

# City of Wauwatosa Newsletter

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## Spring Election

The Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary will be held on Tuesday, April 5. Polls are open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Races on the ballot include Presidential Preference, Mayor, Alderpersons, School Board, Judicial offices, and County offices.

In-person absentee voting at the City Clerk's office will take place during regular business hours (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) from March 21 – April 1 (until 5 p.m.). 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](http://www.wauwatosa.net/elections).

Photo ID will be in effect; in-person absentee voters will need to present photo ID before receiving a ballot; with some exceptions, by-mail absentee ballot requests must be accompanied by a photo ID. Voters at the polls on April 5 will be required to show acceptable photo ID.

Please call the City Clerk's office, 414-479-8921, with questions.

## Drop-Off Center Hours & Fee Structure

Beginning April 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016 hours will be on TUESDAYS from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and SATURDAY from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The following are highlights of the fee structure:

- \$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.

The fees are set to keep pace with changing disposal and operating costs of the Drop-off Center.

## Mayor's Corner

### Attend the Next Citizen Academy

Do you ever wonder how the City handles recycling? Or want to see inside a fire truck? Or want to see how the electronic book sorter in the library works? Or learn how the City pays for the services it provides? You can get the answers to these questions and more at the five learning sessions, Citizen Academy: Get to Know Wauwatosa, put on by me, the City Administrator and the City of Wauwatosa staff.

I'll be there with municipal leaders and staff to help you get a better understanding of how the City works. The five sessions are offered on Thursday evenings April 7 through May 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. You may sign up for one, two or all five sessions. Cost is \$5.00 per session. Please see page 18 of the Winter-Spring 2016 Recreation Department catalog for more details. Sessions cover Public Works and Public Safety to the City's history and future development. Learn more and register at [www.tosarec.com](http://www.tosarec.com)

I invite you all to learn more about your City. Your opinion matters and you can help shape Wauwatosa as we build a strong community together.

In other news, construction will begin soon on State Street in The Village. Please join me in walking or riding your bike to your favorite business to help support them this summer. Go to <http://wauwatosa.net/index.aspx?NID=1229>, or the City website, for regular construction updates.

*Mayor Kathy Ehley*

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS DIRECTORY**

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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 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](mailto:library@wauwatosalibrary.org)  
Website: [wauwatosalibrary.org](http://wauwatosalibrary.org)

**For Children**

**PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART SHOW** on display in the Children’s Library from Wednesday, April 6 – Tuesday, May 3.

**LIBRARY STORY TIME** for 3, 4, 5 and 6 year olds who are able to attend story time independently begins Mon/Tue, April 11/12; 3 week series, 30 minute sessions. Programs include stories, songs, dramatic movement, and fun with literacy. *Registration required*

**YOUR AMAZING EYES STORY TIME**, presented by “Prevent Blindness Wisconsin” from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. on April 20 in the Children's Story Room, is most appropriate for families with children ages 3 and older. Read books, sing songs, play games, and learn about your eyes! FREE Children’s Vision Screenings will be offered immediately following the program! *No registration required.*

**JACK & THE BEANSTALK**, presented by the Florentine Opera Company from 2:30 --3:15 p.m. on April 23rd in the Civic Center Auditorium, is for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grades. Adapted and written by renowned arts educator John Davies and set to the music of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, *Jack & the Beanstalk* tells the classic tale of a young boy who sells the family cow to a mysterious stranger for a handful of magic beans. *No registration required.*

**ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ SUMMER LIBRARY READING PROGRAM** begins Wednesday, June 1, 2016. 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 20, 2016.

**SUMMER KICK-OFF DAY with COMEDIAN/JUGGLER/MAGICIAN, "STEVE RUSSELL";** 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16; in the Civic Center Auditorium -- *Everyone welcome.*

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**For Adults**

**FLORENTINE OPERA INSIGHTS** is a FREE presentation given by Corliss Phillabaum, Professor of Theater at UW Milwaukee’s Peck School of the Arts. Opera Insights take a closer look at the upcoming opera performance. Attendees are treated to arias, duets and small ensembles performed by the Florentine Opera Chorus. Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room. Saturday, April 23, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**SPRING BOOK SALE**, Thousands of new and used books, CDs and DVDs. Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room. Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

**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/Recycle/wisconsin/html>.



## 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.

### Remembering When: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults

The Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) and the Wauwatosa Fire Department (WFD) have teamed up to present the Remembering When Program to Wauwatosa residents. This program involves a free joint home visit from a WFD and a WHD representative. The WFD will make sure your home is safe from fire hazards and install smoke alarms (free of charge) if needed. The WHD will assess your home for fall or tripping hazards and provide information on how to make your home safer, including a free motion sensor night light. To schedule your home visit or to learn more about the program, please contact Lori Murphy at the WFD at 414-471-8457.

