

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 2024

On behalf of the Wauwatosa's Neighborhood Watch Committee and the Wauwatosa Police Department, we are pleased to announce that Tosa's Night Out 2024 has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2024. Our 29th annual event will take place at Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. Once again, 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, health and wellness exhibits, consumer protection information, and a raffle will be available for those that register early. We are trying to confirm Flight for Life again for this year's event. Food and refreshments will be available at family friendly prices and the 4th of July fireworks will be presented at approximately 9pm.

Early online registration will be from May 13th through July 22nd. You can register at <https://tosasnightout.org/> for \$7.50 per person. After July 22nd, the price will increase to \$10 per person. Once registered, shirts and bags will be available for pick-up at the Wauwatosa Police Department at, 1700 N. 116th Street. The Tosa's Night Out Committee will no longer have a registration booth the night of the event, but you will still be able to purchase shirts and bags if you'd like.

If you know someone that may be interested in receiving this newsletter, please have them contact Laura Laurishke at laurishke@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

Download **P3 Tips** available in the Apple Store or on Google Play.

Anonymous tips can be made utilizing either P3 or by calling the Wauwatosa Police Department at

771-TOSA (8672)

Cash rewards up to \$1,000.

Wauwatosa Police Department

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HARTFEST 2024 BBQ & Music

FRIDAY – JUNE 14
SATURDAY – JUNE 15
HART PARK

Live Music
Nightly

Free Admission

Free Opportunities, Take Advantage

Do you see anything that interests you? Do you need help trying to figure out a new phone or need some help to assist a friend or family member that's struggling with life's up's and down's? The Wauwatosa Health Department is ready to help with a wide variety of day to day situations. Maybe you have an aging parent or relative and would like some guidance on what comes next or what do I need to look for, well, look no further, the answers are closer than you think. Pick up the phone and schedule time to spend time with those who can educate you on your needs.

Tosa Tech Time

Are you an older adult needing help with your technology device? Get your questions answered about cell phones, tablets and laptops during **FREE** one on one appointments with our volunteers. Weekly appointments are held on Fridays from 10am until 1pm in the Wauwatosa Public Library. Call 414-831-5543 to schedule. Appointments are necessary.

Social Work Support

Meet with City of Wauwatosa social workers who can help residents with issues such as basic needs, mental health, substance use, homelessness, aging issues and domestic violence. Drop-in to the Library, every Tuesday (March through August) from 2pm until 3:30pm for this **free** resource referral and assistance.

Virtual Dementia Tour

Do you care for an individual who is experiencing dementia? Experience the physical and cognitive challenges facing those with dementia by participating in this powerful immersive encounter and education session. This one-hour experience will both educate and sensitize the way we care for and think about those with dementia. Wednesday, April 30th. Appointments available hourly from 3pm until 7pm in the Wauwatosa Public Library. Call the Wauwatosa Health Department at 414-831-5543 to schedule your **FREE** appointment.

Senior Planet: Staying Safe Online

Join the Wauwatosa Health Department in their inaugural Senior Planet class where we are helping those 60 and older age with attitude! This **FREE** technology class will focus on personal privacy and online safety. Don't avoid going online – learn how to create strong passwords, identify phishing and spam, shop safely, use social media successfully and be empowered to avoid scammers! Tuesday, May 7th 10:30am-12:00pm, Wauwatosa Public Library Firefly Room. Call 414-831-5543 to register.

Police Department - Temporary Front Desk Closure

Due to a construction project, the lobby at the Wauwatosa Police Department will be closed to the public from April 29th to approximately May 17th. This will affect walk-in complaints, medication drop-off and fingerprinting. If you need a Police Officer to file a report, please call from your home or business and we will respond to you. Otherwise all matters will be handled in the parking lot. An auxiliary office will be maintained at City Hall to process citation payments. All other Police operations will continue as normal.

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 2024

Wauwatosa's Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2024. This year's theme is "Honoring Our First Responders."

The annual Wauwatosa parade will begin at 9:00AM. The July 4th parade will use a temporary route this year due to construction on North Avenue. The parade will begin at Hoyt Park swimming pool parking area and travel North on Swan Boulevard to North Avenue. On North Avenue the parade will travel East to 80th Street

Family Fun events will be held at Hart Park starting at 4:00PM but fireworks will be re-aligned with Tosa's Night Out at Hart Park on August 7th at 9pm.

