

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 2017

The Wauwatosa Police Department and Wauwatosa's Neighborhood Watch Committee (WNWC) are proud to announce that our 23rd annual "Tosa's Night Out" will take place on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

First, we have to thank our wonderful sponsors that made 2016 a tremendous success, even with our big move to the Milwaukee County Zoo. Our 2016 Major Sponsor was Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin. Our 2016 True Blue Sponsors were, Waterstone Bank, Home Depot of Wauwatosa, and Dave & Busters of Wauwatosa.

In 2016 we made some big changes to Tosa's Night Out, not only by moving to the zoo, but also by adding "Night Out in Your Neighborhood," and 2017 will be no different. The Wauwatosa Police Department is encouraging as many neighborhoods as possible to have their annual block parties during the weekend of **July 29th and 30th**. Our Police Department will be out in full force to attend every block party in our city that weekend!! We had a great time last year....and look forward to seeing you this year too!

On **Monday, July 31st**, the Police Department, in coordination with the neighborhood associations, will again host these school events throughout the City. Our officers will be there and you can meet the officers that patrol your neighborhoods every day. This year "Night Out in Your Neighborhood" will take place at the following schools: Madison, Roosevelt, Underwood and Wilson Elementary Schools. We look forward to building on the tradition we started last year. The week of crime prevention will wrap up on **Wednesday, August 2nd**, with an appreciation event at the Milwaukee County Zoo!! Night Out at the zoo will have all the same activities that have made Tosa's Night Out the preeminent crime prevention event in our area. Our many participating groups will be with us as always. Back by popular demand will be the ever popular flashlight walk, this time through the zoo!

Registration for Tosa's Night Out 2017 will officially open on Sunday, May 14, 2017, from 8:00AM until 11:30AM at the Hart Park Muellner Building, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. The registration kick off will be in conjunction with the annual Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers pancake breakfast, "Pancakes with Mom".

After May 8th, you may register or obtain registration forms at the Little Read Book Store, 7603 W. State St. (phone 774-2665) during regular business hours. You can also register online at www.tosasnightout.org starting on May 13, 2017. If you register online, t-shirts and tickets will be delivered to your home.



**WAUWATOSA
CRIME
STOPPERS**

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Cash rewards up to \$1,000.

Wauwatosa Police Department

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School Officer Tracy Burbach

School Officer Farris Griffin

School Officer Jim Morrill

Administrative Support

Specialist Laura Laurishke

HARTFEST

FRIDAY – JUNE 16

SATURDAY – JUNE 17

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.

Who Are Your Reserve Officers?

As we discussed in the previous Tosa Watch Newsletter, our Police Reserve Unit is in the midst of its seventy-fifth anniversary this year. The Reserves were founded in 1942, during WWII. Although the tasks have changed from their inception, the Reserves continue to be an integral part of our department. So who are the Reserve Officers? Our Reserve Officers are a combination of younger adults looking forward to careers in Law Enforcement, and other professionals that just want to volunteer and help their community. Many appreciate the great training they receive in firearms, defense and arrest tactics and emergency vehicle operations. The Reserve Officers are trained by the same instructors that teach our full-time officers. Volunteerism has always been the crux of the program. In 1969, the Reserve Unit peaked at one hundred and seventy five members. That year, they “worked” over 10,000 hours, helping protect our city. If you are interested in learning more about the unit or joining the Wauwatosa Police Reserves, please contact Officer Mike McDermott at mmcdermott@wauwatosa.net or by calling 414-471-8430 ext, 5113.



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.

CITY OF
WAUWATOSA

MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVANCE

MONDAY, MAY 29,
2017
AT 9:00 AM

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

FEATURING:
THE WAUWATOSA
COMMUNITY BAND

FEATURED SPEAKER:
CPT DALE KOOYENGA

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.



Wauwatosa Senior Commission

I know this is an unusual article for the “Tosa Watch” newsletter, but the Wauwatosa Police Department sits as a liaison on the Wauwatosa Senior Commission board and thought it would be nice to share the activities with you.

The Senior Commission has been busy. We developed our 2017/2018 plan which identifies, defines and prioritizes our goals and our plan of action to accomplish these goals.

Our Mission: To affirm the dignity and value of all older adults (55 and over) in Wauwatosa.

Our 2017 Goals:

Goal 1: Enhance communication so that older adults and caregivers are aware of available resources and that more community members and policymakers are aware of older adults and their issues.

Goal 2: Develop the Senior Liaison initiative within each Neighborhood Association which will help older adults to stay connected to the Wauwatosa Community: its people, its activities and its services.

Goal 3: Develop, promote and enhance “Senior-Friendly” initiatives in Wauwatosa. The Senior Commission identified 5 major initiatives.

- Address the housing supply for affordability, safety, accessibility.
- Broaden intergenerational interactions.
- Help seniors to feel connected to the community.
- Promote “Dementia-Friendliness” in various community sectors.
- Increase senior-friendliness and accessibility of Wauwatosa’s public infrastructure.

The Senior Commission has begun to address Goals 1 and 2. We will keep you informed of progress on all of these goals. Please know that Eileen Olen, Chair of Senior Commission, is open to comments and suggestions and can be reached at eolen@live.com.

Senior Lock Box Program

- Can save your emergency responders valuable time. Your 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 responder 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.

Looking for a Few Good People

The Wauwatosa Neighborhood Watch Committee (WNWC) is a group of citizens who formed a partnership with the Wauwatosa Police Department to promote neighborhood block watch throughout Wauwatosa. This working committee also helps to produce and promote our annual Tosa's Night Out event. The success of Tosa's Night Out gives the WNWC the ability to award grants for many community-based programs, such as “Block Party,” street banners, police safety equipment, community safety programming and literature, neighborhood Block Watch signage, “Slow Down” yard signs, playground equipment, and senior safety programming and materials.

