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## 11th annual Run Tosa Run 5K and kids' run set for May 18

By David Paulsen

Run Tosa Run rebounded from pandemic disruptions in a big way during TETNA's 2023 race, with more than 250 people entering the 5K and nearly 75 in the kids' run. Those participants and our generous sponsors helped us raise enough money to donate \$6,000 to our longtime charity partner, Ronald McDonald House Charities Eastern Wisconsin.

TETNA is looking to build on that recent success with Run Tosa Run 2024, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 18. Registration for our 11th annual run is now open, and you can lock in the early-bird \$25 rate for the 5K by signing up by March 1. The kids' run, about a half-mile loop

of one block, is just \$10. Both events come with a race T-shirt for all those who sign up by May 1.

A big thanks to lead sponsors BelAir Cantina and GRAEF, longtime neighborhood supporter Lutheran Home and new sponsor Kuchler & Cotton, S.C. Whether you come out to run, walk, cheer or volunteer, we hope to see you on May 18. Join TETNA as we again show off the best of our neighborhood while promoting some of the businesses along North Avenue.

The 5K men's and women's race winners receive terrific East Tosa prize packages. All 5K runners will be entered in a drawing for additional

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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](https://runtosarun.org). You are encouraged to email [runtosarun@gmail.com](mailto:runtosarun@gmail.com) if you would like to join the race committee or if you have any questions about the race.

*See race map on page 3.*

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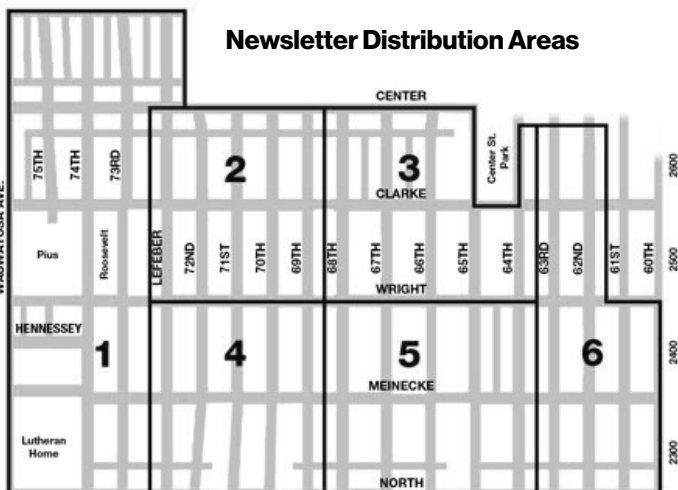
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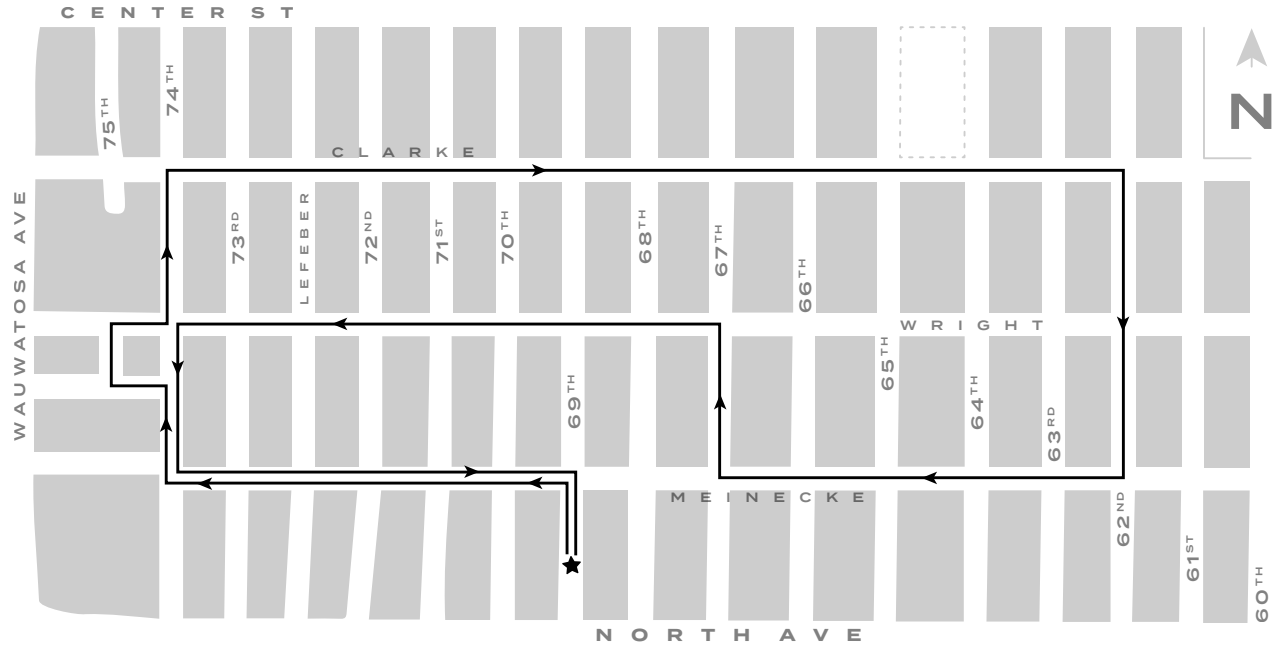
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# Run Tosa Run Race Map

