

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 always welcome.

COVID-19, A Year Later

Hard to believe that a year has passed since we first experienced what a pandemic is really about, not something that most of us thought we'd ever go through. But as we have learned to function in a somewhat different way, we hope you have managed to maintain a sense of normalcy in your daily lives.

As we in our community continue to get vaccinations for COVID-19, please be advised that sharing pictures of your vaccination card on social media may not be the best way to show that you are winning this war.



One needs to remember that when we share personal information about ourselves online, we never know who is lurking and retrieving information about us and looking at our personal information for their own gain. Post a picture of your bandage or the sticker that you receive upon completion of vaccination.

We can all celebrate that things are coming closer to an end and we can get out and about safely, but let's do it responsibly.

Please continue to follow Center for Disease Control guidelines for safe practices at <https://www.cdc.gov/> and follow the Wauwatosa Health Department for updates on the COVID-19 virus at <https://www.wauwatosa.net/government/departments/health/covid-19>.

As many of you already know, the Tosa Watch newsletter will not be printed as in the past. Moving forward we will continue with electronic distribution.

If you know someone that may be interested in receiving this newsletter, please have them contact Laura Laurishke at laurishke@wauwatosa.net or by calling 414-471-8430 ext. 5111. We'd like to get them on the email address list for distribution.

If you know someone that is elderly or disabled and has no access to a computer or the ability to connect to the internet, please have them call the police department and we will set-up arrangements for a newsletter to be sent to them.

The Wauwatosa Police Department will have a limited number of copies of the Tosa Watch newsletter at our department, the Wauwatosa Library and the Hart Park Senior Center

Thank You and we appreciate your support as we move through this transition.



**WAUWATOSA
CRIME
STOPPERS**

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Cash rewards up to \$1,000.

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HARTFEST

FRIDAY – JUNE 18

SATURDAY – JUNE 19

HART PARK

Live Music

Nightly

Summer is on its way! If you're interested in having a neighborhood block party this summer, please remember to call for a block party permit.

Permits must be submitted 3 weeks prior to your party. For more information call Mary at 471-8430, ext. 5101.

Medicine Collection Program

The Wauwatosa Police Department recognizes the concern surrounding the proper disposal of unused and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

While proper, safe and environmentally conscious disposal of these medications is imperative, the Wauwatosa Police Department needs to ensure the safety of persons that are physically responsible for the proper disposal of the items being dropped off.

As such, Sharps waste and/or containers, are a form of biomedical waste composed of used sharps, which includes any device or object used to puncture or lacerate the skin. Sharps waste is classified as biohazardous waste and must be carefully handled. Therefore, no Sharps will be accepted at our collection sight.

The following guidelines must be met in order to accept medications:

Guidelines:

1. Medications will only be accepted from City of Wauwatosa residents (or a family member of a Wauwatosa resident).
2. Citizens cannot bring in prescriptions for other people unless they are family members.
3. Substances in pill form must be emptied from their original containers and repackaged into a “Ziploc” style plastic storage bag by the resident. All liquid medication **MUST** be in the original container and capped tightly to prevent any leakage. Pet medications are also accepted.
4. Ointments, creams, non-aerosol spray, inhalers and other forms of prescription medication will be accepted in their original containers.
5. The following will **NOT** be accepted:
 - ✓ Personal care products (shampoo, lotions, soap, toothpaste, etc.)
 - ✓ Household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas, etc.)
 - ✓ If a person turns in illegal narcotics such as marijuana, this policy does not apply and an investigation will be conducted into the possession of an illegal narcotic.

THIS MEMORIAL DAY PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUR

DEA's next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 24, 2021 – 9AM to 12PM

**Wauwatosa Police Department
1700 North 116th Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53226**

Stop by and let us make disposal quick and easy.

You can find us in the Wauwatosa Police Department's parking lot, you don't even need to get out of your car.

COUNTRY'S MEN AND
WOMEN WHO HAVE
FALLEN IN THE LINE OF
DUTY – CITIZENS OF THIS
GREAT NATION WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES TO
PRESERVE THE
LIBERTIES UPON WHICH
AMERICA WAS
FOUNDED.



Independence Day 2021

Wauwatosa's Independence Day Firework are scheduled for **Sunday, July 4 at 9:15PM**, the Parade is scheduled for **Monday, July 5, 2021**. This year's theme is "Together in Tosa."

The annual Wauwatosa parade will begin at 9:00AM. The parade will travel West along North Avenue from North 80th Street to 104th Street.

As more information becomes available, it will be posted on the City of Wauwatosa webpage at www.wauwatosa.net

HAPPY
Independence
DAY

Tosa's Night Out 2021

The Wauwatosa Neighborhood Watch Committee (WNWC) and the Wauwatosa Police Department are excited to announce that our 26th annual Tosa's Night Out will take place on Wednesday, August 4th, 2021. We're also thrilled to announce that Tosa's Night Out will be returning to Hart Park!

