

Resident Guide



City of Wauwatosa

Welcome

We're glad you've made Wauwatosa your home. I invite you to explore and learn more about our friendly and dynamic community – an old city with something new for everyone.

Our excellent schools and 2,000 acres of parks (including a community pool and beer garden) are cherished by people of all ages and make “Tosa” an ideal place to raise a family. More than 30 neighborhood associations welcome new residents and keep our neighborhoods strong.

Residents and visitors alike delight in our farmer's markets, street festivals, and outdoor concerts, and flock to Wauwatosa for fine dining and entertainment in our historic and charming Village, East Town, and MidTown areas and shopping in Wisconsin's premier retail centers, Mayfair and the Mayfair Collection. Located in the heart of metropolitan Milwaukee, Wauwatosa is a hub of biotechnology, academic, and medical research. We're home to world-class hospitals and six colleges and universities.

Our community spirit is robust and our quality of life is high. We're a city celebrating our past and embracing our future. Welcome home.

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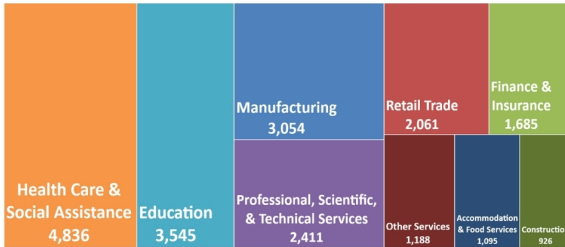


EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

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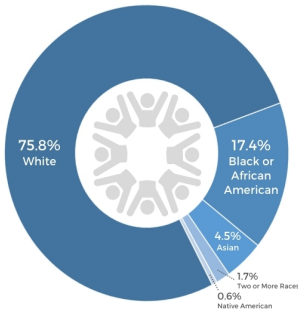
Wauwatosa residents work in many industries, with Health Care, Education, and Manufacturing employing 44% of residents who are in the workforce.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimate



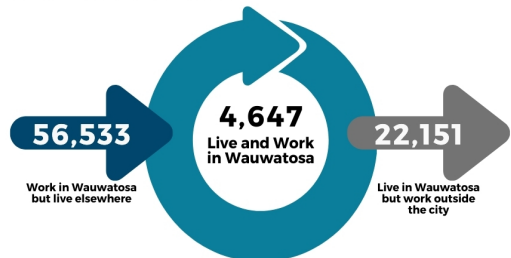
Wauwatosa's workforce is more diverse than its residents.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 LEHD data



More than 56,000 workers come to Wauwatosa to work, but do not live in the city.

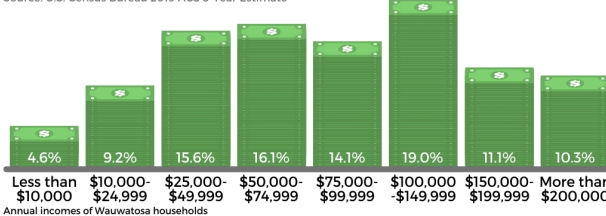
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7.6% of all workers are Wauwatosa residents, while 32.0% reside in the City of Milwaukee, 3.7% in West Allis, and 3.5% in Brookfield.

Wauwatosa has higher incomes than Milwaukee County and Wisconsin, with a median household income of \$82,392.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimate



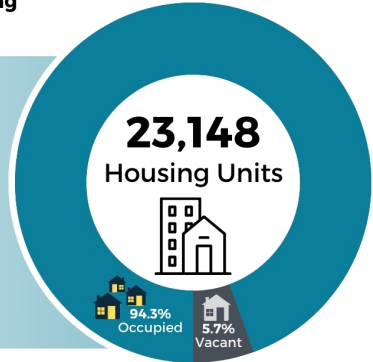
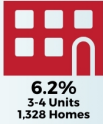
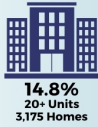
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HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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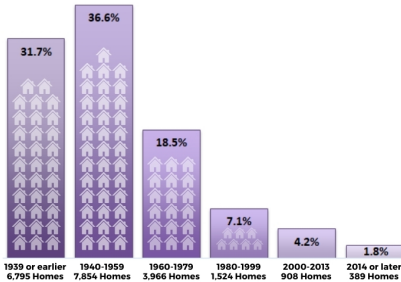
Wauwatosa has a range of different housing styles and densities.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Census and 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimate



Most homes are older, with 31.7% built before 1940 and only 6% since 2000.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimate



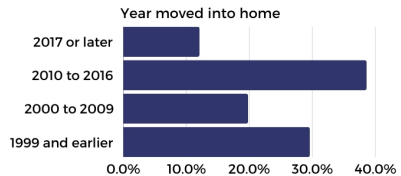
63.5%
Owner-Occupied
(0.6% Vacancy)

36.5%
Renter-Occupied
(5.5% Vacancy)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimate

Wauwatosa residents tend to stay here, with nearly 50% of people moving in more than ten years ago.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimate



Wauwatosa has a median home value of \$242,800 and a median gross rent of \$1,116.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimate



City News

Do you want to stay informed and updated on what's going on in Wauwatosa? Check out the news section on the homepage of wauwatosa.net. We also offer several email lists covering news about construction, development, events, recycling, and city services. In addition, we publish a city newsletter three times year, and a biweekly email newsletter titled Wauwatosa's News in Brief.

Sign up at wauwatosa.net/eNews.

Social Media

For the most frequent updates, follow us on social media at wauwatosa.net/social. The City of Wauwatosa has a variety of social media profiles, including City Government, Police, Fire, Health, Library, and Tourism.

Online Resources

Learn more about the latest development proposals and their descriptions, progress, and upcoming meetings at engage.wauwatosa.net.

Learn more about the latest construction in Wauwatosa at wauwatosa.net/construction.