**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 18, lasting up to an hour.



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## TETNA Trick-or-Treat reigns supreme

On the evening of October 28, Tosa East Towne welcomed Halloween with TETNA's annual Nighttime Trick-or-Treat event. The chilly weather did little to dampen the warmth of community spirit. Laughter (and ghoulish screams) echoed through the streets as families, friends, and neighbors came together to create lasting memories. Kids sprinted from house to house and many blocks closed off their street for a block party. One block even brought in a food truck. There have already been rumors circulating of a bigger food truck presence for next year's event. Stay tuned.

While the registration hours looked a little bit different this year, it was great to see many of you who stopped by 69th Street Plaza to pick up a Trick-or-Treat goodie bag and make a donation to The Hunger Task Force. In total, we donated almost 100 pounds of food. As an added bonus, many received free daffodil bulbs from TETNA. We can't wait to see all of the beautiful flowers come spring.

TETNA would like to thank all participants for gracefully handling the changes that came this year. The event continues to be a highlight because of enthusiastic support from so many. A big thanks also goes out to Waterclock Engineering and The Little Village Play Cafe for their sponsorship of the event.



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Each year TETNA offers a scholarship to a high school senior from our neighborhood who is a TETNA member and who will be graduating from a local high school and plans to continue their education at a college, trade or technical school. Thanks to generous neighborhood donors, the amount of the scholarship has increased to \$1,000 this year.

The scholarship is intended to recognize neighborhood high school seniors whose activities demonstrate support for TETNA's philosophy: to provide a welcoming and nurturing environment and to maintain the quality of life and sense of community through shared interests and neighborly interaction.

Students interested in applying can find more information at [tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship](http://tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship). Applicants must live within the borders of the Association, and their family must be a current, paid TETNA member to be eligible. Applications are due February 9, 2024. Students at Wauwatosa East can apply through the student services department. If students from other high schools would like to apply, please email [info@tosaeasttowne.org](mailto:info@tosaeasttowne.org) for an application.

Eligible applications will be reviewed by TETNA's scholarship committee, and the winner will be announced at TETNA's annual meeting in April. TETNA members and area businesses make this scholarship possible. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, go to [tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship](http://tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship) and click on the "Donate" button.




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## Spring Egg Hunt

This year's Spring Egg Hunt, sponsored by Ruckus and Glee, is scheduled for Saturday, March 16. This TETNA member-only event kicks off at 9:30am with crafts in the pavilion at Center Street Park. The egg hunt starts at 10am in the field with a staggered start to allow younger participants a chance to find eggs first. A separate hunt will be offered for kids younger than two years of age. Special guest the Easter Bunny will make an appearance again this year. Come join the fun!

If you aren't already a member and wish to participate in this event, visit [tosaeasttowne.org/join](http://tosaeasttowne.org/join) for information or you can pay your \$10 dues at the event. Check [tosaeasttowne.org](http://tosaeasttowne.org) and TETNA's Facebook page for more details as the event date nears.



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## Calling All ‘Seniors’

Hello to everyone who considers themselves in this category!

While a lot of our neighborhood association events are aimed at families, we are dedicated to making sure that TETNA offers something for everyone.

Let’s find out what this means...

- Special senior (or all ages) clubs, special interest groups, or outings?
- Easy access to resources and information?
- Fun volunteer opportunities?
- New ways to meet friends, explore the neighborhood, or lend a hand?

