



TOSA WATCH

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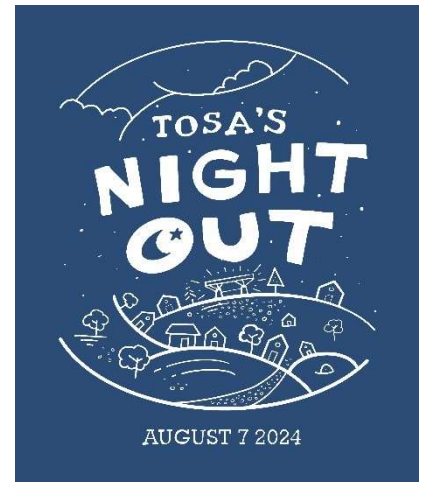
Tosa's Night Out 2024

Tosa's Night Out 2024 will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 7, 2024 from 4p-8p. Our 30th annual event will again take place at Hart Park, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. Once again, Tosa's Night Out will be side-by-side with the Tosa Tonight concert series! Tosa Tonight concert series will feature "Deacon Denzel and the Dirty Church Band" with Guests "Andrew Gelles Band" for your listening pleasure. To round out the night, there will once again be fireworks for this years' event.

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. There will also be games, police and fire department displays, Flight for Life landing, health and wellness exhibits and consumer protection information. Food and refreshments will also be available at family friendly prices.

Registration has already begun and will continue through July 31st. You can register at <https://tosanightout.org/> for \$7.50 per person. After July 31st, the price will increase to \$10 per person. New this year, the Wauwatosa Police Department will no-longer be delivering purchased items to your homes. All purchases should be picked up at the Wauwatosa Police Department at, 1700 North 116th Street. For registrations after July 31st, you will need to stop at Hart Park the day of the event, August 7th, after 4p.

To the right is the 2024 commemorative design created by our friends at Catral Doyle Creative. The illustrative design for 2024 celebrates the City of Wauwatosa, our parks and fun times waiting for you to arrive.



Tosa Green Summit 2024

The Tosa Green Summit returns to City Hall for its 14th year of recycling and exhibits on **Saturday, September 7 and Saturday, September 14.**

Saturday, September 7:

Recycling collections for MMSD Household Hazardous Waste (Milwaukee County Residents Only) from 7a to 2p at the Wauwatosa Public Works Yard. Public Works is located at 11100 W. Walnut Road, please enter at Watertown Plank Road and 113th Street. The Drop Off Center will also be open that day for Wauwatosa residents.

Saturday, September 14:

Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Shred-It Event (Donations accepted for Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers) Wauwatosa Health Department Medicine Collection Textiles, Bikes, Scrap Metal collection will take place at the City Hall Parking Lot, 7725 W. North Avenue from 8a to 1p. (Donations accepted for Tosa Cares) Exhibits in the Lower Civic Center from 10a to 1p.

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.

Police Department Grants

The Wauwatosa Police Department takes many calls every year for multiple violations that are related to traffic enforcement. Traffic enforcement can include vehicles, bicyclist and pedestrian violations and the list goes from there. Pedestrians and bicyclists alike can cause traffic situations and yes, they can be cited for not following rules and guidelines of the City of Wauwatosa Ordinances and the State of Wisconsin Statutes. Having knowledge of municipal ordinances and state statutes can be helpful to stay safe while traveling through Wauwatosa's streets, parks and highways.

Every year the Wauwatosa Police Department applies for grants to federal and state entities through safety organizations that work with government officials, who in turn award grants (funding) to police departments for directed patrols that collect data to be used for future projects and reports. Directed patrols focus on specific actions that bring awareness to behaviors that need some type of community engagement to address and correct these issues within our City. If you see someone being pulled over by an officer, it may be that they are on a directed patrol.

Directed patrols may focus on seat belt violations, excessive speeding, vehicles not stopping at stop lights or not using blinkers, children not being in safety seats, bicyclist not following traffic regulation that are specific to them, pedestrians that are crossing at areas not marked for crossing and so much more.

Our hope at the Wauwatosa Police Department is that everyone stays safe and gets to where they're going in a responsible manner while being cognizant of all that may be around us. That may be in a vehicle, on a bicycle or pedestrians that move around by walking or running. Let's look out for one another to ensure we can all go home to our family and friends at the end of the day.