Depending on the location of your residence in Wauwatosa, you have a specific garbage and recycling schedule. Find your printable version for the year at wauwatosa.net/recycling.

In the event of police or fire incidents, significant water main breaks, or other urgent updates, you can receive text, phone, and email alerts. Sign up at wauwatosa.net/alert.

Monitor your water consumption, identify leaks early, and receive real-time alerts with the EyeOnWater tool. wauwatosa.net/water.

Does something need our attention, whether it be an issue or a violation of our municipal code? Let us know by submitting an online service request. wauwatosa.net/service.

City Meetings

The Meeting Portal on the city's website provides a convenient place to learn about upcoming meetings, view agendas, and review minutes and videos of past meetings. Creating a free account allows you to receive notifications about upcoming meetings on the topics you choose. Many meetings are in a hybrid format, so you can choose to attend in person or online. Find out more at wauwatosa.net/meetingportal.

People can submit their public comments online directly within an agenda at wauwatosa.net/meetingportal. They can indicate their position: support, neutral, or oppose, and anyone can see public comments in real-time as they are published.

Citizen Committees

Public involvement is crucial to our decision-making process and is a valued part of our government.

We have about 30 committees, commissions, and boards that provide input to the City Council and help enhance Wauwatosa. By advising the City Council and staff, bringing new ideas to the table, and representing all of the diverse elements of our community, citizen

committee members help us make the best, most informed decisions possible. The Mayor appoints citizen members to serve on boards, commissions and committees and they are confirmed by the Common Council. Those interested in serving should submit their name for consideration at wauwatosa.net/meetingportal.



Government Access Programming

We use broadcast television to make Common Council and Standing Council Committees proceedings and other important community events accessible to the public. Look for Government Access on channel 120.25 to find taped Common Council and Committee meetings. No TV? You can watch meetings online using the Meeting Portal at wauwatosa.net/meetingportal.

Jobs

Consider a career with us to help keep Wauwatosa a vibrant community. We offer competitive benefits and retirement contributions, wellness programs, a drop-in health clinic, and paid parental leave. Visit wauwatosa.net/careers.

Welcome to Wauwatosa

If you're new to our community, we know there's a lot to do as you get settled into your new home. To make things easier, we've put together this quick overview of essential tasks and things to know about requirements, city services, and utilities.

Collection Services

Garbage is collected weekly and recycling is collected every other week on your assigned collection day. Our Public Works Department also collects yard waste and fall leaves seasonally, and can arrange special pickups for large and bulky items. Learn more on page 8 and visit wauwatosa.net/refuse to find your collection days and other important information.

Driver License and Vehicle Registration

Drivers who are new to Wisconsin must obtain a Wisconsin driver license within 60 days of establishing residency. The state also issues ID cards for those who do not drive. Wisconsin can issue REAL-ID compliant identification and driver licenses. Vehicles must also be registered to your Wisconsin address. Many of these services can be completed online by visiting wisconsin.gov.

Moving and Street Storage

If you plan to have a trailer or storage pod that will be in the public right-of-way (ROW) or street overnight, a street occupancy permit is required. Request a permit online at wauwatosa.net/permits. Once you're at the permit portal, search for "Storage in the ROW." The permit is valid for a maximum of seven days.

Pet Licensing

Wauwatosa allows a maximum of three cats and/or dogs at any residence. All cats and dogs must be licensed annually with proof of current rabies vaccination. New residents must license pets within 30 days. For more information, please see page 16 and search for "pet licensing" on wauwatosa.net.

Permits

If you're planning on remodeling or working on your home, a permit may be required. Learn more about required permits and fees at wauwatosa.net/permits.

Voter Registration

All persons registering to vote are required to provide proof of residence showing current name and Wauwatosa address. Voters may register online, in-person, or by mail. Same-day voter registration at your polling place is also available in Wisconsin. Learn more about [elections](#) and [voter registration](#).



If you're planning on excavating in your yard, call Diggers Hotline first so that City and utility crews can mark the locations of buried utility lines for your safety and to avoid damage. It's free and convenient.

Call **811** or **(800) 242-8511**

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Electricity and Gas

Electric and natural gas service in Wauwatosa is provided by We Energies. We Energies also offers a range of information and programs to help you make your home more efficient, purchase renewable energy, and save on your energy bills. To start or move service to a new address, manage your account, and learn more about other services, visit we-energies.com.

Internet, Phone, and TV

Cable, DSL and fiber broadband internet services are available throughout much of Wauwatosa. Cable service is provided by Spectrum (spectrum.com) and DSL or fiber service is provided by AT&T (att.com). Satellite services are also available from a number of providers. Landline phone service is provided by AT&T and all major cellular providers maintain networks in the Wauwatosa area. Visit the provider's website to learn which services are available at your address.

Many of these carriers offer television packages to subscribers. A number of over-the-air television stations, including all major national network affiliates, also broadcast to the Wauwatosa area.

Wauwatosa Water Utility

In partnership with Milwaukee Water Works, the Wauwatosa Water Utility provides clean, safe water to homes and businesses throughout the city as well as sanitary and storm sewers. You can find out more about the Water Utility, water quality, and related programs at wauwatosa.net/water. Water bills are sent quarterly. Learn more about options for paying your water bill on page 19.

Water customers should consider setting up an online account on the Citizen Self Service Portal. The portal allows users to set up paperless billing, track usage and conveniently pay water bills online. To get started, visit wauwatosa.net/waterbill.



The EyeOnWater tool allows Wauwatosa Water Utility customers to monitor their water consumption, identify leaks early, and receive real-time alerts about water usage from their computer or smartphone. You'll need your zip code and water account number to set up EyeOnWater.

Go to eyeonwater.com/signup to create your account and start monitoring.

