



# City Newsletter

## WAUWATOSA

Summer 2022



### Fourth of July Fireworks Delayed Until August 3

Due to weather, the Civic Celebration Commission decided to delay the Fourth of July fireworks until August 3, 2022 at 9:30 pm. The rain date is August 10, 2022.

Also at Hart Park that night is a Tosa Tonight concert and Tosa Night Out. The Esprit Poms & Dance Squad will perform at 5:30 pm at the Rotary Stage.

Fireworks will be launched at 9:30 pm from 63rd and River Parkway. The best viewing spots are in Hart Park (7300 W Chestnut Street, Wauwatosa). Bring your chair or blanket and sit near the Rotary Stage. Or, find a spot in the bleachers at the track. There are restrooms near the Rotary Stage and near the track.

### Common Council Approves Social Worker Position

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.

The new social worker will connect residents to resources such as social service providers and conduct follow-ups with cases and clients. They will help forge deep and dependable relationships among the community, care providers, police, fire, health, and other agencies. This doesn't mean that a social worker would be deployed next to a police officer or paramedic on scene.

"Problems arising from mental health struggles or substance use disorders call for trained medical professionals and social workers who can help identify long-term strategies rather than arrest or incarceration," said Wauwatosa Police Chief James MacGillis.

"Addressing mental health and substance use issues in our community requires collaboration between emergency services and public health. It is our hope that this position will strengthen the response between public health and emergency services to improve health outcomes for individuals living in Wauwatosa. Mental health concerns have been exacerbated by the pandemic, and it is imperative we improve our services to meet the needs of our community," said Wauwatosa Health Officer Laura Stephens.

The social worker's approach can help identify patterns of behavior, create conditions of safety and stability, and work with community partners to prevent crime before it may occur. The position is funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and not through the general budget.

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## Mayor's Corner

### Message from Mayor Dennis McBride

Summer has arrived in full glory in Wauwatosa. As always, we have much to look forward to. Tosa Tonight has expanded its musical offerings, the Civic Celebration Commission will again sponsor a lively July 4th parade, and our parks are full of runners, bikers, swimmers, skateboarders, and friends enjoying picnics.

Meanwhile, your city government is hard at work. Even though we lowered our property tax rate this year to its lowest level since 2011, we've been able to take on many new initiatives that will improve life for all Wauwatosans. Among these will be a new park on 116th Street, upgrades to our roads and water system, and investments in new positions to make all our departments function more effectively.

City Hall has seen a burst of energy. Voters elected eight new Common Council members, including our first two African American alderpersons. Their energy will keep Wauwatosa on a great path. It is our privilege to provide fundamental services to our neighbors, visitors, and friends so that everyone can enjoy all Wauwatosa has to offer.

## City of Wauwatosa Offers up to 12 Weeks of Paid Parental Leave

Under a new policy, the City of Wauwatosa will provide up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave to employees following the birth of an employee's own child or the placement of a child under 18 years of age with the employee in connection with adoption or foster care.

The City of Wauwatosa recognizes the importance for work/life balance and the need of employees to bond with a newborn, newly adopted, or newly placed child in the home. To be eligible for this benefit, an employee must be a regular full-time or part-time City of Wauwatosa employee. No waiting period or minimum hours worked is required.

"The new, additional leave is flexible to meet the varying challenges that arise when a new child comes into the family," said Beth Mbow, director of human resources. "Our goal is that this benefit will help the city stay competitive and able to attract the best employees to serve Wauwatosa's residents."

Other benefits that the City of Wauwatosa provides include personal and professional development programs, fitness facilities, ongoing wellness initiatives, and a free workplace health clinic.

Go to [wauwatosa.net/careers](http://wauwatosa.net/careers) to see job postings. You can also fill out a job interest form to receive a notification when a job opens in your field.



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# News in Brief

## \* Alderperson District 3 Vacancy

Alderperson Nancy Welch resigned on June 13, 2022. She represented District 3 in Wauwatosa. When an alderperson resigns, an aldermanic nomination committee of five current council members is formed. Interviews of the aldermanic applicants will be videotaped and available to the public in July. The committee will select an applicant to recommend to the full Common Council. We anticipate this recommendation to come before the council on August 2, 2022.

## \* "Tosa's Voices" Podcast: Master Electrician's Advice on Permits

Don't always go with the lowest bid for that kitchen remodel. Did you know that there's a state website to verify your contractor's license? These are just two of the tips that Joe Glorioso, master electrician and inspector for the city, recommends to residents. Listen to the latest podcast episode of [Tosa's Voices](#). The podcast is available on most podcasting platforms.

## \* Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Wauwatosa for its annual comprehensive financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report. View the City of Wauwatosa's budget for 2022 at [wauwatosa.net/budget](http://wauwatosa.net/budget).

