



# Wauwatosa

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Summer 2019 Newsletter



## Fourth of July Parade, Music, and Fireworks

Wauwatosa hosts one of the state's biggest parades in the morning and then celebrates the holiday with music and fireworks in Hart Park at night.

**Parade:** 9 am (Proceeds west on North Avenue from 80th - 104th St). Claim your viewing spot starting at 6 am. Bring your decorated bikes. Some parade floats give out candy.

**Inflatable rides, live music, food and drink concessions:** 4 - 9 pm. The live music is at the Rotary Stage.

**Fireworks:** 9:30 pm in Hart Park. The best pedestrian access points are on State St. off of 68th, 70th, and 72nd St.

## Ca'Lucchenzo Receives Grant Funds from City

Grants available through the City of Wauwatosa's Community Development Authority made it possible for Ca'Lucchenzo to install a custom exterior sign and make various code compliance improvements to their kitchen and office areas.

"No one wants to spend money on unglamorous things, but they are important to the long-term health of the building and business. We're in it for the long haul," says co-owner Sarah Baker. She and her husband opened the new Italian restaurant in East Tosa in May 2019.

"Everything is hand selected here. Every ingredient and bottle of wine," says Baker. The exterior custom sign reflects the experience you get inside.

They also received funding for code compliance improvements, including a new exhaust fan, panel for a kitchen hood, and moving an electrical panel.



Businesses in Wauwatosa can apply for funding throughout the year. The Community Development Authority meets monthly to consider complete applications submitted to the Economic Development Division. View program information, applications, and eligibility requirements: [wauwatosa.net/bfo](http://wauwatosa.net/bfo)



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## Mayor's Corner

### Message from Mayor Kathleen Ehley

On June 10, 2019, I was proud to read a proclamation celebrating the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin being the first state to vote to ratify the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. It took another year to get the needed 36 states to vote for ratification, the result of efforts of many different women's rights groups working since 1846. We should never take this right and responsibility for granted.

Join me this summer as I walk in the City's Fitness Challenge. We meet on Wednesdays on the west end of City Hall's parking lot by the planters. Time of day varies, so please check the Fitness Challenge page on the City's website for the schedule: [wauwatosa.net/fitnesschallenge](http://wauwatosa.net/fitnesschallenge)

Tosa comes alive in summer with outdoor concerts, Farmer's Markets, festivals, and neighborhood block parties. Fourth of July brings the parade, family fun, and fireworks. As you enjoy the summer, please be careful in construction zones. Use caution and obey all detours, speed limits, and stop signs. Let's get out, get moving, and be safe.

## The Best Placement of Garbage Cans

Place your garbage cans in the apron of your driveway or a few feet away from your garage in an alley. This helps us because no cars are blocking your containers when it's collection day.

Our drivers use trucks that have automatic lifters (see photo on right). They need to be able to access your containers, position the lifting mechanism around the container, and empty them into the truck.

You can find your collection schedule by typing in your address into the MyWauwatosa portal on the homepage of [wauwatosa.net](http://wauwatosa.net).

Did we miss a pick up? Fill out an online form at [wauwatosa.net](http://wauwatosa.net) or give us a call: (414) 471-8422.







# CITY OF WAUWATOSA News in Brief



## \* **Where Do I Put My Grass Clippings?**

Grass clippings are not allowed at the Wauwatosa Drop Off Center or in the curbside yard waste collection. You can 1) use a mulching mower and keep the clippings on the lawn for a soil enhancer, 2) collect and spread the clippings in gardens or flower beds to act as mulch, 3) compost in piles or bin, or 4) use the services of a commercial landscaper to manage grass clippings.

## \* **New Crossing Guard Company**

Wauwatosa hired a new crossing guard provider for the 2019-2020 school year. All City Management Services will be responsible for hiring, training, supervising and equipping crossing guards at all designated locations. If you're interested in serving as a crossing guard, please call All City Management Services: (269) 267-9672.

