

City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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Prescription Medication Drop- Off Site

The Wauwatosa Police Department has a prescription medication drop off kiosk in the front lobby of the Wauwatosa Police Department. The kiosk can be used to turn in unwanted and expired medications, preventing them getting in the wrong hands or damaging our natural resources. The kiosk, open to City of Wauwatosa residents, is available whenever the front desk is staffed and open to the public. Currently, the front desk is staffed from 7am-11pm Monday through Friday and 3pm-11pm on weekends. Items that are accepted include the following:

Prescription medications, prescription ointments, prescription creams, prescription patches, prescription samples in the original container, loose pill form medication, over the counter medications, vitamins, and pet medications.

We are unable to accept the following items:

Biohazard material, needles/sharps, inhalers, bulk medications from clinics or commercial business, thermometers, cosmetics or toiletries, medical devices or instruments, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, etc.), or household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas, etc.) and illegal narcotics.

Any questions can be directed to the Wauwatosa Police Department at 471-8430.

Mayor's Corner

Fall brings new energy to Wauwatosa. It means back to school, football, street festivals and City budgets. The 2016 budget City Administrator Jim Archambo and I submitted to the Council for review is balanced, fiscally conservative and maintains the level of services you expect.

Balancing the City budget has been challenging in the past years due to caps imposed by the State of Wisconsin on the levy limits (tax rates) and permit fees. Plus the downturn in the economy negatively impacted housing values. Thanks to some very innovative ideas from our employees during that time, we've been able to cut operating costs while maintaining good services.

Our budget picture this year has improved for two reasons: economic development and the closing of Tax Incremental District # 2 (Milwaukee County Research Park). The growth in our City has increased the value of assessed property here by almost \$242 million. That means with a larger number of taxpayers and additional property value, your city tax rate goes down. In 2016, it is estimated to decrease 2.13%.

You can learn more about the 2016 budget. The Financial Affairs Committee will be discussing the budget every Thursday from September 10 to October 9 at 6:00 pm in City Hall. You can attend in person, watch on your cable channel, share your thoughts with your Alderman or get more background on our website, www.wauwatosa.net. Your input is always welcomed.

The budget approved by the Common Council determines the quality of services in Wauwatosa. This is your chance to let us know what you value most about your City. Together we will build a strong community with a bright future.

Mayor Kathy Ehley

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Library Hours



Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
 Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.
 Sunday: 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Closed Nov. 26-27 and December 6, 13, 24-25, 27, 31 and January 1.

Overdue, etc. 414-471-8484
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 E-mail: contact@wauwatosalibrary.org
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For Children

RHYME TIME for newborns through 3 year-olds with adults and siblings begins on Thurs/Fri, Sep 17/18; 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. *Registration not required.*

VISUAL NOTE TAKING & GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS: A COMPREHENSION STRATEGY with Sherrill Knezel from the Wauwatosa Public Schools and Anne Kissinger; recommended for 3rd grade and up with a parent; Wednesday, September 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Children's Story Room.

SCARY STORIES: Traditional Oral Storytelling for ages 9 and up in the Children's Story Room; Thurs, Oct 8 from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Learn and share scary stories to tell over your next bon-fire, campout or party. Adults of children attending the program may attend, unless you are too afraid. *Registration not required.*

TOT TIME for families with babies through 3-year-olds; Fridays, Oct 9 & 16 at 9:30 a.m. Program includes a story and rhyme followed by time for interactive play in the Children's Story Room.

LIBRARY STORY TIME for 3, 4, 5 and 6 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Mon/Tues, Oct 12/13; 3 week series, 30 minute sessions. Programs include stories, songs, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *Registration is required.*

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For Adults

FLORENTINE OPERA INSIGHTS

Saturday, September 26, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Firefly Room, Wauwatosa Public Library. Join us for an entertaining discussion of Puccini's Madama Butterfly including musical excerpts performed by members of the Florentine Opera Company.

FALL BOOK SALE

Hundred of books, DVDs, and CDs for sale at very low prices. Saturday, October 24th, 9:00 to 5:00 and Sunday, October 25th from 1:00 to 4:00.



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.

Winterize Your Pool

Winterizing your pool is an essential part of pool ownership. Not only will it protect your investment and property value, but it will make opening your pool much easier in the spring. Test your pool chemistry before beginning the closure process. Close your pool at the right time; if you add winterizing chemicals too soon it may not last the season and algae may bloom. Add the proper amount of winterizing chemical for your size pool. Drain your pool water level down 18 inches. Use a winter cover; a solar cover is not designed to handle snow and water weight and can damage your pool and void warranties.

