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Spring Election

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

Races on the ballot include various judicial races, the 15th County Supervisory race in six wards, and a state referendum question. The state referendum question is: “Election of chief justice. Shall section 4 (2) of article VII of the constitution be amended to direct that a chief justice of the supreme court shall be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the justices then serving on the court?”

In-person absentee voting at the City Clerk’s office will be available during regular business hours (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) from March 23 – 27, and from March 30 - April 3. City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, but the City Clerk’s office will be open for absentee voting until 5 p.m. that day for those voters unable to vote in person on April 7th. Registered voters may also submit written requests to have absentee ballots mailed to them. See the city website for more information: www.wauwatosa.net/absenteevoting

Drop-Off Center Hours & Fee Structure

The Drop-off Center will have new hours and a modified fee structure. The following are highlights of these modifications:

- Hours of operation will be two days, Tues. from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Sat. from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- \$5 per load/per vehicle permits will be sold. These permits will be for a one-time use only.
- Trailers are limited to 8X8 in size, e.g., a resident that brings a pick-up truck load and a trailer load would require two permits, or a \$10 fee.

These changes were made to keep pace with changing disposal and operating costs of the Drop-off Center.

Mayor’s Corner

Wauwatosa is a strong, growing City. The face of our community continues to change and evolve. We want to build on our strengths and face our challenges head on. Your City government strives to provide good service while reducing costs. We’re working with strong partners, like our schools and regional planners. Learn more about the new developments, new housing and the challenges we face as our population grows and construction continues. I’m working to maintain our quality of life with strong schools, neighborhoods and parks. We’re building our biking and walking connections and adding amenities to Hart Park, such as the picnic pavilion and skateboard park.

I encourage you to attend one the five Town Hall meetings this spring to learn more about what’s happening in Wauwatosa. You are welcome to attend any meeting that fits your schedule. Joining me will be Dr. Phil Ertl, School Superintendent and your Aldermen. Together we are building a strong community.

2015 District Town Hall Meetings

- April 1, 7:00 – 8:30 pm—District 7, 8 and west side of District 3, Eisenhower Elementary School, 11600 W. Center
- April 15, 7:00 – 8:30 pm—District 6, McKinley Elementary School, 2435 N. 89th St.
- April 29, 7:00 -8:30 pm—District 5, Roosevelt Elementary School, 2535 N. 73rd St.
- May 6, 7:00-8:30 pm—District 2, 4 and east side of District 3, Wauwatosa Woman’s Club, 1626 N. Wauwatosa
- May 20, 7:00-8:30 pm—District 1, Wauwatosa Woman’s Club, 1626 N. Wauwatosa

Mayor Kathy Ehley

ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

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Fifth District Joel Tilleson 316-2120 Bobby Pantuso 736-5700	Sixth District Allison Byrne 531-2862 Jeffrey Roznowski 258-0633	Seventh District Cheryl Berdan 550-0184 Jason Kofroth 687-6267	Eighth District Jason Wilke 520-1962 Craig Wilson 745-5188

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 17

except as noted below.
 Closed on May 23—25

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

PIONEER CHILDREN, recommended for K4 through 5th grades; Wednesday, April 8 from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.; in the Children's Story Room. Learn about the lives of children during the pioneer times, see a film and do a craft. *No registration required.*

WRITING PROGRAM (Best Imagined Vacation Ever) for students in 1st through 5th Grades; Friday, April 10 in the Children's Story Room. *Registration is required.*

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW on display in the Children's Library from Wednesday, April 15 – Monday, May 11.

RHYME TIME for newborns through 3 year-olds with adults and siblings begins on Thurs/Fri, April 23/24; 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.*

LIBRARY STORY TIME for 3, 4, 5 and 6 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Thurs/Fri, May 21/22; 3 week series, 30 minute sessions. Programs include stories, songs, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *No registration required.*

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY SUMMER LIBRARY READING PROGRAM begins Monday, June 1, 2015. Pick up your reader or listener logs at the Children's Library Reference Desk. First day to turn in reader/listener logs is Monday, June 22, 2015.

WRITING PROGRAM (H.P.S.M. vs. E.Z.N.) for students in 1st through 5th Grades, Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.; in the Children's Story Room. *Registration is required.*

SUMMER KICK-OFF DAY with JUGGLER/MAGICIAN, "DOUG THE JUG", 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18 in the Civic Center Auditorium -- *Everyone welcome.*

FAMILY STORY TIME for all ages on Tuesdays, June 23 & June 30 at 9:30 a.m.; in the Children's Story Room; stories, songs, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *No registration required.*

CLIQUEING WITH THE CLASSICS for students in 4th through 6th Grades; Wednesday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m.; in the Children's Story Room. *Registration is required.*

For Adults

Saturday, April 18th at 12:30 p.m. in the Firefly Room. Join us for a program on the opera, *The Elixir of Love* by **Gaetano Donizetti**, a story of playful imposters, mistaken love and magical concoctions. This program will include an entertaining discussion of the opera and musical excerpts performed by members of the Florentine Opera Company.

