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Tosa East Towne residents invited to join TETNA board for new term

By David Paulsen

Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association is entirely a volunteer-driven organization, guided and powered by neighbors like you. That point can never be emphasized enough, especially at this time of year when we are approaching our Annual Meeting and the start of a new board term.

I am always heartened by the ways Tosa East Towne residents can be counted on to help fulfill TETNA's mission while turning ideas for neighborhood betterment into reality. This newsletter is a perfect example. So many people make it possible for TETNA to bring

community news to you in this way, from the content team behind the articles and layout to the area reps and block captains who distribute the final product door to door.

Our popular events, too, wouldn't happen without the hard work of volunteer event coordinators. Spring Egg Hunt, an annual favorite, could have been lost to a failed leadership transition. But when our outgoing coordinator stepped down, new volunteers stepped forward to keep the event going. It is now scheduled to return to Center Street Park on April 9.

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LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to lending a hand with TETNA operations, there are lots of other ways to volunteer in and around Tosa East Towne. Please consider devoting your time and talents to these local organizations.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Children's Wisconsin volunteers donate time and talent to a variety of programs and departments. Placement is based on our needs, and on your abilities and availability. For more information about volunteer opportunities, call (414) 266-2180.

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We have about 30 committees, commissions and boards that provide input to the City Council and help enhance Wauwatosa. To submit your name for consideration for a Mayoral appointment, visit: wauwatosa.net/government/boards-committees-commissions.

Lutheran Home & Harwood Place

Lutheran Home & Harwood Place have upward of 20 different volunteer roles, from bingo volunteer to entertainment transporter to bird aviary caretaker. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit thelutheranhome.org/volunteer-opportunities/.

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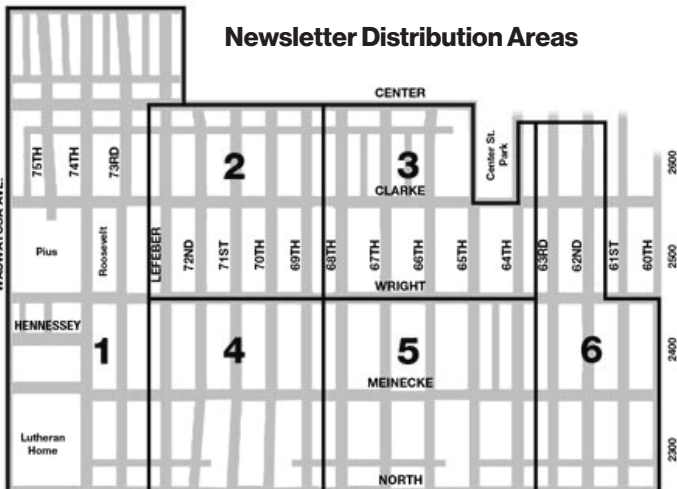
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The Wauwatosa Police Reserves are citizen volunteers who augment the police department in times of emergency and special events. For more information, email Reserve Liaison Officer Mike McDermott at mmcdermott@wauwatosa.net.

Poll Worker

Have you ever thought about working the polls on election day? This is a great way to give back to your community. Training is provided prior to each election, and poll workers are paid for working on election days. For more information, email the City Clerk's Office at elections@wauwatosa.net.

St. Pius X Parish

St Pius is seeking Garden Angels to help beautify our parish grounds by cleaning up in spring and fall, and planting and maintaining in the summer. There are also volunteer opportunities with our Justice & Peace Commission, such as the Menomonee River Cleanup and serving at St. Vincent de Paul meal programs. Contact Terese Neureuther at tneureuther@stpiusparish.org.

Tosa Cares

Tosa Cares always needs more volunteers to lead food drives and help at the pantry. If you have an event where you can generate support for us by requesting donations of food items, we would be happy to work with you. If you believe you could support the Tosa Cares Board of Directors with your expertise or resources - thank you! - and we would love to hear from you. tosacares@gmail.com or tosacares.org/volunteer.