Block Parties 2024

With Spring upon us and weather that's being quite cooperative, one might think of having a Block Party, but we'd like to make you aware of a few changes to the process.

There isn't a great deal to worry about, just a couple of little changes and information that will be useful to neighborhoods that plan on getting out there and having fun with friends and family.

Here are the updates:

- As always, we appreciate 3 weeks' notice to process your application. The 3 weeks is necessary for the Police Department to notify all other departments throughout the City that specific roads will be closed, for emergency purposes. We will do our best to work with those applications that come in late for approval, but no promises will be made.
- We aren't requiring all neighbors to sign-off on the application at this time, but it is a good idea to get neighbors that will be affected by the street closing. A good idea is to make a flyer that can be distributed to all residential homes on the block with dates and time so prior planning can happen for those not attending. Please make your best effort to let vehicles in and out of the street if necessary.
- You have two options to close your street for block parties, either barricades or banners can be used, just check the correct line for your choice. If you have your own barricades or banners, please feel free to use those. **The fee for 2 barricades is \$35.00 payable by check to the City of Wauwatosa at the time you submit your application. That will include delivery and pick-up for 2 barricades from the Department of Public Works.** Further instructions for barricades will be found on the Block Party Permit that is issued to the requestor.

Or, you can ask for banners which can be tied to garbage carts, please note, vehicles may not be used as barricades. **You will pick-up 2 banners at the Wauwatosa Police Department, Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00a and 8:00p only, for a deposit of \$50.00.** Upon return of the banners you will get your deposit back. A Check is preferred for deposits, we don't take credit card deposits and cash is the least desirable mode of payment, but acceptable. If you are so inclined, please know that you can always choose to utilize both barricades and banners for your block party, fee are still applicable.

- Visits to Block Parties will be as follows: The Wauwatosa Police Department will make every effort to stop at all parties in the City. All visits will be dependent on Patrol activity. The officers enjoy talking and visiting with everyone and I'm sure you enjoy seeing them as well. The Wauwatosa Fire Department has made us aware that they will not be attending any block parties in 2024.

We hope that clears up any confusion and answers your questions you have about Block Parties. Applications can be found on www.wauwatosa.net Facebook page or you can feel free to click on this link, [Block Party Application](#). If you have further questions please call Mary Weger (x 5101) or Laura Laurishke (x 5111) at the Wauwatosa Police Department at 414-471-8430.

Parents, Have A Plan

What would you do if the following were to occur?

- You do not arrive at school in time to pick-up your child
- You become separated while shopping
- While on a field trip your child becomes lost
- A relative or family friend makes your child feel uncomfortable
- A stranger is at the door
- A stranger is on the telephone
- A tornado siren is sounding
- What else?

Planning for situations beyond your control makes great sense. Take the time to make-a-plan if any of the above situations were to occur. Let your children be part of the planning process and engage them to find a solution and make-a-plan with you. The more they are involved the more they will recall.

Reinforce your safety planning with “teaching moments”. If you witness a police or fire incident, hear a story on the news, or have something happen within your own family, take a moment to review *your* family plan.

Crime Stats – Whole City

Category	09-01-22 thru 03-31-23	09-01-23 thru 03-31-24	Percentage of Change 2022/23 - 2023/24
Part 1 Crimes			
Homicide	0	0	0.00%
Sexual Assault	11	11	0.00%
Robbery	22	15	- 31.82%
Battery/Aggravated Assault	60	73	21.67%
Burglary	47	39	-17.02%
Larceny-Theft	838	789	-5.85%
Motor Vehicle Theft	134	100	- 25.37%
Subtotal of Part 1 Crimes	1,112	1,027	- 7.95%
Other Select Incidents			
Fraud	131	139	6.11%
Vandalism	92	61	- 33.70%
Narcotic Law Violations	32	54	68.75%
Drunken Driving	62	55	- 11.29%
Disorderly Conduct	969	1,355	39.83%
Fatal MVA	3	2	-33.33%
Personal Injury MVA	81	90	11.11%
Property Damage MVA	598	607	1.51%
Total of All Calls	17,970	20,763	14.42%

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 will result in different numbers reported to the UCR documents submitted and reported at the end of the year.