

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 welcome.

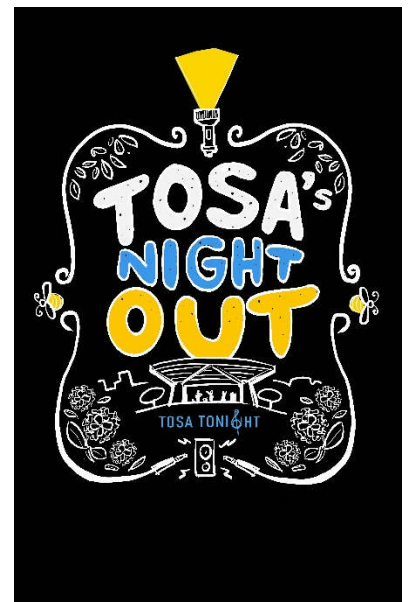
Tosa's Night Out 2022

Tosa's Night Out 2022 is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 3, 2022 from 4p-8p. Our 28th annual event will again take place at Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. We are ecstatic to announce that this year we will be working in collaboration with the Tosa Tonight concert series! Their band for the night is "Porky's Groove Machine", an upbeat, fun, and silly band formed right here in Wisconsin.

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, canvas bag, 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 9th through July 22nd, you can register at <https://tosanightout.org/> for \$7.50 per person. After July 22nd, 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 22nd, shirts will need to be picked up at the Wauwatosa Police Department or at the event.

To the right is the 2022 commemorative design created by our friends at Catral Doyle Creative. The illustrative design for 2022 celebrates the return to Hart Park and the free Tosa Tonight concert.



Hope to See You There!

Tosa Green Summit 2022

The Tosa Green Summit will return to City Hall for recycling and other opportunities on **Saturday, September 10 and Saturday, September 17.**

Saturday, September 10:

Recycling collections for Wauwatosa Crimestoppers Shredding, Textiles and Bikes in the City Hall Parking Lot from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Exhibits in the Lower Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, September 17:

Recycling collections for MMSD Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics in the City Hall Parking Lot from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note there is a fee of \$35 for recycling TVs and \$10 for computer monitors, cash only.

Everything is free (with the exception of the TV/monitor recycling). Save the dates and start getting ready to build awareness and take-action on your sustainable activities! For more information, like Tosa Green Summit on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TosaGreenSummit> or contact Jeff Roznowski at jroznowski@wi.rr.com or 414-803-9500.



The Motor Unit is Ready for Summer

In May 2022, the police department hosted Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and Harley-Davidson motor officer training. Sgt. Cory Wex successfully completed the Police Motorcycle Instructor Course and Officers Evan Olson and Bryan Wade successfully completed the Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Course.

Sgt. Wex supervises the motor unit and will now develop and administer in-service training for our motor officers. Officers Olson and Wade will be deployed on early and day shift, respectively. These training courses have been described as some of the toughest for police officers to take.

Founded in 2008, the Wauwatosa Police Motor Unit operates three Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycles with eight motor officers. The motor unit exists to provide high-visibility traffic enforcement, crash investigations and assists with special events such as dignitary and funeral escorts as well as parades and other demonstrations.

Police Motorcycles are capable of patrolling areas not accessible by a squad car and can maneuver through heavy traffic, allowing them to respond to incidents much faster.

The biggest asset of operating a Police Motorcycle, is the community service and public relations perspective. Motor Officers are approachable, allowing them to easily converse and communicate with our community. Next time you see a motor officer in your neighborhood, say “Hi!” and ask them what they love most about being a motor officer!



Please, Please, Please

When you're out and about, whether it be at the grocery store or the mall, pumping gas or just walking the dog. Please be aware of your surroundings, pay attention to people, cars and anything that may look suspicious.

It only takes a moment for an incident to occur and for one to become the victim of a crime.

Put your phone away. Once you've gotten to where you need to be, there will be plenty of time to discuss whatever it is that is so important.



Meet Our K9 Officers

The Wauwatosa Police Department K9 Unit consists of two K9 teams; Officer Rebholz with K9 Koa and Officer Ziegler with K9 Zev.

