



# Wauwatosa

## It's A Way Of Life

Spring 2021 Newsletter



### Yard Waste Collection

Beginning April 12, the City will begin yard material collection. Curbside yard waste pickup is completed every other week, alternating with recycling collection. Simply place your yard materials by the curb in a container marked "Yard Waste," paper yard material bags, or bundle with twine and we'll take care of the rest. You can dispose of yard waste in paper bags.

We do not collect:

- grass clippings
- dirt or soil, other than residual from pulled plants
- root balls
- branches over 6 inches in diameter

See more details and your collection schedule: [wauwatosa.net/yard](http://wauwatosa.net/yard)

### The Latest Vaccine Updates

Starting April 5, all people ages 16 and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Wauwatosa Health Department continues to offer vaccination clinics in the Lower Civic Center at City Hall.

To sign up for a vaccine, go to [Wauwatosa.net/vaccine](http://Wauwatosa.net/vaccine). You can select which vaccine brand (Moderna or Johnson & Johnson) to receive when you select your appointment. Second doses are scheduled via email or phone after you receive your 1st dose of the vaccine.

At this time, only individuals 18 years and older can sign up through our clinic because these two vaccines have only been approved for individuals 18 years and older. We have not received supply of the Pfizer vaccine at this time.

Our clinics have only been possible with the help of over 100 volunteers. We are thankful to those who have signed up to help vaccinate our community. Sign up to volunteer through Wisconsin's WEAVR system ([www.weavrwi.org](http://www.weavrwi.org)) and select Wauwatosa Health Department.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, go to [wauwatosa.net/vaccine](http://wauwatosa.net/vaccine) or call our hotline at 414-475-1050.



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## Mayor's Corner

### Message from Mayor Dennis McBride

Recently, the Tosa East boys won the state basketball championship. That should make us all proud. But East Side, West Side, all around the town, we have many things to celebrate. The Tosa West

"We the People" team won the state competition on the U.S. Constitution and the Tosa East team finished second. Both will compete in the nationals in late April. The Tosa West dance team, which won the national hip-hop competition last year, recently won the regional championship and will compete at state. Our students' accomplishments in other endeavors are too numerous to mention.

Wauwatosa's students, public and private, serve on City boards and commissions, too. They are a diverse group in every sense. That is their strength, and ours. In a time of pandemic, economic uncertainty, and political and racial discord, their ambition and sense of fairness are a light in the darkness. They remind us of our community's potential and give us hope for a bright future. Let's honor them for their achievements, and for their leadership.

## Journey from Ballot to Voter Record

Want to see your voting record? Here's how votes are certified and how to check for it. All ballots, both at the polls and absentee ballots are put into tabulators on Election Day. Poll workers verify all records, looking at the poll books and the results from voting machines. They also seal ballot bags and fill out chain-of-custody forms. Wauwatosa's City Clerk reports these unofficial results to Milwaukee County. Results are official once a Board of Canvassers certifies these results.

Within 30 days of the election, voter records are put into the state's online system. Our clerks enter Election Day voter registrations and scan the poll books for each person that voted - a reconciliation process that takes place days following an election. Once this is closed, then voter participation records are current and complete. This means that it will take at least 30-45 days after an election for your voter record on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to be updated. You can view your past participation in elections at that time.



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# News in Brief

## \* Monitor Your Water Usage with "Eye on Water"

A leaky toilet could mean a costly water bill. This is a common but also avoidable event. Sign up for "Eye on Water" to see your water consumption in real time. You can also set email or text alerts in the event of a leak. Learn more: [wauwatosa.net/water](http://wauwatosa.net/water)

## \* Wauwatosa Small Business Forgivable Loan Program

Since the pandemic, Wauwatosa has been taking steps to help small businesses in the form of financial assistance or by fast-tracking permits so that businesses can operate safely and creatively. The latest round of financial support is becoming available in mid-April. Small businesses in need of financing during COVID-19 can apply for forgivable loans through the City of Wauwatosa. Loans are forgivable provided that the job creation or retention requirement is met. The application process will open on Friday, April 9 at 12 pm and closes Friday, April 23 at 12 pm.

## \* Electric Scooters in Wauwatosa

Wauwatosa's Board of Public Works recently approved an agreement with Bird Rides for the company to bring electric scooters to the city. The City is committed to improving transportation access, reducing single-occupancy vehicle use, and providing first- and last-mile solutions to support public transit. The electric scooters can be used on roads, bike lanes, or multi-use trails (such as the one on Menomonee River Parkway). They should not be drive on sidewalks. The scooter company, Bird, also requires users to take a photo of their scooter parked appropriately out of the public's way at the end of their ride.

## \* Getting Rid of Unwanted Items or Hazardous Waste

The Wauwatosa Drop Off Center is able to help with disposal of many items that we cannot collect curbside. The center is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, excluding holidays. See what items we collect: [wauwatosa.net/recycling](http://wauwatosa.net/recycling)

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) offers year-round hazardous waste collection for Milwaukee County residents, as well as tips on how to dispose of other items. There are three permanent drop off sites for hazardous waste, two in Milwaukee and one in Menomonee Falls. See locations and hours: [mmsd.com](http://mmsd.com)



## Police Chief Recruitment Process

Wauwatosa is in search for its next Chief of Police. This process, defined by state law, is under the sole direction of the citizen Police and Fire Commission.

