



City Newsletter

WAUWATOSA

Spring 2022



Yard Waste Collection

Through October 7, 2022 our team will collect yard waste from your curb. Curbside yard waste pickup is completed every other week, alternating with recycling collection. Simply place your yard materials by the curb in a container marked "Yard Waste," paper yard material bags, or bundle with twine and we'll take care of the rest. You can dispose of yard waste in paper bags.

We do not collect:

- grass clippings
- dirt or soil, other than residual from pulled plants
- root balls
- branches over 6 inches in diameter

See more details and your collection schedule: wauwatosa.net/yard

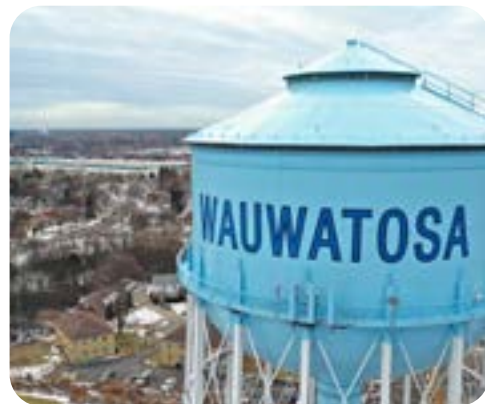
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Approved Projects for Wauwatosa's \$24 Million in Federal COVID-19 Relief

Wauwatosa is receiving a total of \$24,663,875 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. These funds are intended to support the efforts of local governments in their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.



Given the magnitude and unprecedented nature of this funding opportunity, the city implemented a robust public engagement process that included internal stakeholder engagement and extensive external engagement with community meetings, interviews, and online feedback opportunities. The full details of this engagement are available in the January 18, 2022 meeting packet for the Committee of the Whole. Forty-five proposals were submitted totaling \$55.5 million.

The Common Council discussed proposed projects and ultimately approved a funding package. A notable project is the addition of a west zone pumping station to make sure customers have access to water in the event of a failure. The water utility provides service to two separate pressure districts, east and west. The eastern district utilizes three pumping stations and two elevated towers, while the western district only has one station and one tower available at this time. The lack of a secondary pumping station makes the western district extremely vulnerable to system wide failures.

Other projects that were approved are related to COVID-19 response, a housing rehabilitation program, several infrastructure projects, mental health and substance use programs, funding for parks, and small business support in the form of building improvements. A full list of projects is available at wauwatosa.net/ARPA.

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Mayor's Corner

Message from Mayor Dennis McBride

As the weather warms and the sun shines, spring always brings us hope. It also brings growth and change. Change came to city government, too. On April 19, the Common Council will see unprecedented

turnover. Five of the alders are women, and we will welcome our first two African-American alderpersons. Wauwatosa will continue to evolve and open its heart and doors for all people.

In the 2020 Presidential election, we had a 90.9% voter turnout. For the spring 2022 election, however, which did not feature high-visibility races, turnout was only 33%.

The referendum to shrink the Common Council's size passed by fewer than one vote per aldermanic district. That result, and the one-vote margin that decided the 5th District aldermanic election, shows how important it is for everyone to vote and be heard.

Wauwatosa will continue to move forward. To do so, we need everyone involved, by running for office, by volunteering, and especially by voting. Only in this way can we ensure that our community will be the best it can be.

What's Our Five-Year Plan, Wauwatosa?

Wauwatosa is in the process of creating a strategic plan. This plan will set forth a vision and key activities from the elected leadership and the community. Most importantly, the strategic plan is an opportunity for you to express where you want to see Wauwatosa go over the next five years. There are a few opportunities for the community to give input.

Attend a Community Meeting

- May 14 from 10 – 11:30 am in Lower Civic Center at City Hall (7725 W North Avenue)
- May 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 on Zoom

Please pre-register for a community meeting by going to wauwatosa.net/StrategicPlan

Take a Survey

We invite the community to participate in a survey to share thoughts about Wauwatosa's strategic plan. Access the survey at wauwatosa.net/StrategicPlan

Then, follow city meetings to hear the progression of the strategic plan. Specific meeting dates will be listed on wauwatosa.net/StrategicPlan and on the city's meeting portal. We anticipate a finished strategic plan by Fall 2022.



CITY OF WAUWATOSA News in Brief



★ Leash and License Your Pets

Did you know that pets may not run loose on any public property, with the exception of designated dog parks? Pets must be confined by a leash, pen, or fence while on your property. Also - your pets must be licensed. You can obtain a license through the Wauwatosa Treasurer's Office. Pets must have visible license tags attached to a collar.

★ Riding Responsibly - Electric Scooters Return to Wauwatosa

Wauwatosa and Bird, a leader in environmentally friendly electric transportation, are teaming up to bring shared e-scooters to the city. To ride an e-scooter, you must be 18 or older. Ride a scooter in the road and in bike lanes - not on sidewalk. If you have questions or concerns about the e-scooters, the company can be reached directly at 1-866-205-2442 or hello@bird.co.

★ Getting Rid of Unwanted Items or Hazardous Waste

The Wauwatosa Drop Off Center is able to help with disposal of many items that we cannot collect curbside. The center is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, excluding holidays. See what items we collect: wauwatosa.net/recycling

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) offers year-round hazardous waste collection for Milwaukee County residents, as well as tips on how to dispose of other items. There are three permanent drop off sites for hazardous waste, two in Milwaukee and one in Menomonee Falls. See locations and hours: mmsd.com

★ Check for Water Leaks Before They Get Costly

Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. Here are some tips for finding leaks: 1) Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks. 2) Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank. 3) Sign up for Eye on Water - our leak alert system that will notify you if we detect a leak in your water account.



