



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 Watch Changes

Hi Block Watch Captains, hope you are all well. The Wauwatosa Police Department's Community Support Division has come to a decision about Tosa Watch newsletters. With COVID-19 still affecting our community you may have noticed that our newsletter has been delivered electronically. We have determined that without any complaints from our new distribution routine that we'll stick to the electronic version moving forward.

Here's what we need from you. The Wauwatosa Police Department (WPD) doesn't want anyone that has received the newsletter in the past to be overlooked because of a lack of internet access. If you can contact Laura Laurishke at the WPD, we'd like you to let us know how many hard copies you will still need for distribution. We are however trying to knock the number of hard copies way down. So, if you have people on your block that you can email a copy of the Tosa Watch newsletter to, that would be the preferred method of delivery. For those individuals that can't access the internet, we still need you to make those personal deliveries. You can reach Laura Laurishke at 414-471-8430 ext. 5111 or by email at laurishke@wauwatosa.net for questions, comments or with your name, address and how many hard copies you will require.

We know that change can be difficult at times to adjust to, however we do hope this will be a quick, efficient and budget friendly way to move forward. While we may experience some issues initially, we will get through this, so please bear with us.

If this option doesn't fit your needs or you are unable to forward newsletters electronically, please let Laura know that as well. The Community Support Division will help you find a new Block Captain for your area.

We thank you for all your support and dedication to the Wauwatosa Police Department throughout the years and know that we are always here for you and your needs.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The Wauwatosa Police Department is taking part in the National Prescription **Drug Take Back Day** on **October 24, 2020** from **8AM to 12PM**. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs and keeping them out of the wrong hands.

The Wauwatosa Police Department will be open from 8AM to 12PM to accept your drop-offs. Thank you for participating.

Senior Lock Box Program

- A Wauwatosa Fire Department purchased box can save emergency responders valuable time. Your central dispatch can simply notify the responders that a lock box is in use.
- Provides an alternative to forced entry and if a lock box is used, emergency responder may not have to damage windows and/or doors.
- Lock boxes are only accessible by authorized personnel in the event of an emergency. In Wauwatosa, only the Wauwatosa Fire Department has a key that can open the lock box. Friends, family and neighbors cannot use this system to access a home.

Knox, offers two different lock boxes (wall or door mounted) which can be used for homes and businesses throughout Wauwatosa. Contact the Fire Prevention Division at 414-471-8457 to pick a suitable location on your home or building for the key safe.

For additional information or questions on purchasing a lock box call the Fire Department's non-emergency number: 471-8490.



Wauwatosa Supports Peaceful Protests

The First Amendment protects your right to assemble and express your views through protest. There are a number of ways to peacefully protest in Wauwatosa, and we've seen this occur successfully several times.

You have the right to speak out on other public property, such as parks or plazas in front of government buildings, as long as you are not blocking access to the building or interfering with other purposes the property was designed for.

Peaceful protests could include:

- Distributing flyers on public sidewalks, parks, and plazas
- Picketing or protesting on public sidewalks, parks, and plazas
- Chanting or singing on public sidewalks, parks, and plazas
- Marching in streets if using one lane of traffic and proceeding in the correct traffic direction

Some public areas in Wauwatosa where we've seen peaceful protests include Hart Park, 69th St. Plaza, City Hall, and sidewalks.

Peaceful protests do not include:

- Blocking access to buildings
- Marching in the streets if using both directions of traffic
- Blocking an entire intersection or roadway or using both lanes of vehicular traffic on a road without a permit
- Driving motorcycles or other motorized vehicles on sidewalks or on private property, such as lawns
- Lighting or setting off fireworks
- Disrupting peace in neighborhoods by shining strobe lights into private residences
- Noises that are unreasonable and disturb the quiet of residential neighborhoods, particularly in late night hours, such as honking horns, using bullhorns, or other loud noises

Commitment from Wauwatosa Police

The Wauwatosa Police Department is committed to maintain order, peace, and safety in our community. We welcome protests in our community that are lawful and peaceful. We will provide notice to the assembled groups when activity is taking place that is not peaceful (blocking entire intersections, driving on sidewalks, shining strobe lights into private residences, lighting fireworks, honking horns for extended periods of time outside of homes). Police will give people time to comply and leave before arrests are made.



Peace



Love



happiness

Emergency Notifications

The City of Wauwatosa has contracted with the Emergency Communications Network to license their CodeRED 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. This means that physical Wauwatosa street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The CodeRED system allows local government officials from Wauwatosa's Police, Fire, Health, and Public Works Departments to communicate time sensitive personalized messages via voice, email, and text in a quick manner.