If YOU would like to help imagine possibilities, please contact Robin at [robinluther4759@gmail.com](mailto:robinluther4759@gmail.com) or 414.758.6538 by February 29, and we’ll get this ball rolling!



## Show off your daffodils!

Did you pick up a bag or two of daffodils at the Trick or Treat registration or the Center Street Park Fall Fest? If so, we want to see photos of the blooming flowers in your yard when they appear this spring. Send your photos to [info@tosaeasttowne.org](mailto:info@tosaeasttowne.org) or post them on social media with the hashtag #TETNAdaffodils. We can’t wait to see them bloom around the neighborhood!

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## TETNA Annual meeting on April 17

Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting is a great way to get to know your neighbors, learn about your neighborhood and become more involved in our all-volunteer organization. All Tosa East Towne residents are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 in the Roosevelt multipurpose room as we recap the past year, look ahead to our upcoming events, receive updates from City of Wauwatosa officials and award TETNA's \$1,000 scholarship to one 2024 high school graduate from our neighborhood.

TETNA's 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](mailto:info@tosaeasttowne.org).

## Save the Date! Lend a Hand!

The Wauwatosa Neighborhood Association Council (The NAC) is proud to announce that the Tosa Community Fair will return this year bigger and better than ever!

With the support of local sponsors, the NAC, the Wauwatosa Health Department, and Tosa Together are co-organizers of this vibrant event which features non-profit organizations, local small businesses, presentations and workshops, and fun activities for all ages.

Save the date! The 2024 event will be held on the entire first floor of Tosa West High School on Saturday, June 15th. (Time TBD)

Plan on attending! Bring your whole family, your friends, and even a neighbor or two!

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, presenter, or running a special activity at the community fair AND/OR If you are interested in helping on the planning committee, we'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Robin Luther at [robinluther4759@gmail.com](mailto:robinluther4759@gmail.com) or by texting/calling 414-758-6538. Many hands make the work light, and many participants make for an exciting event.

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## Annual Neighborhood Rummage Sale

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# Events Around Town

**February 15-24:** Mystery Nights at the Mansion  
(wauwatosahistoricalsociety.org/events)

**February 16:** Guinness & Chocolate at CelticMKE  
(celticmke.com)

**February 22:** Black History Month Celebration at  
the Wauwatosa Library

**March 8-16:** 9 to 5 The Musical at Tosa West

**March 9:** Lucky Leprechaun 7K - Run or walk  
through Hart Park and Honey Creek Parkway  
with proceeds benefiting the MACC fund.  
(luckyleprechaunrun.com)

**March 14:** Sip & Stroll in the Tosa Village  
(wauwatosavillage.org)

**March 14-23:** Tosa Restaurant Week  
(discoverwauwatosa.com/events)

**March 16:** TETNA Egg Hunt at Center Street Park

**March 16:** Easter in the Village

**April 17:** TETNA Annual Meeting at Roosevelt  
Elementary School

**April 26 - May 5:** Shrek the Musical at Tosa East  
(tosaeasttheatre.org)

**May 16:** Sip & Stroll in the Tosa Village

**May 18:** Run Tosa Run

**June 1:** Neighborhood Rummage Sale

**June 15:** Tosa Community Fair at Tosa West

To keep up with all the events around town, visit:

**WauwatosaNAC.org/eblasts**

**Celebrate Black History Month at this Tosa Together event.** Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 22 from 7-8:15 p.m. The event will take place in the Firefly Room at the Wauwatosa Public Library (7635 W. North Ave.). All ages are welcome!

The Wauwatosa Health Department is providing **free Covid-19 self-test kits**. Please stop by the Health Department (7725 W North Ave.) any weekday between 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to pick up your free kit.

A grassroots effort, led by Tosa resident Cornelia Beilke, is seeking to **certify the City of Wauwatosa** as a *National Wildlife Community* by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). To qualify, 250 properties need to become a Certified Wildlife Habitat® through the NWF. For more information on how to certify your garden space, visit [www.nwf.org/garden](http://www.nwf.org/garden).

To learn more about the Tosa community effort, please contact Cornelia at [Cmbeilke@gmx.com](mailto:Cmbeilke@gmx.com).

Friends of Hoyt Park & Pool, the non-profit organization who operates TOSA Pool at Hoyt Park, is **now accepting lifeguard applications for the 2024 season**. Each year, they hire over 40 lifeguards for TOSA Pool. No prior experience is necessary, and they will train and certify any accepted applicants.