## \* **Drop Off Center Extended Summer Hours**

Wauwatosa residents can use the Drop Off Center (11100 W. Walnut Road) for \$5 per visit to throw away or recycle a variety of items. It's open 7:30 am - 7 pm on Tuesdays and 7:30 am - 4 pm on Saturdays throughout summer. We accept recyclable items, bricks, mattresses, furniture, yard waste, and more. There are additional fees for some items such as appliances, TVs, or tires. More information at [wauwatosa.net/publicworks](http://wauwatosa.net/publicworks) or call (414) 471-8422.

## \* **Expect a Change of Assessment Letter**

This is a revaluation year, so property owners will receive a change of assessment letter in mid August 2019. All property owners will receive this letter, even if the property assessment hasn't changed. You can review property information online and call the Wauwatosa Assessor's Office (414) 479-8969 with questions.

## \* **Medical Sharps Collection**

We offer a safe and lawful way to dispose of medical sharps and keep needles out of the trash. Those who live or work in Wauwatosa can drop off sharps at the [Wauwatosa Health Department](#) inside City Hall, 7725 W North Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm. We have received over 200 lbs. of medical sharps since the launch of this program in January 2019.



# Responsible Pet Ownership

Owning a pet is a commitment. Pet ownership should be a mutually beneficial relationship however, this type of commitment comes with responsibilities all pet owners should be aware of. Here are some helpful tips to make sure you are being the most responsible pet owner you can be:

- Provide an appropriate and safe environment for you animal. This means ensuring adequate food, water, shelter, providing compassion, and healthcare
- Making sure your pet is properly identified
- Care for no more than a total of three cats and/or dogs
- Adhere to the Wauwatosa code of ordinances which states that all pets must be registered with the city
- Per city law, leash, pen, or electronic fence your pet to your property.
- Clean up after your animals waste when on public property or someone else's property. It is a city ordinance to clean up after your animal. Certain diseases can be transmitted through pet waste through human contact with the soil. Children who play outside and those who garden or work in landscaping are most at risk.
- Socialize and train your animal to ensure the well-being of both the animal, other animals, and people.

By following these tips, you can not only help grow and foster the relationship you have with your pet, but ensure the safety of those around you as well.



## #TosaLife Photo Contest

Photographers of all ages can submit their photos in the third annual Tosa Life Photo Contest.

The photo contest runs through August 28. (Voting period is August 1-28.) To submit a photo, visit [tosaphotos.com](http://tosaphotos.com). Photos must be taken within the City of Wauwatosa limits and must be your original work.

Prizes will be awarded for four categories: cityscapes, community engagement, environment, and popular vote.

# Artists and Murals Selected for East Tosa

The Wauwatosa Tourism Commission selected a mix of local, regional and international artists to install six murals in East Tosa. The goal of the mural program is to drive visitors to Wauwatosa and enhance the surrounding business community.

The murals will be near one another on exterior walls of businesses between 69th and 68th Streets on North Avenue. Participating businesses agreed to allow the murals to be displayed for at least five years.

### Mural locations:

- Voline Garage Central (a full building wrap)
- Cranky Al's (east-facing wall)
- The Nobleman barber shop (west-facing wall)
- Bel Air Cantina (east-facing wall)
- Tosa Yoga (west-facing wall)
- Heartland Information Research

Artists will have approximately two weeks to complete the work which is tentatively scheduled July 15-30. This project is a tourism initiative funded through hotel/motel tax revenue, not property tax dollars.



*Christina Thomas of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin will be painting a mural on the Heartland Information Services building*



# CITY OF WAUWATOSA Construction & Development News



## Swan Park Neighborhood Construction

We are replacing aged water and sewer infrastructure and reconstructing roads within the Swan Park Neighborhood. The utilities in this neighborhood were originally installed between 1930 and 1950 and are nearing the end of their useful life.

You can follow construction updates and sign up for email updates at [wauwatosa.net/swanpark](http://wauwatosa.net/swanpark)



## Swan Blvd and Roundabout Construction

The Department of Transportation will be repaving Swan Blvd I-41 to the bridge over MMSD's detention basins. In addition to repaving, they are constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Swan Blvd and Discovery Parkway and adding multiuse trails on either side of Swan Blvd. These improvements are part of traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures.

