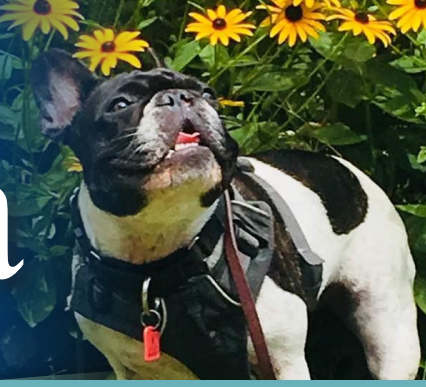




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Summer 2021 Newsletter



Fourth of July and Fifth of July

On July 4, fireworks will be held at 9:15 pm. The best spots for viewing fireworks will be in Wauwatosa's Hart Park, including the near the Rotary Stage, skatepark, and large green spaces. We are also opening the west side bleachers of Hart Park Stadium. The fireworks launch location will be near 64th St., but this area will be roped off for safety.

The parade on July 5 will take place on North Avenue. The parade proceeds west on North Avenue between 80th and 104th St. The parade begins at 9:00 am. We ask that you set up your chairs no earlier than 6:00 am on July 5.

What We've Heard So Far in Our Zoning Conversations

Zone Tosa for All is a planning project, led by the City of Wauwatosa and community partners, to make our zoning and land use decisions more equitable, to support small businesses, to increase accessibility for people with disabilities, and to address how zoning impacts housing.

We've held community conversations, a public workshop, and a survey - with a combined total of 202 participants. Some of the themes that have emerged in our first meetings include:

- Making Wauwatosa more welcoming. The "City of Homes" tagline has an unfortunate history of discrimination which has led to segregation
- A lack of affordable housing
- Increasing the variety of housing options
- Enhancing accessibility, such as ensuring accessible housing for people with disabilities, and making sure our active older adults can age in place
- Empowering small businesses, such as helping them with a streamlined permit process to implement new initiatives, particularly when overcoming unexpected challenges

You can read a full report of what we've heard so far from the community at wauwatosa.net/ZoneForAll.

We're still in a listening stage, so we do not have specific recommendations to update the zoning code at this time. However, we will have specific recommendations of updates by our next public meeting.

Haven't been involved yet? Join us for the next public meeting on August 31, 6:00 - 7:30 pm on Zoom. The pre-registration is on wauwatosa.net/ZoneForAll.

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www.wauwatosa.net

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Mayor's Corner

Message from Mayor Dennis McBride

A nationwide crime wave has affected our area and some crimes have increased recently. In Wauwatosa, the overall trend for many crimes over the past five years is downward.

Still, no level of crime is acceptable. We all must work together to prevent crime from increasing.

Nationwide it has become hard to attract new officers. Though some officers have left our department, more are being hired. Our new recruit classes are excellent. The department's funding has not decreased; in fact, with our purchase of body cameras, it has increased. The Wauwatosa police are working hard to keep us safe and the Police & Fire Commission will soon choose a new chief. We can all be confident that our community will continue to be well protected.

Vaccination Rate in Wauwatosa

COVID-19 vaccines are free and widely available in our area.

Everyone 12 and older is eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccination, and you do not need an ID or health insurance to get it. The Wauwatosa Health Department, located inside of City Hall at 7725 W North Avenue, has been hosting vaccine clinics as well as walk-in opportunities for several months. Check wauwatosa.net/vaccine for the latest schedule and to sign up.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, or if you'd like to register anyone who does not have the ability to access our website, please call (414) 479-8939.

As of June 30th, 64% of all Wauwatosa residents and approximately 75% of eligible individuals have received at least 1 dose of vaccine. 60% of all Wauwatosa residents and approximately 71% of eligible individuals are fully vaccinated.

The CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health Services have identified a goal of 80% vaccinated to achieve herd immunity against COVID-19.





CITY OF WAUWATOSA News in Brief



★ What's Accepted at the Drop Off Center? (the dump)

The Drop Off Center is open for summer hours (April through August) on Wednesdays, 7:30 am - 7:00 pm and Saturdays, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

We accept recyclable items, residential garbage like mattresses and carpeting, yard waste, appliances, TVs, car tires, and more. You can find out if we accept an item by using the Waste Wizard tool: wauwatosa.net/wizard. You can also call us at (414) 471-8422.

★ Online Crime Reports Map

Want to track police calls for service in your area? The Police Department uploads data into an online map. This map is updated on a weekly basis. Go to wauwatosa.net/police to see the map. The Police Department non-emergency number is (414) 471-8430. If you have a crime tip, you can call Crime Stoppers at (414) 771-8672.

★ Renew Your Library Card in Person or Online

To keep contact information up to date, library cards need to be renewed every two years. To renew your card, stop at any Milwaukee County Library with a photo ID and proof of residency or use the online renewal form at wauwatosalibrary.org. This form will ask you to add your contact information and upload images of a photo ID or proof of residency.

★ How Do I Find Contact Information for my Elected Officials?

We have a total of 16 alders and 1 mayor who are elected officials for the City of Wauwatosa. We have 8 districts in Wauwatosa, so each district is represented by 2 alders. To contact your alder or the mayor, go to the homepage of wauwatosa.net and look for the "myWauwatosa" feature. Type in your home address. You will see two alders and the mayor's phone and email addresses.