Anyone interested can visit their website: [friendsofhoytpark.org/employment](http://friendsofhoytpark.org/employment)



## Taste of East Tosa raises \$500 for scholarship fund

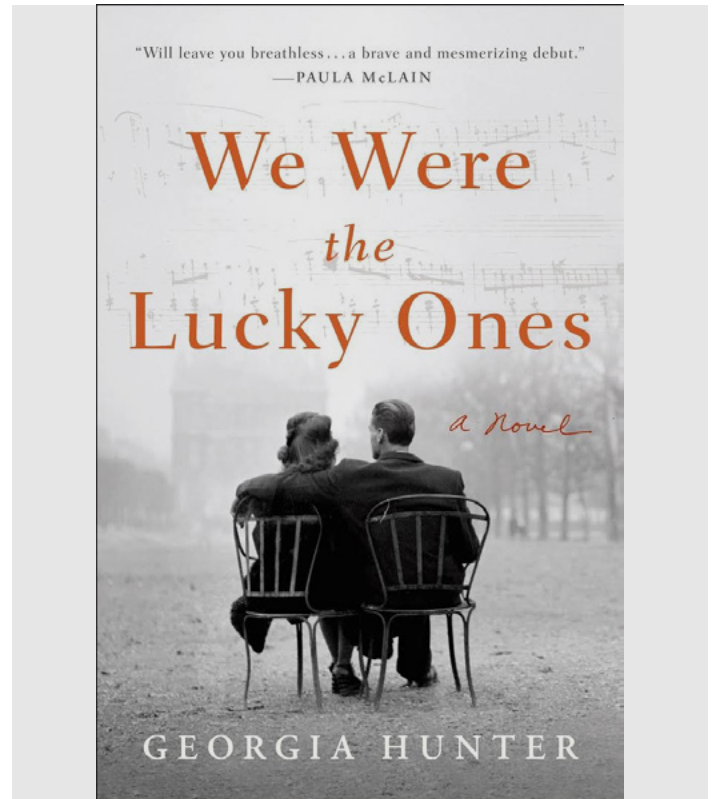
TETNA returned to the Birch event space on Nov. 9 for a new edition of Taste of East Tosa. What a great evening it was to celebrate East Tosa cuisine!

With proceeds from the event, we were able to contribute \$500 to TETNA's scholarship fund, supporting one graduating high school senior each year from our neighborhood. Thanks to the nearly 70 members and guests who made this year's Taste of East Tosa a success, and a big thanks to our participating businesses for their delicious donations:

- **BelAir Cantina**, mini burritos
- **Lutheran Home & Harwood Place**, red lentil hummus and naan
- **North Avenue Grill**, reuben rolls
- **Rocket Baby Bakery**, carrot cake
- **Cranky's**, a selection of donuts
- **BB's on North**, a selection of pizzas
- **Maggio's Wood Fired Pizza**, a selection of pizzas
- **Delicious Bites**, a selection of gourmet items
- **Ono Kine Grindz**, Tosa teriyaki
- **Walters on North**, Buffalo wings
- **Chinese Pagoda**, fried rice and crab rangoons

If you would like to help plan next year's Taste of East Tosa, email [info@tosaeasttowne.org](mailto:info@tosaeasttowne.org). Individual donations to the scholarship fund can be made by visiting [tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship](http://tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship).





## Participate in this year's Tosa All-City Read

The 2024 Tosa All-City Read book is *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War II, determined to survive—and to reunite—*We Were the Lucky Ones* is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds. Book recommendations for children and teens are also available on the Tosa All-City Read's website ([tosaallcityread.com](http://tosaallcityread.com)).

Events for the All-City Read kick off in mid-February and run through mid-March. They include tours of the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee, book discussion groups, a Polish cooking demonstration, and an interview with a Holocaust survivor. Adults and students are also encouraged to submit an essay responding to a prompt related to the book. First and second place winners of the essay contest receive a cash prize.

On February 29, the author of *We Were the Lucky Ones*, Georgia Hunter, will be in Wauwatosa to speak at the Wauwatosa Library Foundation's annual Leadership Lunch. You can purchase tickets for this event at [tosalibraryfoundation.org/leadership-event](http://tosalibraryfoundation.org/leadership-event)

Whether you attend several events or simply read the book, join in the fun of the annual Tosa All-City Read!



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