# TOSA WATCH

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TOSA WATCH provides useful information for citizens who participate in the Wauwatosa Block Watch Program. Reader comments and contributions are welcome.

# Tosa's Night Out 2018 "Lighting the Way to a Better Community"

Tosa's Night out is only about one month away! The Wauwatosa Neighborhood Watch Committee and the Wauwatosa Police Department have been working hard to make this another great event. Tosa's Night Out will be Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> this year. The event will once again be at the Milwaukee County Zoo. There will be food, fun and other giveaways. The night will be capped by the ever popular flashlight walk through the zoo!

Leading up to Tosa's Night Out we'll have two options in addition to the Night Out at the Zoo on August 1st. On Tuesday, July 24th, the Police Department, in coordination with the WNWC, will host school events throughout the city. These are great local events where you can have a chance to meet some of the officers that serve and protect your neighborhoods. This year's "Night Out in Your Neighborhood" school events will take place at the following elementary schools: Madison, Roosevelt, Underwood and Wilson Elementary Schools. Another option is that we will stop by each block party in our city during the weekend of July 28th & July 29th. We will have McGruff, squad cars and we'll try to have our motorcycles and K9s as well. If you're looking at having a block party, that weekend would be a great option. Don't

forget to fill out your block party application at www.wauwatosa.net.



Lighting The Way To A Better Community.

### **Calendar of Events**

- Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> Night Out in Your Neighborhood
- Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> Block Parties
- Wednesday, August 1st Tosa's Night Out at the Zoo

Don't forget – if you'd like to be a part of Night Out at the Zoo you must preregister. All patrons over the age of two must have an admission ticket to enter the zoo. There won't be any on-site registration the day of the event. Please register online at www.tosasnightout.org or stop by the Little Read Book on State Street. Your registration will include admission to the zoo, free parking, a 2018 Night Out t-shirt, unlimited access to the zoo train, carousel, sea lion show and dinosaur exhibit. Registration is open and if you live in Wauwatosa we'll even deliver the shirts and tickets right to your house!

# Recycling Event 2018

Tosa Green Summit will host a recycling drive on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Wauwatosa City Hall parking lot.

8:00am – 1:00pm the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers will provide "Shred-It" and Electronic Recycling, while Tosa United and the Wauwatosa Health Department will dispose of any unused, expired or unneeded medication you have.

**9:00am – 2:00pm** MMSD will be on hand to collect Household Hazardous Waste.

**10:00am – 1:00pm** is the Tosa Green Summit Exhibitor Fair in the lower Civic Center.

Not all plans for this event have been confirmed, so please check in at <a href="https://www.tosacrimestoppers.com">www.tosacrimestoppers.com</a> for updated information.



**Home Security Survey** 

The Community Support Division offers **free** home security surveys. A specially-trained police officer will come to a residence or business free of charge and check for security strengths and weaknesses. Areas including lighting, landscaping, and locks will be addressed. For questions or to schedule an appointment, call the community Support Division at 471-8430.

# **CodeRED**

CodeRED is a high-speed notification system. Based in part on an existing reverse 911 database, the system also gives individuals and businesses the ability to add additional phone number(s) directly into the system. CodeRED is a geographically based rapid notification system, so, physical Wauwatosa street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. Wauwatosa's Police, Fire, Health, and Public Works Departments are allowed to communicate time sensitive personalized messages via voice, email, and text in a quick manner.

The Wauwatosa Police Department utilized the CodeRED system on Saturday, June 9, 2018 for a missing autistic juvenile, the system worked great. We had wonderful response from many in the community that offered to assist in the search process, the juvenile was found safe and returned home. Chances are that you won't hear from us often, but when you do, please note that the system is only used in emergency situations.

Thank you for helping out and if you'd like to register for the notification system click on Public Safety at the home page of the City website, <a href="www.wauwatosa.net">www.wauwatosa.net</a>, then click on the words CodeRed and then <a href="Sign-up">Sign-up</a>, you will be directed to the registration page of CodeRED. It's that easy, no internet, no problem, call Laura Laurishke at 414-471-8430 with the Wauwatosa Police Department for assistance.

