

City of Wauwatosa

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GENERAL ELECTION

The Fall General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th. This ballot contains the race for president as well as races for US Senate, US House of Representatives, and various state and county races. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voter Registration

- If you voted in Wauwatosa in the last election, and neither your name nor your Wauwatosa address has 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
- Register at the City Clerk's office through the Friday before an election; at the Wauwatosa Library up to 20 days before an election; by mail up to 20 days before an election; at the polls on Election Day.
- Register via the MyVote website, <https://myvote.wi.gov>
- All registrants must provide proof of residence.
- See www.wauwatosa.net/voterregistrationinfo for a list of acceptable proof of residence

Who Can Vote?

- US citizens
- At least 18 years of age on Election Day
- Resident of Wauwatosa for at least 10 consecutive days prior to the election

Where Do I Vote?

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

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Mayor's Corner

One of the *many* important responsibilities I have as your mayor is to prepare and present the annual executive budget to the Common Council for review and adoption. It's a lengthy and very thorough process that starts with individual departments creating budgets, review by the City Administrator, Finance Director and me over six days and reviewed and approved by Alderman over 4-5 weeks. There is a public hearing in November. You may attend or provide questions and comments to your Aldermen or me.

The estimated property taxes for 2017 will be an increase of 0.66%, or about \$11 for a home valued at \$220,000. Your municipal tax is about 30% of the total property tax bill that you receive at the end of each year. Other taxing entities included on your property tax bill are Milwaukee County, Metro Milwaukee Sewage District, Wauwatosa School District, and MATC.

School is back in session and construction is still underway in The Village. Please slow down and watch for pedestrians and cyclists and the kids walking and biking to school. If you have children, remind them of safety rules to keep themselves safe when biking or walking. Look for The Village to reopen to traffic in November, just in time for holiday shopping, with new road surfaces, new sidewalks and a new pedestrian-friendly plaza. Mark your calendars for the Holiday Train stop on December 6 and the December 9th Holiday Tree Lighting. There is so much to enjoy in Tosa in the fall. You'll find fun and adventure at a variety of events happening this fall, check out the City website for the latest information on what's happening at www.wauwatosa.net. Also, don't forget to vote on the November 8th.

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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. 24-25 and December 4, 11, 18, 23-25, 30, 31 and January 1.

Overdue, etc. 414-471-8484
 Telephone reference 414-471-8485
 Children’s services 414-471-8486
 Administration/Rm Reservations 414-471-8487
 E-mail: contact@wauwatosalibrary.org
 Website: www.wauwatosalibrary.org

For Children

Author/Illustrator Event with Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin September 30th @ 3:30 in Children's Story Room; Boswell Book Company will have copies available for purchase and signing.

Story Times are every other Tuesday @ 1:30 and Wednesday @ 9:30 & 11:00; October 11, 12, 25, 26, and November 8, 9, 22, 23, and December 13, 14, 27, 28

Rhyme Times are every other Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 9:30 & 10:30; October 4, 5, 18, 19, and November 1, 2 15, 16, and December 6, 7, 20, 21

Family Story Times are Thursday Nights @ 6:30 on October 6, 20, and November 3, and December 8

Telling Scary Tales Thursday, October 13 @ 6:30; learn a few scary tales just in time to tell over your next bon-fire, campout, or party. Program not recommended for any listener under the age of 9, or anyone who does not appreciate the traditional scary story. If you wish to tell a tale, please have the bones of your story written down prior to the program for review.

Elephant and Piggie Story Time Thursday, November 17 @ 6:30-7:15pm; Stories, activities and crafts; Ages 3 and up

For Adults

Fall Book Sale

Hundred of books, DVDs, and CDs for sale at very low prices. Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00 to 5:00 and Sunday, October 23rd from 1:00 to 4:00.

Local Author John Certalic will discuss his book *Them: The Richer Life Found in Caring for Others* on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 in the Firefly Room.

