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Fall 2017 Newsletter

Fire Chief Robert Ugaste Announces 2017 Retirement



Chief Ugaste recently announced that he will retire in December of 2017 after 38 years in the fire service.

"Being in the fire service is both an honor and a privilege. It's an honor to become a firefighter in the first place and it's a privilege to be trusted to help people at the worst moment of their lives. I've always viewed my job that way and as a result, I've always treated the job with the respect it deserves," shared Chief Ugaste.

Wauwatosa has been well served by Fire Chief Rob Ugaste for the past seven years. His leadership and vision have enhanced our fire and emergency medical services. Please join us in wishing him well in his retirement.

Wauwatosa Police Department Takes Training Above & Beyond



Keeping a city and its residents, businesses, and visitors safe is not a static process - patterns and methods of crime change, there is constant technological innovation, and knowledgeable veterans retire. In order to keep up with the changing world and provide excellent public safety services, police departments around the country need

to innovate and engage in training routinely, and the Wauwatosa Police Department is no exception.

The State of Wisconsin requires a certain level of training for every law enforcement officer in the state. For example, officers must successfully complete a minimum of 24 hours of in-service training, pass handgun certification annually, and emergency vehicle certification every other year. In Wauwatosa, we do not stop there. Each Wauwatosa Police Officer actively participates in 20 to 24 hours of training in addition to state requirements. The in-house training covers everything from firearms, defense tactics, vehicle pursuit driving, active-shooter response, and more. The Wauwatosa Police Department also has a number of specialized units, such as the Special Response Team, who train a minimum of 12 hours every month in tactical operations, with the focus being on citizen protection and rescue in a major critical incident.

The Wauwatosa Police Department also collaborates with private entities throughout the city to educate and train them on emergency response situations, including the Wauwatosa School District, the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center, and other businesses.

According to Wauwatosa Police Lt. Brian Zalewski, Director of Personnel and Training, "The end goal of the Wauwatosa Police Department is promoting and protecting the safety of the residents of Wauwatosa, and we are dedicated to that goal. Our emphasis on continual improvement, training, and outside learning ensures that we are up to the task."

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Message from Mayor Kathleen Ehley

This summer I was in Madison with City Assessor Shannon Krause testifying to close the "Dark Store" loophole. There seems to be widespread, bipartisan support for these bills - a rarity today. If not corrected, big box retail stores can continue to argue that their properties should be valued for tax purposes at the same rate as a store that is vacant.

In Wauwatosa, we are facing property tax challenges from major retailers like Nordstrom, Lowes, Menards, Walgreens, and Best Buy. Our city has spent \$440,000 in 2016 alone on legal fees. Why are we fighting the dark store loophole? It shifts the tax burden from larger commercial properties to homeowners and small businesses. If big box retailers win, it could mean about a \$386 tax bill increase annually on the average homeowner in Wauwatosa to maintain the services we have today.

What can you do? Learn more about the "Dark Store" loophole and let your state legislators know your opinion. I stand with the Common Council and city staff asking for commercial properties to pay their fair share and will continue working with state legislators to fight for a fair and equitable assessment practice and a stable tax base.

2017 Wauwatosa Photo Contest Winners

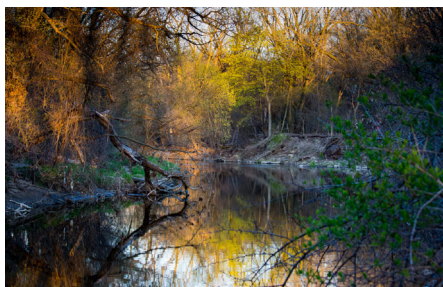
Thank you to everyone who entered photos or participated by voting and viewing submissions in our inaugural TosaLife photo contest. It was a hit! We can't wait until next year to do it all over again. Visit www.tosaphotos.com, to view the gallery of 2017 submissions. Save your best fall, winter, and spring photos - we will be back with the contest in the summer of 2018.