# We've Got You Covered

The warm weather has arrived; along with it comes the opportunity, or in some cases the need to do some work outdoors. As such, many Wauwatosa residents will be running between their homes, garages and garden sheds. Please be aware of the fact that it doesn't take someone long to remove items from any of these places. Think about the physical location of each of these structures, and then think about all the blind spots that are created when you may be moving about or occupied with a specific task. Is it possible that someone may be able to enter your garage undetected while you are mowing your front lawn? If you are inside your shed or garage are you able to observe all the entry points to your home? These are only two of many questions to consider but I think the point is made.

Too often people have been the victims of theft or burglary while busy maintaining their property. The safe way to conduct business is to keep doors to these structures locked while you are away from them. It may seem like extra work to secure windows and doors if we are out of the line of sight, but if we take away the criminal's opportunities then we prevent a crime.

This same concept should be applied when moving items to and from your vehicle. There have been past incidents of theft while one is in the process of loading or unloading a vehicle.

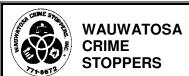
As always, we ask that you continue to be alert to suspicious or abnormal activities in your neighborhood. If anything suspicious is observed, it should be reported to the police department immediately.

### **THANK YOU**

for your support with the Crime Stoppers Pancake Breakfast. We couldn't have done it without you!

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Specialist II Mike McDermott
Officer Dan Kane
School Officer Joel Kutz
School Officer Tracy Burbach
School Officer Farris Griffin
School Officer Jim Morrill
Administrative Support Specialist Laura Laurishke

# **Tosa Tonight Concert Series**

Free, family-friendly concerts in the heart of Wauwatosa. Join your community for another summer of Tosa Tonight performances at the beautiful Rotary Performance Pavilion! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends and of course an appetite and thirst! Your food and beverage purchases directly raise money for the on-going non-profit operation of the Rotary Park Pavilion and future Tosa Tonight concerts.

## Tuesday, July 4

Wauwatosa Civic Celebration present
Chicago Rewired, with the Radio Rosies
Fireworks to follow

Wednesday, July 11

Meijer presents

Trapper Schoepp

Wednesday, July 25

Miller Lite presents

Motherfolk, with Well-Known Strangers

Wednesday, August 8
American Transmission Company presents
The Skylight Music Theatre, with Peter Mulvey

Wednesday, August 15
Milwaukee Irish Fest Foundation presents
Shreem & Jiggy

<u>Wednesday, August 29</u> 88Nine Radio Milwaukee presents Mike Mangione & the Kin, with Caley Conway

Opening act starts at 6:00pm, main act at 7:30pm. Concerts are held at the Rotary Performance Pavilion at 68th and State St. rain or shine, but may be cancelled due to lightning or severe weather.

# Coming Soon! Wauwatosa Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a banding program that utilizes radio frequency to search for and rescue individual that wander. People that qualify for the program are those that suffer from cognitive disabilities such as Alzheimer's, Autism, Dementia and Down syndrome. To learn more please contact Laura Laurishke at llaurishke@wauwatosa.net or Officer Dan Kane at dkane@wauwatosa.net.

Watch for more information in the coming months.

# Block Party Banners

## NOW AVAILABLE! Block Party Street Banners

- Easily attaches to street barricades or garbage carts.
- Prevents traffic flow during a block party.
- Advertises the block party with a 2½ x 10 banner.

Reserve your banners now...there are 16 sets available for distribution. Just check the box at the bottom of the block party application to reserve a set for your party, and remember there is a \$25.00 deposit that will be returned when the banners have been returned. If you have questions, call Maija Ptaszek at 471-8430, ext. 5129. Banners are available for pickup at the Police Department on the Friday prior to a block party. Please return by the following Monday so the banners can be re-distributed.

