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## Hundreds Join TETNA for Run Tosa Run

By David Paulsen

We couldn't have asked for better weather for Run Tosa Run on May 20, and turnout at least matched if not exceeded our best year, with 254 people registered for the 5K and 74 in the kids' run. This was the 10th annual Run Tosa Run hosted by Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association, and we are grateful for all our participants for making this year's event a success.

With net proceeds from the race, the TETNA board at its June meeting approved a donation of \$6,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities Eastern Wisconsin, matching the event's most successful year.

Special thanks to BelAir Cantina and GRAEF, our longtime lead sponsors, and to Mathnasium of Wauwatosa, which sponsored the

kids' run. Lutheran Home is another longtime sponsor, and the race received additional support from Savers Kitchen & Bath, Goodmiles Running Company, Cream City Soap Company and Johnson Cycle & Fitness. Promotional sponsors were Cranky Al's, Rocket Baby Bakery, Tosa Yoga, the Nobleman Barbershop and Delicious Bites. Our shirts were through Jim Phillips with a design by TETNA board member Zack Goehner.

And thanks to all our volunteers for giving their time, especially Jason Broadwell, Katie Pinkowski, Jordy Owen, Dave Ross, Michael Phillips and all our course marshals.

This is the third year that TETNA has self-timed the 5K. Official results are posted at [runtosarun.org](http://runtosarun.org).

Congratulations to our overall winners, Jason Tomrell and Jane Trimberger.

Finally, we are always looking for ways of making Run Tosa Run even better. If you have any feedback whatsoever about this year's race, please don't hesitate to email us at [runtosarun@gmail.com](mailto:runtosarun@gmail.com). The race belongs to the neighborhood and its visitors, so you can help TETNA guide it into its next decade. Until then, see you on the run.

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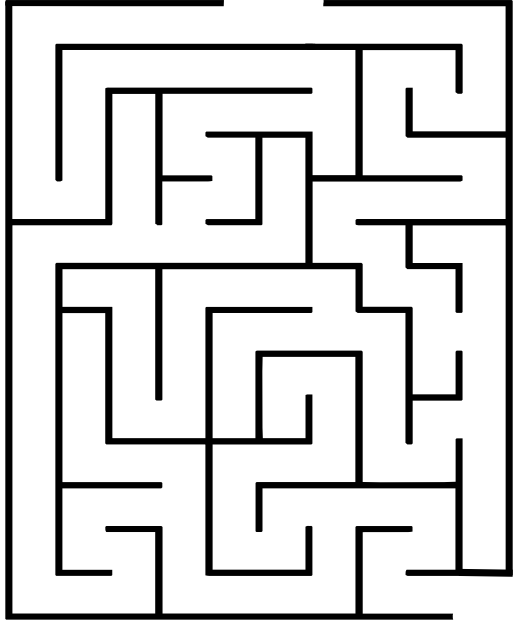
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# Tosa East Senior Receives TETNA scholarship

By Kelli Kerkman

Every year, TETNA offers a scholarship to a graduating high school senior, thanks to generous donations from our members. In addition to information about academics and extracurriculars, students are asked to write a short essay about the mission of our neighborhood association:

“To provide a welcoming and nurturing environment and to maintain the quality of life and sense of community through shared interests and neighborly interaction.”

This year, the scholarship committee chose Kate Tarrence. She is a senior at Wauwatosa East, and was a member of the Cross Country and Track & Field teams, a yearbook contributor, and National Honor Society member.

She plans to attend UW-Madison in the fall.

In selecting Kate for the scholarship award, the committee commented, “Kate demonstrated a true understanding of what it means to live in a neighborhood. From welcoming and playing with other kids at Center Street Park, to shoveling snow for elderly neighbors, and helping keep the schools clean and beautiful, this candidate exemplifies a keen awareness of community and a perfect alignment with TETNA’s mission”.

Congratulations, Kate and best of luck on the next phase of your education!





