TOSA WATCH

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Tosa's Night Out 2025

SAVE THE DATE

8	6	2025
Month	Day	Year

New this year – No Pre-Registration

More information to come in the
July – September edition of the Tosa Watch Newsletter

Or follow updates at
https://tosasnightout.org/

As the weather gets warmer and you're out driving, remember to keep an eye out for walkers, bikers/scooter and motorcycle drivers.

If you know someone that may be interested in receiving this newsletter, please have them contact Laura Laurishke at llaurishke@wauwatosa.net or by calling 414-471-8430 ext. 5111. We'd like to get them on the email address list for distribution.

If you know someone that is elderly or disabled and has no access to a computer or the ability to connect to the internet, please have them call the police department and we will set-up arrangements for a newsletter to be sent to them.

The Wauwatosa Police Department will have a limited number of copies of the Tosa Watch newsletter at our department, the Wauwatosa Library and the Hart Park Senior Center

Thank You and we appreciate your support.

Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers

Download P3 Tips available in the Apple Store or on Google Play.

Anonymous tips can be made utilizing either P3 or by calling the Wauwatosa Police Department at

771-TOSA (8672)

Cash rewards up to $1,000.

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HARTFEST 2025
BBQ & Music

FRIDAY – JUNE 13
SATURDAY – JUNE 14
HART PARK

Live Music Nightly

Free Admission

Independence Day Activities

Independence Day will look a little different in 2025. A Drone Show will be held at Hart Park on July 2, 2025. The Drone Show will take place of the fireworks display that usually happens on July 4th.

The Wauwatosa Independence Day Parade will be held on July 4th and will follow the same route as last year. The parade will leave from the Hoyt Pool parking lot at 9:00 am. The parade will then proceed north on Swan (92nd Street) to North Avenue, then turn right on North Avenue, ending near 80th Street.

The following roads will be closed during the parade:

- N. Swan Blvd will be closed between W. Meinecke Avenue and the Menomonee River Parkway
- Menomonee River Parkway will be closed between N. Swan Boulevard and Charles Hart Parkway
- W. North Avenue will be closed between Menomonee River Parkway and Wauwatosa Avenue

The July 4th Afternoon Program will be held at the Library/City Hall parking lot (7725 W North Avenue). The afternoon event (1-3pm), is a family-friendly event that includes a bike decoration contest and other entertainment for everyone in the family.

Bring one non-perishable food item to register decorated patriotic bikes, trikes, wagons, scooters, etc. for a prize. Your donation will benefit the Tosa Cares Food pantry.

Reminder! These adorable plush K9's and Coin are available for purchase at the Wauwatosa Police Department. $15.00 per item, and have been known to put a smile on the recipient's face. Purchases can be made at the Front Desk during regular business hours.

THIS MEMORIAL DAY PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUR COUNTRY'S MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE LINE OF DUTY – CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT NATION WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO PRESERVE THE LIBERTIES UPON WHICH AMERICA WAS FOUNDED.

Remember - Pets

Wauwatosa Ordinances require pet owners to make sure the following steps are followed:

The owner or walker of either a dog or cat shall carry a feces scoop/bag and shall be responsible for its acts on either public or private property and is required to clean up debris **immediately.** Bag shall be deposited in a public garbage or the owner's garbage on their own property.

Neither dogs nor cats shall be permitted to **run at large**, and when leashed, the leash may not exceed 10' in length.

All dogs and cats, 6 months or older, are required to be licensed. Licenses are available at the City's Treasurer's Office. Pet owners must offer proof of rabies vaccination for licensing. The license tag shall be attached to a collar, and this collar shall at all times be worn by the dog or cat for which the license is issued.

Vending Machine?

The Wauwatosa Health Department is excited to add a public health vending machine to its list of available community resources. Located outside of Wauwatosa's City Hall near the employee entrance, the public health vending machine will be available 24/7 for the community to access free health and harm reduction resources. The public health vending machine will include:

COVID-19 test kits
Fentanyl and Xylazine* test strips
Gun locks
Medication disposal items
Menstrual products
Naloxone (Narcan)
Personal hygiene kits
Pregnancy tests
Safer sex kits

(Additional items may also be found within the vending machine on a seasonal basis.)