Referendum in April 2022: Size of Common Council

In the April 2022 Election, voters approved the referendum that will decrease the size of the Common Council and create term limits.

Wauwatosa currently has eight aldermanic districts and two representatives per district on the council. The referendum means we will have 12 new aldermanic districts with alderperson per district.

What happens next?

- All aldermanic positions elected in April 2024 will serve two-year terms.
- Before the 2026 election, the Common Council will approve new aldermanic maps, creating 12 districts.
- In April 2026, Wauwatosa will be represented by one alderperson in each district, with a total of 12 districts. The alderpersons in odd-numbered districts will serve for two-year terms. The even-numbered districts will serve four-year terms.
- In April 2028, all aldermanic positions will serve a four-year term.

You can find your current elected officials' contact information in the inside cover of this newsletter. You can also go to wauwatosa.net and type in your address on the myWauwatosa feature to see your elected officials and their contact information.

Tosa Takes Out the Trash - April 30, 2022

Tosa is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live. But like many communities around us, litter accumulates on our green spaces, along roadsides, sidewalks and on our medians. This spring when the snow melts, we want to make an extra effort to take care of this trash. We invite you to join us for a special Tosa Takes Out the Trash day.

We will focus on specific areas of our City that often collect the most litter - spaces like the medians and sidewalks along Burleigh Street, North Avenue and Wauwatosa Avenue, for example. Besides keeping Tosa beautiful, this trash pickup effort also helps our team who mow our green spaces to grow healthy grass and prevent additional wear and tear on our equipment.

We recommend volunteers ages 12 and older. Please sign up in advance and email tparks@wauwatosa.net with any questions.



Speed Radar Signs and Enforcement

You may have noticed the new radar speed displays that have been placed throughout the city. Radar speed displays have proven to be effective "traffic calming" devices since they reinforce speed limit awareness by alerting drivers of excessive speeds. The displays also collect data on speeding incidents for enforcement efforts. The displays will be placed on various city streets based on traffic concerns and complaints.

Recommendations for displays can be made to our Community Support Division at (414) 471-8430 or llaurishke@wauwatosa.net.



CITY OF WAUWATOSA

Construction & Development News



Green Alley Installations

Our green infrastructure strategies capture, infiltrate, and slow the flow of stormwater. We're continuing our practice of installing green alleys to reduce stormwater runoff, help clean and recharge groundwater, and reduce localized flooding. To date, the City of Wauwatosa has installed 25 green alleys, with two more on the way in 2022 on Marion - Grantosa at 99th Street.



2022 Construction on 68th Street

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.

Over the next five years, we're paving major arterial roads. These roads are typically wider and have significant and 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.



Construction on North Avenue from Railroad Bridge to 117th Street

This roadway was constructed in 1958. We are doing 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. North Avenue entrance/exit ramps at I-41 closed until Fall 2023. If you'd like to receive updates, go to projects.511wi.gov/zoo-interchange-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.

LIVE PAINTING TOURNAMENT FOR A \$20,000 GRAND PRIZE

June 3rd & 4th, 2022 in the Village of Tosa

art64tosa.com



Live painting tournament ART 64 with \$20,000 grand prize coming to Wauwatosa in June

Wauwatosa and NEWaukee are excited to announce ART 64, a one-of-a-kind, bracket-style live painting tournament in Wauwatosa on June 3 and 4, 2022. After four rounds of competition, the winner will take home \$20,000.

The competition will feature 64 artists from around the country who will be paired to go head-to-head and given a set period to create a work of art on canvas. The public will vote for their favorite paintings on the ART 64 website. The artist in each pairing with the most votes will advance to the next round. The final eight artists will then compete for a \$20,000 grand prize.

The event will be free and open to the public and will take place in the Village of Tosa. Harwood Avenue, State Street, and Underwood Avenue will be closed to traffic between Wauwatosa Avenue and State Street for the duration of the event.

Attendees can also enjoy drinks from ART 64 sponsor Lowlands Group, food, and musical entertainment throughout the tournament. Guests will also have the opportunity to check out and support the local businesses in the Village of Tosa during the event.

"Live art making is an incredible performance and takes great skill. We look forward to celebrating artists and welcoming visitors to Wauwatosa for this special experience," says Melissa Weiss, Deputy City Administrator for the City of Wauwatosa.

For more information about ART 64 including a list of participating artists and detailed schedule, please visit the ART 64 website.

www.art64tosa.com

Save the Date!

May 1 * 11 am - 3 pm
Spring Makers Marketosa

May 7 * 10 am - 3 pm
Last Farmers Market in the Village

May 13 * 3 - 9 pm
Beer Garden Opens at Hoyt Park

May 14 * 7 pm
Milwaukee Torrent Game at Hart Park

June 3 - 4 *
ART64 in the Village

June 4 * 8 am - 12 pm
Tosa Farmers Market
(continues every Saturday through October 15, 2022)

June 26 *
Tour of America's Dairyland
Bike Race in the Village

June 29 * 6 pm
Tosa Tonight Concert Series



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

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