## \* Partisan Primary Election: August 9, 2022

Tuesday, August 9 is the Partisan Primary. For every election, we offer absentee voting, in-person absentee voting, and voting on Election Day. Check out [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to preview your ballot, see your voting location, and more. On Election Day, we also offer curbside voting assistance for people unable to enter the polling place. Stay in your car and call our City Clerk's office (414) 479-8917, and we will send an Election Inspector to you.



## What's Accepted at the Drop Off Center?

Are you looking to recycle items such as electronics or dispose bulky items that do not fit in waste bins? The Drop Off Center is a facility located at Public Works that accepts waste and recycling that cannot be regularly put in curbside bins. Items that are accepted at the Drop Off Center for a fee include furniture, mattresses, box springs, carpeting, bricks, dirt, sod, concrete, sand, construction debris, residential yard waste, appliances, electronics, and tires.

Some items, including refuse and construction, have sliding scale fees that are based on the number of items you bring in, which can range from \$8-\$90. Less than one cubic yard is \$8, 1-3 cubic yards is \$20, 3-6 cubic yards is \$30, 6-10 cubic yards is \$50, and 10-18 cubic yards is \$90.

Fees for recycling and scrap metal, and yard waste is \$5 per load, large appliances \$30 each, tires \$5-10 each, and TVs \$30-\$45 each.

You can also purchase a \$20 annual yard waste only permit which is good for one calendar year and allows you to dispose of brush, branches, logs, leaves, and soft plant material.

This permit is only valid for the resident whose driver's license matches the address on the permit. With this permit, you are responsible for putting items in the designated receptacles and not mixing materials.

For more information, email the Department of Public Works Operations Division or call (414) 471-8422, or visit [Wauwatosa's website](http://Wauwatosa's website).

## TosaPhotos.com Contest - All Photographers Welcome!

Summertime in Tosa means farmers market goodies, the Tosa Village Gran Prix, and Independence Day fireworks. Celebrate your Tosa life moments with us through the 2022 Tosa Life Photo Contest. Photographers of all ages are invited to submit photos that they think represent the best part of #TosaLife.

The 2022 Tosa Life Photo Contest runs between June 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022 (voting period is August 1-31). To submit a photo, visit [tosaphotos.com](http://tosaphotos.com). Photos must be taken within the City of Wauwatosa limits and must be your original work.

Prizes will be presented to winners in four categories:

- Cityscapes
- Community Engagement and Special Events
- Environment
- Popular Vote (the submission with the most votes)

Winners will receive a Wauwatosa swag bag and a gift card to a local business. Happy photographing!



## Online Permits and Licenses

New this summer - You can apply online for permits and licenses. Our customers (residents, contractors, and others) can:

- submit a license or permit request online at anytime
- make an online payment
- collaborate with city staff on plan reviews or see comments and markups of documents
- see status updates of your license or permit request

You won't have to visit City Hall in person or deliver paper documents. Get started at [wauwatosa.net/permits](http://wauwatosa.net/permits).



# 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've 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](http://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](http://wauwatosa.net/construction) for more information.



# Save the Date!

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

August 3 \* 4 - 8 pm  
Tosa Night Out @ Hart Park

August 3 \* 6:30 - 8 pm  
Mayfair Collection Concert  
(additional dates in summer)

August 6 & 7 \* 10 am - 5 pm  
Firefly Art Fair

August 9 \*  
Partisan Primary Election

August 10 \* 6 pm  
Tosa Tonight Concert Series  
(additional dates in summer)

September 9 - 10 \*  
Tosafest

September 10 \* 10 am - 1 pm  
Tosa Green Summit

September 17 \* 8 am - 1 pm  
Tosa Green Summit

## New Park and Muellner Building Renovations

The Common Council has allocated four million dollars from American Rescue Plan Act funds through implementation of portions of the Active Tosa Plan. This includes renovations to the Muellner Building and a new city park at 116th and Gilbert Avenue.

This Muellner Building was last renovated in 1999 and is in need of interior and exterior repairs. Exterior needs include work related to tuck pointing, painting, roofing, windows, doors, and fascia. The interior of the building is in need of renovations of the public restroom facilities, flooring, wall finishes, ceiling repair, and lighting throughout the facility.

The Common Council approved \$2 million in funding for this project. This funding would allow the city to address many of the most pressing maintenance needs providing a better experience to users including members of the senior center, residents, renters, and members of the curling club. Our next steps include hiring an architect to finish final design work. This process would include input from stakeholders like the Senior Club and other users of the facility to ensure all needs are understood in the design process.

The second project is a new city park on the southeast corner of 116th & Gilbert. The plan includes walking trails, a sledding hill, a playground (which could be multi-generational), a pavilion, and a mountain bike pump track.

The city has had the opportunity to partner with WisDOT contractors for clean fill and rough grading services related to their work on the interstate. This saves the city significant expenses. Our next steps include hiring a design and engineering firm to develop plans for the park. This process will include a public input that will allow for public participation in the design process.

Read more and see renderings: [wauwatosa.net](http://wauwatosa.net)



## ➔ Ways to Engage

ONLINE: Visit us at [www.wauwatosa.net](http://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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