Four hundred and nine (409) transactions have been made in the last three months. The most significant transactions have been, eighty-eight (88) COVID tests, eighty-four (84) first aid kits, thirty-four boxes of Naloxone (Narcan), thirty-one condom packs and twenty (20) gun locks. Transactions are primarily made after business hours.

In Wauwatosa, we recognize the role that access to resources can play in the lives of our community members. We're excited to provide a new way for community members to anonymously access essential health resources. This will allow us to address specific community health needs, reduce access barriers, and increase Wauwatosa's overall health equity. Together, we can build a healthier Wauwatosa.

*Xylazine – also known as "tranq," is a veterinary tranquilizer that can be found in some illicit drug supplies. Xylazine is generally added to illicit drugs (generally opioids such as Fentanyl) without the end user knowing it's been added. Extreme sedation from Xylazine can cause people to stop breathing. While Naloxone (Narcan) is not known to reverse the reactions of Xylazine, public health experts do recommend Naloxone (Narcan) be utilized in cases of overdose. This paragraph is only for the purposes of explaining what Xylazine is.

Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 26th, 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

The Wauwatosa Police Department will once again sponsor a Drug Take-Back Event. The goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal of prescription medications. (**No** syringes accepted) Please stop by and see us at the Wauwatosa Police Department, 1700 N 116th Street, or at the Medical College of Wisconsin, 1100 Blk of North 87th Street (8:00a – 12:00p), no need to get out of your car, we'll come to you.

Hope to see you there!

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

With this edition of Tosa Watch, we'd like to discuss underage drinking. Awareness is the first step in preventing the risks and problems that come with drinking at any age. Underage drinking poses a range of risks and negative consequences and here are some reasons why.

- A harsh reality is that death can be caused by excessive alcohol consumption. Teens and young adults don't know how much is too much to drink. Peer pressure is a real thing for young adults, we all wanted to fit in and be like the popular or cool kids. Once alcohol is onboard, one loses the ability to make good decisions. Tough conversations are necessary even if one thinks, not my child.

- Our inability to make good decisions also falls into place if children are of a legal driving age. Accidents happen but once one has lessened their ability to drive and maneuver an automobile safely and cautiously it can cause devastating results. Our judgement of distances and attention to detail can lessen our reaction times which can be a significant factor in preventing an accident. Now add in the additional friends that are in the vehicle with you, they are your responsibility and that responsibility will generally fall onto the parents and their insurance.

- Impaired thinking can lead to unnecessary risk taking, such as unsafe sexual behavior, becoming aggressive or violent behavior. Drinking alcohol affects everyone differently much the same as drug use. Help your children make wise decisions. Talk openly and honestly about dangers and consequences that may come from drinking.

- Drinking may cause teens and young adults to have trouble in school or with the law. We all want the best for our children, give them the option to have a great life by keeping the lines of communication open.

- Research shows that people's brains keep developing well into their 20's. Alcohol can alter this development, potentially affecting both brain structure and function and may cause cognitive or learning problems as well.

These are some warning signs that may indicate underage drinking or drug activity in your child:

- Changes in mood, including anger and irritability
- Academic or behavioral problems in school
- Rebelliousness
- Changing groups of friends
- Less interest in activities or care in appearance
- Smelling alcohol on your child's breath
- Problems concentrating or remembering
- Slurred speech

Parents, help your children avoid alcohol problems. Sit down, have an open line of communication, make- a-plan to keep your kids and others safe. Have your children call if they've been drinking, pick up your children, ensure they come home safely at the end of the evening. Talk about stressors in your children's lives, let them express themselves without judgement but understanding and caring. If additional help is needed, make the right calls to bring in medical professionals to get you and your family through these difficult and sensitive times.