City Departments

City Hall Main Number

(414) 479-8900

Finance

(414) 773-1800

Municipal Court

(414) 471-8488

Administration

(414) 479-8915

Purchasing

(414) 479-8959

Parks

(414) 471-8422

Assessor

(414) 479-8969

Fire

(414) 471-8490

Police

(414) 471-8430

City Attorney

(414) 479-8905

Health

(414) 479-8936

Public Works

(414) 471-8422

City Clerk

(414) 479-8917

Human Resources

(414) 479-8954

Water Utility

(414) 479-8963

Building & Safety

(414) 479-8907

Library

(414) 471-8484

For a fire or police emergency, call 911

Economic Development

(414) 479-3520

Engineering

(414) 479-8927

Planning & Zoning

(414) 479-3521

Online Service Requests

We're here to help! If you need to report something like a pothole, a street light out, or a missed garbage pickup, we've made it easy with online service request forms for common questions. If you don't see the form you're looking for, just fill out a general service request and we will get right to it. wauwatosa.net/service





City Hall and Public Library

The Wauwatosa municipal complex houses City Hall, the Civic Center, the Municipal Court and the Wauwatosa Public Library.

7725 W. North Ave

City Hall: (414) 479-8900

Public Library: (414) 471-8484



Wauwatosa Fire Department

The Wauwatosa Fire Department has three stations. Tours and education programs are available. Visit wauwatosa.net/fire.

Station 51 (Headquarters)

1601 Underwood Ave

(414) 471-8490

Station 52

4187 N. Mayfair Rd

Station 53

10525 W. Watertown Plank Rd



Wauwatosa Police Department

The Wauwatosa Police Department provides 24 hour service, as well as community programs to prevent crime and promote public safety. Learn more online by visiting wauwatosa.net/police.

1700 N. 116th St

(414) 471-8430 (Non-Emergency)



Department of Public Works

The Public Works facility is home to the Drop Off Center, which accepts a wide range of materials that are not eligible for curbside collection. Learn more about Public Works services and items accepted, and current fees at wauwatosa.net/publicworks.

11100 W. Walnut Rd

(414) 471-8422

Collection Services

Garbage Collection

Garbage carts have black lids and are collected weekly on your assigned collection day. Please ensure that all garbage, recycling, and yard waste carts are placed by the curb by 7 am on your collection day. Find your collection schedule at wauwatosa.net/recycling.

Recycling Collection

Recycling carts have yellow lids and are collected every other week on your assigned collection day. We accept plastics #1 #2 & #5 along with paper, glass, cardboard, aluminum cans, and much more. As a reminder, don't recycle it until it's clean!

Yard Waste Collection

We collect yard waste from mid-April through the end of September on weeks opposite your recycling collection. If you have purchased an official City yard waste cart (cart with the bright green lid), there is a 200-pound weight limit. All other containers and/or bundles of brush have a 50 pound weight limit.

If you have additional yard waste, call Public Works (414) 471-8422 for a pick up or bring it to the Drop Off Center with a \$5 single-use permit.

Yard waste includes: leaves, dead flowers and plants, brush, pruned branches, twigs, roots, wood shavings, etc. This does not include grass clippings.

Leaf Collection

We pick up leaves and soft plant material at the curb for all residential properties in Wauwatosa starting in mid-October. During leaf collection we generally make three passes through the City, with one final collection occurring after the final rake out deadline. Go to wauwatosa.net/leafcollection to view an interactive map of your leaf collection schedule.



Don't know how to properly dispose of an item? Waste Wizard has a database of hundreds of items that you can search to find out.

Visit wauwatosa.net/wizard to get started.

Drop Off Center (Dump)

Items that cannot be collected through our curbside collection programs may be able to be taken to the Drop Off Center. The Drop Off Center is located at 11100 W. Walnut Road. Enter on N. 113th Street off of Watertown Plank Road. This facility is open to Wauwatosa residents only. Fees for drop off of refuse and construction debris start at \$10 on a sliding scale based on quantity of :

Recyclable items:

- Plastics #1, #2 and #5
- Aluminum containers
- Glass jars
- Paper products
- Cardboard
- Bulky furniture, mattresses, box springs, and carpeting
- Residential clean fill in small amounts (less than a cubic yard), bricks, dirt, sod, concrete, sand, and stone
- Residential construction debris and untreated lumber scraps
- Residential yard waste including brush, branches, leaves, and logs

If you want to drop off larger items, including appliances, televisions, or tires, the fee may vary. You can also purchase a \$20 annual yard waste only permit to drop off branches under six inches in diameter, leaves, and soft plant material.

More information and pricing details can be found at wauwatosa.net/drop-off.

Special Collection Services

Can't drop it off? We offer special curbside collection for your large items and/or waste materials for a fee. These items include:

- Large piles of unbundled branches or brush
- Major household appliances
- Large or bulky items such as discarded furniture, household equipment, and clean-outs which exceed size and weight limitations

A cost estimate and specific details regarding each type of special collection can be obtained by contacting Public Works at (414) 471-8422.



Rental Facilities

The city offers several rooms for rent to the general public, both at the Muellner Building in Hart Park and City Hall. Rates vary from room to room and are rented on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information on rental halls at Hart Park or City Hall, contact the Parks Department at (414) 471-8420. Applications and more information are also available by searching for “rental facilities” on wauwatosa.net.

Senior Center and Services

The Wauwatosa Senior Centers at Hart Park and the Civic Center are vital to the health and wellbeing of our community.

The Wauwatosa Recreation Department offers a variety of adult enrichment classes like knitting, photography, and financial classes, as well as fitness, sports, and active adult programming. Other activities include cards (bridge, sheepshead and rummy), daily lunch program, speakers and special events, Friday afternoon movies, trips, book discussion, and exercise classes.