Wauwatosa Historical Society

The Wauwatosa Historical Society has a variety of volunteer opportunities, including: research library projects, facilities maintenance, events staffing, communications and more. Fill out the form at: wauwatosahistoricalsociety.org/support-us.

Wauwatosa Public Library

There are a few ways to volunteer at the Library. Among the roles are pulling books that have been put on hold; helping patrons with computer skills; and keeping shelves in order. Submit an application on the library's website at wauwatosalibrary.org/i-want-to/find-general-library-information/volunteer-application or contact Cori Lutz at (414) 471-8487.

Wauwatosa School District

Volunteers are a key component in our mission to provide an outstanding education that equips and inspires our students to conquer their challenges now and in the future. The District currently has over 2,000 approved volunteers! Fill out an application at wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/Page/408.

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Our Annual Meeting is a great time to think about getting more involved, including on our board. Any TETNA member can serve. Board members are expected to attend our monthly meetings, held on the second Monday of each month, and to volunteer at some of our events when available. If you are interested or want more information, please email us at info@tosaeasttowne.org.

There are plenty of other reasons to join us for our Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Tosa Bowl & Bun, 7212 W. North Ave. The agenda will include appearances by our council members and Wauwatosa Police, and the presentation of a \$750

check to this year's college scholarship recipient. Plus there will be food and good conversation; it's a great way to spend time getting to know some of your neighbors. We hope to see you there!

TETNA ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 20 6:30PM
 Tosa Bowl & Bun

TETNA organizing aldermanic candidate forum

By David Paulsen

Tosa East Towne is entirely within Wauwatosa's 5th Aldermanic District, and the April 5 election for our district will be a contest between incumbent Rob Gustafson and challenger Sean Lowe. Don't forget to vote! Our polling station is the Firefly Room at Wauwatosa Public Library, 7635 W. North Ave.

TETNA is in the process of organizing a candidate forum similar to the forum that the association hosted before the Common Council elections four years ago. Gustafson and Lowe have agreed to join us on March 16 at 7 p.m. for an event tentatively set to be held at Roosevelt Elementary School. Final details will depend partly on the latest COVID-19 data, and we are working on livestream options as well.

This is not a debate but rather will be a chance for voters to learn more about the two candidates and what they think about issues of interest to the neighborhood. We encourage you to suggest topics you would like us to cover at the forum by emailing info@tosaeasttowne.org, posting on our Facebook event page or tweeting to us at @TETNA or with the hashtag #tosa5th.

Also, be aware that a citywide referendum will ask voters whether Wauwatosa should reduce its Common Council from 16 members to 12. This would create new district boundaries and more, smaller districts, with each district represented by one alderperson. (The city currently has 8 districts, each represented by 2 people.) The referendum also would endorse term limits.



TETNA's 2018 candidate forum

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Spring Egg Hunt set for April 9

After a two-year COVID-19 hiatus, TETNA hopes to once again give spring a warm welcome with our popular Spring Egg Hunt, held the weekend before Easter. Plans are underway for this year's hunt on Saturday, April 9.

This a member event. If you aren't already a member, visit tosaeasttowne.org/join for info or pay your \$10 dues at the event.

The hunt kicks off at 10 a.m. in the field at Center Street Park. A staggered start will allow younger participants a chance to find their eggs, and we are planning to offer a separate hunt for kids ages 2 and younger.

Families are encouraged to show up at 9:30 a.m. and enjoy refreshments and crafts in the park's Pavilion, weather permitting.

Check tosaeasttowne.org and TETNA's Facebook page for more details as the event date nears. And please email Dave Paulsen at dmpaulsen@gmail.com to volunteer to help.

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TETNA plans return of Run Tosa Run to its traditional May race date

By David Paulsen

The pandemic continued to disrupt normal plans for Run Tosa Run in 2021, but Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association was able to bring the event back in September, returning racing to the beautiful tree-lined streets of our neighborhood. With proceeds from the 2021 race, the TETNA board approved a \$2,500 donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities Eastern Wisconsin, continuing a longstanding partnership with this worthwhile local organization.