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## TETNA Annual Meeting held at Roosevelt

Quite a few neighbors joined TETNA for its Annual Meeting on April 19. This was the association's first year gathering in Roosevelt Elementary's multipurpose room, where members enjoyed pizza from BB's on North, Maggio's, and Cranky's pizza from Camp Bar.

Secretary Zack Goehner gave an update on the microgrant program,

and Treasurer Ryan Wallace presented the draft budget for 2023-24. Thanks to Wauwatosa Police Officer Daniel Kane and Alderman Sean Lowe for sharing city news and info with our residents. Congratulations to Tosa East senior Kate Tarrance, who was awarded our annual scholarship. Finally, a new board was elected, with three new members. Thanks to all board

members past and present for helping to power the neighborhood association forward and making it a vibrant part of Tosa East Towne.

If you have questions about TETNA and its activities or want to get involved, please email [info@tosaeasttowne.org](mailto:info@tosaeasttowne.org). You can join TETNA or renew your membership online at: [www.tosaeasttowne.org](http://www.tosaeasttowne.org).



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## New board members elected at annual meeting

Three new members joined the Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association board of directors at the Annual Meeting on April 19.

### Robert Smatlak

Robert and his wife Sarah moved to Tosa in October of 2019 and then bunkered down for COVID. They welcomed their daughter Quinn in November of 2021 and are looking for a way to connect with the neighborhood. They love the walkability and the parks of East Towne and the sense of community they get from being close to all their neighbors.

### Jessica Harris

Jessica and her family are new to Tosa. They moved back to Wisconsin from Illinois last July. With the weather warming up, Jessica's two toddlers have loved walking around the neighborhood borrowing and dropping off books at all the little free libraries.

### Eric Larsen

Eric's family has lived in Tosa East Towne since the summer of 2019. He and his wife, Karli, have two children, Jack (11) and Eliza (7), along with Abbey the husky and Ziggy the Maine Coon cat. They love living in the neighborhood, being so close to many favorite places and things to do, and the strong sense of community and involvement among their neighbors!



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# Volunteer Opportunities

## TOSA Youth Tri Needs YA Volunteers

Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool, who operate TOSA Pool at Hoyt Park and The Landing beer garden, is looking for volunteers to help with the annual TOSA Youth Tri. Each year approximately 200 young athletes come out to swim, bike and run at this triathlon. They are looking for high school- or college-aged students to serve as lead volunteers in each area of the race: information booth, staging, swim, transition, bike, run and finish line. Learn more and sign up to volunteer here: [friendsofhoytpark.org/tosa-youth-tri/](http://friendsofhoytpark.org/tosa-youth-tri/)

## Youth Commission Seeking Youth & Adult Members

The Wauwatosa Youth Commission is an advisory body to the Common Council and the Mayor of Wauwatosa. Commission members offer comments and recommendations on policies and ordinances that affect Tosa teens, while developing and implementing activities and services to promote a positive environment for youth. The Commission is currently recruiting residents of Wauwatosa to serve 2-3 year terms. Youth members must be between the ages of 13 and 18. Adult volunteers should demonstrate an interest in guiding and mentoring youth members. Get details and an application here: [tinyurl.com/5fa9n4y6](http://tinyurl.com/5fa9n4y6) Questions? Email [youthcommission@wauwatosa.net](mailto:youthcommission@wauwatosa.net)

## Tosa School District seeking members for 2075 Task Force

In accordance with the Wauwatosa School District's Strategic Plan, the Superintendent is developing a task force of community members, staff members, and other stakeholders to provide recommendations to the School Board on:

- Facility needs & long-range plans
- Analysis of the impact of policies 5113 (Public School Open Enrollment - Inter-District) and 5120 (Assignment in District)
- Innovative academic programs
- Transportation services viability
- Comprehensive financial strategy

Apply to be a member of the Tosa 2075 Task Force: <https://tinyurl.com/yf3fep78>.