The centers also provide voter assistance, meals, transportation referrals, access to technology, and more. If you are interested in learning more about the Wauwatosa Senior Centers or becoming a member, visit tosarec.com or call (414) 471-8495.

Search for “senior resources” on wauwatosa.net to learn about other community resources.

Milwaukee County Resources

Some services in Wauwatosa are provided by Milwaukee County departments. If you’re looking for information on the services listed below, please reach out to the county resources here or visit county.milwaukee.gov.

Department on Aging
(414) 289-6874

Clerk of Courts
(414) 278-5362

County Parks
(414) 257-7275

Birth Certificates
(414) 278-4021

Jury Duty
(414) 278-4468

Procurement
(414) 223-8100

Behavioral Health Information: (414) 257-6995
24/7 Crisis Line: (414) 257-7222

Marriage License
(414) 278-4067

Sheriff’s Office Non-Emergency:
(414) 278-4788

Voting

We ensure the electoral process is accurate and conducted in accordance with state law. In Wauwatosa, you can register to vote at any time, including on Election Day. You can also request an absentee ballot, vote in person using an absentee ballot, and even work the polls, too. Go to myvote.wi.gov to preview your ballot.

Absentee Voting

In-person absentee voting typically occurs at the City Clerk's office at City Hall the two weeks prior to the election. Check our website ahead of an election for dates and times.

Absentee ballots can be requested at myvote.wi.gov, in person at the City Clerk's office, or by mail.

Your absentee ballot can be returned by mail or in person to the City Clerk's Office. For more information, visit wauwatosa.net.

Finding Your Polling Place

Your voting location is assigned based upon your Wauwatosa street address. The polls are open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm on Election Days.

To determine your correct voting location, visit MyVote.wi.gov. You may also contact the City Clerk's Office or view the District/Ward Map at wauwatosa.net.

Questions about elections and voting? Contact the City Clerk's Office at . (414) 479-8917 or tclerk@wauwatosa.net.

Become a Poll Worker

We rely on poll workers to conduct open, accurate, and fair elections in Wauwatosa. When you're hired, you're appointed for a two-year term. We'll train you before each election, so you know the various procedures to follow. Contact the City Clerk's Office to learn more and apply: (414) 479-8917



Health Department

The Wauwatosa Health Department works to promote and improve the health and well-being of the community through advocacy, education, quality services, innovation, and partnerships. We have three priority areas:

Mental Health

We have social workers to help address mental health concerns in our community. If you or someone you know needs assistance with resources or treatment, send an e-mail to socialwork@wauwatosa.net or call (414) 479-8936.

Substance Use

We work to prevent and reduce harm from opioids, prescription drugs, marijuana, alcohol, and other substances. If you need assistance accessing substance use resources and treatment, call (414) 831-5542 or visit our website at www.wauwatosa.net/substanceuse.

Sexual Health

We promote sexual health through education and prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia. You can stop by the Health Department to pick up free condoms and lubricant. We offer internal, external, and latex-free options. Visit our website to find a testing site near you.

Animal Control

We investigate all animal bites and suggest safety tips in response to unwanted animal or pest contact. We do not offer animal control services, but can refer you to animal or pest control specialists.

Wauwatosa Health Department
7725 W. North Avenue
(414) 479-8936
wauwatosa.net/health



WauwatosaHealthDepartment



@wauwatosahealthdept



Other Resources:

- Select Immunizations
- Radon, lead, and COVID-19 test kits
- Sharps drop-off
- Free condoms and lube
- Free gun lock
- Programming for all ages

The Wauwatosa Public Library is a vibrant community resource serving a diverse population of Wauwatosa and Milwaukee County residents. It is one of the highest circulating libraries, and one of the top six for children's materials, in the state of Wisconsin.



A Wauwatosa Public Library card gives a resident access to 28 public libraries in Milwaukee County. At the library, you can check out books, periodicals, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, audiobooks, and artwork. There is a good selection of new releases and item requests are available at wauwatosalibrary.org.

Online Services

The website provides access to many online features: learn a foreign language with Transparent Language, get homework help with Brainfuse, listen to audiobooks with Libby, watch streaming videos with Hoopla, research products with information from Consumer Reports, and so much more.

Public Spaces

The library also has space available. Come and use the free WiFi, public access computers, seating areas throughout the library, or private study rooms. Larger rooms are available for reservation for a public meeting space.

Events

Enjoy author talks, children story times, book clubs, and more. Check the online calendar to see what is happening next.

(414) 471-8484

[Wauwatosa Public Library](http://WauwatosaPublicLibrary)



TosaLibrary



@WauwatosaLibrary

Fire Department

Wauwatosa has a full service, professional Fire Department that is dedicated to protecting the community. We have emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics, trained in both advanced and basic life support.

The Fire Department shares resources and works closely with surrounding communities during critical incidents. The department also offers several educational programs to help mitigate risk of fires and injury.

In an emergency, dial 911. Non-emergency: (414) 471-8490.

Coming Soon: Joint Fire Department with the City of West Allis

In 2025, The Common Councils of Wauwatosa and West Allis each voted to approve an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to create a joint fire department, named Milwaukee Metro Fire Rescue. This historic collaboration reflects both communities' shared commitment to providing cost-effective municipal services, fiscal responsibility, and excellent fire and EMS services to the community.

There are many next steps before a joint fire department can officially begin, including forming a governing board and fire commission, and working on decisions that would affect facilities, staffing, and more. We anticipate that Milwaukee Metro Fire Rescue will begin operations in early 2027. [Learn more on our website.](#)



Wauwatosa Fire Department



@wauwatosafire

wauwatosa.net/fire



Police Department

The mission of the Wauwatosa Police Department is dedicated service and protection for all and the members of the Wauwatosa Police Department continually strive to provide an environment where all those who live, work and recreate can do so safely. In addition to law enforcement, the Wauwatosa Police Department offers a number of opportunities for residents to participate in creating a safe community, such as Tosa Night Out, Block Parties, Neighborhood Watch, and many more.

