

TOSA WATCH

Wauwatosa's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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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 & the Wauwatosa Police Department

Due to the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made a few small changes to the way we conduct business at the Wauwatosa Police Department.

- Our department will continue to provide protective services to our community 24/7.
- The patrol division remains fully staffed.
- All Community Support Division activities, programs, presentations and tours have been suspended at this time.
- No visitors will be allowed within the police department building.
- There will be no civilian fingerprinting at this time.
- Citation payments will only be accepted online or by mail. NOT in person. For information on how to make payments online or by mail, visit www.wauwatosa.net/police.
- The lobby of the police department will be used for EMERGENCY/In-progress reports only.
- If you have a non-emergency incident to report, such as a fraud, petty theft or other crime, do NOT come to the police station in person. Instead, call 414-471-8430 and an officer will either respond to your Wauwatosa residence or will take your report over the phone.
- In the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

If we all utilize social distancing and safe hand washing skills, we can get through this challenging time, but we all have to work together to make that happen. Please 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>.

Due to the COVID-19 Virus, this edition of the Tosa Watch newsletter will only be distributed online and not through the help of our Block Watch Captains.

We thank you all for your understanding and continued support.



**WAUWATOSA
CRIME
STOPPERS**

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Cash rewards up to \$1,000.

Wauwatosa Police Department

Barry M. Weber - Chief of Police

Community Support Division

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Lieutenant Jack Morrison

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Specialist II Mike McDermott

Community Support Officer Dan Kane

School Officer Joel Kutz

School Officer Tracy Burbach

School Officer Farris Griffin

School Officer Jim Morrill

Administrative Support

Specialist Laura Laurishke

HARTFEST

FRIDAY – JUNE 19

SATURDAY – JUNE 20

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.

United States Census 2020

Article 1, Section 2, of the Constitution states that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. Did you know that participation in the census is required by law?

With 2020 marking the 24th time that our country is counting its population, we should all be pros by now at filling out the required information necessary to ensure accurate data.

Only you can shape Wauwatosa's future, its quick and easy, it should only take a few minutes to answer the 10 questions. We're counting on you.

Census data that's collected is utilized by lawmakers, businesses, schools, communities and others to determine funding for large and small scale projects throughout the United States.

The City of Wauwatosa is hopeful that everyone will take part and get census information submitted to help our community receive its fair share of funding. We can't do it without you, so please consider this an opportunity to help family and friends in Wauwatosa, you never know who the monies may benefit.

Responding is easy, you will have an option of completing your census online, by phone or by requesting a paper questionnaire. Whichever is easier for you works for us.

By now you should have received an invite in your home addressing the Census 2020. A reminder postcard will also be sent out to homes the week of March 26th, for which a great deal of people will have already responded with all pertinent information. Thank you, we appreciate that.

The United States Census 2020 will be sending out one more letter of reminder and a paper questionnaire to all those that have not returned their census information with a follow-up postcard in the week of April 20th. This will be your last chance to have yourself and your family counted without having someone from the Census Bureau knocking on your door.

Starting April 28th, census takers will be making home visits to ensure your compliance with Census 2020. Census workers will be wearing a clearly marked badge and will be able to help you fill out your paper work.

To learn more or if you have questions about the process, you can visit 2020census.gov.

**Wauwatosa Health and Recreation Departments
Invite You to The Second Annual:**

**Wauwatosa Senior Health
And Wellness Fair**

May 27, 2020 1PM – 4PM

Hart Park Senior Center

(The event is free and open to all ages.)

THIS MEMORIAL DAY
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL
OUR COUNTRY'S MEN
AND WOMEN WHO HAVE
FALLEN IN THE LINE OF
DUTY – CITIZEN OF THIS
GREAT NATION WHO
GAVE THEIR LIVES TO
PRESERVE THE
LIBERTIES UPON WHICH
AMERICA WAS
FOUNDED.



Independence Day 2020

Wauwatosa's Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2020. This year's theme is "Vision of Freedom."

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

Family Fun events will be held at Hart Park starting at 4:00PM with fireworks at 9:15 PM (fireworks rain date – July 5).



Tosa's Night Out 2020

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 Tuesday, August 4th, 2020. We're thrilled to announce that Tosa's Night Out will be returning to Hart Park!