This year, we are planning a return to form and have scheduled Run Tosa Run 2022 on its traditional spring weekend. We hope you will come join us, pending approval of our permit, on Saturday, May 14, to run, walk, volunteer and cheer as we again show

off the best of our neighborhood while promoting some of the businesses along North Avenue.

BelAir Cantina and GRAEF have signed on again as lead sponsors of our eighth annual 5K and kids' run, and online registration is now open. You can find the link at runtosarun.org. The cost to sign up for this year's 5K race is just \$25 through March 15, after which the price increases to \$30. The price after May 1 goes up to \$35.

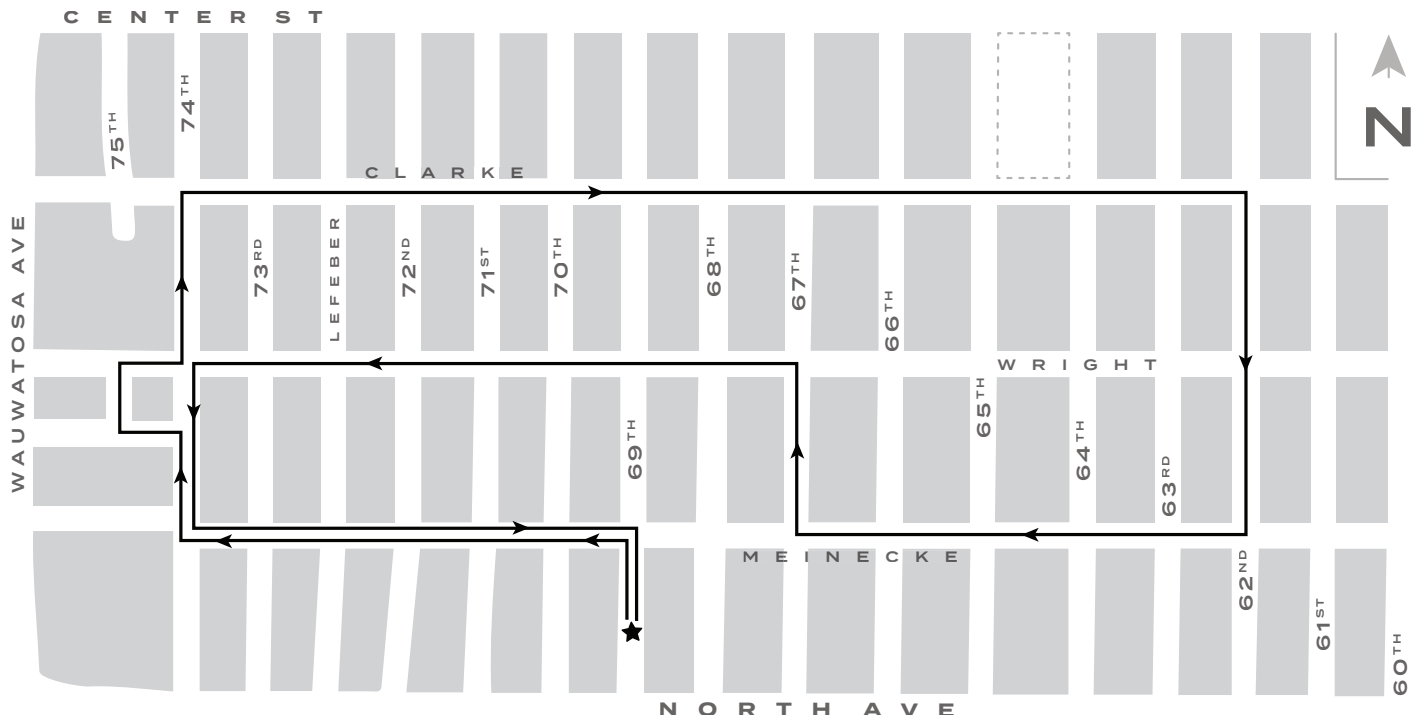
Our kids' run is a loop of one city block, about a half-mile loop, and geared for runners ages 10 and younger. The cost is \$10.