The Police and Fire Commission has continued to emphasize the importance of having a public and transparent process for hiring Wauwatosa's next Police Chief. The hiring process is outlined below, as well as the five opportunities for public engagement during the hiring process. You can also follow updates at [wauwatosa.net/chief](http://wauwatosa.net/chief).

### Recruitment Steps

1. Seek public input through a survey to obtain feedback on leadership competencies. The public will be able to share with the Police and Fire Commission the competencies that are most important in their mind. The survey closed at 11:59 pm on March 12.
2. Broadly advertise for this position. This position is posted nationally with the goal of reaching a diverse applicant pool.
3. Police and Fire Commission will determine the assessments and screening tools used in hiring with the assistance of a professional human resources consultant team.
4. The Wauwatosa Human Resources Department and a Police and Fire Commissioner will screen resumes.
5. The Wauwatosa Human Resources Department will meet with the citizen-led Police and Fire Commission to present results of resume screen. The Police and Fire Commissioners will use this feedback to help determine which candidates to invite to the next step.
6. Phone screening. Three to five members of the public will be invited to provide feedback to the Police and Fire Commission about candidates participating in the phone screening. The Police and Fire Commissioners will use this feedback to help determine which candidates to invite to the next step.
7. Assessment Centers. Nine to twelve members of the public will be invited to provide feedback to the Police and Fire Commission about candidates participating in three assessment centers. The Police and Fire Commissioners will use this feedback to help determine which candidates to invite to the next step.
8. The public will be asked to submit potential questions to be used in a public forum interview for the finalist candidates. These questions will be screened by the Human Resources Department.
9. Interviews. Finalist candidates will participate in a public forum in which they will be asked a series of questions (determined from step 8 above). A video of the interview and biographical information of the finalists will be available for public review. The Police and Fire Commission will open a survey for the public to provide input. The Police and Fire Commissioners will use this feedback to help determine which candidates to invite to the next step.
10. Police and Fire Commission will interview final candidates.
11. Police and Fire Commission makes a hiring decision.



## Plastic Bags Go in the Garbage

Did you know that plastic bags can't be recycled in your curbside recycling? This is because plastic bags are thin and would get caught in the recycling sorter. Not sure if you should recycle or throw something out? Ask our Waste Wizard. Other top requested items include batteries, aluminum foil, microwave, and styrofoam. Learn more: [wauwatosa.net/wizard](http://wauwatosa.net/wizard)

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# Construction & Development News



## Zoo Interchange - North Avenue and Burleigh

Earlier this year, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation started their work on the North Leg of the Zoo Interchange. The North leg will be under construction for about three years. You can expect overnight freeway closures and other impacts to traffic. Follow their updates: [projects.511wi.gov](http://projects.511wi.gov)

This 1.7-mile reconstruction project will expand I-41 to eight lanes from Swan Boulevard to Burleigh Street in the City of Wauwatosa. It includes some of the busiest freeway sections in the state. The project includes new bridges at Mayfair Road, North Avenue, Meinecke Street and a new bridge for the Union Pacific Railroad. The design also calls for several retaining walls and noise walls along the interstate corridor.



## 68th Street Paving - Between State Street and Milwaukee Avenue

The entire existing pavement between the curbs will be replaced and a new asphalt surface will be placed. We will fix sections of the storm sewer and sanitary sewer main and also replace street lighting, poles and fixtures. This work is expected to begin later in summer 2021. 68th St. will be closed to traffic.



## Ludington Avenue (Between North Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue)

The City of Wauwatosa's contractor will be closing Ludington Avenue between North Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue on Monday, April 5, 2021. The closure is expected to last about 7-8 weeks, depending on weather. The contractor will be replacing concrete pavement, pedestrian ramps, and putting a new layer of asphalt on the road from North Avenue to Milwaukee Avenue.



## 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.



## Fair Housing in Wauwatosa

Fair housing means housing that, among other attributes, is free of unlawful discrimination and accessible as required under civil rights laws. Recently, Wauwatosa collaborated with the cities of Milwaukee and West Allis and the counties of Milwaukee, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha in a regional effort to analyze and address barriers to fair housing.

Wauwatosa has taken action to address fair housing by following the passage of a fair housing ordinance in 1968, subsequently updated on several occasions to align with the Federal and State fair housing laws. More recently, Wauwatosa completed a housing study in 2016, implemented an accessory dwelling unit ordinance and updated its Economic Development Investment Policy to address unmet housing needs.

However, there are more barriers affecting fair housing: the lack of a regional housing strategy, restrictive ordinances that limit the types and locations of housing construction, lack of awareness of fair housing laws, disparities in homeownership rates and lending practices, and a fear of others which prevents neighborhoods from welcoming inclusive housing.

This year the Development Department will be undertaking several key projects with an equity focus, including zoning code and housing policy updates to allow for a wider variety of housing options, considering ways to encourage investment in inclusive and affordable housing, and further revising the economic development policy to advance housing access.

Want to learn more? See housing statistics, Wauwatosa demographics, and proposed developments at [wauwatosa.net](http://wauwatosa.net)

## Careers at the City of Wauwatosa

The City of Wauwatosa is a full-service municipal organization. Our teams are proud to manage the city services you receive, and we're passionate about serving Wauwatosa in all ways that are efficient, effective, and affordable.

Be a part of a team that strives to find new and better ways to improve our residents' experiences. We offer many professional careers including law enforcement, finance, GIS, engineering, library, and internships or seasonal jobs throughout the city.

See openings:  
[wauwatosa.net/careers](http://wauwatosa.net/careers)



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

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