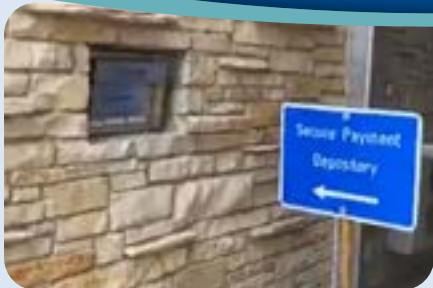




City Newsletter

WAUWATOSA

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Property Taxes

City Hall is open for in-person tax collection; however, we encourage you to pay in a contactless way. You can use mail, pay by e-check, credit card, or drop it in the secure payment depository outside of City Hall. We will mail receipts to those who use the secure payment depository.

You may pay the full amount by January 31, 2022, or pay in installments listed on the bill (Jan 31, March 31, and May 31). These are interest free, and there is no application process – you just have to make the indicated payment by each due date.

View your tax bill and payment options: wauwatosa.net/taxes. Contact the Treasurer's Office: (414) 479-8960 or treasurer@wauwatosa.net

Follow Proposed Developments in Wauwatosa

When a proposed development is submitted to the city for consideration, each development may have a slightly different path for approval. A property owner has the ability to develop permitted uses on their property. If there's a zoning change or another aspect of the project that requires a board approval, then the proposal might go to Plan Commission and the Common Council.

One development recently submitted is "Cornerstone Village - Wauwatosa" at the corner of North Avenue and Wauwatosa Avenue where the BMO Harris Bank is located.



This proposed project includes 92 residential units and 4 townhouses - including 23 units for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and 18 of these units will be offered at an affordable rate, not to exceed 80% of the average median income. The project also includes 5,300 square feet for the bank to operate, retail that employees people with disabilities, and a discovery lab. This last amenity is to promote transition and living skill development, hands on training and educational initiatives for people with disabilities. The developer has talked with the Wauwatosa School District as a possible user for this space. The School District would leverage the Discovery Lab to train people to shop, cook, clean and manage a budget among other things.

The Cornerstone Village - Wauwatosa will be talked about at the following meetings: January 18 – Public Hearing at Common Council; January 25 - Community Affairs; February 1 – Common Council. To follow proposed developments in Wauwatosa, you could sign up for email notifications when meeting agendas are published (wauwatosa.net/MeetingPortal) or follow Wauwatosa on social media for certain milestone announcements.

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Mayor's Corner

Message from Mayor Dennis McBride

A new year always brings change. Six alderpersons will not run for reelection in April 2022: Matthew Stippich (District 1), Kathleen Causier (2), Michael Walsh (4), Allison Byrne (6), Jason Kofroth (7), and

Craig Wilson (8). They will be hard to replace. I thank them for their service and wish them well.

It is not easy, especially in polarized times, to be an elected official. In a few aldermanic districts, only one person will be running. A referendum on the April ballot will ask if voters want to reduce the Common Council from 16 to 12 alderpersons. In coming weeks, the City will provide more information on this issue.

The new year does bring hope. Our Health Department is doing all it can to protect us against COVID-19 and the City's financial position is strong. As we enter 2022, let's remember that during these stressful times we all need to be extra patient and care for each other. Wauwatosa is a true community. We will continue to move forward if we do so together.

\$7,500 Hiring Bonus for Police Officers

Wauwatosa, like other cities across the country, is facing a challenge in the coming years in recruiting and retaining police officers. Our team is looking at several possible retirements in the next five years. At the same time, we're looking to grow the team because of a contract with the medical campus for patrol services that adds officers to that area.

It's a competitive job market right now.

The city has several advantages to offer: Wauwatosa generally pays more than other cities in the area, and the Common Council recently approved \$7,500 hiring bonuses. City employees who make a successful referral could get a \$1,500 bonus. Plus, the city has no residency requirement.

On top of that, the Wauwatosa Police Department has several specialized units – drug recognition, motorcycle patrol, K-9 – that offer career opportunities an officer might not find elsewhere.

Do you know someone who would be an ideal candidate to serve our Wauwatosa community? More details at: wauwatosa.net/PoliceJobs





CITY OF WAUWATOSA News in Brief



✦ Elections in 2022

We have four elections in 2022: February 15, April 5, August 9, and November 8. The April Election will include aldermanic candidates and a referendum related to the size of the Common Council. See details about these elections, absentee voting, changes to voting locations, and more at wauwatosa.net.

✦ How to Respond to Coyotes in Wauwatosa

We encourage you to eliminate attractants on your property and to re-instill coyote's fear of humans through hazing efforts. We have a [Coyote Nuisance Management and Response Plan Policy](#) aimed at supporting co-existence with urban coyotes. You can see information about coyote sightings and report a coyote sighting in Milwaukee County at [Milwaukee County Coyote Watch](#). If your pet is attacked or nuisance behavior occurs, we will engage an animal removal specialist to attempt to locate and remove the coyote.

✦ Wauwatosa Approves Social Worker Position

The Common Council approved a social worker position that would be connected to the city's health, police, and fire departments. Too often, law enforcement or fire responders are the first contact for people in need of mental health services. In our current response system, we may send a police officer or fire responder to a person struggling with opioids, a hoarding situation, or individuals with developmental disabilities. These calls for service are singular responses, and a police officer or fire responder may be limited in the resources they can provide. This doesn't mean that a social worker would be deployed next to a police officer or paramedic on scene. The new social worker will connect residents to resources such as social service providers and conduct follow-ups with cases and clients. The position is funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and not through the general budget.