If you are interested in joining this group or just have questions, please contact the Community Support Division at 414-471-8430 or send your inquiries to communitysupport@wauwatosa.net.



Spring Crime Prevention Tips

Spring is here, bet you can't wait to get outside and start working in your yard. But before you go, take a look at this list of crime prevention tips so your Spring can be safe and happy.

- Keep your doors locked at all times. If you're in the backyard, keep the front door locked, if you're in the front yard, keep the back door locked. Remember, if you keep your garage door open, it's so easy for an uninvited guest to enter and take whatever their heart desires. Don't be subject to this classic trick.
- How nice, it's time to open up the house and let in some fresh air, but all too often we forget to close and lock the windows. Lifting a window and cutting a screen has to be the easiest way to get into a home to burglarize. Do a check before bedtime and make sure your home is secure, it'll only take a few minutes.
- Keep all valuable items, such as purses, wallets, televisions, computers and cell phones away from areas that can be viewed from the outside. Don't advertise what's available in your home, harden your target so you don't become a victim.
- Consider the installation of motion sensors or dusk-to-dawn lighting. These types of lighting are economical, aesthetically pleasing, and can keep unwanted visitors at bay. No one wants to be seen while sneaking around and peeping into windows and garages. If you have a late night, the lights will also aid in your safe entry to the home.
- Once you've used your ladders, lawn mower, bikes, toys and golf clubs, put them away. This will also pertain to a storage unit or shed on your property. You may want to use these things over and over again.
- As the weather improves you may see an increase in solicitors trying to sell you their wares. Solicitors are required to stop at the Wauwatosa Police Department and register for door-to-door sales. If you don't see a permit either hanging from their neck or pinned to a shirt, contact the Wauwatosa Police Department at 414-471-8430, to check the status of the solicitor. Please note that churches and non-profits are exempt from registration.
- Roll up your car windows, lock the doors and take valuable in your home or place of business. Please don't leave keys or remote start fobs in vehicles, this has been an ongoing problem with vehicle thefts. While convenience is nice, it's even nicer to have your car in your garage or driveway when you need it.
- If a utility representative comes to your home, request identification. Actual representatives carry identification and are willing to show it to you. Otherwise close and lock your door and call the company for verification that workers are in your area.

Being a good neighbor is the best crime prevention tool available. Be watchful and attentive to the activities in and around your home. If you spot anything that seems suspicious or just not normal, alert the Wauwatosa Police Department at 414-471-8430, ask for dispatch and have an officer stop over to check things out. Don't approach anyone or put yourself in harm's way, leave that to the police. If it turns out to be nothing, that's fine, but you never know, you could have interrupted a crime in progress. Be safe out there!

Volunteers Needed

Crime Stoppers is seeking help with the 15th annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, May 14, 2017, from 8:00AM to 11:30AM at the Mueller 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 5th, 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.

84th Annual Independence Day Celebration

Wauwatosa's Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4, 2017. This year's theme is "Hats Off to America."

The annual Wauwatosa parade will begin at 9:00AM. The parade will travel West along North Avenue from North 80th Street to 104th 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)



Happy 4th of July!

Medicine Collection Program Updates

The Wauwatosa Police Department recognizes the concern surrounding the proper disposal of unused and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.

While proper, safe and environmentally conscious disposal of these medications is imperative, the Wauwatosa Police Department needs to ensure the safety of persons that are physically responsible for the proper disposal of the items being dropped off.

As such, Sharps waste and/or containers, are a form of biomedical waste composed of used sharps, which includes any device or object used to puncture or lacerate the skin. Sharps waste is classified as biohazardous waste and must be carefully handled. Therefore, no Sharps will be accepted at our collection sight.

The following guidelines must be met in order to accept medications:

1. Medications will only be accepted from City of Wauwatosa residents (or a family member of a Wauwatosa resident). The person dropping off the medications must provide proper identification issued by the State of Wisconsin or Milwaukee County to verify their residency.
2. Citizens cannot bring in prescriptions for other people unless they are family members.
3. Substances in pill form must be emptied from their original containers and repackaged into a "Ziploc" style plastic storage bag by the resident. All liquid medication **MUST** be in the original container and capped tightly to prevent any leakage. Pet medications are also accepted.
4. Ointments, creams, non-aerosol spray, inhalers and other forms of prescription medication will be accepted in their original containers.
5. Residents with large individual items or large quantities of items that will not fit into the self-service kiosk must contact the Wauwatosa Detective Bureau, Property Clerk, Karen Roy at 414-471-8430 ext. 5136.
6. Medications will **ONLY** be accepted Monday through Friday, 7:00AM to 10:00PM and Saturday and Sunday between 3:00PM and 10:00PM, at the Wauwatosa Police Station, 1700 N. 116 St.
7. The following will **NOT** be accepted:
 - Personal care products (shampoo, lotions, soap, toothpaste, etc.)
 - Household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas, etc.)

The Wauwatosa Police Department does not accept illegal narcotics such as marijuana through this program.

Home Security Survey

The Community Support Division continues to offer **free** home security surveys. A specially-trained police officer will come to a residence free of charge and check for security strengths and weaknesses. Areas including lighting, landscaping, and locks will be addressed. For questions or to schedule an appointment, call the Community Support Division at 471-8430.

Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Pancake Breakfast & Raffle

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers is hosting its 15th annual “Pancakes with Mom” Breakfast on Sunday, May 14, 2017 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am at the Hart Park Muellner Building (7300 W. Chestnut St). Over 600 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.

**Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 14, 2017
Ticket Order Form
(Orders mailed after April 22, 2017, 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.
