



Wauwatosa

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Fall 2019 Newsletter



Fall Leaf Collection

We pick up leaves and soft plant material (including pumpkins) at the curb for all residential properties in Wauwatosa.

You may begin raking leaves out to the street as early as Monday, October 14, 2019. You may continue to rake leaves out to the street until Sunday, November 17, 2019.

Sometimes we extend the final rake out date if weather permits. We would share this on our website and on social media.

During leaf collection we make three passes through the City with one final collection occurring after the final rake out deadline.

You can see your scheduled leaf collection by searching for "fall leaf collection" on wauwatosa.net.

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How Do I Follow City Agenda Items?

There are about 48,000 residents in Wauwatosa, and we value your participation on topics affecting our community. To facilitate discussion of city agenda items, we have 30 citizen committees and four standing council committees. They meet regularly and make recommendations to the Common Council on a variety of topics that may be of interest to you.

Generally, when policy changes happen, a committee discusses the item and makes a recommendation to the Common Council. Then, the council has the opportunity to discuss and make potential motions.

Throughout this process, there are numerous ways to participate in the conversation:

1. To follow what's important to you, visit the Meeting Portal website (wauwatosa.net/MeetingPortal) where you can sign up for email alerts for specific meetings.
2. Follow [@wauwatosawi](https://twitter.com/wauwatosawi) on social media where each Monday we post a preview of the agendas. Comment, share, and ask questions.
3. Watch a meeting online or attend one in person. Notice that there are procedures about how a city meeting is run: when someone talks, how much time is allotted for individuals during public hearings, and how a motion is made. If you have questions about these procedures, ask a staff member in attendance.
4. Do you see an item on agenda and want to share an opinion? Send it to your elected official or a city staff member. Find their contact information at wauwatosa.net.



The Common Council appointed Melanie Kollmansberger as the new city clerk in July 2019.

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Mayor's Corner

Message from Mayor Kathleen Ehley

I love the transition of seasons. It's a time I reflect on the past few months, the challenges ahead and remember why I'm grateful. I'm grateful for the support I get from family, friends and my community which really helps with the challenges. I'm also very grateful to live in a community that has so much to offer.

The efficient, cost-effective and desired services we have in Wauwatosa can easily be taken for granted because all are managed well by our dedicated staff always seeking ways to improve within the budget.

In this issue, you'll read about many of those services. Remember that behind each item are real people. We get calls from residents when there is a problem or concern and make every effort to help resolve it. That's our responsibility. But when we get the calls or comments of thanks; or great job; or we appreciate what you are doing; it's like the wind beneath our wings and always appreciated.

Enjoy the fall season.

Renting Your Home on Airbnb or Other Websites

In 2020, Milwaukee will be the home base for the Democratic National Convention, and the Ryder Cup will be held an hour away at the Whistling Straits Golf Course.

We anticipate that Wauwatosa hotels will be booked during these events, and some residents may want to rent their homes as well.

Home owners may rent a room of their house or their entire house for short periods of time. Similar to hotels, people who rent from homeowners owe a room tax.

The room tax is 7% of gross receipts of the renting of a sleeping room at a hotel, motel, inn and residential dwelling lodging, and other short-term lodging rentals such as Airbnb, Home Away and VRBO. Most homeowners simply include the room tax in the listing, so the lodger is aware of the tax.

Search for "["room tax" on wauwatosa.net](https://www.wauwatosa.net) to download the form to report any short term rentals at your residence.





CITY OF WAUWATOSA News in Brief



* Flu Shot Clinics at City Hall

The Wauwatosa Health Department Flu Clinics are October 10, 3 - 5 pm and November 14, 3 - 5 pm. Children 18 years and younger are FREE (while supplies last) and adults are \$30 (cash or check). All clinics take place in the Lower Civic Center at City Hall. For questions, contact the Health Department at (414) 479-8936.

