

# 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 2018

The Wauwatosa Police Department and Wauwatosa's Neighborhood Watch Committee (WNWC) are proud to announce that our 24<sup>th</sup> annual "Tosa's Night Out" will take place on Wednesday August, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

First, we have to thank our sponsors that made 2017 a great success. Our 2017 Major Sponsor was Waterstone Bank. Our 2017 True Blue Sponsors were Froedtert & the Medical College, Home Depot of Wauwatosa, and Dave & Busters of Wauwatosa.

In 2018 we will go ahead with our third year of "Night Out in Your Neighborhood." The WNWC, in conjunction with the Wauwatosa Police Department, are encouraging as many neighborhoods as possible to host neighborhood block parties during the weekend of July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Police Department will be out and will make sure to stop by every block party in the city that weekend!

On Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department, in coordination with the WNWC, will host school events throughout the city. These are great local events where you can have a chance to meet some of the officers that serve and protect your neighborhoods. This year's "Night Out in Your Neighborhood" school events will take place at the following elementary schools: Madison, Roosevelt, Underwood and Wilson Elementary Schools.

Tosa's Night Out, the premier event of the week, will once again take place at the Milwaukee County Zoo on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we will bring back our many participating groups for you to visit and, of course, the night wouldn't be complete without the flashlight walk through the zoo!

Registration for Tosa's Night Out 2018 will officially open on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM until 11:30AM at the Hart Park Muellner Building, 7300 W Chestnut Street. The registration kick off is in conjunction with the annual Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers pancake breakfast.

You can register online at [www.tosasnighout.org](http://www.tosasnighout.org) starting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you register online and live in the city, t-shirts and tickets will be delivered to your home. Also starting on May 14<sup>th</sup> you may register or obtain registration forms at the Little Read Book Store, 7603 W State St (ph 774-2665).

Have a safe summer. We hope to see you at all of our Tosa's Night Out events!

## Prevent Package Delivery Theft

Even though the holiday season is over, package theft continue to be a problem not only in Wauwatosa, but nationwide. Here are some tips to help prevent becoming a victim:

- 1. Use package lockers.** There are several package lockers located in Wauwatosa and the surrounding area. You can have the package delivered to a UPS store or Amazon has locations at:
  - a. Whole Foods, 11100 W. Burleigh St.
  - b. Bubbles, 12324 W. North Ave.
  - c. Boston Store (2<sup>nd</sup> level), Mayfair Mall
- 2. Have packages delivered to your workplace**
- 3. Install a front door camera to prevent package theft.** This may also help identify a package thief that has been operating in Wauwatosa. This also serves as a deterrent for a would be package thief.
- 4. Require signature upon delivery.** This can be done by contacting UPS and asking for signature delivery. You may be entitled to a full refund if proper procedures are not followed.
- 5. Reroute or reschedule delivery.** Track your package online with the tracking number. If you see that it has been delivered and you are not home, consider asking a family member or trusted neighbor to retrieve your package. Often times, you can have the package rerouted or delivery date rescheduled for a fee.




Some of these steps may seem like an inconvenience, however if we all do our part to remain vigilant we can reduce some of the problems of package thefts in Wauwatosa.



## Who Are The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers?

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers is a non-profit, citizen volunteer board that will pay rewards of up to \$1,000 for anonymous tips that lead to the arrest of persons who have committed a crime in the city of Wauwatosa. The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers currently consists of 9 Wauwatosa residents and Wauwatosa business professionals who have a vested interest in the community. The mission of the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers is to support the high quality of life for the citizens of Wauwatosa and those who work and visit by reducing crime and supporting the Wauwatosa Police Department in successful prosecution of unlawful acts. If you are interested in joining the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers or want to find out more information about us please contact the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers police liaison Officer Dan Kane at (414) 471-8430 Ext. 5114 or [dkane@wauwatosa.net](mailto:dkane@wauwatosa.net) Applicants must be at least 18 years old, fill out an application and undergo a complete police background investigation prior to approval.