Thank you so much to all of our sponsors that made 2019 so successful. Our 2019 Major Sponsor was WaterStone Bank. The 2019 True Blue Sponsors were Froedtert & the Medical College, Home Depot of Wauwatosa, and Dave & Busters of Wauwatosa.

As you may guess, there are several uncertainties right now because of the COVID-19 concerns and restrictions. We're hoping we'll have the all clear sooner than later. The WNWC will continue to plan the event to the best of its ability.

We are very excited to be bringing Tosa's Night Out back to Hart Park. As many of you remember, we moved our event to the Milwaukee County Zoo in 2017, in large part, because of the road construction on W State St. Now that the construction has been completed and the Village is looking great, we think it is time to bring the event back to the Hart!

Preceding the event at Hart Park, we will be visiting each block party scheduled the weekend of August 1st and 2nd. This is a great way to meet some of the officers who dedicate their careers to keeping you and your neighbors safe. You can ask questions and discuss any concerns you have. We love to meet with you and we always appreciate your overwhelming support!

On August 4th we'll be back at Hart Park for the culminating Tosa's Night Out event. You'll be able to meet our wonderfully generous sponsors, participating groups and many dedicated Wauwatosa employees spanning many different departments! At the end of the night, we're excited to be able to bring the flashlight walk back to the streets and neighborhoods of Wauwatosa!

We plan to open registration on Monday, May 11th. Please make sure to check out our website, www.tosasnightout.org for important updates and information regarding registration.

Please be safe and stay healthy this spring. We're looking forward to seeing you back at Hart Park this summer!

*Please Note That Events Presented
Within This Edition May be Canceled.*

*Please Verify With Organizers
To Avoid Any Confusion.*

Thank You!

Communicate With the City

Wauwatosa offers many ways that residents can communicate with all of us who work for the City of Wauwatosa. Go to wauwatosa.net to access these resources:

Online service forms. See a pothole? Want to report a concern about a property? Or not sure where to start? Fill out an online form that goes directly to staff to help you. Find them online: wauwatosa.net/service

Email lists. We have email lists for major construction or development projects, public health, and the city newsletter. Sign up to receive emails from us. Hit reply if you have a question. Go to wauwatosa.net/eNews to sign up.

Facebook and Twitter. We bring core services to your social feeds and encourage you to talk with us there.

Interactive Maps: We have interactive maps available to see safe routes to school and crossing guard locations, a map of reported crimes updated daily, and our new construction map which shows all active construction projects in Wauwatosa including details on the project, its timeline, and who you can contact with questions. Go to wauwatosa.net/maps to see all of the available maps.

Meeting Portal. Can't make it to a city meeting? Agendas and minutes of all meetings as well as videos of our Common Council and standing committee meetings are available at the meeting portal: wauwatosa.net/meetingportal.



Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Is Looking For More Members

- ✓ Do you have a vested interest in Wauwatosa?
- ✓ Do you want to give back to your community?
- ✓ Can you spare an hour a month for a board meeting?
- ✓ Are you 18 years of age or older?

If you can answer “yes” to these questions, consider becoming a volunteer board member of the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers.

What will you do as a board member?

- ✓ As a member you serve to deter and prevent crime in Wauwatosa.
- ✓ Advertise cash rewards for information that can lead to an arrest.
- ✓ Fundraise at the Crime Stoppers “Shred It” and “Pancakes with Mom” events annually.
- ✓ Attend Tosa’s Night Out to promote your mission.

From January 2005 through January 2020 the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers received 197 separate tips that led to 86 arrests and solved 72 crimes. In 2019 the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers and the Wauwatosa Police Department acquired new software technology called P3 Intel which allows anonymous tipsters to report crime information that can lead to the apprehension of criminals. The new program is capable of receiving tips with no length restrictions, it allows images, videos and documents to be uploaded. Information that is submitted is encrypted and ensures anonymity of tipsters. The P3 app is free and can be found in the Apple Store or Google Play. If you prefer using a PC or mobile browser go to p3tips.com for your opportunity of a reward of up to \$1,000.

For inquiries and membership information please contact Community Support Officer Dan Kane, he can be reached at 414-471-8430 ext. 5114 or dkane@wauwatosa.net.



HOME/HAZMAT – COLLECTION 2020

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)**

**MAY 1ST 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
MAY 2ND 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Go to mmsd.com for more details.