All businesses and residents who have changed their phone number or address within the last year or have an unlisted number, cellular number, or cable VoIP number are especially encouraged to register.

To register go to City website www.wauwatosa.net, then click on Public Safety, click on CodeRED and Sign up, 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.



NEW Special Needs Registry

The Wauwatosa Police Department is looking for information on family members that are affected by any type of special needs. The department would like to enter personal information along with a picture of your loved one or friend into our records management system. The information that you provide us will be kept confidential and only given out to Police and Fire emergency responders when necessary.

While getting to you as soon as possible to assess any given situation is our main goal, we also need to get family or friends the appropriate services in a timely manner to provide a safe and comfortable encounter with us. Using a name, talking about a specific subject or knowing someone is non-verbal can be most helpful in an emergency situation and can often de-escalate a volatile circumstance. So please think about getting your information back to the Wauwatosa Police Department, let us work together as a community to ensure we're all treated with dignity and respect.

Residents requiring special needs resulting from a physical, emotional, or medical condition (i.e. dementia, autism, traumatic brain injury, etc.) are who we'd like to know about. We are interested in knowing about those that suffer from any type of mental health issue that may aid us in doing our jobs (bipolar, schizophrenia, etc.).

If you go to the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser you will be taken to the form requesting your information. Download the fillable PDF form, save it to your computer and send it to specialneedsregistry@wauwatosa.net.

Here is the link: <https://www.wauwatosa.net/home/showdocument?id=3189>

If you have questions or concerns, please call Laura Laurishke at 414-471-8430 ext. 5111.

Safety Tips (Reminders)

While these are common tips that appear in our newsletters on a regular basis, we continue to see these simple prevention tips not being put into practice. So, please review our suggestions and keep yourselves safe and your property protected.

- When you're outside cleaning up leaves, gardening or shoveling, don't forget to keep your house and garage doors closed and locked.
- Key fobs, garage door openers and other valuables should go inside your house when done using your vehicle for the day.
- Make sure your key fob is located a safe distance from the vehicle, we've had incidences were the vehicle has been entered and/or driven away because of this.
- Stay with your vehicle if you plan on warming it up before going out.
- For big ticket items, make certain to break down boxes and put into your recycle bin, don't advertise.
- In general, pay attention to your surroundings, if something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Wait until the situation has passed or call police to check things out before you proceed with your activities.

Help Kids to be Safe

All City Management, the company that provides crossing guard services for Wauwatosa schools, is hiring crossing guards in our area.

Apply to become a crossing guard



All City Management is the company that provides crossing guard services in Wauwatosa for private and public schools. They are hiring crossing guards for the 2020-2021 school year. Work a brief morning and afternoon shift each day and earn \$24.00 per day. Call 800-540-9290 or go to acmssafety.com/crossing-guards/.

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City Wide Trick or Treat & Neighborhood Association Activities

Due to COVID-19, the Health Department does not recommend traditional trick-or-treating this year. We do recommend some alternative options for celebrating Halloween safely. We listed some ideas below, but let me know if you'd like more detail!

Our recommendations include:

- Virtual costume parties
- Drive-through haunted houses
- No-contact trick-or-treating options:
 - Individual grab bags or treats outside the door to avoid in-person contact
 - Candy stations or designated stops in your neighborhood
 - Drive by trick-or-treating
 - In-home options such as a scavenger hunt throughout the house or a piñata (for household members only)

We recommend avoiding:

- Traditional trick-or-treating
- In-person events, especially indoor parties or large gatherings
- Leaving town
- Leaving the house if you have symptoms!

Here are some helpful resources with more ideas for celebrating safely:

- ✓ DHS Halloween guidance: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community.htm#-halloween>
- ✓ CDC Halloween guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>
- ✓ Another resource with alternative ideas based on COVID risk levels: <https://www.halloween2020.org/>

If you're in charge of your **Neighborhood Association's Night Time Trick or Treat** and are planning activities, please give Laura Laurishke with the Community Support Division a call at 414-471-8430 ext. 5111 or email llaurishke@wauwatosa.net with the following information:

- Name of Neighborhood Association.
- Location of the area that will be involved with Night Time Trick or Treat.
- Date
- Times
- Contact Information
- Anything special that you'd like us to know about the event.

With all the challenges and hurdles that's we've overcome in 2020, it will be nice to celebrate a new year. Here's wishing you all a happy and healthy 2021. Let's make it a good one!