In an emergency, dial 911. Non-emergency calls or other inquiries: (414) 471-8430.



Crime Mapping Program

The Crime Mapping Program allows you to view up-to-date information on nearly all police calls for service on an interactive map. Map data is updated weekly. Search for "crime reports" on wauwatosa.net to get started.

Neighborhood Watch

Through relationships and partnerships with our residents, the Police Department can maintain a high degree of safety and proactively address concerns. You can join or start a neighborhood watch group by contacting the Police Department's Community Support Division at (414) 471-8430.

Medication and Needle Disposal

Properly disposing of medications and medical sharps is important to prevent illness or injury. The Wauwatosa Police Department has a drop box for Wauwatosa residents to dispose of unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications, Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm.

Sharps include medical needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp medical instruments. They pose a risk to people who handle waste and can result in accidental needle sticks and the spread of infectious disease. Place sharps into an approved container, available for purchase at local pharmacies or drop off sites. Those that live or work in Wauwatosa may bring sharps containers to the Wauwatosa Health Department, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. For more information about medication or sharps collection, call (414) 479-8936.



WauwatosaPD

wauwatosa.net/police

Municipal Code of Ordinances

The City's Municipal Code of Ordinances establishes everything from our form of government to licensing, property code, and zoning restrictions. As the Common Council passes new ordinances, the code is updated.

View it online: wauwatosa.net/municipalcode.

Municipal Court

Our Municipal Court manages violations of municipal ordinances or of a resolution or bylaw if authorized by statute. Check wauwatosa.net for court dates. You can pay citations at the office of the Municipal Court Clerk, online, by mail, or using the secure payment depository.

The office of the Municipal Court is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. For questions about court, please call (414) 471-8488.

Dogs and Cats

Wauwatosa residents may not have more than three pets (a combination of cats and/or dogs) at any residence. Each cat or dog must be licensed annually, and owners must show proof of current rabies vaccination to obtain a license. Licenses are available at the Treasurer's Office at the Wauwatosa City Hall. Learn more about dog and cat licensing requirements by searching for "pet licensing" on wauwatosa.net.

All pets must be leashed or contained when outdoors in Wauwatosa. Leashes for walking dogs may not exceed ten feet in length. Owners are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of pet waste on public or private property.



Other Domestic Animals

Wauwatosa residents are allowed to keep up to two beehives and up to four chickens at residential properties. Annual permits and written consent of neighboring property owners are required. Learn more by searching for "bees" or "chickens" at wauwatosa.net and in Chapter 9.04 of the Municipal Code at wauwatosa.net/municipalcode.

Parking

There are 18 public parking lots in Wauwatosa. You can view a map of all of these spots as well as parking rules on our website: wauwatosa.net/parking.



There is also public parking provided in some other lots and street parking is available throughout most of the city. Wauwatosa is a very walkable city. If there isn't a spot directly in front of your destination, chances are there is an abundance of parking only a block away. Check for the blue "P" signs that indicate public parking.

Overnight Parking

Vehicles may not be parked on any street, or municipal parking lot, between 3:00 am and 6:00 am, including holidays and weekends.

You can, however, obtain parking permission by requesting overnight parking at overnightparking.wauwatosa.net. There is a limit of 15 times per individual. Requests for permission are not accepted after 3:00 am on the date the vehicle(s) will be parked on the street.

Bicycle Lanes

Many streets throughout Wauwatosa have dedicated or shared bike lanes marked. Wauwatosa is continuing to make improvements to the city's bike-ability, consistent with our comprehensive plan. Learn more by searching for the city's "Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan" on wauwatosa.net.



Snow Plowing and Emergencies

We plow streets when more than 3 inches of snow accumulates. Most area radio and TV stations announce snow emergencies during and after heavy snowfall. We also send out emergency alerts when snowfall impacts street parking. Sign up at wauwatosa.net/alert. Parking is not allowed on city streets during snow emergencies. Vehicles will be ticketed. Sidewalks must be cleared by property owners no later than 24 hours after a snowfall.

Permits & Inspections

There are many different permits and licenses for various requests in the city. Some permits can be completed online, and others require a short visit to City Hall to speak with city staff about a project.

To see if you might need a permit, visit wauwatosa.net/permits.

Building Permits

If you are making changes to your house's structure, plumbing, or electrical wiring, you will likely need permits before you begin. Permits ensure the safety of the work and its compliance with building, construction, and zoning codes.

Examples of permits include: decks, garages, pools, fences, electrical work, and plumbing. Visit wauwatosa.net/permits and call Building and Safety to learn about which permits you will need for your project.

Occupancy Permits

An occupancy permit provides quality assurance that a building or part of a building is in substantial compliance with minimum health and safety regulations enforced by the Building & Safety Division. A certificate of occupancy is required for all new residential and commercial buildings and any addition, change of use, business, or tenant in a commercial building.

Solar Permits

Accessory solar energy systems are allowed in all zoning districts in the City of Wauwatosa. Solar projects must meet all applicable codes, and relevant permits must be obtained from the City's Building and Safety Division. Almost all solar projects will require an electrical permit. Additional permits may be required depending on the project.

Inspections

When your project is completed, it will usually require an inspection to ensure that it meets all relevant state and local codes and ordinances. Our building, electrical, and plumbing inspectors are certified and licensed by the State of Wisconsin to perform inspections within their respective fields.

For more information, please contact the Building and Safety Division: (414) 479-8907

Property Information

You can find information about properties in Wauwatosa by visiting the Assessor's office or searching for "property search" on wauwatosa.net.