✦ Tourism Commission Awarded Grant Funds

The City of Wauwatosa Tourism Commission was awarded \$146,011.50 through a Destination Marketing Organization grant provided by state. The pandemic severely impacted travel and hotel stays in 2020 and 2021. The Tourism Commission received just \$63,758 in hotel tax revenue in 2020, a 94.6% decrease from the \$1.18 million that was forecasted prior to the pandemic. The Commission's sole funding mechanism is hotel tax revenue, and the organization had to make significant budget cuts to operate during the pandemic.



Referendum in April 2022: Size of Common Council

The Common Council is asking voters to decide if the size of the Common Council should be reduced from 16 to 12 members. This includes creating term limit for alderpersons, so that no person could serve more than two consecutive four-year terms (unless one full term or more has passed since that person last held office).

In April 2022, voters will see the following on their ballot: "Shall the Charter Ordinance be adopted as presented to the Common Council on July 20, 2021, to reduce the number of alderpersons per district from two (2) per aldermanic district to one (1) per district, define twelve (12) aldermanic districts, create term limits for alderpersons, establish transitional procedures and establish effective dates?"

If you vote yes, this means you support reducing the size of the Common Council from 16 to 12 members, providing for one alderperson per district, creating term limits for elected officials, and related ordinance amendments.

If you vote no, this means that you support the Common Council remaining at 16 members, providing two alderpersons per district. There would be no term limits for alderpersons.

If the referendum passes by a majority vote, in April 2026, alders in the 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 districts are elected for only a two-year term. Then, in April 2028, all aldermanic positions elected in April 2028 will serve a four-year term.

If the referendum does not pass, Wauwatosa would continue to have 16 alderpersons - two alderpersons in each of the eight districts.

Follow city news at wauwatosa.net for updates about the referendum.

American Rescue Plan Act: Public Involvement

Wauwatosa is receiving about \$24 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In Fall and Winter 2021, we held 10 focus groups, seven 1:1 interviews, and two community input meetings to hear from stakeholders about how the pandemic has affected our community and how Wauwatosa could allocate these funds.

On January 18, the Committee of the Whole will hear a summary report of the public input we received and will begin to decide how to allocate funds.

Follow this news: wauwatosa.net/ARPA



2022 Garbage and Recycling Schedules

You can view your collection schedule at any time on the homepage of wauwatosa.net. Type in your address in the "myWauwatosa" feature to see your schedule.

You can also download a calendar of collection dates at wauwatosa.net/recycling. Go to the collection map, find your address, and you can print the calendar from there. Contact us if you have any questions: (414) 471-8422.



CITY OF WAUWATOSA

Construction & Development News



Watertown Plank Road from Robertson Street to 86th Street

Built in 1982, we're planning to do an asphalt overlay on this road to improve its condition. We're continuing to look at bicycle and pedestrian improvements in this area as well as traffic signals.

Final plans have not been decided by the Common Council yet. This project is planned for 2022.



2022 Construction on 68th Street

Over the next five years, we've paving major arterial roads. These roads are typically wider and have significant older utilities under the street in need of repair. We are prioritizing roads that impact a larger amount of the traveling public and roads that are eligible for state funding.

In 2022, we're replacing the pavement on 68th Street from Wisconsin Avenue to River Parkway. This roadway was originally constructed in 1985.

We're also adding dedicated bicycle lanes from Honey Creek Parkway to Aetna Court and shared bicycle lane markings ("sharrows") from Aetna Court to Wisconsin Avenue for both southbound and northbound travel.



Construction on North Avenue from Railroad Bridge to 117th Street

This roadway was constructed in 1958. We'll do a complete reconstruction of the road. North Avenue between 117th and the railroad bridge west of Mayfair Road will be reconstructed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as part of the Zoo Interchange north leg. Construction on North Ave is anticipated to begin in 2022.



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 for more information.



Learn About the Species and Pruning Cycle of Your City Trees

Wauwatosa has over 25,000 city trees. These are typically trees that are in medians or in the grassy area between sidewalks and the street. Our Tosa trees contribute lots of value to our urban forest, such as producing 888 tons of oxygen per year and helping avoid 2.2 million gallons of stormwater from going into our rivers and lakes. We wanted a visual way to show residents the value of our trees as well as important information like when their city tree would be pruned and if it's being treated for a disease.

Go to wauwatosa.net/tree to see the Tosa Tree Dashboard. Scroll down and look for the map. You can navigate to any Wauwatosa street and start to see city trees populate on the map.

If you start to dig into the data, you might notice some trends:

- Four species of trees make up roughly two thirds of our forest – which is not a healthy balance for our ecosystem. We have over 116 species of trees and the goal is to increase our tree diversity, so Wauwatosa's forest continues to thrive. By choosing a diverse palate of trees, we minimize risks of pests or diseases impacting our urban forest.
- You'll also be able to see the ecological benefits that each tree contributes. Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. Wauwatosa is a Tree City which means that we have met certain criteria that shows our commitment to our forest management.
- We often get questions about when trees were last treated or pruned, and this tool will have those answers for you. Click on any individual tree to see this data.

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

Did you have a real Christmas tree this year? We collect real trees (not artificial trees) on the curb between January 3 - 28, 2022.

Please remove all decorations. We don't take trees in bags or wreaths.

If you have other holiday garbage or recycling questions, use the Waste Wizard to see if it should be thrown away, recycled, composted or reused: wauwatosa.net/wizard.

Examples: Christmas lights, old electronics, egg nog cartons, bubble wrap, and more.

Questions? Call Public Works: (414) 471-8422.



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
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