* Potential Properties for the National Register of Historic Places

The City of Wauwatosa Historic Preservation Commission is conducting phase 3 of a city-wide survey to identify properties of architectural and historical significance in the area. [View the properties](#) that are potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in areas previously surveyed in Wauwatosa. Funding for the surveys were provided entirely by a Certified Local Government Subgrant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior and administered by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

* Trick-or-Treat Times

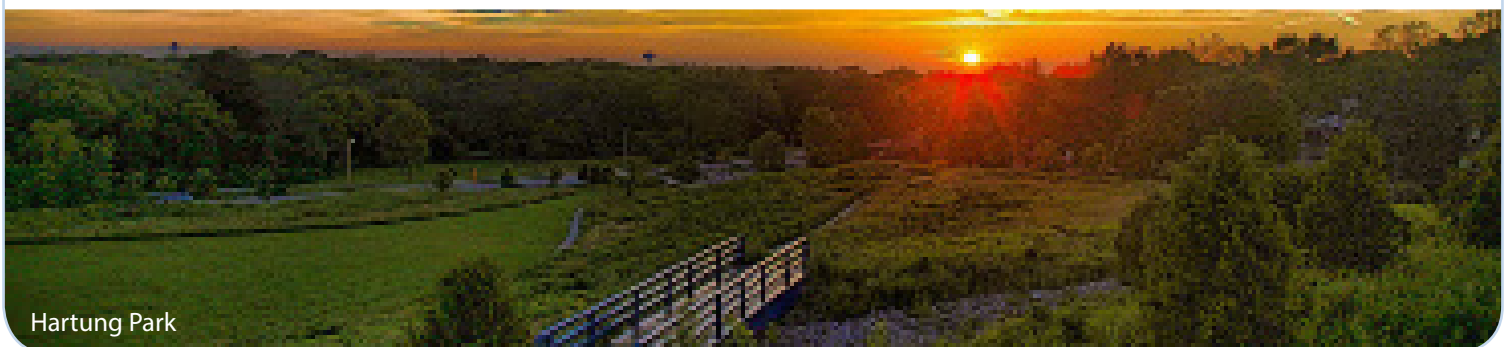
Trick-or-Treat, named by the City of Wauwatosa, is Sunday, October 27, 1 - 4 pm, 2019. We find that the popularity of that time is highly dependent on your neighborhood. Some neighborhood associations prefer to host their own Trick or Treat at night, and perhaps even on Halloween. Contact your neighborhood association (wauwatosanac.org) to learn more.

* Electric Scooters in Wauwatosa

Electric scooters are allowed on Wauwatosa city streets under a new local law. Under the law, scooters are treated like other electric mobility devices - similar to bicycles. Electric scooters can be ridden on the streets and bike lanes in Wauwatosa, but not on sidewalks. You can ride scooters on multiuse pathways, such as the one adjacent to the Menomonee River Parkway. Wauwatosa does not currently have an agreement with a scooter company, so no scooters are dropped within city limits. Search "[electric scooters](#)" on wauwatosa.net for more information.

* TosaPhotos.com Contest

We received over 160 photos in the annual #TosaLife photo contest. Congratulations to Sheryl Ross' "Hanging out in the Village," Shane Fell's "4th of July in Tosa Under a Crescent Moon" and Jessica Pate's "Rose-pup at sunset on the Menomonee" for being this year's winning photos. See all of the photos at TosaPhotos.com.



Hartung Park

Resident Survey Results

The city selected ETC Institute, one of the nation's leading local government research firms, to conduct a resident survey in Summer 2019. They have conducted scientifically-valid surveys for hundreds of cities and counties nationwide, including one for Wauwatosa in 2016.

We asked questions about the level of satisfaction with city services, the value of Wauwatosa as a place to live, and various quality of life indicators. The answers are benchmarked regionally and nationwide.

Full survey results will be shared with the Committee of the Whole on October 15 and will be available online at wauwatosa.net.

Top highlights include:

- 97% of residents indicated they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with Wauwatosa as a place to live (compared to a Midwest average of 76% satisfaction)
- Residents ranked their satisfaction with city services, including fire & EMS services (92%), maintenance of street signs and traffic signals (84%), and residential trash collection services (93%)
- Top concerns for improvement was the condition of major City streets and affordability of housing

Follow the Budget Process

We are in the process of developing the operating and capital budgets. Our operating budget represents day-to-day expenses, wages, utilities, and purchases of items intended to last less than a year. The capital budget includes infrastructure, city property, and long-term equipment purchases.

Wauwatosa, like most municipalities in Wisconsin, relies heavily on property tax (70% of revenues in 2018). This is due to multiple factors including declining shared revenues from the state and limited options for alternative taxes by state law. The State of Wisconsin also imposes a tax levy limit on municipalities which ties allowable increases in the property tax levy to net new construction within the city.

A topic to follow in this year's budget discussions are the efficiencies that staff members have implemented while continuing to provide the community with a high level of service.