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# Summer Events Around Town

**June 16-17:** HartFest 2023, the official start to the summer season with a barbecue competition, food trucks and plenty of live music

**June 21:** Kick-off of Tosa Tonight 2023. The free summer concert series opens with Miles Nielsen & the Rusted Hearts, with opening act Wire & Nail starting at 6 p.m. at the Hart Park Rotary Pavilion.

Other Tosa Tonight dates:

**June 28:** The People Brothers Band with Genevieve Heyward Band

**July 4 (Tuesday):** Britishmania with Jackson Park Orchestra (& fireworks)

**July 12:** Willy Porter Band with Hayward Williams

**July 19:** Platinum with Respect!

**July 26:** The Astronomers with Tigera

**August 2:** Welshly Arms with Me Like Bees

**August 9:** De la Buena with Juan Carlos Munguia

**August 16:** Doolin' with Cassie and Maggie

**June 25:** The Tosa Village Classic Bike Race, the final Tour of America's Dairyland event

**July 4:** Wauwatosa 4th of July Parade and Fireworks

**July 13:** Washington Heights Night Market, Washington Boulevard from 53rd to 54th Streets, 4-8 p.m.

**July 15:** The Big Sale in the Village

**July 25:** Village Al Fresco, an unforgettable dining experience in the Village

**August 5 & 6:** Firefly Art Fair on the grounds of the Wauwatosa Historical Society's Kneeland-Walker House, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**August 10:** Washington Heights Night Market, Washington Blvd from 53rd to 54th Streets, 4-8 p.m.

**August 14-18:** Irish Fest Summer School. Registration is now open here.

**August 25 & 26:** Antique & Vintage Yard Sale at the Wauwatosa Historical Society's Kneeland-Walker Coach House and Grounds

**August 30:** First Responders Fest with live music, food and fun for the whole family

**September 8-9:** TosaFest in the Village

**September 9:** Tosa Green Summit. Exhibits inside the Civic Center plus document shredding, medication turn-in, textile recycling, bike recycling and a collection for Tosa Cares in the parking lot.

**September 13:** Wauwatosa Cemetery Tour, sponsored by the Wauwatosa Historical Society

**September 16:** Tosa Green Summit Part 2: MMSD hazardous waste, electronics and scrap metal

**September 17:** TETNA Porch Concerts

**October 7:** TOSA Locally Made Pop-Up at The Landing at Hoyt Park, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Start your holiday shopping early.



## CALL FOR PORCH CONCERTS MUSICIANS

TETNA's Porch Concerts are back! Musicians of all types are invited to perform. Event details forthcoming. Apply at [tosaeasttowne.org/porch-concerts](https://tosaeasttowne.org/porch-concerts).

# Spring Egg Hunt draws a crowd

Center Street Park was full of eager egg hunters on April 8 for TETNA's annual Spring Egg Hunt. Participants of all ages enjoyed petting some friendly rabbits, making crafts inside the building, and visiting with a special guest, the Easter Bunny. Thanks to Ruckus & Glee for sponsoring the event and to Anna and Kaili, our event coordinators.




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## Gastropub proposed for former Red Dot building

The Red Dot quickly became a neighborhood meeting place and popular bar when it opened in 2012 on North Ave. Unfortunately a fire that started in the apartment behind the restaurant shut Red Dot down in 2018. Plans to reopen or create a new building on the lot were tossed around but nothing ever materialized.

The building, believed to have been built in 1928, was originally divided into four distinct retail spaces. Since then it has had many lives including several restaurants, a grocery, a sports shop, and a toy store. Many in the neighborhood will remember Shepherd's, a bar that enjoyed a nearly 30 year run in the location.

Now it seems the building may gain another new life. Jason Growel proposed a sports-themed gastropub, named Growlers East Tosa, to the city's government affairs committee on April 25. His proposed plan includes a bar with 25 beers on tap, a main dining area, an outdoor patio, and "a party room for special occasions". The committee postponed approval of Growel's liquor license request, opting to wait until his Conditional Use Permit is also ready to be approved.

So for now, we will have to wait to enjoy a new North Ave spot.



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