This year's event is going to be a back to basics event with attractions that bring us back to City safety functions and a showcase of what we have to offer the community of Wauwatosa. As more details become available we will post information on the Tosa's Night Out page at www.tosasnightout.org and on the Wauwatosa Police Department's Facebook page.

So, be on the lookout and stay tuned for more information to come. We look forward to seeing you in August.

Project ChildSafe Communities

Do you or someone you know in Wauwatosa own a gun? Have you talked about how the owner keeps the gun in safe mode? How does the owner keep the gun out of the hands of those that don't know the first thing about the use and proper handling of a gun?

The Wauwatosa Police Department is once again partnering with Project ChildSafe Communities to keep children, family and friends safe when a gun may be in your home, place of work, vehicle or anywhere a gun may be stored.

Project ChildSafe Communities is a community-led initiative designed to promote responsible gun ownership and the safe storage of firearms when not in use to help prevent accidents, theft and misuse, including suicide.

Project ChildSafe partners with community organizations to provide FREE cable-style gun locks. These locks enable gun owners to secure their firearms when not in use in a safe manner. Project ChildSafe also offers education on gun safety to gun owners and non-gun owners alike.

If you are interested in this program, please stop by the Wauwatosa Police Department, 1700 North 116th Street, Monday through Friday (Front Desk is not staffed on the weekend) and ask for a gun lock. The Wauwatosa Police Department is all about safety and we hope that this program will benefit you, your family and friends.

For further information on this program and education about gun safety, please visit the Project ChildSafe Community's webpage at, <https://projectchildsafe.org/>.



Would You Like To Zoom With The Police Department?

The Wauwatosa Police Department’s Community Support Division is offering a new type of Neighborhood Association meeting and we’ll even host it. The meetings are called Zoom Crime Prevention and Safety Meetings.

The format is to schedule an hour time frame of your choice. We will give you a meeting link and ask you to put a message with the meeting link on your neighborhood association page. The registration process will ask for an address and as long as it’s within the neighborhood association that we’re meeting with, you’re in. At this time, we have met with three different neighborhood associations and the feedback has been very positive.

So, give it a thought, we’d love the opportunity to meet with you, from your own homes. No babysitters, or driving to a designated meeting site, just log in and listen.

Statistical information and our contact information is sent out to each registrant before the meeting. If you’re not comfortable asking questions that anyone else will hear, you can call us afterwards and we’d be happy to help you at that time.

All you need to do is give Laura Laurishke a call at 414-471-8430 x 5111 or email to llaurishke@wauwatosa.net and we can go from there.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Bicycle Safety Tips

As the weather starts to warm up, many of you and/or your children will be using your bicycles much more. You may bike for exercise, to save money due to rising gas prices or maybe just for recreation. Whatever the reason, we want to make sure that you do it safely. Below is a list of safe riding tips.

1. Wear a helmet and make sure that it is properly fitted for you. Many people grew up in a time when helmets weren’t “cool.” Helmets are much more mainstream than they were 20 years ago. Wear one and protect your head and possibly your life.
2. Make sure you follow the rules of the road. Many people don’t know that a bicycle is considered a vehicle and, in many cases, a bicyclist can be cited the same as the driver of a car or truck. This means all bicyclists must stop for stop signs and red lights as well as all other rules of the road.
3. Stay alert at all times. Make sure you can see and hear things around you. In the previous newsletter there was an article regarding the use of headphones while walking or running. The same dangers will be present while biking. It is recommended that you do not wear headphones while biking. If you decide to wear them, please make sure that the volume is set to a reasonable volume so you can hear other things around you.
4. Be seen. Wear clothing that can be easily seen by other drivers. Pick something brightly colored so you don’t blend in with the rest of the cityscape. Also, when riding, make eye contact with motorists so you know that they see you. If you’re not sure that you’ve been seen, try waving to get the driver’s attention. When riding at night make sure your bike is equipped with reflectors and lights. It is much more difficult for bicyclists to be seen at night.
5. Be careful when you’re riding past parked cars. Ride far enough away from parked vehicles to avoid being hit by a car suddenly pulling away from the curb or an occupant suddenly opening a door. Scan the interior of parked vehicles to try and see if there are occupants inside. This may help you anticipate their actions.
6. Don’t assume. Just because other traffic has a stop sign or red light, don’t assume they are going to stop. Prior to entering an intersection, at least make sure that the other vehicle is slowing down.

HOME/HAZMAT – COLLECTION 2021

DROP OFF YOUR OLD AND UNUSED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND HELP KEEP OUR LAND, AND OUR WATER, A LITTLE CLEANER.

**STATE FAIR PARK – GATE 1
(OFF GREENFIELD AVENUE)**

**APRIL 30TH 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
MAY 1ST 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Go to mmsd.com for more details.