This search tool provides information about Wauwatosa residential and commercial properties including but not limited to taxes due, current and prior year taxes, assessment values, tax parcel description, and sales information.



Property Assessments

We appraise or value properties at fair market values for tax purposes. Between April and June each year we mail assessments to property owners. If you have questions about your assessment, gather some information about your property and comparable ones. Please be aware that we can only discuss your assessed value, not your tax bill. Call the Assessor's office for more information: (414) 479-8969.

Water Bill

We send out water bills every quarter on or before the first of the month, and payments must be received by the 20th. We offer several convenient ways to pay your water bill. You can pay online at wauwatosa.net, in-person at the Treasurer's Office at City Hall, online through your bank, or with a check by mail or using the secure payment depository at City Hall.

Online Bill Pay

You can pay your taxes, water bill, citations, and other city service fees online at wauwatosa.net.

Taxes

Property owners are sent a tax bill every year in December. Payments can be all at once or in three interest-free installments (due January 31st, March 31st, May 31st respectively). Payments can be made online at wauwatosa.net/taxes and in-person at the Treasurer's Office at City Hall by check, cash, or credit card. A convenience fee applies to credit card transactions.

Schools

The Wauwatosa School District is a nationally-recognized, high achieving, and richly diverse public school district serving students and their families. The school district is an independent government that includes 16 schools: 11 elementary, two middle schools, two high schools, and the Wauwatosa Virtual Academy.

Administration
12121 West North Ave.
(414) 773-1000
wauwatosa.k12.wi.us

Eisenhower Elementary School
(414) 773-1100
11600 West Center St.

Jefferson Elementary School
(414) 773-1200
6927 Maple Terrace

Lincoln Elementary School
(414) 773-1300
1741 Wauwatosa Ave.

Madison Elementary School
(414) 773-1400
9925 W. Glendale Ave.

McKinley Elementary School
(414) 773-1500
2435 N. 89th St.

Roosevelt Elementary School
(414) 773-1600
2535 N. 73rd St.

Underwood Elementary School
(414) 773-1700
11132 W. Potter Rd.

Washington Elementary School
(414) 773-1800
2166 N. 68th St.

Wilson Elementary School
(414) 773-1900
1060 N. Glenview Ave.

Montessori School
(414) 773-3300
12121 W. North Ave.

Longfellow Middle School
(414) 773-2400
7600 West North Ave.

Whitman Middle School
(414) 773-2600
11100 West Center St.

Wauwatosa East High School
(414) 773-2000
7500 Milwaukee Ave.

Wauwatosa West High School
(414) 773-3000
11400 Center St.

Special School Programs

Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Justice Center
(414) 257-4857
10201 Watertown Plank Rd.

Children's Wisconsin
(414) 266-2795

For children in grades 4K-12 who
are inpatient at Children's Hospital
of Wisconsin.

Wauwatosa Virtual Academy
(414) 773-3410
wauwatosavirtualacademy.com

Private Schools

Christ King Catholic School
(414) 258-2604
2604 N. Swan Blvd.

Kradwell School
(414) 454-6590
1220 Dewey Ave.

Our Redeemer Lutheran School
(414) 258-4558
10025 W. North Ave.

St. Jude Catholic School
(414) 771-1520
800 Glenview Ave.

St. John's Lutheran School
(414) 258-4214
1278 Dewey Ave.

St. Joseph Catholic School
(414) 771-5577
2750 N. 122nd St.

Safe Routes to School

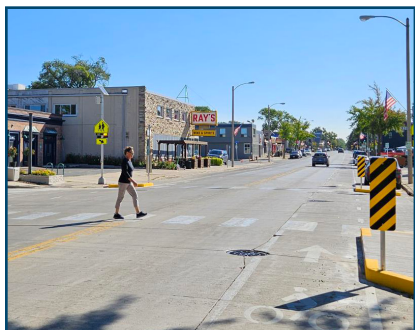
To help you find the safest walking routes from your home to your children's schools, we have created an interactive map tool that analyzes traffic, sidewalks, crosswalks, and crossing guards.

- Go to wauwatosa.net/safe-route
- Select your child's school
- Type your home address into the search bar
- Follow the arrows on the map to your school.

You'll see where crossing guards are located, the no parking zone on certain streets around your school, and the drop off zone, sometimes called hug-and-go.



Getting Around



Bike and Walk

Many major streets in Wauwatosa now have dedicated bike lanes to make cycling safer and more convenient. The Hank Aaron State Trail and Oak Leaf Trail also pass through the city, and multi-use trails in our many parks and parkways are great for cyclists, joggers, and walkers alike.



Bublr Bikes

Bublr Bikes is Greater Milwaukee's local non-profit bike share system. Users can pick up a bicycle at any self-serve Bublr bike station and return it to any other station within the system's service area. Adaptive bikes are available at many locations.

bublrbikes.com



Bus

Bus service in Wauwatosa is provided by the Milwaukee County Transit System. Several bus routes serve the city and connect with destinations throughout Milwaukee County. Multiple fare and pass options are available to riders.

ridemcts.com



Lime Scooters

Wauwatosa has electric scooters available to riders 18 and up during the spring, summer, and fall months. Scooters can be used on roads, bike lanes, or multi-use trails and have a maximum speed of 15 mph.

A personal essay by Maureen Badding

Wauwatosa resident since 1985

Congratulations on your outstanding decision to move to Tosa! I hope your time here will be as happy and rewarding as mine has been.

When my husband and I first moved to the Milwaukee area for a job opportunity in the mid-80s, we had no idea where to live. We explored Milwaukee's East Side because it was near the lake and South Side because it was near the airport, but neither felt right for us.