SPRING BOOK SALE
 Hundreds of books, CDs, DVDs, etc. at remarkably low prices! Sat., May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What's all the Hoopla?
 Wauwatosa Library is pleased to announce the availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital, access requires only a Wauwatosa Public Library card.

To get registered, visit www.hoopladigital.com
 Would you like to learn how to download free e-books and audiobooks from **Wisconsin's Digital Library**? Sign up for a 30-minute session with a member of the Reference staff. Register at the Adult Information Desk or call 471-8485.



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 the City Yard, 11100 W. Walnut Road. 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

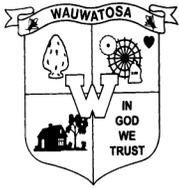
Animals are waking up from their winter slumber and will soon be running around looking for food, water and a new home. To prevent wildlife from taking over your backyard, you'll need to eliminate one of these three items.

- **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.

Healthy Kids Day

The West Suburban YMCA is hosting *Healthy Kids Day* on Saturday, April 25th, 2015 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. *Healthy Kids Day* is a national initiative by the YMCA to encourage kids to stay active, healthy, and safe over the summer months. The program is open to members and non-members of the YMCA. Join the Wauwatosa Health Department and other Wauwatosa area organizations at the West Suburban YMCA for this day devoted to teaching families and kids to stay active in the summer months.



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Safety Tips During Construction Season

A reminder since construction will be increasing in the following summer months for both WisDOT (Zoo Interchange) and the City. Here are some helpful reminders:

- Barricading and signing is provided for the public's safety. Moving barricades or driving through closed-off areas should be avoided.
- Children should be reminded to stay clear of excavations and equipment at all times.
- Exercise caution when walking and driving. Observing traffic controls is very important during construction season since conditions change frequently.
- Garbage and yard waste will be collected on the normally scheduled day even if your street is under construction. Please have it out by 7AM.

Menomonee River Parkway Renewal to Start April 6

Work on the Menomonee River Parkway reconstruction is scheduled to start April 6, 2015, weather permitting. The contract for this work was signed last Fall 2014 and work was started in select areas of the Parkway on grading and excavation for planned storm water management features.

For 2015, Phase One of the work on the Parkway road surface and landscape features will occur between Congress and Burleigh and is broken down into two segments. Work will start at West Congress proceeding south to Mayfair Road and is scheduled to be complete June 1. The construction from Mayfair Road to Burleigh is expected to last from June 1 until July 31, 2015.

Holiday Collections

- Memorial Day, May 25th – Monday – No Collection
- May 26th – Tuesday – Pick up Monday, May 25th Routes
- May 27th – Wednesday – Pick up Tuesday, May 26th Routes
- May 28th – Thursday – Pick up Wednesday, May 27th Routes
- May 29th – Friday – Pick up Thursday, May 28th Routes
- May 30th – Saturday – Pick up Friday, May 29th Routes
- July 4th – Saturday – Not a scheduled collection day

Yard Material Pick-up

Yard Waste is collected on the opposite week as your recycling week on the same day of the week.

April 15th to October 11th: Leaves and brush must continue to be separated from other household garbage. They are collected every other week at the curb, on the opposite week as recycling. **DO NOT** include grass clippings, root balls, vegetables, stumps or branches over 6 inches in diameter. Please remember to:

- **Mark** reusable containers with "Yard Waste" or "Yard Materials" in letters that are 2" or larger. You may also use paper bags. Please **do not** place your yard materials in plastic bags.
- Bundle brush with string/twine. Please do not use wire or plastic. Your bundles may not be longer than 4' and heavier than 50 lbs. If they exceed this load a special pick-up is required.

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CRIME STOPPERS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers is hosting its 13th annual “**Pancakes with Mom**” Breakfast on **Sunday, May 10, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, at the Hart Park Muellner Building, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. Over 900 people attended last year’s event and a great time was had by all.

Enjoy all-you-can-eat hot cakes and sausage and all the breakfast fixings. Last year’s guests were excited to find flowers for mom, balloons, games and prizes for the kids. Join McGruff the Crime Dog for a fun-filled morning that will benefit The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers. Event sponsors are **Wauwatosa Neighborhood Watch Committee, WaterStone Bank, C & G Printing, Metcalfe’s Market, Starbucks Coffee, Modern Woodmen and PNC Bank.**

Tickets are available at the door on the day of the event at \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children age 3-12, with children age 2 and under free.

**WAUWATOSA CRIME STOPPERS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015
TICKET ORDER FORM
(Orders mailed after April 24, 2015, will not be processed.)**

Please list the number of adult and children’s tickets you wish to purchase. Children under 2 are free and do not require a ticket.

Tickets will be mailed within 10 days. Make checks payable to Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers. Please include a phone number on your check. Do not send cash.

Return your check and this form to:

**Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers
1700 North 116th Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53226**

_____ ADULT	X \$7.00	\$ _____
_____ CHILD	X \$3.00	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$ _____

If you have any questions, call Officer Michael McDermott at 471-8430, ext. 5113.