### Be a Responsible Pet Owner

City ordinance requires pet owners to periodically clean up animal excrement on their property. A pet owner/walker is responsible for the animal's actions 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.

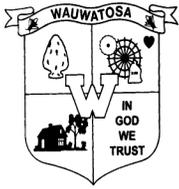
Please visit the Wauwatosa Health Department's website, [www.wauwatosa.net/health](http://www.wauwatosa.net/health), for additional information on keeping your property pest free this year.

### “Healthy Wauwatosa”: A New WauwatosaNOW Online Blog and Health Column

In November, the Wauwatosa Health Department (WHD) announced the launch of its Facebook page, “Healthy Wauwatosa.” Recently WHD launched another initiative, a WauwatosaNOW online blog called “Healthy Wauwatosa.” The health columns on the blog will be updated regularly to highlight national health observances and local public health issues and opportunities affecting residents of Wauwatosa. To read the blog, go to [http://www.wauwatosanow.com/blogs/communityblogs/Healthy\\_Wauwatosa.html](http://www.wauwatosanow.com/blogs/communityblogs/Healthy_Wauwatosa.html).

### Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers/Wauwatosa Police Department acquired new technology called Tipsoft. It allows citizens to anonymously text a tip or submit a web tip about crimes in our community and schools. If you have information regarding a crime text your tip to “crimes” (274637) and include the word “tosa” in the body of the text. You can also send an email tip in via the Wauwatosa Police Department's Facebook page. All tips remain completely anonymous and the Police Department can respond via text or email and have a two way conversation with the tipster. Anonymous tipsters are eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.00.



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## Yard Material Pick-up

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

**April 18th thru October 16:** Leaves and brush must continue to be separated from other household garbage. **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.

## Holiday Collection

Date	Day	Schedule
<b>Memorial Day, May 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Collection</b>
May 31	Tuesday	Pick up Monday, May 30 routes
June 1	Wednesday	Pick up Tuesday, May 31 routes
June 2	Thursday	Pick up Wednesday, June 1 routes
June 3	Friday	Pick up Thursday, June 2 routes
June 4	Saturday	Pick up Friday, June 3 routes
<b>Independence Day, July 4</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>No collection</b>
July 5	Tuesday	Pick up Monday, July 4 route
July 6	Wednesday	Pick up Tuesday, July 5 routes
July 7	Thursday	Pick up Wednesday, July 6 routes
July 8	Friday	Pick up Thursday, July 7 routes
July 9	Saturday	Pick up Friday, July 8 routes

## Outdoor Burning Code

Cool evenings are a perfect times to relax outside with a cozy fire. Outdoor burning is allowed within the City under strict regulations set forth in the Fire Prevention Code. The information below is excerpted from the fire code.

**14.24.020**—Burning flammable and combustible materials outdoor

Flammable and combustible material, exclusive of those items listed in Section 14.24.030, below, or otherwise prohibited by applicable state, federal or local laws, may be burned outdoors on private property under constant supervision by a competent person, but not within twenty-five feet of any building or structure, trees or shrubbery nor near an area containing dry grass, weeds or other combustible material within the city. Such burning should be confined to manufactured portable fireplaces or fireplaces meeting the requirements of Section 14.24.050, below, designed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning embers.

**14.24.030 B.** It is unlawful to create or permit any fire to continue in such a manner as to permit the escape of any sparks or burning embers.

**14.24.040** Exceptions to outdoor burning. The following items may not be burned outdoors in the city pursuant to the provisions of Section 14.24.20 above.

- Garbage
- Leaves or garden refuse
- Waste materials from commercial construction projects
- Any other items specifically designated by order of the Wauwatosa Fire Department

Remember to be considerate of others. On nights with little or no wind smoke may still drift into your neighbor's open windows.

Call the Wauwatosa Fire Prevention Bureau at 471-8457 with further questions.

