

# 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's Night Out 2020... And Then Some

Summer is here, but this year may look a little different than years past. Many events for this summer have been canceled due to COVID-19, and Tosa's Night Out 2020 is on the list of cancellations. Don't worry though, we plan on being back in 2021. While we feel terrible that this fun family event is not going to happen this year, there are many other activities that you can participate in that will be fun and keep you smiling.

Gather up the family and go to Hoyt Park and Pool, just make sure to call ahead and schedule your time. Another schedule ahead activity would be the Milwaukee County Zoo; there's always something to do and see there. Have a Block Party! As long as you have less than 50 people, you can re-visit all the families on your block, the kids can even burn off some built-up energy, which sure sounds like a good thing to do. A few things to remember as you go out into the public again:

- Home and public gatherings should be a 50 person maximum.
- Retail Establishments recommendations are at 50% occupancy or 12 people per 1,000 sq. feet.
- Restaurants and Bars recommended limits of capacity at 75%.
- Salons and Spas are recommended limits of capacity at 50%.
- Gyms and/or Fitness Centers are recommended limits of capacity at 50%

Getting out again can be of concern to some. Before going out, make a call to your desired destination and check for specific rules or if appointments are necessary for service. Remember that some businesses and facilities require specific COVID-19 protective equipment and entrance to such places can be denied if requirements are not followed.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you next year.



## Tosa Green Summit 2020

To Date: The tenth annual Tosa Green Summit will be held Saturday September 12th, 2020, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Wauwatosa Civic Center, 7725 W. North Avenue. The event is a free informational open house to learn how you can make your community green and sustainable. Exhibitors will provide awareness and education on topics ranging from home energy, conservation, water, gardening, transportation, and food. In addition there will be opportunities to take action with the following recycling stations located in the parking lot from 8 am to 2 pm: MMSD household hazardous waste; Wauwatosa Police Crimestoppers shredding and electronic recycling; Wauwatosa Health Dept. Medicine; and DreamBikes bicycles.

For more information, contact Jeff Roznowski at [jroznowski@wi.rr.com](mailto:jroznowski@wi.rr.com) or 414-803-9500.

To keep updated on cancelations, please visit Tosa Green Summit's Facebook page.



## Wow! What a Wild Ride

So many things have happened in the last few months, or should I say, so little has happened. We have all gone through some serious changes, some good, some, maybe not. One thing we can be sure of is that we have definitely learned who our families are once again.

As we all get ready to regain our lives and get back to the “New Normal” don’t forget all that has transpired while families reacquainted themselves with one another. The bonds and ties that have been created are literally priceless. The opportunities provided growth and development that can’t be replaced. Pre-COVID-19 families hustled from one place to the next, one parent going with this child while the other parent goes elsewhere with the other siblings with little time to be a whole family. Hopefully families have created many memories and are emerging from the COVID-19 experience with new family activities that will carry on for years to come.

Keeping family close, sharing laughter, joy and pain builds lasting relationships and sees us through all that life has to offer. So please don’t forget to continue being a part of your family life, be there for one another and enjoy each other’s company.

## Why Won’t That Dog Stop Barking?

Many residents call and inquire as to what can be done about the dog next door or across the street that just won’t stop barking. Well, one should call the Wauwatosa Police Department and let us know when the noise is occurring. Officers need to hear and document their findings in order to proceed with further steps. Generally, the first step is to stop by the house (business, premise) that is violating the ordinance and speak with the owner. The ordinance will be explained and a warning will be given. If the problem persists an officer can issue a ticket but know that you will be required to keep calling to report the problem.

If you don’t feel comfortable having an officer come to talk with the homeowner of the animal, one may want to stop at their neighbor’s and check if they are aware of the ordinance violation. Maybe they are new to the area and don’t know what Wauwatosa’s rules are; it may also be a good way to keep both parties on a friendly basis. The choice is yours, just know we’re here to help. Here is the Wauwatosa Ordinance for Animals Disturbing the Peace:



### **Wauwatosa Municipal Code, 7.46.040 - Animals.**

No person, firm or corporation operating, having charge of, or occupying any building, premises or vehicle shall keep or allow to be kept any animal or bird which shall habitually by any noise disturb the peace and quiet of any person in the vicinity thereof.

## Dear Wauwatosa West High School,

### SENIOR AMBASSADOR'S NEEDED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Wauwatosa Senior Commission has created the Senior Ambassador Program to connect older adults to their community: its people, its activities, its resources. There are ambassadors in many Wauwatosa neighborhoods. If you would like to suggest an ambassador for your neighborhood, to know the ambassador in your neighborhood, or to learn more about the program, please contact Laura Laurishke at 414-471-8430.

I have been a part of the Wauwatosa West High School campus for what would have been eight school years. I have witnessed several classes of freshman complete her/his four years of education and graduate from the school. At no point during those years did I believe that the spring semester of 2020 would come to such an abrupt end. No teachers, no staff, no students and no SRO on campus. It just doesn't feel right! I am sure that the transition was difficult for many of you. I would guess that it was equally challenging for staff to shift their mindset to online instruction.