**WAUWATOSA  
CRIME  
STOPPERS**

**771-TOSA**

Cash rewards up to \$1,000.

**Wauwatosa Police Department**

*Barry M. Weber - Chief of Police*

**Community Support Division**

*Captain Chris Fox*  
*Lieutenant Jack Morrison*  
*Sergeant Chad Geiszler*  
*Specialist II Mike McDermott*  
*Community Support Officer Dan Kane*  
*School Officer Joel Kutz*  
*School Officer Tracy Burbach*  
*School Officer Farris Griffin*  
*School Officer Jim Morrill*  
*Administrative Support*  
*Specialist Laura Laurishke*

**HARTFEST**  
**FRIDAY – JUNE 22**  
**SATURDAY – JUNE 23**  
**HART PARK**

Entertainment  
5:00 PM - midnight

**Summer is on its way! If you're interested in having a neighborhood block party this summer, please remember to call for a block party permit. Permits must be submitted 3 weeks prior to your party. For more information call Mary at 471-8430, ext. 5101.**

CITY OF  
WAUWATOSA

MEMORIAL DAY  
OBSERVANCE

MONDAY, MAY 28,  
2018  
AT 9:00 AM

LONGFELLOW  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
7600 W. NORTH  
AVENUE – IN THE  
AUDITORIUM

FEATURING:  
THE WAUWATOSA  
COMMUNITY BAND

FEATURED SPEAKER:  
JOHN KOEPPEN

IT IS WITH GREAT  
RESPECT THAT  
WAUWATOSA PAYS  
TRIBUTE TO OUR  
COUNTRY'S MEN AND  
WOMEN WHO HAVE  
FALLEN IN THE LINE  
OF DUTY – CITIZEN OF  
THIS GREAT NATION  
WHO GAVE THEIR  
LIVES TO PRESERVE  
THE LIBERTIES UPON  
WHICH AMERICA WAS  
FOUNDED.



## Child Abuse Awareness

Child abuse is a subject that is rarely discussed, but can happen anywhere at any time to any child. April is the Awareness month for Child Abuse and the Wauwatosa Police Department wants to share information regarding abuse that may be helpful.

State law and policies concerning child abuse pertains to children 17 years of age and younger and fall into four different types. The State Statutes define them as such.

**Neglect** – Failure, refusal or inability on the part of a caregiver, for reasons other than poverty, to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child. [Ref. s. 48.02(12g). Wis. Stats.]

**Physical** – Physical injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means. [Ref. s. 48.02(1)(a). Wis. Stats.] Physical injury includes but is not limited to lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising or great bodily harm, as defined in s. 939.22 (14). [Ref. s. 48.02(14g), Wis. Stats.]

**Sexual** – Sexual relations or contact with a child 15 years of age or less. Sexual relations or contact with a 16 or 17 year old child without his or her consent. Leading a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct in order to videotape, photograph, videotaping, photographing a child for such purposes, or producing distributing, selling or otherwise profiting from such a videotape, photograph, etc. Encouragement by or permission of a person responsible for a child's welfare for a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of videotaping, photographing, etc. Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity, exposing genitals to a child, or permitting or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution.

**Emotional** – emotional damage for which the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian has neglected, refused or been unable for reasons other than poverty to obtain the necessary treatment or to take steps to ameliorate the systems. [Ref. s. 48.02(1)(gm). Wis. Stats.]

While some details of this article are disturbing, we all should be able to differentiate between what behaviors keep our children safe and when we need to step in and make a call that can protect a child in need. The State of Wisconsin has mandatory reporters, those who are required to call and report anything that looks suspicious. Mandatory reporters include, school counselors, doctors, nurses, therapists, teachers and the list goes on.