JULIA AT SUNSET @ COUNTY GROUNDS
ROB SANDERS



GOODNIGHT, TOSA
ROB PETRIE



MENOMONEE RIVER REFLECTIONS
SHANE FELL



TOSA TONIGHT
JESSICA PATE



CITY OF WAUWATOSA News in Brief



* Leaf Collection begins October 16

Leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 16 and run through Sunday, November 19 - you may rake leaves out to the curb through November 19 at which point the Department of Public Works will make one final pass through the city for collection. You can find a link on the city's website to the leaf collection status map that will show you where we are in the city and how many times we have been through your neighborhood. In 2016 we collected 3,800 tons of leaves. Once they are collected, the leaves are shredded, composted, and ultimately reused to keep them out of landfills.

* Upcoming Community Workshops Hosted by Wauwatosa School District

The Wauwatosa School District invites all community members to attend one of five upcoming Community Workshops in October and November. The workshops are part of the District's commitment to collect broad community input as they plan for the future of education in Wauwatosa. In the interactive workshops the School District will: share the work of the Facilities Advisory Committee, provide a status of School District facilities, and ask participants to help the District prioritize needs. Dates and times for the workshops can be found on the Wauwatosa School District website.

* Stay in Your Lane

You may have noticed the new bike lanes painted on North and Wauwatosa Avenues. It can be tempting to use bike and/or parking lanes to pass cars, but doing so is illegal and extremely dangerous to cyclists and people exiting and entering vehicles in the parking lane. A 2012 study showed that dedicated bike lanes dramatically reduce the risk of injury to cyclists on the road - that's a statistic we can all get behind, but it depends on your cooperation to **stay in your lane**. The bottom line is: passing on the right through a designated bike lane is illegal and dangerous.



* How to Get Involved in Wauwatosa

Did you know that Wauwatosa has 27 boards, committees, and commissions composed of citizen volunteers? Wauwatosa recently unveiled a new online system to make it easier for you to apply for a volunteer position on a committee. At www.wauwatosa.net by selecting meeting portal, you can find a description of each committee, a list of current members, identify which committees have vacancies, and submit an application to serve.



BublR Bike Station Expansions

The 2017 - 2019 Wauwatosa Strategic Plan called for the city to add more bike share stations. To advance this initiative, seven new BublR Bike Stations are being installed at locations throughout the City:

- 64th Street and North Avenue
- Wauwatosa Avenue and Hillcrest Drive
- Harwood Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue
- Echelon Place
- Robertson Street and Harwood Avenue
- N 62nd Street near W State Street
- 68th Street and W Wells Street



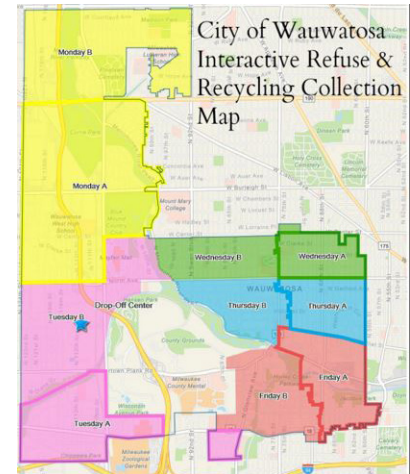
When comparing January through July of 2016 to 2017, total BublR Bike rides in the region have increased 33%. Check out how you can take a BublR Bike ride in Wauwatosa at www.bublrbikes.com.

New Playground at Webster Park



Webster Park, located on the west side of Mayfair Road, north of Capitol Drive, is getting some much needed work done this fall, including a new playground. The playground that is being removed is 21 years old. The project will include new AstroTurf play surface, a new playground, a bike rack, picnic tables, and a new walkway between the parking lot and the playground. The playground should be complete by the end of October and the remaining site improvements by mid-November, weather permitting.

Solid Waste Collection Service Map Now Live



One of the most frequent questions we receive is, "What day is my trash or recycling collection?" Our new solid waste collection service map is a digital resource that will answer this questions, specifically for collection at your home. We have created a mapping service, similar to the leaf collection map that was first used last year.

This service will also help staff to prevent missed pickups and handle any that do occur more efficiently. A link to the new interactive map is available on the city's website at www.wauwatosa.net/refuse. Please provide your feedback on the map via the city's website.

"Residents wanted an easier way to view the collection schedule and we are pleased to provide this resource."