One day I decided to drive west from downtown on Wisconsin Avenue to see where it led. By the time I hit 68th Street, I was smitten with the beautiful old homes, the walkable neighborhoods, nearby shops and restaurants and the convenience to downtown. It all reminded me of the neighborhood I grew up in Buffalo, New York. I didn't know what the area was called, but I knew I wanted to live here.

Little did I know Wauwatosa would become my home for 33 years and counting. In that time, I've seen Tosa evolve from a sleepy village to one of the most desirable communities in southeastern Wisconsin. But with all the changes, it still maintains the unique qualities that make it such a special place.

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I love that within a 15-minute walk from my house, there's a United Nations of restaurants, from Belgian to Vietnamese. And a stroll down most streets in East Tosa reveals architectural gems, from arts and crafts bungalows and Victorian painted ladies to mid-century ranches.

I love that we're minutes away from Milwaukee's wonderful cultural and sports venues but feel like we're in a cozy small town. And no matter where I go, I run into Tosa teachers, coaches, shop owners, librarians and other city employees because they've chosen to live here too. In fact, a quick trip to the grocery store takes twice as long as it should because of all the neighbors I run into.

Most of all, I love Wauwatosa's 30 unique neighborhood associations. There's truly something for everyone's taste. Tosa East Towne, despite its older single-family homes and duplexes, has a lively, contemporary vibe. The Washington Highlands, our oldest neighborhood association, is known for its winding streets and stately brick and stone homes. Sheraton Lawns and Jennings Park have pockets of mid-century ranches that are so popular again. Finally, out west, Fisher Woods and Mayfair Park offer a variety of architectural styles with some of Tosa's largest yards.

Some associations are alive and well, like my dear Olde Hillcrest, which hosts an Easter egg hunt, annual meeting, neighborhood rummage sale, summer picnic, pool party, Oktoberfest outing, trick-or-treat night and holiday party. Our special interest groups include a book club, movie club, home restoration club, circle suppers, and a dining out group, the Winers and Beer Nuts.

Other neighborhood associations are regrouping and looking for volunteers like you with lots of ideas and enthusiasm. If you have a passion for something—be it bowling, backgammon or home brewing—reach out to your neighborhood association board about forming a group of like-minded neighbors. They can post it on the neighborhood website or private Facebook page for other members to see.

If you find that your neighborhood doesn't have an association, try something as simple as a meet-up at a local watering hole: Pick a date and location, print out a couple dozen fliers that say "Bring a neighbor" and distribute them around the neighborhood—then see who shows up!

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You're going to find Tosa an easy place to make friends, especially if you get involved in the things that interest you. Most of the events listed in this guide are run by a small group of volunteers who would love an extra set of hands to help with planning and execution.

If you have kids, volunteer to help, inside and outside the classroom. If your kids are in school sports, offer to organize the snack schedule or host the ever-popular pregame carb-loading party.

On an even more micro level, get to know the neighbors on your block through your Neighborhood Block Watch, which is coordinated by the Tosa Police Department. If your block already has a Block Captain, offer to host a "get re-acquainted" party in your yard or house. If your block has no captain, why not you? The Police Department's Community Support Division can help you get started.

I hope these ideas help you feel like an active part of the Tosa community soon. Before you know it, your trips to the grocery store will take longer because of all the friends you meet!

Find Your Neighborhood Association

Wauwatosa has over 30 active neighborhood associations that help enrich our community and keep us connected. The Wauwatosa Neighborhood Association Council (Tosa NAC) is a citywide non-profit organization that helps to connect and support Wauwatosa neighborhoods. Visit the Wauwatosa Neighborhood Association Council's website to find the association for your neighborhood. wauwatosanac.org

Business Areas

The City of Wauwatosa is home to several distinct business districts, home to diverse retail, office, and industrial businesses. Each area has its own unique character. Explore them all when you have a chance.



68th and Wells

This small but vibrant business district at the intersection of N. 68th Street and W. Wells Street is home to a number of speciality shops and boutiques. With shopping, dining, coffee, and bakeries, plus a number of open-air spaces and nearby Jacobus Park, this district has a lot of unique character to offer.



East Tosa

East Tosa, between Wauwatosa Avenue and 60th Street along North Avenue, is a classic "Main Street USA." Sixteen blocks of businesses provide a wide array of goods and services. Public outdoor spaces provide a great place for visitors to relax and enjoy everything the local businesses have to offer. East Tosa is easily accessible by walking, bike, bus, or car.



Life Sciences District

The Wauwatosa Life Sciences District is home to the Milwaukee County Research Park, the Technology Innovation Center, UWM Innovation Campus, and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center. These institutions form the largest concentration of medical and technical research and application in Southeastern Wisconsin.



Mayfair Road

Mayfair Road is home to the Milwaukee metro area's premiere shopping destination, Mayfair Mall, as well as the Mayfair Collection. Its central location and convenient access to Interstate 41 has made it one of the region's prime office and retail districts.



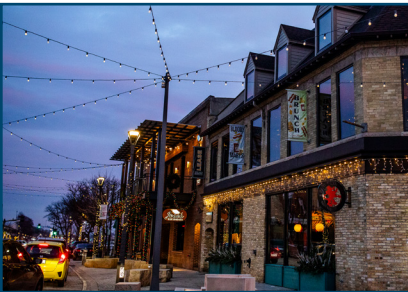
MidTown Tosa

North Avenue from the Menomonee River Parkway to Wauwatosa Avenue (76th Street) integrates a distinctive urban residential neighborhood with commercial goods and services scaled to the needs of the surrounding community. With about 50 locally-owned businesses in this district, MidTown has something for everyone.



Northwest Corridor

Northwest Corridor is the industrial and warehousing district of the community. This part of the city is home to some of our largest employers along with numerous smaller industrial and warehousing businesses, as well as restaurants. This district presents several exciting opportunities for new investment.



