

# 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.

## Tosa's Night Out 2022

On behalf of the Wauwatosa's Neighborhood Watch Committee and the Wauwatosa Police Department, we are pleased to announce that Tosa's Night Out 2022 has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2022. Our 27<sup>th</sup> annual event will take place at Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. This year's exciting news is that we will be working in collaboration with the Tosa Tonight concert series!

Tosa's Night Out is a free event where everyone is welcome. Participants who officially register for our "Flashlight Walk Against Crime" will receive a commemorative t-shirt, flashlight, and other sponsored checkpoint items along the walk route. The walk begins promptly at 8:00 PM at Hart Park on the day of the event. Tosa's Night Out is designed to celebrate and solidify community partnerships that exist in Wauwatosa which help keep our citizens, businesses, and visitors safe and informed. Wauwatosa's celebration will include live entertainment, courtesy of the Tosa Tonight concert series, games, police and fire department displays, Flight for Life landing, health and wellness exhibits, consumer protection information, and a raffle for those that register early. Food and refreshments will also be available at family friendly prices.

Early online registration will be from May 9<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>, you can register at <https://tosasnightout.org/> for \$7.50 per person. After July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the price will increase to \$10 per person. With early registration you not only receive the benefit of a lower price, but your shirts will be delivered to your house prior to the event. For registrations received after July 22<sup>nd</sup>, shirts will need to be picked up at the Wauwatosa Police Department or at the event.

If you know someone that may be interested in receiving this newsletter, please have them contact Laura Laurishke at [llaurishke@wauwatosa.net](mailto:llaurishke@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.

**Wauwatosa Crime  
Stoppers**

**771-TOSA**

**Cash rewards up  
to \$1,000.**

**Wauwatosa Police Department**

*James MacGillis - Chief of Police*

**Community Support Division**

*Captain Gary Gabrish*

*Lieutenant Brad Beckman*

*Sergeant James Morrill*

*Specialist II Mike McDermott*

*Community Support Officer Dan Kane*

*School Officer Tracy Burbach*

*School Officer Farris Griffin*

*School Officer Andy Yothesackda*

*Administrative Support*

*Specialist Laura Laurishke*

**HARTFEST**

**FRIDAY – JUNE 17**

**SATURDAY – JUNE 18**

**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 submit 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.

***DEA's next National Prescription Drug Take Back  
Day is April 30, 2022 – 9AM to 12PM***

**Wauwatosa Police Department  
1700 North 116<sup>th</sup> Street  
(Outside Parking Lot)**

**Or**

**Medical College of Wisconsin  
8701 W. Watertown Plank Road  
(Entrance to the Building)**

**Stop by, let us make disposal quick and easy.**

THIS MEMORIAL DAY  
PLEASE REMEMBER ALL  
OUR 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 2022

Wauwatosa's Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Monday, July 4, 2022. This year's theme is "An Old Fashioned 4th."

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



## Community Service Officers (CSO's)

The Wauwatosa Police Department is excited to announce that beginning April 18, 2022 there will be new members of the Wauwatosa Police Department called Community Service Officers. Community Service Officers are uniformed part time non-sworn employees who will focus on providing police services for low priority calls that do not require a response from an armed police officer. The mission of the Community Service Officers is to work in partnership with patrol officers and our citizens to maintain a safe, peaceful community by providing professional police services dedicated to the highest standards of ethics and integrity.

Common calls for service that Community Service Officers will respond to will be:

- Parking Enforcement
- Traffic Control for disabled autos and vehicle crashes
- Animals at Large
- Snow Removal Complaints
- Graffiti Documentation and Removal
- Junked/Abandoned Vehicle Complaints
- Found/Recovered Property
- Minor Theft Reports

Benefits of the Community Service Officer Program include delivering safety services to residents at a lower cost than for a sworn police officer response. In turn, this allows sworn police officers to focus on crime incidents and criminal investigations while increasing the visibility of public safety officers in the city.

## Warmer Weather

It's so nice to be able to get out and enjoy a great day, warm temperatures and sunshine. Many people are out and about with something or another to do, generally in or on some type of vehicle to get from here to there. We need to keep in mind that not all vehicles are big and easily seen while driving.

The time is right for motorcycles to make their appearance on the roads once again. A motorcycle rider utilizes different skills than the driver of a car, and we as drivers need to be aware of that. Motorcycles are heavy pieces of equipment that can be challenging to maneuver for a split-second reaction to a traffic situation.

This article should be utilized as a reminder that we need to share the road. When we drive we need to have eyes everywhere in order to keep everyone safe, that includes motorcycle riders, bicyclists and pedestrians.



Let's have a safe Spring and Summer!

# WAUWATOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY! \$7,500 HIRING BONUS

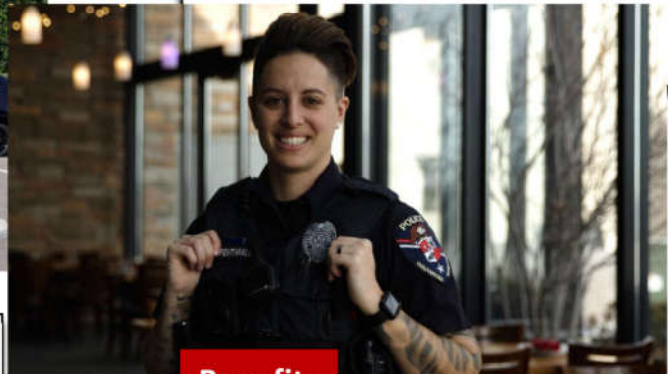
Wauwatosa Police Officer’s are ready to serve and committed to the mission and vision of the department. Police Officers are responsible for providing protection of life and property; promoting and preserving peace through cooperation; enforcing municipal, state and federal laws; and delivering police-related services for all residents and visitors of Wauwatosa, WI.

### Basic Qualifications

- Be at least 21 years old at time of hire
- 60 college credits from an accredited college at time of hire
- No felony or domestic convictions
- Valid driver’s license
- Vision 20/40 corrected
- U.S. citizen
- No residency requirement

### Hiring Process

- Physical Agility Test
- Written Evaluative Survey
- Phone screen
- Assessment Center Exercises
- Police & Fire interview
- Conditional offer of employment
- Thorough Background Investigation
- Medical Exam/ Drug screen
- Psychological Exam
- Final approval by Chief



### Opportunities

- Community Support Officers
- School Resource Officers
- Detective Bureau
- Special Response Team-Tactical Unit
- K9 Unit
- Crash Investigation Unit
- State Certified Instructors (Firearms, Defensive/Arrest Tactics, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and more)
- Drug Recognition Experts
- Motorcycle Officers
- Field Training Officers
- Federal Task Force Officers

### Benefits

- Comprehensive health, dental, & Vision Plan
- College tuition assistance
- Paid vacation, sick leave, holidays
- Use of city owned wellness gym
- 4-2 schedule
- Wisconsin Retirement System
- Up to 5 weeks vacation
- 5 years prior experience- \$82,286 starting pay

Visit <http://servetosa.com/> for more information