– David Simpson
Director of Public Works

CITY OF WAUWATOSA Construction & Development News



Village Reconstruction Project

2017 Update & 2018 Plan

Construction will continue through Thanksgiving to rebuild parts of the Village - Wauwatosa Avenue from Harmonee to State Street, Root Common Park, Pocket Park, Harwood from Wauwatosa Avenue to Mower Court, and Underwood from Harmonee to Milwaukee. This is a necessary investment into Wauwatosa's infrastructure - the roadways and utilities underneath them are at the end of their useful life. In 2018 State Street from 68th to 74th Streets is planned for reconstruction, including a new pedestrian crossing at 74th Street.



St. Camillus

Under Consideration

St. Camillus has requested a zoning map amendment and related preliminary plans for a planned unit development (PUD) for Phase 2 of their campus expansion. The PUD overlay necessitates City approvals for future improvements. They are proposing an 18 story tower (note that their underlying zoning does not have a building height restriction) that would include 169 new independent living units, underground parking, a wellness center, corporate offices, dining facilities, and more. The Plan Commission recommended approval on September 11. Additional opportunities for public comment are available on Tuesday, October 17 at the public hearing before Common Council about the zoning map amendment and on Tuesday, October 24 at Community Affairs Committee on the preliminary plans and the zoning map amendment.



Comprehensive Housing Study & Needs Analysis

Master Plan under Consideration

In 2016 a Comprehensive Housing Study and Needs Analysis was completed that identified several key housing issues, including:

- Lack of available and/or affordable housing options for local workforce, lower income families, seniors, and the special needs population.
- Accessibility and deferred maintenance issues associated with an aging housing stock.
- Challenges to the ability of current residents to age in place within the community.
- Limited availability of a mix of housing types.

The Analysis is intended to serve as the basis for a City Housing Policy to address unmet housing needs. Further consideration of a draft plan will be considered by the Community Affairs Committee. As of the newsletter deadline, dates had not been set for the next meeting. Watch the city's website for Community Affairs agendas.



Stay Informed!

Log on to www.wauwatosa.net
for more information.



News from the Library

New Graphic Novel Section



The Library's graphic novels are now all in one section! Marvel, DC, manga, and all other types of graphic novels are

located at the beginning of the Fiction section near the Information Desk. There is also a special graphic novels section in the Children's Department. This is a very popular format and having it all in one place will make it even easier for you to find what you are looking for.

2017 Hours & Holiday Closures

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Oct 1 - Nov 19)
The Library will be closed on: November 23, November 24, December 22, 24, 25, 29, and 31.

Semi-Annual Book Sale

On Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday, October 22 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm stop by the Wauwatosa Public Library for the Semi-Annual Book Sale. Browse thousands of new and used books, DVDs, and CDs. On Sunday you can fill a bag with books for only \$2!

Heart Gallery of Wisconsin

On display in the Children's Library November 1 to November 30, the Heart Gallery of Wisconsin is a traveling photo exhibit featuring diverse children who are waiting in the foster care system to secure their adoptive, forever, "no matter what" families.

Save the Date: Flu Shot Clinics

The Wauwatosa Public Health Department is hosting two flu shot clinics - Thursday, October 12 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm and Thursday, November 16 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. Both sessions will be held in the Lower Civic Center at City Hall, 7725 W North Avenue. Children 18 and younger are free while supplies last and adult flu shots are \$30, payable by cash or check. The Health Department can bill Medicare Part B and BadgerCare only. If you have any questions, contact the Wauwatosa Health Department at 414-479-8939.



October 7 10 am - 4 pm
Wauwatosa Historical Society Tour of Homes - Warren Avenue

October 22 4 pm
Torrent Women's Team Tryout - Hart Park

October 29 1 - 4 pm
City Trick-or-Treat

November 23 & 24
City Offices Closed for Holiday

December 1 - evening
Holiday Tree Lighting - Village in Wauwatosa

December 3 - evening
Holiday Train

December 22, 25, 29
City Offices Closed for Holidays

January 1
City Offices Closed for Holiday

Ways to Engage

ONLINE: Visit us at www.wauwatosa.net

IN PERSON: Visit us Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall
7725 W. North Avenue | Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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

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