The 5K men's and women's race winners receive terrific East Tosa prize packages. All 5K runners will

receive race T-shirts and will be entered in a drawing for additional prizes. Kids' run participants each receive a fun toy medal.

We're also looking for people to volunteer on race day and cheer on our runners. Links to the volunteer sign-up will be posted at runtosarun.org. You are encouraged to email runtosarun@gmail.com if you would like to join the race committee or if you have any questions about the race.

It truly is a joy to see all the people come out for race morning and support what we like to call the best little neighborhood 5K around. We hope to see you at this year's Run Tosa Run.



ROAD CLOSURES: Residents, please be aware that race morning will require some street closures. Please plan accordingly. The block of 69th Street north of North Avenue will be fully closed until about 11 a.m., and other streets on the route will be partially closed during the 5K, which starts at 9 a.m. May 14, lasting up to an hour.

Congrats to our Trick-or-Treat contest winners

We had a beautiful evening Oct. 30 for the return of TETNA's Nighttime Trick-or-Treat, and 245 households registered to participate. We hope everyone had a fun, safe time. Thanks to Waterclock Engineering, Firefly Real Estate and Philleo Agency Insurance for their support of the event.

And congratulations to the three winners of our home decorating contest: Kurt Vecitis, Mary Koepel and Joseph Liedhegner. They received gift cards from Fermentorium and Crafty Cow.

We also were thrilled that so many people participated in our new Fright Card contest, with trick-or-treaters getting their cards stamped at selected houses. Fourteen participants submitted their cards with one or more stamps, and three winners were selected by drawing to receive prizes from Cranky Al's and Fresh Fin.



From top: home decorating contest winners Kurt Vecitis, Joseph Liedhegner, and Mary Koepel



Friends of Center Street Park held Fall Fest on October 16 at Center Street Park. The event featured live music, food and beverage concessions from the Milwaukee County Parks Department, pumpkin sales, scarecrow stuffing and other activities for children. Photos Courtesy Laurel Landis.

Event schedule set for Tosa's All-City Read

By Nancy Hall

Each year in February, Tosa's All-City Read invites the community to gather for book discussions and other events inspired by our annual selection. This year, we read "The Authenticity Project" by Clare Pooley.

Her book imagines what would happen if people had the opportunity to share aspects of their authentic selves with strangers. The medium for this self-expression is a notebook left in a young woman's cafe by an elderly artist who issues the following challenge: "Everyone lies about their lives. What would happen if you shared the truth instead?"

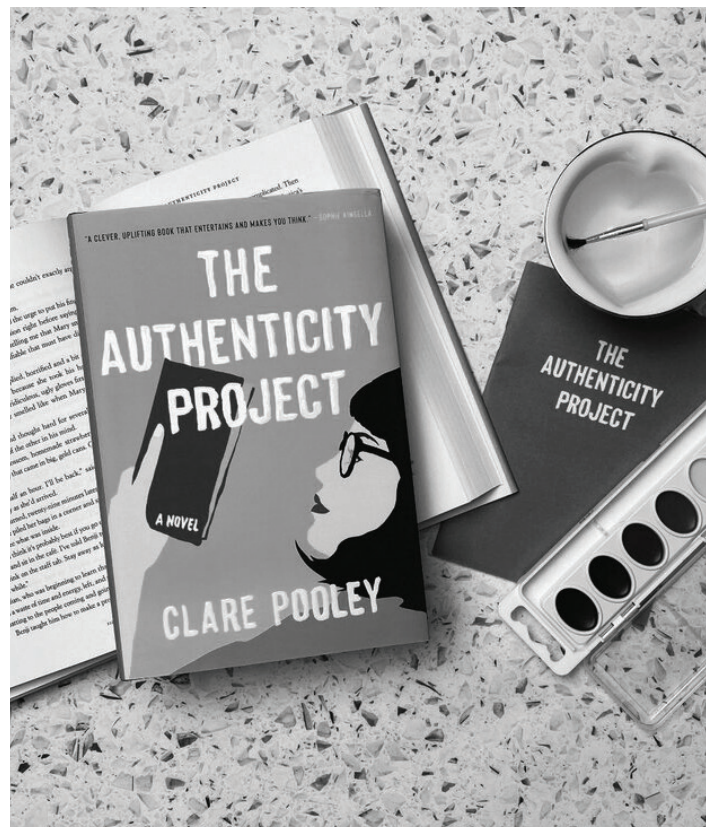
This year's schedule of events, which extends into the middle of March, reflects the interests and occupations of the ever widening circle of characters who are affected by the notebook as it circulates from one person to another. The highlight is a virtual author visit with Clare Pooley, from her home in England, on March 6 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. We are also pleased to present a series of Thursday evening painting classes taught by local artist Fred Bell on Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 3 and March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.

