



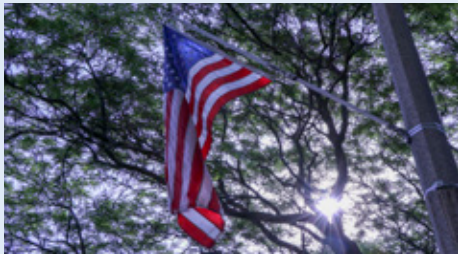
Wauwatosa

It's A Way Of Life

Summer 2018 Newsletter



The Biggest Parade in Wisconsin and Your Favorite Fireworks



Join us for 4th of July fun all day:

- 9 am Parade on North Avenue heading west
- 4 - 9 pm Rides, music at 6pm and fun at Hart Park
- 9:15 pm Fireworks start at Hart Park

Note that State Street from 68th to 72nd is westbound traffic only due to construction. There is still ADA-compliant access to Hart Park.

Be advised that certain areas within Hart Park will be closed to pedestrians for safety reasons. Go to www.wauwatosa.net for a map of parking, biking, and walking options to access the fireworks.

Public Spaces Growing Our Wauwatosa Roots

Two parks in the heart of the Village will be finished in July 2018. They happen to be located in the same area of the first permanent settlement in 1835. The parks are being reconfigured to include new benches, landscaping and some small play features for children that include musical instrument boards.

Root Common (pictured below) is a triangular green space located at the crossroads of Wauwatosa and Harwood Avenue. Soon, it will be a bustling public space, home to a new concert series and a welcoming reprieve to those who frequent the many businesses in the Village. The space will feature public benches, perennials bursting throughout the landscaping, and a small stage.

Pocket Park is just across the street - northeast and next to St. Bernard Parish. In this small park, you'll find the city's holiday tree, a prominent set of stairs against a striking stone wall, and mixed flowers for a pop of color.

"The re-designed parks will allow for a variety of activities within the Village. The flexibility and diversity of design within the parks ensure that the community is getting new spaces that enhance their experiences," said landscape architect Stephanie Wilson, PLA.



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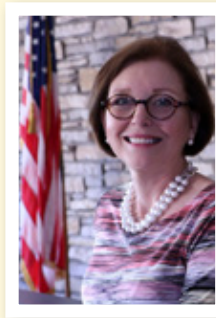
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MAYOR'S CORNER

Message from Mayor Kathleen Ehley

I can't wait to find my fun as Tosa comes alive this summer. Be sure to check what's new in our local parks: the playground at Webster Park on the northwest side; the 69th Street Plaza Park with a new concert series called Tosa Twilight Zone Music Series and the Hartwork Project art sculptures in Hart Park when you attend an outdoor concert or the 4th of July activities.

Warm weather also brings "construction season" to Tosa and the region. It's hard on everyone — our residents, businesses, and the traveling public. Please carefully watch for pedestrians and construction workers as you drive through construction zones. Have patience and obey all detour, speed limit, and stop signs, especially if you detour into a neighborhood. The closure of eastbound State Street continues with improvements to the old water and sewer pipes. Use extra caution attending events near Hart Park. Please use the temporary asphalt path to walk and bike safely in the area.

Enjoy Tosa this summer and be safe!

Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste

What are the different containers and when are they collected?

Garbage: Garbage carts have black lids and are collected weekly on your assigned collection day.

Recycling: Recycling carts have yellow lids and are collected every other week on your assigned collection day.

Yard waste: You can purchase a cart or garbage container from a local retailer. All yard waste carts should have "Yard Waste" clearly marked on the them. Yard waste is picked up on your assigned collection day on weeks that recycling is not collected.

Make sure that your carts are in your driveway apron, near an alley edge, or on your lawn.

When is my garbage being collected?

There is a helpful tool called My Wauwatosa on the homepage of www.wauwatosa.net. Simply type in your address, and your collection days will appear.





* **An Important Change to Your Water Bill**

The Water Utility and Treasurer offices now use a banking service that makes the water payment completely electronic. The time it takes your payment to reach the City may be reduced by 2 to 3 business days. When making a payment, ensure that the Payee field is Wauwatosa, and double check that your account number is accurate.

* **What We're Doing to Keep Families Safe: Lead in Water and Paint**

We are committed to reducing the percentage of children with elevated blood lead levels. In fact, this is a strategic goal in our 2018-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan. In 2017, we had 0.33% of total children in Wauwatosa under the age of 5 with confirmed elevated blood lead levels. This percentage is 50% less than in 2014. It is also significantly less than the state average (5%). Go to www.wauwatosa.net to read more about what we're doing to address this issue in Wauwatosa.

* **Hartwork Project**

Come see which sculptures captured Tosa's imagination through the [Hartwork Project](#). This new annual event will feature works from three local artists on display in Hart Park throughout the summer months. The winning pieces of art, selected by the people of Tosa and surrounding areas, reflect what's great about our community and compliment Hart Park's beautiful landscapes and facilities. This program is funded through hotel/motel tax revenue, not property taxes.



* **Tosa Green Summer**

We're pairing up with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District (MMSD) to pledge our commitment to green infrastructure and keeping our water safe. MMSD is giving away free rain barrels, a handful of rain gardens, and more than 50,000 square feet of soil amendments that make lawns much more absorbent.

* **69th Street Pedestrian Plaza Opening**

We welcomed neighbors, elected officials, and guests from the Library and K9 Police Unit to officially open the Pedestrian Plaza. This new park space at 69th and North Avenue has picnic tables, canopy shade, and giant chairs made for tourists' selfies. It's location in East Tosa is central to many businesses and restaurants.