If you or a family member know of anyone that may need help, you should call either the Wauwatosa Police Department at 414-471-8430 or Milwaukee Child Protective Services at 414-220-7233 to report the suspicious activity. Please know that anyone making a report in good faith is immune from criminal or civil liability.

**STOP CHILD ABUSE**

## Senior Lock Box Program

When time is of the essence, a Lock Box can save your emergency responders valuable time.

Central dispatch can simply notify the responders that a lock box is in use.

Provides an alternative to forced entry. If a lock box is used, emergency responders may not have to damage windows and/or doors.

Lock boxes are only accessible with a special key that is different for each community.

The Wauwatosa Fire department is the only authorized key holder that can open the lock boxes. Friends, family, and neighbors cannot use this system to access a home.

Wall or door mounted boxes are available at a reasonable price, for further information contact the Fire Prevention Division at 414-471-8457.

**Texting While Driving is Against the Law for ALL Drivers in Wisconsin**

## Motorcycle Traffic Safety

Now that we’re getting closer to the warmer months, you’re going to see more and more motorcycles on the road. Some of you may soon be riding one yourself.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, “Approximately 100 motorcyclists are killed and more than 2,500 injured each year in Wisconsin traffic crashes. And most of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented, with additional education and training.”

Whether you drive on two or four wheels there are a lot of things to think about when driving. This article will address traffic safety concerns and tips for both motorcyclists and car/truck drivers.

First, courtesy is key no matter what you’re driving. I understand that there are plenty of drivers who have made boneheaded moves and that can be very frustrating, however, none of us are perfect and everyone has probably done something that has upset another driver. What’s important is to be as conscientious as possible to minimize mistakes that could cause a crash.

Motorcycles can be very difficult to see. Even the largest, most customized, brightly lit cycle is much smaller than most cars and trucks. This makes it easy for them to fall into your blindspot. Checking mirrors is obviously recommended but make sure you take a quick peak over your shoulder to make sure you’re not cutting someone off.

Motorcyclists also have to keep this in mind and make sure they move out of other vehicles’ blindspots as soon as safely possible.

Many motorcycle crashes occur when a vehicle turns in front of them. As a car or truck driver make sure to use your turn signals and double check the intersection before you make your turn. As a cyclist make sure to be aware of the traffic at an intersection. Be safe and slow down if you see a car creeping into the intersection.

Follow at a safe distance. Motorcyclists have to avoid some obstacles that four wheel vehicles don’t. Think about anything bumpy. Pot holes and railroad crossings, for example, can be a substantial risk to cyclists. I, personally, almost lost control of my bike while I was checking my blindspot and didn’t see a large pothole in the road. Since cyclists have to use care when navigating around these obstacles they may need to slow down where a four wheel vehicle wouldn’t. Make sure you’re following at a safe distance. In a pamphlet put out by WisDOT and NHTSA it is recommended that drivers should stay a *minimum* of four seconds behind a motorcycle. This will allow you to avoid a collision if the motorcycle suddenly slows or stops.

Motorcyclists also need to be aware of their surroundings. Make sure you are scanning the road ahead of you so you can spot a potential road hazard before you need to slam on your brakes.

Don’t drink and drive. I know that you’re probably thinking that this is obvious, but I’ve arrested intoxicated drivers in cars *and* on bikes that could barely stand (Continued on page 5)



## Volunteers Needed

Crime Stoppers is seeking help with the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, May 13, 2018, from 8:00AM to 11:30AM at the Muellner Building at Hart Park (7300 W. Chestnut St.). What a great way for young people to volunteer and get service hours at the same time!

All volunteers will receive a free breakfast ticket. If you register as a volunteer by May 4<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a free breakfast ticket for your mother as well. Tickets will be provided at the event. If you would like to help, please call Officer Dan Kane at 471-8430, ext. 5114, or email [dkane@wauwatosa.net](mailto:dkane@wauwatosa.net).