The Village

The Village of Wauwatosa is the historic commercial heart of the city. Century-old brick buildings are nestled in a setting reminiscent of a European village. A mix of local and national shops and restaurants serve the needs of residents, visitors, and employees of the nearby Milwaukee Regional Medical Center.



West Blue Mound Road

West Blue Mound Road is a major arterial with a mix of retail and office, along with a small light-industrial district.

Purposeful Economic Development

Many of these areas have unique strategic plans adopted by the Common Council to drive economic development, recreation, placemaking, and other city strategic goals. Search for “city plans” on wauwatosa.net.

Parks & Recreation



69th Street Pedestrian Plaza

This park has a bike fix-it station, canopy shade, giant lounge chairs made for selfies, and a water fountain (including pet fountain). It's central location and picnic tables make it a great place to enjoy takeout from East Tosa's many restaurants.

69th St. and North Ave.



Hart Park

Home to athletic fields, a bandshell, curling, playgrounds, a splash pad, public art, stadium, skate park, and incredible paths and open space, Hart Park has spaces for every type of recreation. You can also rent a facility for a special event, visit the Senior Center, or attend one of many annual events hosted at the park.

7300 W. Chestnut St.



Hartung Park

Built on the site of a former quarry with a rich geological history, Hartung Park is a joint City of Milwaukee and City of Wauwatosa park packed with amenities. The park features hilly grounds with trails, a playground, pond, stone labyrinth, and outdoor fitness equipment. It hosts a farmer's market and other events. Along the Menomonee River Parkway and W. Keefe Ave.

Wauwatosa Recreation

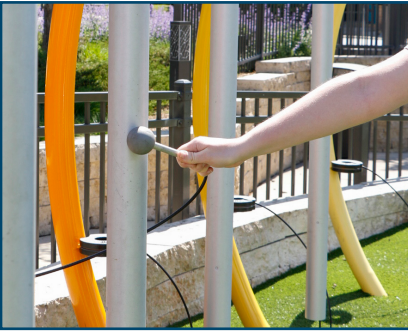
The Wauwatosa Recreation Department offers youth and adult fitness, water activities, rental spaces, nature programs, art and performing arts, concerts, and so much more. Visit Wauwatosa Recreation at tosarec.com to learn more.



Pocket Park

The Pocket Park is at the entrance to the Village. It has a striking stone wall with benches and natural landscaping. The Pocket Park is conveniently located near the Wauwatosa Village's many shopping and dining options and is home to our annual tree lighting.

Corner of Harwood Ave. and Wauwatosa Ave.



Root Common

A triangular green space for kids and adults alike. This space has a xylophone, public benches, and a small concert stage. Next to the park is a World War I Memorial honoring Wauwatosa veterans. Root Common is available to rent for small concerts or events.

Corner of Harwood Ave. and Wauwatosa Ave.



Firefly Grove Park

Located on the west side of Wauwatosa, Firefly Grove Park features a bicycle pump truck, accessible playground equipment, walking paths, and Wisconsin's first Thomas Dambo trolly sculpture, Mama Rosa.

1900 N. 116th Street



Webster Park

Swing, climb, and make memories while visiting this park in the northern part of the city. The playground has grass-like turf. Located near the Oak Leaf Trail.

4521 N. Mayfair Rd.

Wauwatosa Events

There is truly something for everyone in Wauwatosa, with year-round special events to participate in. These pages highlight just a few of our annual events. See more of the events our community has to offer at wauwatosa.net.

Tosa's Night Out

This annual summer event connects the community with Police, Fire, DPW, Health and other departments serving the public. Learn about city services and enjoy food and entertainment. Fun for the whole family!

tosasnightout.org



Tosa Farmers Market

A local farmers market featuring produce, baked goods, live music, kid's activities, and special sponsor days. Open Saturdays from June-October. Located across from the Little Red Store at 7720 Harwood Ave.

tosafarmersmarket.com

Independence Day Parade

Celebrate the Fourth of July with the largest parade in Wisconsin along North Avenue, followed by an afternoon of family-friendly activities, thanks to the Civic Celebration Commission.



Tosa Tonight

A free summer concert series in Hart Park. Join your neighbors at the Rotary Pavilion for fantastic evenings of live music under the stars with food and beverages from some of the area's most popular spots.

tosatontight.com

Each year, Wauwatosa is home to dozens of block parties. They are a great way to connect with your neighbors. Want to host one? Call the Wauwatosa Police Department at (414) 471-8430 for a block party permit.



ART 64: Live Painting Tournament

ART 64 is a two-day bracket-style live painting competition held in early June in The Village. Artists from around the country compete head-to-head for a \$20,000 grand prize. The free event also includes music, food, and family fun.

art64tosa.com

Tosa Village Classic

Tosa Village Classic is the last leg of the Tour of America's Dairyland bike race. The June event is the largest competitive multi-day cycling event in the U.S. Head to The Village for an entire day of races, food, music and fun. The free event even includes a kids' race.

tourofamericasdairyland.com



HartFest

HartFest is a two-day celebration of BBQ and the Blues. The free event in Hart Park is a chance to enjoy a BBQ competition among the best amateur pitmasters in the area, food trucks, and some of the region's best live music acts.

wauwatosavillage.org

TosaFest

TosaFest is a weekend of fun in the heart of Wauwatosa—an annual favorite since 1976. This September event is a celebration of the Wauwatosa community, with a weekend filled with food, music, local vendors, and entertainment.

wauwatosavillage.org



Tosa Restaurant Week

This annual event is a great opportunity to explore some of the best cuisine Tosa has to offer. Tosa Restaurant Week spotlights our exciting dining scene with local restaurants offering up special and delicious deals.

tosarestaurantweek.com

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