Follow the discussions:

- Tuesday, October 1 – Committee of the Whole, Budget overview
- Tuesday, October 8 – Financial Affairs, Operating budget review
- Tuesday, October 22 – Special Meeting of the Financial Affairs, to complete review of the 2020 budget, consider any proposed changes and vote on recommending the proposed budget to Council
- Thursday, October 24 – Special Meeting of the Financial Affairs, only as needed
- Tuesday, October 29 – Financial Affairs, Introduction and overview of Capital budget
- Tuesday, November 5 – Common Council, public hearing on the 2020 Operating and Capital budgets
- Tuesday, November 19 – Common Council, 2020 Operating and Capital Budget Adoption



Text a Crime Tip

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers provide a telephone number 414-771-TOSA (771-8672) so residents can give tips to the police on crimes that have already happened or that may happen. This number is not for crimes or emergencies happening in the moment.

View Crime Maps

You can view a map of reported crimes at wauwatosa.net/maps. Sort by date, time of day, day of the week, or incident time. Note that there is a 24-hour delay in uploading of calls.

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Construction & Development News



6330 W North Avenue

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. The Community Development Authority (CDA) issued a Request for Proposal for redevelopment of the site, so it would not continue to remain vacant. The CDA selected the East Tosa Walk Up proposal and transferred the land to the developer. They are now in the process of completing environmental assessment work and drafting final site plans to submit for city review and required approvals.



1600 North 113th Street

The Wauwatosa Community Development Authority is accepted proposals to purchase and redevelop the property located at 1600 North 113th Street, a portion of the former landfill site in Wauwatosa.

We received two proposals. Each respondent has until November 10, 2019 to identify specific tenants and return with their findings.



Wauwatosa Avenue Re-Paving in 2020

We are proposing to re-pave Wauwatosa Avenue between Garfield Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue. Wauwatosa Avenue is a major arterial road. Our Engineering staff is working on the traffic plan now and will communicate with residents, the Wauwatosa School District, and area businesses about what to expect during re-paving.

Each year we develop the Capital Improvements Program. This comprehensive document is a five-year projection of the construction we are planning. It is important to note that construction is planned five years out; however, the Common Council approves the budget for only the upcoming year of projects. View a map of proposed construction over the next five years: wauwatosa.net/maps



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 for more information.



Health Department Legislative Breakfast

Vaping in Wauwatosa

On August 6, 2019, the Wauwatosa Common Council voted unanimously to include all electronic smoking devices and vaping in the local smoke-free air law. This means using the device, no matter the substance inside of it, is prohibited from use indoors in all Wauwatosa workplaces, schools, restaurants, bars and other businesses.

The Wauwatosa Health Department designed and mailed window clings to area businesses (photo on right).



"At a time when we are hearing about the dangerous effects of vaping, we applaud the Wauwatosa Common Council for their commitment to ensuring our community remains a place that promotes the health and happiness of all who live, learn, work, and play here," says Laura Conklin, City of Wauwatosa Health Officer.

Update from the CDC related to lung injury and vaping

As of late September 2019, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports there are 530 cases of lung injury from 38 states and 1 U.S. territory. Seven deaths have now been confirmed in 6 states.

- 72% of the cases are male
- 67% of the cases are 18 to 34 years old
- 16% of the cases are under 18 years old and 17% are 35 years or older

What We Know: At this point, we know that most patients have reported a history of using e-cigarettes products containing Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Many patients have reported using THC and nicotine. Some have reported the use of e-cigarette products containing only nicotine.

What We Don't Know: We do not yet know the specific cause of these lung injuries. The investigation has not identified any specific e-cigarette or vaping product (devices, liquids, refill pods, and/or cartridges) or substance that is linked to all cases.

Save the Date!

October 5 * 7 pm
Milwaukee Torrent Professional Soccer at Hart Park

October 10 * 3 - 5 pm
Flu Clinic at City Hall

October 12 * 12 - 9 pm
Chili'n on the Avenue
68th and North Avenue

October 19 * 10 am - 12 pm
Trunk or Treat at Fischer Building parking lot

October 24 * 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Boo Bash at the Library

October 27 * 1 - 4 pm
Trick-or-Treat in your neighborhood

November 14 * 3 - 5 pm
Flu Clinic at City Hall

December 6 * 5:30 - 7 :30 pm
Tree Lighting at Pocket Park in the Village

December 21 * 10am - 3 pm
Train Day @ Wauwatosa Public Library



The Landing Beer Garden

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

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