & DVD!

Healthy eating and nutrition are essential to assist in your child's growth and development. In partnership with WIC, the Wauwatosa Health Department is glad to provide Sesame Street's Food for Thought: Eating Well on a Budget, a packet that contains general nutritional information, recipes and a DVD. Take advantage of the opportunity to teach your child about making good food choices at an early age, and stop by the Health Department to retrieve your packet while supplies last.

## FREE Furniture Straps Promo

Every two weeks a child dies when a television, a piece of furniture or an appliance falls on him. These incidents are tragic and preventable. Large TVs and unstable furniture can be a deadly combination. Take simple, low-cost steps to secure furniture and TVs to save lives. The Wauwatosa Health Department will continue to provide free furniture straps to eligible residents, while supplies last. Residents must have a child under the age of 5 residing in the home, and they must be willing to provide follow-up information to the Health Department about how the installation process went. Interested: Call the Public Health Nurse Line at 414-479-8939.

## Dangers of Children in Hot Cars

The weather is starting to warm up and the Wauwatosa Health Department would like to remind everyone of the risks and dangers of heatstroke while leaving a child or pet unattended in a parked car. In just ten minutes, the inside of a vehicle can reach 100 degrees with an outside temperature of 75 degrees. Remember to take them with you every time and call 911 if you see a child/pet unattended in a car. Additional information about excessive heat can be found on our website at [www.wauwatosa.net/health](http://www.wauwatosa.net/health) (click on personal health resources in the left hand column and then sun and heat protection).

## Summer Food Safety Basics

Summertime brings picnics and outdoor grilling. Food warms up in summer temperatures allowing food bacteria to multiply rapidly. It is important to take extra precautions and practice safe food handling in warm weather.

**CLEAN:** Wash your hands for 20 seconds before and after handling food. Soap and water is best or use a hand sanitizer.

**COOK:** Heat and maintain hot foods at 135°F or above using a food thermometer.

**CHILL:** Keep cold foods at or below 41°F. Refrigerate foods within one hour when the temperature is above 90°F or within 2 hours when the temperature is below 90°F. Always thaw foods in the refrigerator.

**SEPARATE:** Do not place cooked food items back on the same plate that held raw food, especially meats. Wash cutting boards and other food preparation items with warm soapy water and sanitize with 1 teaspoon bleach per 1 quart of water. Allow items to air dry for sanitizing.

## YARD MATERIAL PICK-UP INFORMATION

**DO NOT RAKE YARD MATERIALS INTO THE STREET.** Leaves, brush, and small branches, **not grass clippings**, should be in reusable containers clearly marked “YARD MATERIALS” (or “yard waste”) in letters two inches or larger. Paper yard bags may also be used. **NO cardboard boxes or plastic bags of any kind.** Yard Materials should be put out **every other week, opposite recycling**, for collection by 7:00 a.m. City of Wauwatosa crews collect yard materials from the curb/alley, according to the **A & B “2014 Schedule”** that is available at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net) under Refuse Collection Services and Schedules.

Up to five bundles of brush will also be picked up curbside if **tied with string or twine** into bundles no more than four (4) feet long and less than fifty (50) pounds. Larger amounts of unbundled brush and/or branches will also be picked up by the City for a minimum \$55.00 charge after a written estimate is received. Brush may also be picked up and billed **immediately** if it creates a hazard at the curb.

### Wisconsin WINS: Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco

As part of the City of Wauwatosa’s Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), the Wauwatosa Health Department works with the Wauwatosa Police Department (WPD) to reduce youth tobacco use. Twice a year the WPD performs tobacco compliance investigations with the help of minors from Wauwatosa schools. On April 5, 2014, minors under the supervision of WPD entered 33 local establishments attempting to purchase tobacco products. One establishment was closed for repairs, and four locations sold to minors. Check out our website to see and support the local establishments that didn’t sell to minors: [www.wauwatosa.net/health](http://www.wauwatosa.net/health) (click on personal health resources in the left hand column and then tobacco and other substance programs).

### THE DROP-OFF CENTER

The Drop-off Center at the Public Works yard, 11100 W. Walnut Rd., accepts brush, leaves, and other yard materials from residents, as well as co-mingled recycling, metal, cardboard, and used motor oil. The Drop-off Center is open from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. **GRASS CLIPPINGS are not allowed.** It is closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. A \$20.00 annual permit is needed for Wauwatosa residents only to use the center. A \$5 Daily Permit is also available, both with proof of residency.