## 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Celebration

Wauwatosa's Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, July 4, 2018. This year's theme is "A Very Tosa Fourth."

**The annual Wauwatosa parade will begin at 9:00AM. The parade will travel West along North Avenue from North 80<sup>th</sup> Street to 104<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Family Fun events will be held at Hart Park starting at 4:00PM with fireworks at 9:15 PM (fireworks rain date – July 5).



## Motorcycle Traffic Safety (continued from page 4)

up. I have also heard stories about intoxicated motorcyclists who have literally tipped over when they could no longer balance their bikes at a stop light.

I am against *anyone* driving while intoxicated, but doing so on only two wheels seems insane to me. While Wisconsin still hasn't criminalized most first offense drunk driving offenses, why take the chance? A first offense still comes with a \$861 citation, much higher insurance rates, and the stigma of being a drunk. I've heard that a first offense drunk driving charge can end up costing several thousands of dollars...but this will seem minor compared to what will happen if you injure or kill someone. Be responsible and find a sober ride home if you've had too much to drink.

I haven't outlined anything in this article that you haven't already heard. I'm sure most of it is taught in driver's education. I just wanted to give everyone a reminder so we can keep four wheel and two wheel drivers safe. Let's all do our part in keeping the roads as safe as we can.

Be courteous, know and follow your traffic laws, and Ride and Drive Safely!

## FREE Home & Business Security Surveys

The Wauwatosa Police Department offers **free** Security Surveys to all Wauwatosa residents and business owners. The survey takes an objective look at your property and its security measures. Officer Dan Kane has been through extensive training in crime prevention, security measures, and safety techniques that can be used to protect one from the criminal element.

Officer Kane will come to your property and inspect the inside and outside of your home or business for security deficiencies. A survey is filled out by the officer on scene which will list the problems observed and give you recommendations as how the problem can be rectified.

If you are interested in having a security survey conducted at your property you can call Officer Kane at the Wauwatosa Police Department, Community Support Division at 471-8430 Ext. 5114.

### HOME/HAZMAT – COLLECTION 2018

**DROP OFF YOU OLD AND UNUSED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WAST AND HELP KEEP OUR LAND, AND OUR WATER, A LITTLE CLEANER.**

**STATE FAIR PARK – GATE 1  
(OFF GREENFIELD AVENUE)**

**APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**Go to [mmsd.com](http://mmsd.com) for more details.**

## **Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Pancake Breakfast & Raffle**

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers is hosting its 16<sup>th</sup> annual "Pancakes with Mom" Breakfast on Sunday, May 13, 2018 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am at the Hart Park Muellner Building (7300 W. Chestnut St). Over 900 people attended last year's event and a great time was had by all.

Enjoy all-you-can-eat hot cakes, sausage and all the breakfast fixings. Last year's guests were excited to find flowers for mom, balloons, games and prizes for the kids. Join McGruff the Crime Dog for a fun filled morning that will benefit the Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers. Event sponsors include Wauwatosa Neighborhood Watch Committee, WaterStone Bank, C & G Printing, Metcalfe's Market, Starbucks Coffee, Modern Woodman, Dave and Busters, Metro MLS, Lockers Floral and Sysco.

Tickets are available at the door on the day of the event at \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 3-8 and children under 3 are free.

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**Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, May 13, 2018  
Ticket Order Form  
(Orders mailed after April 23, 2018, will not be processed)**

Please list the number of adult and children's tickets you wish to purchase. Children under 3 are free and do not require a ticket. Tickets will be mailed within 10 days. Make checks payable to Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers. Please include a phone number on your check. Do not send cash.

Return your check and this form to:

**Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers  
1700 N. 116 St  
Wauwatosa WI. 53226**

_____ Adult	X	\$7.00	\$ _____
_____ Child	X	\$3.00 (ages 3-8)	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

If you have any questions call Officer Dan Kane at 471-8430 ext. 5114.

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