As in other years, there are discussions, lectures, workshops and classes based on themes in the book. This year's cooking class, always a popular event, focuses on Chinese cooking. It is scheduled for Feb. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at Hui's Restaurant, 8820 W. North Ave.

The schedule of events begins with a book discussion on Feb. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Firefly room at the Wauwatosa Public Library and concludes with an afternoon tea at 3:30 p.m. on March 12 at Cafe Blue. Most events are planned for in-person attendance and participation.

The schedule and venues could change, so please check the website and Facebook pages for updates. Registration for events is strongly encouraged. Some activities may have limited attendance and some require fees for materials or refreshments. Advance registration will also enable planners to notify attendees of changes in venue.

For more information, please visit our website at tosasallcityread.com or our Facebook page at [facebook.com/TosasAllCityRead](https://www.facebook.com/TosasAllCityRead). Our brochure listing all of our planned events is posted on the website, along with more detailed information about each activity.



Wauwatosa commission advocates for people with disabilities

By Nancy Hall

Among the commissions and committees working through the City of Wauwatosa is the Commission for Persons With Disabilities. This had been a committee, appointed by each mayor since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. In 2021, the Wauwatosa Common Council adopted an ordinance that added the committee to the Municipal Code, creating a permanent Commission for People With Disabilities in the process.

The commission is charged with representing the interests of people with disabilities in all aspects of city life. Toward that end, members have been involved with several projects over the past few years. These have included working with the city to purchase five adaptive bicycles to be rented through the bike rental programs approved by the city. Currently, the bikes are being rented from Hart Park through Bublr.

The commission has worked with Wauwatosa East High School to ensure that the new swimming pool is fully accessible. Advocating for accessible housing has also been a major focus of the commission, resulting in commitments from two developers for affordable apartments for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Recently the commission has been meeting with Dr. Means, Wauwatosa's Superintendent of Schools, on forming an independent parent committee to advocate for the needs of students with disabilities in the Wauwatosa schools.

The Commission is comprised of 7-11 members. There are currently 10 members and one vacancy. For information about the members of the commission and an application to join, please visit: wauwatosacitywi.iqm2.com/Citizens/Board. The commission also has a Facebook group, which you're invited to like and follow.



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Earth Day is April 22, and Keep Tosa East Towne Beautiful will span the following week, from April 24 to 31. You can start by cleaning up around your yard or block. Help a neighbor rake out their garden and recover our outdoor spaces from winter.

Public spaces also need our attention. Anytime during the week, grab some trash bags and help clean up Center Street Park, the 69th Street Plaza, the field at Roosevelt or the sidewalks along North Avenue and Center Street. You also can volunteer to spread mulch with Friends of Center Street Park or sign up to participate in Milwaukee RiverKeepers' clean-up on April 23.

And don't forget to recycle! You can use Wauwatosa's online tool, "Waste Wizard," to help keep our recycling clean and effective. Visit wauwatosa.net/wizard.

Finally, TETNA will be coordinating a flower giveaway, tentatively scheduled for 1-3 p.m. April 24 on 74th Street outside Roosevelt Elementary School. Bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Roosevelt community food pantry and receive plants provided by TETNA, while supplies last.



Save the date! TETNA's annual rummage sale is June 4th. Sponsored by Beth Jaworski, Shorewest Realtors





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