Adult Speaker Series

The Wauwatosa Health Department, in conjunction with the Wauwatosa Senior Commission and the Alzheimer’s Association, is hosting an adult speaker series in September and October regarding Alzheimer’s disease and its impact on families and members of the community. The series is free and open to the public from 5:30-7:30pm. Dates and topics are listed below:

- Tuesday, September 27, 2016: The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer’s disease
- Tuesday, October 4, 2016: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body
- Tuesday, October 11, 2016: Effective Communication Strategies
- Tuesday, October 18, 2016: Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

The September 27, October 4, and October 11 speakers will be in the Wauwatosa Library’s Firefly Room. The October 18 speaker will be in the Lower Civic Center at City Hall.



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.

Bats

Bats are a very important part of our ecosystem and we need them outside eating mosquitoes. It is not uncommon for bats to find their way into homes and apartments. Do not panic and avoid coming into direct contact with the bat. Do not try and kill the bat with a tennis racket or broom, bats are fragile and striking them may render them unable to be tested for rabies. Only 2-3% of wild bat population carry the rabies virus and the testing is done only when circumstances warrant.

The Wauwatosa Health Department cannot assist you in capturing bats. Suggested methods are to wear heavy leather gloves and capture the bats with a towel or blanket or cover it with a box or other container and slide a lid over the opening. There are several animal control contractors in the area to assist if you are not comfortable doing this yourself. Bats should then be taken to the Wisconsin Humane Society for rehabilitation or sample preparation. Please call the Wauwatosa Health Department Information and Referral Nurse Line (414-479-8939) if you come into contact with a bat or if you have one captured and are unsure of what to do. If you find a bat in your residence do not leave the door open and let it find its own way out. The Health Department may want to test the bat for rabies depending on the circumstances.

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 6 at 2:00 a.m. —Set clocks back one hour.

Flu Clinic Dates

The City of Wauwatosa Health Department will be holding two mass flu clinics this fall. Flu shots are \$30 payable by cash or check. The Health Department can **only** 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 while supplies last. 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.

Dates: Thursday, October 13, 2016 and Monday, October 24, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Wauwatosa City Hall Lower Civic Center

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 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.*



Absentee Voting

- In-person absentee voting will take place at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) the weeks of October 17th and October 24th
- October 29th from 9:00 a.m. – noon
- During the week of October 31st, from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and from 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday
- Ballots can also be requested via email and US mail; visit the city's website at www.wauwatosa.net/absenteevoting for more information
- If you receive an absentee ballot request form in the mail, you do not need to use it if you wish to vote in person on Election Day, or if you have already requested an absentee ballot. Campaigns and political organizations send out these materials; the City Clerk's office does not.

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 \$15 for attending training and \$120 for working the polls.

Contact the City Clerk's office at 479-8919 for more information, or to submit your contact information.

Holiday Refuse Pickup

- **Thanksgiving**, Thursday, November 24th. No collections.
- Friday, Nov. 25th – Pick up Thursday, Nov. 24th garbage and "A" recycling
- Saturday, Nov. 26th – Pick up Friday, Nov. 25th garbage and "A" recycling.

Fall Leaf Collection

The annual leaf pick-up program will begin **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016**. Leaves, weeds and garden plants may be raked into the curb during this time **until NOVEMBER 20TH**. If these items are raked into the curb after that date a charge for the removal of them will be assessed once the pick-up has been complete.

An option for recycling your leaves is to mulch them into your lawn. If you chose to rake them, here are some tips:

- Place leaves, weeds, and garden plants in the street as close to the curb as possible
- Take brush and branches to the Drop-off Center
- Keep storm water inlets free from leaves and debris
- Do not park over or near leaf piles to avoid car fires
- After November 20th leaves can be brought to the Public Works Drop-off Center Tues. or Sat. between 7:30am and 4:00pm with the valid permit.

You can track the progress of the leaf collection crews and receive notices regarding specific areas of pick-up at www.wauwatosa.net.