## **TOSA FEST 2018**

After 42 years in the downtown village area Tosafest will be moving its activities 6 blocks east to the Rotary Park Ampitheater and Hart Park.
Hope to see you there!

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 6p – 11:30p Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 11a – 11:30p

Have a fun and safe Summer!

# Please, Slow Down

You may not know this, but the Wauwatosa Police Department receives multiple calls a week to report excessive speeds in one's neighborhood.

Now that summer is upon us, it's a great time to give everyone a reminder that kids aren't in school anymore and are most likely outside playing. While no one wants to be involved in a personal injury accident, the time is right for just that to happen. Keep in mind the following information when you start your day.

- ➤ Kids don't always practice caution while playing outside.
- Watch for pedestrians, give them the opportunity of safe passage.
- > Teach your children to use crosswalks.
- ➤ Put your phones down! If you really feel the need to be texting, which is illegal while driving in Wisconsin, pull over.
- As your speed increases so does the distance needed to stop.

To report problems in your area, contact Officer Mike McDermott to be put on a list for a speed sign for your area, he can be reached at 471-8430 ext. 5113 or mmcdermott@wauwatosa.net.

Split decisions can be avoided. Let's all get to where we're going safely and keep our kids, bicyclists, and pedestrians injury free.

# What's Going On?

Curious citizens often ask questions of officers on patrol. As part of our dedication to community / police partnerships, questions are always encouraged and often easily answered.

One type of question officers are routinely asked revolve around "what happened" or "what were all those police cars doing." Due to call volume, officers may or may not always know about a specific incident, especially if the incident was minor. Furthermore, if an investigation is ongoing, involves juvenile suspects or victims, or is not considered an open record, officers are prohibited from disclosing the facts of an incident.

Callers to our department wonder why we don't inform citizens about recent crimes and incidents of public concern. The fact is - we do. The Community Support Division remains active in disseminating information to all individuals who make inquiries. The very publication you are reading, the *Tosa Watch* newsletter, also addresses current crime trends and happenings. We also work with individual block watches and neighborhood associations when they request information for distribution.

Another great way to find out what's happening is to visit our crime mapping site at www.crimereports.com, type in Wauwatosa, WI and hit enter. This interactive site is very informative and if you have additional questions you can call the Community Support Division at 471-8430 ext. 5111. Please note that there is a 24 hour lag time for information posting.

# Wednesday – August 1, 2018

4:00pm to 8:00pm (Rain or Shine)

**Major Sponsor:** 

## **Registration Locations**



Little Read Book Store 7603 W. State Street / 774-2665



### TNO 2018 Event Highlights at the Milwaukee County Zoo

**4:00 – 8:00 PM**: Family activities including: health and safety displays, live music, coloring contest, family flashlight walk and full access to the zoo grounds and more!!!

Paid registrations include admission to the zoo and free parking.
All attendees over the age of two must register for this event

For safety reasons, the following are prohibited from TNO: animals, skates, rollerblades, skateboards and bikes.

Visit us at: www.tosasnightout.org to register online

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# Tosa's Night Out Registration Form Wednesday – August 1, 2018 4:00 – 8:00 PM

INCLUDES COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT, SPONSORED ITEMS AND ADMISSION TO THE ZOO!!

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Consent and Liability Waiver (PLEASE READ): I attest and verify that the above named adults/children may participate in this event. consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself and family members listed, waive and release a and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Wauwatosa, and their affiliates, agents, servants, employees, assigns, successors, and heirs and any other sponsors and / or participating groups and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in this even I also understand that electronic images of the above named adult(s) / children may be captured and used for promotional purposes while attending TNO.							
Signature of Entrant / Parent / Legal Guardian:					Date		
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# Tosa's Night Out

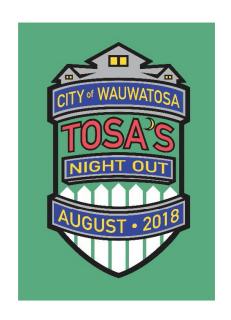
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# Milwaukee County Zoo

4:00 PM Event Kickoff

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