I miss the boisterous students. There was always laughter and joy in the hallways! I miss the conversations with teachers, students, parents and families. I miss the hundreds of students in the cafeteria. Often talking about their plans for the weekend, how their classes were going, telling jokes, how sports and theatre were going, discussing the latest movie and/or television show. Just having a good time.

Most of all, I miss the seniors. I have not forgotten about you. You have each accomplished so much academically, athletically and artistically. You deserve to be celebrated. I want you to know that I am so very proud of you all! I wish you all the best on the path that each of your lives will take you on.

I just wanted to let the Wauwatosa West High School community know that I am thinking of you, and am hoping that each of you is healthy. Please continue to do your part in taking care of and supporting yourselves, your parents, your grandparents, and anyone else that needs assistance in your community.

Respectfully,  
SRO F. Griffin "OG"

## Request an Absentee Ballot

Did you know that registered voters can request to vote absentee in upcoming elections, even months prior to an election? In 2020, Wauwatosa voters will participate in two more elections: August 11 and November 3.

To protect your health and the health of our staff and poll workers, we highly encourage absentee voting. Your ballot won't be mailed to you until much closer to the election, but making a request now ensures that we have time to verify your voter registration status, valid photo ID, and address.

The earliest we can mail ballots is June 24 for the August 11, 2020 election and September 16 for the November 3, 2020 election. The last day we can mail an absentee ballot to a registered voter is the Thursday before an election.



### WAUWATOSA CRIME STOPPERS

771-TOSA or  
Text Keyword  
"Tosa" to "Crimes"

Cash Reward up to \$1,000

### Wauwatosa Police Department

*Barry M. Weber - Chief of Police*

### Community Support Division

*Captain Chris Fox  
Lieutenant Jack Morrison  
Sergeant Abby Pavlik  
Specialist II Mike McDermott  
Officer Dan Kane  
School Officer Joel Kutz  
School Officer Tracy Burbach  
School Officer Farris Griffin  
School Officer Jim Morrill  
Administrative Support Specialist -  
Laura Laurishke*

## Block Party Banners

### NOW AVAILABLE! Block Party Street Banners

- Easily attaches to street barricades or garbage carts.
- Prevents traffic flow during a block party.
- Advertises the block party with a 2½' x 10' banner.

Reserve your banners now...there are 16 sets available for distribution. Just check the box at the bottom of the block party application to reserve a set for your party, and remember there is a \$25.00 deposit that will be returned when the banners have been returned. If you have questions, call Maija Ptaszek at 471-8430, ext. 5129. Banners are available for pickup at the Police Department on the Friday prior to a block party. Please return by the following Monday so the banners can be re-distributed.

#### Wisconsin State Statute 346.89(3)(a)

No person may drive any motor vehicle while composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message

Texting while driving causes greater impairment than being under the influence of drugs or alcohol while driving. Studies show that you are 23 times more likely to cause an accident if you are under the influence of alcohol while driving, and believe it or not, 25 times more likely if you are texting while driving!

## Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

With the cancellation or closing of the majority of our summer activities it is a great time to explore the many wonderful sights we have right here in Wisconsin. You don't have to leave the state to witness the power of a waterfall, the beauty of the sun rising on a clear and calm lake, or spot an animal you only thought lived at the zoo.

To keep outdoor enthusiasts safe, the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has mandated safety certificates and license requirements for users of all ages. Each outdoor activity has set guidelines for children and adults to learn and understand the rules when using state or privately owned lands.

Just because you're an adult doesn't mean you don't need a safety certificate. For example: Safety Certificates for children and some adults are required to hunt, operate an all-terrain vehicle, drive a motorized boat, personal water craft or to travel by snowmobile.

Hunting and fishing licenses are required for most participants.

A very informative website for all outdoor activities is [dnr.wi.gov/gowild](http://dnr.wi.gov/gowild). The DNR will maintain your information and give you full access to all your DNR certificates and licenses. It also provides rules and regulations for fishing, hunting, and most outdoors activities.

So, be safe, informed, and prepared for a beautiful day in the place we all call home.

## Wauwatosa East High School

Fall 2020 school year will welcome a new School Resource Office to Wauwatosa East High School. The Wauwatosa Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Andy Yothsackda will take over for Office Jim Morrill. Officer Morrill accepted a promotion to Sergeant and will be busy working our late shift.

Officer Yothsackda is eager and excited to start his new position with the school and looks forward to meeting everyone at Wauwatosa East High School. Officer Yothsackda is an 8-year veteran of the police department, currently assigned to the Early Shift. He is a motorcycle officer and instructor for the Crowd Control team. Officer Yothsackda attended University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Officer Yothsackda hopes to create an open and trusting relationship with school administrators, teachers, students, and parents while maintaining a safe and orderly educational environment. He would like to educate students in the classroom in a positive atmosphere while promoting understanding of the law and to provide resources to staff already in place at school.