**THE HOURS OF THE DROP-OFF CENTER ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

## Calling all Tosans! Poll Workers Needed

- Must be able to work well with others in a group setting
- Tasks include setting up the polling place, registering new voters, checking in registered voters, issuing ballots, completing Election Day forms, and monitoring the voting equipment
- Hours are from 6:15 a.m. – end of the evening on Election Day (about 9 p.m.)
- Pay is \$12 for attending training prior to each election
- Pay is \$100 for working at the polls on Election Day
- Call the City Clerk’s office at 479-8919 for more information

## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Holiday collection and other timely information is available in the 2014 Guide for Recycling, Yard Waste, and Garbage, or checking Public Works Dept. Operations at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net).

- **Independence Day**, Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, will be picked up on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Labor Day**, Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday’s routes will be picked up on Wednesday, etc., through Friday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> will be picked up Saturday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

All collections - garbage, recycling, and yard waste, will be off-set as described above.

### Household Hazardous

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) will again hold a mobile HHW collection at Wauwatosa City Hall Civic Center Parking Lot on September 13th, 2014. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. See [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net) or [mmsd.com](http://mmsd.com) for other information.

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**Wauwatosa's 81<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Independence Day  
Celebration**

*A Monumental Fourth*

**Friday, July 4th, 2014**

**9:00 AM ~ Parade on North Avenue**  
*New This Year – Direction of Parade Route Reversed*  
**Starts at 80<sup>th</sup> Street, proceeding west to 104<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Events at Hart Park**

7300 W. Chestnut Street

**4:00 PM ~ Family Fun Starts**

Inflatables & Rides, Food Concessions, Music

**Rotary stage**

**6:30 PM Pom Pon Performances**

**7:40 PM ~ Jason D Williams**

Musical Performance with Tosa Tonight

**9:15 PM - Fireworks**

*Will be launched in parking lot south of Hart Park stadium*  
*(Fireworks Rain Date - July 5<sup>th</sup>)*

**Fireworks Generously Sponsored by**



# Wauwatosa Health Department 2013 BREASTFEEDING SURVEY THEMES

## Methodology

With the many known benefits for infants, children and mothers, protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding is a key strategy to improving the health of mothers and their children. In the summer and fall of 2013, the Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) developed a survey questionnaire to assess the breastfeeding and infant feeding practices of Wauwatosa families. The survey utilized questions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Immunization Survey; supplemental questions were based on the Odom, et al, research "Reasons for Earlier Than Desired Cessation of Breastfeeding."<sup>1</sup> The survey asked for minimal demographic information on the mothers, breastfeeding practices, barriers to breastfeeding, and infant feeding practices. The WHD randomized a list of Wauwatosa families with a child born in 2011 to be contacted via telephone for the retrospective survey. A random power sample of 82 families was needed for a valid survey.



<sup>1</sup>Odom, et al, "Reasons for Earlier Than Desired Cessation of Breastfeeding", *Pediatrics*, 2013; 131; e726, p. 729. <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/131/2/e726.full.html>

## Demographics

A total of 86 Wauwatosa mothers of babies born in 2011 were surveyed. 95.3% of the moms described themselves as white and 97.5% as non-Hispanic. 7.4% of the families were below 185% of the U.S. federal poverty level.

## Results

- ▲ 97.7% of Wauwatosa mothers initiated breastfeeding. This is better than the national and Wisconsin average of 75.5% and 76.5% respectively and exceeds the federal *Healthy People 2020* goal of 81.9%.
- 10.7% of Wauwatosa infants were *exclusively* breastfed for 12 months. This was lower than the national and Wisconsin averages of 16.4% and 15.3% respectively and below the federal *Healthy People 2020* goal of 25.5%
- ↔ 70.2% of the infants were fed anything other than breast milk or formula between ages 3 and 6 months. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends exclusive breastfeeding through 6 months of age. AAP, "Policy Statement: Breastfeeding and the Use of Human Milk", *Pediatrics*, 2012; 129; e827-e841.
- ↔ 35.9% of the Wauwatosa mothers stopped breastfeeding due to various difficulties in their daily routine.
- ▲ 28.2% of the Wauwatosa mothers stopped breastfeeding due to a perceived insufficient milk supply. This was an improvement from 32% of moms stopping in 2010.



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