Our veteran team, Officer Rebholz and K9 Koa have been serving since May of 2018. Officer Ziegler and K9 Zev have been serving since May of 2019.

The K9 Handler's and K9's attended an intensive 6-week training course at Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania prior to beginning their patrol duties in the City.

The K9 Teams are an integral part of the patrol division assisting in the prevention of crime, apprehending dangerous criminals, locating narcotics and weapons, assisting in locating missing persons, just to mention of few of their duties.

The K9 Unit's day-to-day operations are supervised by Sergeant Strands. Lieutenant McAtee is the K9 Unit Commander.

Koa is a Belgian Malinois

Zev is a Dutch Shepard



**WAUWATOSA
CRIME
STOPPERS**

**771-TOSA or
Text Keyword
"Tosa" to "Crimes"**

Cash Reward up to \$1,000

Wauwatosa Police Department

James MacGillis – Chief of Police

Community Support Division

- Captain Gary Gabrish*
- Lieutenant Bradley Beckman*
- Sergeant Jim Morrill*
- Specialist II Mike McDermott*
- Specialist I Dan Kane*
- School Officer Tracy Burbach*
- School Officer Farris Griffin*
- School Officer Andy Yothesackda*
- Administrative Support Specialist -
Laura Laurishke*

The Wauwatosa Police Department is partnering with the Sojourner Family Peace House on a new campaign to prevent Domestic Violence.

If you own a business in Wauwatosa and are willing to post a window or bathroom mirror cling or have business cards available for individuals, we'd like to hear from you.

If you are interested in helping others in and around your community or would like additional information, please contact Laura Laurishke at laurishke@wauwatosa.net or 414-471-8430.

Thank you!

Block Party Banners

NOW AVAILABLE! Block Party Street Banners

- Easily attaches to street barricades or garbage carts.
- Prevents traffic flow during a block party.
- Advertises the block party with a 2½' x 10' banner.

Reserve your banners now...there are 16 sets available for distribution. Just check the box at the bottom of the block party application to reserve a set for your party, and remember there is a \$25.00 deposit that will be returned when the banners have been returned. If you have questions, call Maija Ptaszek at 471-8430, ext. 5129. Banners are available for pickup at the Police Department on the Friday prior to a block party. Please return by the following Monday so the banners can be re-distributed.

**Wisconsin State Statute
346.89(3)(a)**

No person may drive any motor vehicle while composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message

Texting while driving causes greater impairment than being under the influence of drugs or alcohol while driving.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) driving a vehicle while texting is six time more dangerous than intoxicated driving.

Crime Statistics

Comparative Analysis – City Wide

Category	01-01-21 thru 06-30-21	01-01-22 thru 06-30-22	Percentage of Change 2021 - 2022
<i>Part 1 Crimes</i>			
Homicide	0	0	0.00%
Sexual Assault	12	6	- 50.00%
Robbery	16	16	0.00%
Assault	37	56	51.35%
Burglary	34	27	- 20.59%
Larceny-Theft	563	683	21.31%
Motor Vehicle Theft	146	126	-13.70%
Subtotal of Part 1 Crimes	808	914	13.12%
<i>Other Select Incidents</i>			
Fraud	134	117	- 12.69%%
Vandalism	85	79	-7.06%
Narcotic Law Violations	27	38	- 40.74%
Drunken Driving	29	37	27.59%
Disorderly Conduct	800	793	- 0.88%
Fatal MVA	2	1	-50.00%
Personal Injury MVA	74	60	- 18.92%%
Property Damage MVA	545	521	- 4.40%
Total of All Calls	12,518	14,526	16.04%

Note: The above are incidents that are reported and investigated by the Police Department. Actual crime classifications usually change when the complaints are finally analyzed and dispositions are determined. This may result in different numbers reported to the NIBRS incident-based reporting system at the end of the year.

If there is something you'd like addressed in this newsletter, please contact Laura Laurishke at 414-471-8430 ext. 5111 or email llaurishke@wauwatosa.net. We will do our best to accommodate your request.