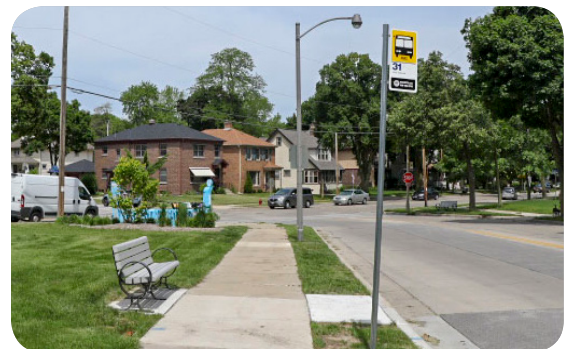
To safely construct the new roundabout, Swan Boulevard and Discovery Parkway will be closed to traffic within the work zone until Fall 2019.



## Improvements to Bus Stops

Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) estimates that over 9,000 people use Wauwatosa bus stops on a normal work day. In 2018, we installed 18 new bus stop benches and 5 concrete bus stop pads. In 2019, we will install concrete pads for ADA accessibility and new benches at various locations.

Our engineers are currently working with MCTS on the locations for these improvements in 2019. These improvements may lead to increased ridership and reduced numbers of cars on the road.



## Sign up for Construction News

Do you want to stay connected with what is going on in Wauwatosa? We offer several options for email lists. Log on to [wauwatosa.net/construction](http://wauwatosa.net/construction) for more information.



# Save the Date!

June - October \*  
Saturdays, 8am - 12pm  
Tosa Farmers Market

July 11 \* 6 pm  
Root Series Concert at Root  
Common Park

July 16 \* 8 - 10 pm  
Tosa Full Moon Bicycle Ride

July 20 \* 8:30 am - 12 pm  
Midtown 5K and Madness  
Festival

July 27 \* 7:15 - 9 pm  
Outdoor Family Movie Night  
at Hart Park

July 31 \* 4 - 8 pm  
Tosa's Night Out at the  
Milwaukee County Zoo

August 3 \* 10 am - 4 pm  
Firefly Art Fair

September 6 & 7 \* 6:30 pm  
Tosafest in the Village

September 21 \* 12 - 8 pm  
Village Harvest Fest  
on State St.

## Property Tax Bill: A Look Ahead

There are a few factors that might influence your property tax bill. Here's what you need to know about 2019 taxes:

### Property Taxes City-Wide Property Reassessment

In 2019, the City of Wauwatosa Assessor's Office will complete a revaluation. This is a complete and thorough city-wide review of all property assessments. The Assessor's Office will make value adjustments where necessary to guarantee that all property is assessed at market value. This ensures that taxes are distributed equitably.

All property owners will receive a change of assessment letter in mid August 2019, even if the property assessment hasn't changed. You can review property information online and call the Wauwatosa Assessor's Office (414) 479-8969 with questions.

### School District Referendum Tax Impact

Additionally, you will see a line item on your property tax bill highlighting the amount you are paying specifically for the School District's facilities referendum approved in November of 2018.

The approved referendum raises the school district's portion of the mill rate by \$1.87 over the current rate. As a result, Wauwatosa property owners will pay \$187 more per \$100,000 of equalized property value on their 2019 property bills. However, future years are projected to be below that amount as the school district was able to reduce the tax impact to an estimated average annual cost of \$1.48 per \$1,000 of property value over the 20-year repayment term.

### Tips to Prepare

- The referendum tax impact will first be noted on your December 2019 tax bill.
- With the changes to your tax bill, now is also a good time to make any necessary adjustments to your escrow account, if you utilize one for payments.



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## ➔ Ways to Engage

ONLINE: Visit us at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://www.wauwatosa.net)

IN PERSON: Visit us Monday-Friday, from 8 am - 4:30 pm at City Hall  
7725 W. North Avenue | Wauwatosa, WI 53213

BY PHONE: Call us at (414) 479-8900

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