

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 2015

The Wauwatosa Police Department and Wauwatosa's Neighborhood Watch Committee (WNWC) are proud to announce that our 21st annual "Tosa's Night Out" celebration has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 4, 2015**, at Hart Park.

We are thankful for our 2014 Major Sponsor Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin and our 2014 True



Blue Sponsors WaterStone Bank, ATC – American Transmission Company, and Dave & Buster's Wauwatosa. We look forward to their continued support!

Returning this year will be a children's area including games, inflatable rides, a coloring contest, Kid Care ID, and much more. Other scheduled highlights include live music, food and refreshments, safety displays, and health and wellness exhibits.

The ever popular 1.5 mile "Family Flashlight Walk" will wind through the Honey Creek Parkway, lower Harwood area, and Wauwatosa village.

The event is free and everyone is welcome. You may, however, elect to officially register for the Flashlight Walk to receive your commemorative t-shirt, flashlight, and additional sponsored items.

Our 2015 Flashlight Walk registration kickoff is Sunday, May 10, 2015, from 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM at the Hart Park Muellner building, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. The kick off will be in conjunction with the annual Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers' pancake breakfast, "Pancakes With Mom".

TOSA'S NIGHT OUT

Lighting The Way To A Better Community.

After May 10th, you may register or obtain registration forms at the **Little Read Book Store at 7603 W. State Street (telephone 774-2665)** during regular store hours. Watch for additional details in the July–August–September "Tosa Watch" newsletter.





**WAUWATOSA
CRIME
STOPPERS**

771-TOSA

Cash rewards up to \$1,000.

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HARTFEST

FRIDAY – JUNE 12

SATURDAY – JUNE 13

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 Gayle at 471-8430, ext. 5101.

Suspicious Person or Vehicle

One of the most important responsibilities of law enforcement is to keep their city safe.

While the Wauwatosa Police Department is responsible for creating a safe environment for you, it's one's duty to be vigilant and socially responsible as well. It is never a good idea to try to play 'hero' in such situations. Instead, you should be attentive of your surroundings and make mental notes on suspicious persons or vehicles. You can always help officers by giving a good description of what you see. Train yourself to look for important information.

Make note of the following information on suspicious persons and vehicles. If you believe a crime has occurred, is in progress, or is about to occur, then call the police at 911.

Suspect Description

- ❖ Sex
- ❖ Race
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Height
- ❖ Weight
- ❖ Complexion
- ❖ Hair color
- ❖ Eyes/color of eyes
- ❖ Glasses
- ❖ Clothing : Color of coat/shirt/pants/shoes
- ❖ Accessories: Hat, bracelet, etc.
- ❖ Tattoos
- ❖ Scars/Marks
- ❖ Any additional information that may help to locate the suspect.

Vehicle Description

- ❖ Color
- ❖ Make
- ❖ Model
- ❖ License Plate/State
- ❖ Direction of Travel
- ❖ Any damage to the vehicle
- ❖ Any additional information that may help to locate the vehicle.

Be watchful and careful when recording information on a suspicious person or vehicle.

It's not surprising that many crimes and accidents are prevented due to the input from callers who give good suspect descriptions.

**CITY OF
WAUWATOSA****MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVANCE****MONDAY, MAY
25, 2015
AT 10:30 AM****LONGFELLOW
MIDDLE SCHOOL
7600 W. NORTH
AVENUE****FEATURING:
THE WAUWATOSA
COMMUNITY BAND****FEATURED
SPEAKER:****T.B.A.****JOIN US TO
HONOR THOSE
WHO HAVE PAID
THE ULTIMATE
PRICE FOR THE
FREEDOM THAT
WE ENJOY.**

How About a Bike Ride?

With spring in the air, it's time to pull out those dusty bicycles and get moving. So, the Wauwatosa Police Department would like to give you a few facts related to biking.

Every summer, dozens of bicycles are stolen in Wauwatosa. Most of these bicycles are unlocked and left unattended in yards, garages, or playgrounds. Secure all bikes when they are not in use. Securing a bike means locking it with a chain or cable through the wheels and frame to a sturdy and secure object or bike rack, locking it in a shed or garage or bringing it into the house. It only takes a few seconds for someone to take an unlocked bike, and one may never see it again.

Many people don't realize that Wauwatosa has an ordinance requiring bicycles to be registered if you live in the City. This can be accomplished free of charge at Johnson's Cycle and Fitness, 6916 W. North Ave, any of the Fire Stations, or at the Wauwatosa Police Department.

Ordinance 11.48.090 - Registration required.

It is unlawful for anyone to ride a bicycle in the city of Wauwatosa unless it is legally registered in Wauwatosa or in some other place or unless it is owned in a place not having a provision for registration, as provided in this chapter.

Another fact that many bike riders are unaware of is that when on the roadway, a bike rider is subject to all the same rules and laws that a motor vehicle is subject to. This includes speed limits, traffic signs, traffic signals and yielding the appropriate right of ways. Violators can be issued a traffic citation even if they do not hold a driver's license. Also, bikes have to remain single file on a roadway to allow motor vehicles clearance to pass. If bikes are not single file, those riders not closest to the curb can be cited for impeding traffic.

Ordinance 11.48.080 - Observance of traffic rules required.

Any person riding or operating a bicycle upon any street within the limits of the city of Wauwatosa shall observe all traffic rules and regulations.

Finally, please be aware of the following:

Ordinance 11.48.070 - Riding on sidewalks prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle which has a wheel diameter of twenty-four inches or more upon the sidewalks in any portion of the city of Wauwatosa.