If you're interested in learning more about one's responsibilities while in the motoring public, the city of Wauwatosa Municipal Codes can be found at the following link: [Municipal Ordinances](#) or by going to the City of Wauwatosa webpage, clicking on the Government tab and selecting Municipal Code. For Wisconsin State Statutes, follow this link: [WI State Statutes](#) or by searching your browser for Wisconsin State Statutes.

Can we help you find what you're looking for? Give the Community Support Division a call, we'll do our best to get the answers you need. Our phone number is 414-471-8430 or an email can be sent to communitysupport@wauwatosa.net.

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.



**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 Farris Griffin*
- School Officer Cordero Finley*
- School Officer Maria Albiter*
- Community Support Specialist –
Laura Laurishke*

Parking, Handicapped & Overnight

Parking Citations are issued throughout Wauwatosa on a daily basis. Please keep in mind that once a citation has been issued, pictures are often taken to capture proof of the citation being issued. If you feel you've been issued a citation in error, you have the ability to file an appeal within ten (10) days of issuance of the citation. The appeal process can be completed online by following the instructions at the bottom of your citation.

Handicap parking citations are an ongoing issue in Wauwatosa. The difference is, handicap parking comes at a much higher price point than regular/overnight parking citations do. At \$165.00 to start, handicap parking is a big deal and watched carefully. Know that if you don't have your placard placed in its proper place hanging from the rear-view mirror and the stickers are not up-to-date, you will receive a citation. Again, there is a 10-day window from when the citation was received to appeal the citation, with instruction at the bottom of the citation. Proof of registration is required upon appeal and only those who legally receive a handicap placard are entitled to use such placard for parking. Know that one can take a family member to their destination but if the family member is not present while using the placard, you will be obligated to pay the citation in full. Please keep the handicapped spots for those who really need them, that could be you one day. If you are utilizing a handicap placard on a permanent basis, you should think about getting a license plate that depicts the wheelchair and you will no longer need to worry about a placard not working.

Most residents in Wauwatosa are aware the we have strict overnight parking rules. Overnight parking on Wauwatosa streets between the hours of 3:00am and 6:00am is prohibited, unless permission has been granted. If you haven't requested permission for parking, you do run the risk of receiving a citation which is \$30.00 and goes up from there.

Overnight Parking Permission is limited to:

- Guests
- Stalled Vehicles
- Vehicles affected by construction projects which make off street parking impossible.

Parking permission is limited to fifteen (15) nights per vehicle, per year. To request permission to park on the street overnight you can use the following link: [**Overnight Parking Permission**](#), or go to www.wauwatosa.net and in the search bar type in overnight parking. Create your account and you're all set to go.

Further questions can be answered by contacting the Front Desk, Monday through Friday by calling 414-471-8430.

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 \$50.00 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.

To have a block party, a permit is required. One can find the Block Party permit at the City webpage, www.wauwatosa.net, then type "block party" in the search bar.

Completed applications go to Mary Weger at, mweger@wauwatosa.net, mailing the application to: Wauwatosa Police Department, 1700 North 116th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226, or by stopping at the police department and dropping the application off in person.

Mary Weger can be reached at 471-8430, ext. 5101 for further questions.

Crime Statistics

Comparative Analysis – City Wide

Category	01-01-23 thru 05-31-23	01-01-24 thru 05-31-24	Percentage of Change 2023 - 2024
Part 1 Crimes			
Homicide	0	0	0.00%
Sexual Assault	10	16	60.00%
Robbery	7	10	42.86%
Assault	53	60	13.21%
Burglary	32	25	-21.88%
Larceny-Theft	531	517	-2.64%
Motor Vehicle Theft	78	63	-19.23%
Subtotal of Part 1 Crimes	711	691	2.85%
Other Select Incidents			
Fraud	95	99	4.21%
Vandalism	56	41	-26.79%
Narcotic Law Violations	31	33	6.45%
Drunken Driving	41	47	14.63%
Disorderly Conduct	675	903	33.78%
Fatal MVA	0	1	-
Personal Injury MVA	56	53	-5.36%
Property Damage MVA	375	388	3.47%
Total of All Calls	13,840	16,176	15.57%

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.