★ Save the Date: Tosa Green Summit

The Tosa Green Summit will be held on two Saturdays in September. This is a free event. On Saturday, September 11, there will be recycling from 8:00 am - 1 pm in the City Hall parking lot, exhibitors from 10 am - 1 pm in the Lower Civic Center, and a presentation at 11 am in the Upper Civic Center called "Sustainable Investing for Our Future." On Saturday, September 18 there is recycling from 8 am to 1 pm in the City Hall Parking Lot. View what items and hazardous waste will be collected by searching for "[Tosa Green Summit](http://wauwatosa.net)" at wauwatosa.net.



Police Chief Recruitment Process

The citizen-led Police and Fire Commission is very close to selecting a new Wauwatosa Police Chief. At time of this publication in early July 2021, they narrowed the nationwide search to three candidates.

There are three final candidates for Police Chief: James MacGillis, Jeffrey Norman, and David Salazar.

The hiring process involved five points of public involvement, including surveys, phone screening, assessment centers, requesting interview questions, and public interviews.

You can follow announcements at wauwatosa.net/chief.

Wauwatosa's Meeting Portal - How to Follow City Meetings

Wauwatosa is committed to making its public meetings and committees accessible to everyone. The Meeting Portal (wauwatosa.net/MeetingPortal) provides a convenient place to learn about upcoming meetings, see what topics are on the agendas, and review minutes and videos of past meetings.

How do I see what meetings are coming up?

The Meeting Portal displays a list of upcoming meetings. Clicking on a meeting will provide all of the available details, including the time and place where it will be held. Once the agenda for the meeting has been published, it will also be available to view on this page.

How can I set up e-mail notifications?

To enable notifications, sign in with your account, then navigate to the upper-right corner of the page. Next to the search box, you should see 'Welcome' along with your name. Click on your name and you will see your profile, along with a list of boards and committees that use the meeting portal. Simply check the boxes next to the meetings you'd like to receive. The next time an agenda is published for those meetings, you'll automatically receive an e-mail letting you know that an agenda is available.

What else can I do with a Meeting Portal account?

One of the quickest ways to find exactly what you are looking for is using the Search box. You can search by the name of the meeting, or even by specific key words or terms. The search function includes the agendas and minutes, so it is a great tool for looking in-depth for information on the topics you are most interested in. You can even filter your results by date, or use the advanced options to narrow in on exactly what you are looking for.



Tosa Photos Contest

Celebrate your Tosa life moments with us through the 2021 Tosa Life Photo Contest. Photographers of all ages are invited to submit photos that they think represent the best part of #TosaLife.

The 2021 Tosa Life Photo Contest runs between June 1st, 2021 and August 31st 2021 (voting period is August 1-31). To submit a photo, visit TosaPhotos.com. Photos must be taken within the City of Wauwatosa limits and must be your original work.

Welcome Meetings Media Boards+

Do you want to receive regular notifications when agendas or meeting minutes are published? Register for our e-mail notification service. Simply click on "Register" at the top right of the screen.

NOTE: "Agenda Packet" is a PDF that contains available information when an agenda is published. To view the most complete information available on an issue, click on the "Agenda Packet" link.

Upcoming Meetings

June, 2021

- Jun 28, 2021 5:30 PM [Agenda Outline](#) | [Agenda Packet](#)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Committee - Regular Meeting
- Jun 29, 2021 1:30 PM

CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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



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 with a new asphalt surface. We will fix sections of the storm sewer and sanitary sewer main and also replace street lighting, poles and fixtures. 68th St. is closed to traffic until Fall 2021.



Construction on Center Street near 112th Street

Center St. between 112th St. and the railroad bridge will be fully closed to traffic starting Monday, June 14 through end of July 2021. There will be access for pedestrians to walk east and west on Center St. The driveways to Whitman Middle School will be open throughout the project.



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](https://www.wauwatosa.net/construction) for more information.



Save the Date!

Milwaukee Torrent Professional Soccer at Hart Park
July 5 * 7 pm

Tosa Tonight Concert at Hart Park's Rotary Stage *
Wednesdays throughout summer

Tosa Farmers Market
Saturdays, * 8 am – 12 pm
through October 16

Mayfair Collection Summer Concert Series
Wednesdays, * 6 – 9 pm

Teen Summer Fun at the Library
July 22, * 2 pm

Teaching Safe Bicycling
July 23, * 9 am – 4 pm

Root Series Concert
August 19, * 6 – 8 pm

Tosa Green Summit
September 11 and 18 *

How Will Wauwatosa Allocate \$24 Million in Federal COVID-19 Relief?

The City of Wauwatosa has been designated as the recipient of just over \$24 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. This is a federal relief package aimed at providing economic support directly to communities from effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This is an incredible scope of funding for Wauwatosa. To put it in context, \$24 million represents about a third of our annual budget or about two years’ worth of our capital spending. When we learn more about the federal guidelines of how we can allocate these funds, we want to work with the community to help identify and prioritize projects,” said John Ruggini, Finance Director for the City of Wauwatosa.

These funds are meant to respond to needs from the pandemic, replace lost revenue, and invest in necessary infrastructure. We'd have to allocate the funds by 2024.

We also want to avoid creating new permanent programs that require an ongoing property tax financial commitment when the one-time American Rescue Plan funds are exhausted.

The City will be working with a consultant to design a robust public engagement strategy to engage people online and in person about how to best use these funds.

If you'd like occasional email updates on our progress, or if you'd like to participate in prioritizing how to spend these funds, please sign up at wauwatosa.net/arpa.



➔ Ways to Engage

ONLINE: Visit us at www.wauwatosa.net

IN PERSON: Visit us Monday-Friday, from 8 am - 4:30 pm at City Hall
7725 W. North Avenue | Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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

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 <https://www.youtube.com>