On the same topic, motorists need to remember that bike riders have equal rights to the road. As long as motorists and bike riders heed all rules of the road, everyone can get around without incident or injury.



File of Life

The File of Life is a magnetic pocket that sticks to one's refrigerator and can be used for any person of any age. The pocket holds a card that contains medical information that is an invaluable resource to emergency medical teams responding to critical, life-threatening situations. The File of Life enables medics to obtain a quick medical history when a patient is unable to offer one. The card will list the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, health insurance information, medical issues, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name, and a health care proxy.

The benefits of the FILE OF LIFE:

- Emergency Responders instantly know medical history.
- Hospital emergency staff can quickly evaluate for drug reactions.
- Patient knows that if they are unconscious, their lifesaving info and contact information is available in a recognizable, easily accessible format.

The Wauwatosa Senior Commission is offering the File of Life Pockets for a \$1 donation. They will be available at the Health Department located at City Hall, Wauwatosa Police Department's Community Support Division and all Wauwatosa Fire Departments. For further information, please call the Health Department at 479-8936.

| FILE OF LIFE | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Doctor: | Phone: |
| EMERGENCY CONTACTS | |
| Name: | Phone: |
| Address: | |
| Name: | Phone: |
| Address: | |

Mental Health and Illness Awareness

Mental Health is a person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being, while Mental Illness is a disorder of the brain. Causes can be from birth trauma, chemical imbalances or even biological, environmental, social and cultural factors that affect millions of people.

People with mental illness need your understanding and support, just as people with other health conditions do. Common facts about mental illness include:

- Using cruel labels, such as “crazy” or “psycho” cause pain and discourage people from seeking help.
- For some, a mental illness may be a lifelong condition, but proper treatment enables many to live fulfilling lives.
- With proper treatment, people with mental illness are no more likely to be violent than the general public.
- Mental illness can affect anyone.
- Millions of children and adults are affected by depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses.

Common types of mental illness are:

Affective Disorders which may also be called “mood disorders.”

Depression – It's more than feeling sad from time to time. Depression is a lasting feeling of great sadness or helplessness, with a lack of energy and feelings of worthlessness.

Bipolar Disorder – Is also called manic-depressive illness. The person has extreme mood swings (highs and lows) a lot of energy, wild behavior and racing thoughts. Each period can last days or months.

Schizophrenia – A group of disorders marked by unusual thoughts, actions and emotions. These individuals may have strong fears, hallucinations, obsessions and delusions. One doesn't always make sense when talking.

Anxiety Disorder result from fear that is long lasting. General Anxiety is tension or irritability that lasts a month or more. Panic Attacks are sudden fear or terror that cause heart flutters, dizziness and sweating.

If you know someone that has signs of a mental illness, or if you'd like more information, contact your health-care provider, community mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals or clinics, or crisis hotlines.

Remember mental illness is a treatable condition.

Mental Health
Awareness Month



Volunteers Needed

Crime Stoppers is seeking help with the 13th annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, May 10, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 PM 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 April 30, 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 Mike McDermott at 471-8430, ext. 5113, or email mmcdermott@wauwatosa.net.

82nd Annual Independence Day Celebration

Wauwatosa's Independence Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2015. This year's theme is "Your Hometown Parade"

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

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



Hart Park Update

Our City's jewel Hart Park, will be sparkling with added features this summer. The restrooms and picnic shelter close to the playground area will be completed this spring. Lighting will be added to the Rotary Performance Stage area and a concession tent close to 68th Street will be erected to provide food and beverages for purchase during the Tosa Tonight Concerts. The concert schedule is available online at www.tosatonight.com.

The greatly anticipated construction of the Tosa Skateboarders United skatepark is scheduled to begin in late spring. Family Film Night, a highlight of the summer, will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at dusk. The title of the film will be announced in June.

The Friends of Hart Park are asking volunteers to help with the park clean-up and weed-out on Saturday, April 18th at 9:00AM. Please register in the Muellner Building. Tools, bags and gloves will be provided. Free t-shirts will be given to volunteers. Weeding and general maintenance of the parks gardens is always welcomed. For more information visit www.ihartpark.org.

Come and enjoy your Hart Park – our City's jewel.

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 Michael McDermott 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 McDermott 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 McDermott at the Wauwatosa Police Department, Community Support Division at 471-8430 Ext. 5113.

Light Up Your Neighborhood

Keep your neighborhood safer by turning on your outside lights. For the few pennies it costs in electricity, you are making your yard safer. Burglars do not want to be seen, so there is no better way than to light up your yard and your neighborhood.



CRIME STOPPERS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers is hosting its 13th annual **"Pancakes with Mom"** Breakfast on **Sunday, May 10, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, at the Hart Park Muellner Building, 7300 W. Chestnut Street. Over 900 people attended last year's event and a great time was had by all.

Enjoy all-you-can-eat hot cakes and 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 are **Wauwatosa Neighborhood Watch Committee, WaterStone Bank, C & G Printing, Metcalfe's Market, Starbucks Coffee, Modern Woodmen and PNC Bank.**

Tickets are available at the door on the day of the event at \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children age 3-12, with children age 2 and under free.

WAUWATOSA CRIME STOPPERS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015 TICKET ORDER FORM (Orders mailed after April 24, 2015, will not be processed.)

Please list the number of adult and children's tickets you wish to purchase. Children under 2 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 North 116th Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53226**

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| _____ ADULT | X \$7.00 | \$ _____ |
| _____ CHILD | X \$3.00 | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED | | \$ _____ |

If you have any questions, call Officer Michael McDermott at 471-8430, ext. 5113.