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## Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Pancake Breakfast & Raffle

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers is hosting its 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Pancakes with Mom" Breakfast on Sunday, May 8, 2016 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am at the Hart Park Muellner Building (7300 W. Chestnut St). Over 600 people attended last year's event and a great time was had by all.

Enjoy all-you-can-eat hot cakes, 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 include Wauwatosa Neighborhood Watch Committee, Waterstone Bank, C & G Printing, Metcalfe's Market, Starbucks Coffee, Modern Woodman and Sysco.

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

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Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, May 8, 2016  
Ticket Order Form  
(Orders mailed after April 22, 2016, 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 N. 116 St  
Wauwatosa WI. 53226

_____ Adult	X	\$7.00	\$_____
_____ Child	X	\$3.00	\$_____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$_____

If you have any questions call Officer Dan Kane at 471-8430 ext. 5114

## **Questions About Lead and Water**

### **What is lead and how are we exposed to it?**

Lead is a common, naturally occurring metal found throughout the environment. Lead is not found in Lake Michigan surface water or in our source of supply water treated by Milwaukee Water Works. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of corrosion or wearing away of materials in the water distribution system and household plumbing that contain lead. Despite concerns about drinking water, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that “the greatest exposure to lead is swallowing or breathing in lead paint chips or dust.”

### **Is exposure to lead a health concern?**

Please contact the City of Wauwatosa Health Department Referral Nurse Line at (414) 479-8939.

### **Who is responsible for the water service lateral to my property?**

The Wauwatosa Water Utility maintains the water service lateral from the water main up to and including the shut off valve outside of the property called the curb stop. The property owner owns the water service lateral after the curb stop to the property and all plumbing inside of the property except for the water meter. A licensed plumber may be able to assist in determining your property’s plumbing conditions as well as the costs associated with a service lateral replacement.

### **How do I know if my property has lead in the water supply line?**

If your property was built before 1953, your water service lateral was originally installed using lead piping materials. It is possible that some of the property’s internal plumbing and fixtures also contain lead. Even copper piping may have lead solder joints. You may call the Wauwatosa Water Utility business office at (414) 478-8963 to find out more information about your service line pipe material.

### **What can I do to reduce lead in my tap water?**

If you’re concerned about lead in your drinking water, you can take several steps to limit possible exposure.

- Flush your tap water. Flushing the tap is particularly important when the faucet has gone unused for more than a few hours. It takes time for lead to leach into water, so the first water drawn from the tap in the morning or after a long period of non-use can contain higher levels of lead. Flushing clears standing water from your plumbing and home service line to ensure you are getting drinking water from the main, where lead is rarely present. Let the cold water run from the tap until it is noticeably colder (this may take up to two minutes or more) before using it for cooking or drinking. Remember, you must

flush EACH drinking water faucet after long periods of non-use for this strategy to be effective.

**CONSERVATION TIP:** Use flushed water for non-potable purposes such as watering plants or washing dishes. You can also store water from a tap that has been flushed in the refrigerator for later use.

- Use only cold water for cooking or drinking. Lead leaches more easily into hot water than cold water.
- Boiling water DOES NOT remove lead.
- Remove faucet strainers and rinse them to remove any debris. This can be done periodically to remove accumulated debris as well.

### **What is the Wauwatosa Water Utility doing to replace lead services?**

As a standard practice with our water main replacement projects the Wauwatosa Water Utility replaces old lead water service laterals with new copper materials from the water main to the curb stop.

### **Water Testing**

You can't see, smell or taste lead in your water. Testing at the tap is the only way to measure the lead levels in your home or workplace. If you choose to have your tap water tested, be sure to use a private laboratory properly certified by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Eurofins S-F Analytical Laboratories Inc.

2345 South 170<sup>th</sup> Street

New Berlin, WI 53151

Phone: (262) 754-5300

Northern Lakes Services, Inc.

2420 N. Grandview Blvd.

Waukesha, WI 53188

Phone: (262) 547-3406

State Lab of Hygiene

2601 Agriculture Drive

Madison, WI 53707

Phone: (800) 442-4618

### **Where can I get more information?**

EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791

National Lead Information Center: 1-800-LEAD-FYI

American Water Works Association:

- [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org)
- [www.drinktap.org/water-info/whats-in-my-water/lead-in-water](http://www.drinktap.org/water-info/whats-in-my-water/lead-in-water)