Vote in the Partisan Primary

Mark your calendars for the August 14 Partisan Primary. The Partisan Primary is a nominating process where your vote expresses which of the party's candidates you recommend for placement on the ballot for the November 6 general election. Remember to vote for the candidates in one party only.

- Polls will be open on August 14 from 7 am – 8 pm. Visit myvote.wi.gov to find your voting location.
- Remember to bring along photo ID.
- In-person absentee voting at the City Clerk's office will take place during regular business hours (8 am – 4:30 pm) the weeks of July 30 and August 6.
- If you need to register to vote because you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, visit myvote.wi.gov to register online.

Call the City Clerk's office at (414) 479-8921 with questions.

Rats: Q&A with the Health Department

How do I know if I have rats on my property?

Keep an eye out for burrows, droppings, holes, and/or runways.

I saw a rat in my home/yard. What should I do?

The best way to get rid of rats on your property is with trapping and/or baiting the rats. If you notice any evidence of rodent activity on your property, contact a professional exterminator to properly eradicate the issue.

How can I prevent rats from becoming a problem on my property?

To control rats you must remove everything they need to survive:

* Food & Water

Eliminate all food and water sources. Bag garbage and put in tightly covered containers. Store pet food and bird seed in a metal container and off the ground. Monitor compost piles.

* Shelter

Prevent burrows by keeping plants and bushes trimmed and neat. Cover exposed dirt with gravel. Seal cracks or holes in your home and garage. Don't allow debris to accumulate on your property.



Do rats carry any diseases?

The rats that live in Wauwatosa are Norway rats. They don't typically spread diseases to humans. If you find a dead rat in your yard, use gloves or a plastic bag to pick it up and throw it away. While rat bites are extremely rare, you should consult your doctor if you are bitten by a rat.



#TosaLife

Photo Contest

Summertime in Tosa means outdoor concerts, neighborhood block parties, farmers market, and more. We invite photographers of all ages to submit their photos in the second annual Tosa Life Photo Contest.

The #TosaLife photo contest runs through August 31. To submit a photo, visit www.tosaphotos.com. Photos must be taken within the City of Wauwatosa limits and must be your original work.

There are prizes, too. Thanks to Firefly Real Estate, Tosa swag bags (valued at \$100) with restaurant gift cards and items from local businesses will be presented to winners in four categories:

- Cityscapes
- Community Engagement and special events
- Environment
- Popular vote (the photo that gets the most votes on the website)

After you submit your photo(s), share the contest, and encourage your friends and family to vote for their favorites. The voting period is August 1-31.

CITY OF WAUWATOSA Construction & Development News



2018 Road Construction

Underwood and Woodland Avenues

We will be finishing utility and street reconstruction on Underwood and Woodland Avenues by Thanksgiving 2018, weather-dependent. The new storm pipes are two to three times wider in diameter and will replace old infrastructure that was installed between 1901 and 1922. The roadway will be reconstructed, and sidewalks, curbs, and street trees will be replaced as necessary.



2018 Village Reconstruction

State Street from 68th Street to 74th Street

Construction on State Street involves replacing 100-year old infrastructure, reconstructing the road, adding a sidewalk on the south side of the street, and adding new lights and streetscaping.

In September, two-way traffic on State Street will reopen while crews continue to reconstruct the road.

We anticipate completing work on State Street and Hart Park Lane, the Harwood Pedestrian Bridge, and a new walkway plus fence on the south side of the street by Thanksgiving 2018.



6330 W North Avenue

Development being considered

Milwaukee County acquired the property at 6330 W North Avenue in East Tosa pursuant to a tax lien foreclosure in 2014. The property has since remained vacant.

Working in partnership with Milwaukee County, the City of Wauwatosa's Community Development Authority (CDA) executed an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the property transfer of 6330 W North Avenue to the CDA.

The CDA has issued an RFP for this property. Proposals for what should be done with the property are due on August 9, 2018. Follow www.wauwatosa.net for updates.



Stay Informed!

Log on to www.wauwatosa.net for more information.



Save the Date!

June - August * 6 pm
Tosa Tonight Concert Series at
Hart Park on Wednesdays

July 14 * 9 am
Walk Run Wag for MADACC

July 14 - 21
MidTown Tosa Week

July 21 * 10 am
MidTown Madness 5K Run
for Wellness

August 1 * 4 - 8 pm
Tosa's Night Out

August 4 - 5
Firefly Art Fair

August 6
Chamber of Commerce
Annual Golf Outing

August 29 - September 2
Harley-Davidson 115th
Anniversary

September 7 - 8
Tosafest

September 9 * 10 am
Starving Artists Show at
Mount Mary University

Walk it, bike it, drive it

Safety Tips for All

We are proud to be a community that is walkable, bikeable, and drivable. Our Police Department regularly patrols on bikes, motorcycles, and in their regular vehicles. Here are a handful of basic safety tips, so we can all be safe on our roads.

For pedestrians:

- Always use the sidewalk if available
- Observe and be mindful of activities happening around you
- Look left, right and left again before crossing a street

For bicyclists:

- Wear a helmet and know your bike signals
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic and use the right-hand side of the road
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and lane markings and yield to traffic when appropriate, including pedestrians

For vehicles:

- Treat bicyclists as slow moving cars: do not tailgate them and wait until traffic conditions allow you to pass safely
- Stop for pedestrians in designated crosswalks
- Do not park or block crosswalks

➔ Ways to Engage


ONLINE: Visit us at www.wauwatosa.net

IN PERSON: Visit us Monday-Friday, from 8 am - 4:30 pm at City Hall
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