Fall Time Pest Proofing

Fall is a time for harvest, even for wildlife and pests. To assist in controlling pest populations, make sure bird seed and pet food are in sealed containers. Place garbage and recycling in proper containers that are in good working condition. Fall is also the time of year to ensure that building siding and soffits are in good repair. Pests can use the smallest of holes to gain entry into your home, garage or shed.

Voting Locations

You can view the list of Wauwatosa's voting locations at www.wauwatosa.net/votinglocations. Your voting location is based upon your address.

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 1 at 2:00 a.m. —Set clocks back one hour.

Flu Clinic Dates

Dates: Thursday, October 15, 2015, Monday, October 26, 2015, and Thursday, November 12, 2015

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Wauwatosa City Hall Lower Civic Center

The City of Wauwatosa Health Department will be holding three mass flu clinics this fall. Flu shots are \$30. The Health Department can bill Standard Medicare, Part B and Medicaid/Badgercare Plans. Children 18 years of age and younger may receive *free* flu vaccine during these clinic dates. For more information on our flu clinics, visit the City of Wauwatosa Health Department website at www.wauwatosa.net/health. Click on "Flu" in the menu on the left side of the screen. Or call the City of Wauwatosa Health Department Information and Referral Nurse Line at 414-479-8939.

Does Your Home Have Radon?

Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas. You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it may be a problem in your home. The EPA estimates about 21,000 lung cancer deaths are caused by radon annually.

- Radon has been found in all Wauwatosa zip codes. Radon comes from the natural (radioactive) breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water and gets into the air you breathe.
- You can fix a radon problem. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that are not too costly. Even very high levels can be reduced to acceptable levels.
- You should test for radon. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor for radon. Testing is inexpensive and easy.

Radon kits will be available at the City of Wauwatosa Health Department starting in January for a \$10.00 fee while supplies last. For more information, please contact the Wauwatosa Health Department at 479-8939.

**The City of Wauwatosa Health Department obtained funding for the program from the Radon Prevention Grant through the State of Wisconsin.*



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2016 Elections

Four elections are scheduled in 2016:

- February 16, 2016 Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 5, 2016 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
- August 9, 2016 Partisan Primary (if needed)
- November 8, 2016 General Election

Voters at the April election will elect a Mayor, Common Council members, and School Board members.

The November election will feature races for President and other federal and state offices.

Call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921 for information about voter registration and absentee voting, or visit the City's website www.wauwatosa.net for additional information.

Interested in Running for Local Office?

Candidate packets will be available in the City Clerk's office after September 15, 2015 for individuals interested in running for the following local offices next spring:

- Aldermanic Districts 1-8: 4-year terms expiring in April 2020
- Mayor: 4-year term expiring in April 2020

Nomination papers may be circulated beginning December 1, 2015, and must be returned to the City Clerk's office, along with a Declaration of Candidacy and Campaign Registration Statement, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Candidate packets will also be available after September 15th on the city's website www.wauwatosa.net.

Photo ID

Voters will be required to show photo ID before voting at the polls, or before receiving an absentee ballot. Visit the city's website www.wauwatosa.net for more information, or call the City Clerk's office at 479-8921.

Bringing Pets to Restaurants

Did you know that dogs are not allowed inside restaurants in Wauwatosa? The FDA Food Code prohibits live animals in retail establishments where food is served. This policy does not apply to service animals. Restaurants with outdoor seating have the option to allow dogs in these areas once they obtain written approval from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. This variance applies to dogs only (no other animals are allowed) and the exterior areas of outdoor dining of a restaurant. Additionally, restaurants must have a separate entrance so pets do not enter the food establishment and are required to provide signage alerting customers that dogs are allowed in outdoor seating areas.

Poll Workers Needed

Are you interested in working at the polls on Election Day? Citizen involvement is essential to conducting open, accurate and fair elections in Wisconsin. Poll workers must be US citizens, Wauwatosa residents, at least 18 years of age on Election Day, and able to work well with others in a team setting.

Poll workers attend training sessions prior to each election, and work on Election Day from 6:15 a.m. until the end of the day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pay is \$105.

Contact the City Clerk's office at 479-8920 for more information, or to submit your contact information.

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