

Neighborhood Association Council General Meeting
Wauwatosa Lower Civic Center
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Attendees: Jessica Free (Ruby Gardens); Eric Fowler (Ruby Gardens); Amanda Saso (Wauwatosa Village); Michelle Inhofer (Inglewood); Desiree Pasbrig (Olde Hillcrest); Kelly Goldman (Olde Hillcrest); Joel Richmond (Wellauer Heights); Linda Richmond (Wellauer Heights); Brian James (Ravenswood); Judy Randall (Ravenswood); Peter Lakatos (Mayfair Park); Jackie Nook (Mayfair Park); Brad Foley (Lowell Damon Woods); Kathy Kopperud (Lowell Damon Woods); Dennie McBride (Charles Jacobus Park); Steve Flewellen (Charles Jacobus Park); Rebecca Kiefer (Milwaukee County Circuit Court Candidate); Scott Shelnut (Glenview Heights, EFW, TosaFest, CrimeStoppers, Tosa Block Party); Carmen Pangilinan (Tosa Health Dept); Kathy Ehley (Mayor); Margaret Arney (NAC President, Wauwatosa Village); Maureen Badding (NAC Board, Olde Hillcrest); Karen Jaeckels (NAC Board, Olde Hillcrest, City Liaison); Larry Kopperud (NAC Treasurer, Lowell Damon Woods); Tammy Crouch (NAC Board, Pabst park); Jill Wickham (NAC Board, Jennings Park); Sarah O'Neill (NAC Secretary, Jennings Park);

Meet & Mingle

Margaret Arney shared postcards written by residents of Luther Manor about “what makes a neighborhood great?” as a springboard for conversation between neighbors.

Introduction: Margaret Arney, NAC President

The NAC now has 2 general meetings per year instead of 4 because of the online resources available (eg bi-weekly eBlast, Facebook postings) to disseminate information. Our next General meeting will be held in Oct.

Margaret Arney and Sarah O'Neill introduced the Wine & Dine event coming up on April 30 for those civic-minded residents who love living in Wauwatosa and are passionate about supporting the community by joining the Tosa NAC Board.

Carmen Pangilinan (Tosa Health Dept)

Review of CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) activities as part of the Health Department's Community Health Assessment Process

Update

The Community Health Assessment is a 5-year plan that maps out Tosa's initiatives to be a more healthy place to work and live. The Assessment team is made up Health Dept and volunteers from around Tosa.

There are 4 areas of focus in the Assessment

1. Injury prevention and personal safety

- Water testing program
 - Offering free lead testing for families with small children
- Fire & Fall Outreach

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- Presentations to older adults at risk for falling; nursing home visits to see what safety measures are in place and where they can be implemented.
- Fire Department
 - Hands only CPR, driving/pedestrian/bike safety

2. Healthy Community

- Harvest-of-the-Month program
- Senior Health & Wellness Fair
- Annual Mayor's Fitness Challenge
- Walk with the Mayor (taking walks around Tosa neighborhoods)
- Twenty Walks Challenge
 - 2020 Twenty Walks will be held during June
 - If you have suggestions please send to Health Dept by end of April
- Kids to Parks
- Get Healthy campaign for Tosa Food Pantry
- Improved lactation space for City employees
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop
- Developing a new parent support and socialization group

3. Mental Health Awareness Group

- Resource available to community
- Online campaign
- Suicide and substance abuse prevention events

4. Substance Use Group

- Prescription/OTC Medication Collection Program
- Teen bedroom exhibit
- Sharps collection
- Medication Safety for Older Adults
- Passed ordinances to curb vaping and e-cigarettes

Brief discussion about COVID-19, and that the Tosa Health Dept monitors all information provided by the CDC provided to State and Local departments behind the scenes; there's intense surveillance and monitoring that is happening; any updates to the situation will be communicated to the community.

Mayor Kathy Ehley

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2020 Census

Deadline: April 1, 2020

A lot of communications efforts are being made to let people know how critically important this is because so much information is used to determine funding for our municipality
If these aren't filled out then we lose out on the funding

Senior Ambassador Program

A way for isolated seniors and those with disabilities to get services they need. A challenge to the program is to try to figure out how to reach into that community without being intrusive.

Code Red

Emergency Operations Management Team has gotten together twice per year for the past 7 years to come up with best practices for responding to emergencies.

In anticipation of the DNC the various departments are working together to share information about what each department is working.

They want to increase their collection of resident cellphone numbers in case of an emergency. On the City Website you can enter info about how you want to be communicated with. Register your name and the best way to get in touch with you in the event of a community emergency.

Twenty Walks Challenge

Brief discussion about successes and what is being looked at for the future.

Eva Ennamorato (City Communications)

Wauwatosa Ave. Construction

DPW workers and contractors are replacing underground utilities from Milwaukee to Garfield Aves, plus some side streets, and also repaving the roads

- Street lighting will be upgraded to LED
- Improvements are being made for pedestrian access and safety
- They're adding bike greenway maps and signage for leisure bikers (non-commuters)

The road will be closed until Sept 1, around the start of school

They've worked with School District to help families with school-age kids to take different routes, plus advice on Safe Routes to School

They provide bi-weekly updates via email, or you can check the project webpage on the City of Wauwatosa site

Different ways to follow City News and Communications

- Facebook
- Wauwatosa News in Brief
 - City Home page "e-news sign up" there are various topics to choose from

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- You can make comments on online forms on City website, including suggestions about improvements, to notifying the City about damaged infrastructure

Sgt. Chad Geiszler & Laura Laurishke (Wauwatosa Police Dept)

Project Lifesaver

The program--working alongside Fire and Health Departments--started in 2018.

It is a search and rescue tool for people with cognitive disorders (alzheimer's, dementia, downs syndrome, autism, brain injury, chemical imbalances).

The program has made 3,650 successful rescues of both adults and children in the US.

Location is performed through radio frequency, more effective and efficient than GPS

Average find time for a person is 30 minutes.

WPD encourages people to contact Laura Lorishke (414-471-8430 ext. 5111) in order to implement program; there is only a small fee of \$325 to participate (involves equipment and programming; the WPD does not make any money on this).

Block Watch Program

Laura would like to meet with individual neighborhood associations to identify block captains.

Please contact her at (414) 471-8430 ext. 5111

Neighborhood Association Updates

Ravenswood

- TGIFs and neighborhood-wide block party/picnic.

Ruby Gardens

- Block parties are neighborhood-wide, and are getting so popular that they may have to expand to a second street
- A neighbor has started a group about Infertility and Loss, and it has over 20 members. If you would like to receive more information you can contact Eric Fowles

Charles Jacobus Park

- 5th Annual Pool Part on Aug 7 630-830 at Hoy, BYO food and drink, contact Steve Flewellen

Wellauer Heights

- Very active association (TGIF, summer picnics)
- With 151 homes it's one of the smallest neighborhoods, and they're a very tight-knit neighborhood association

Wauwatosa Village

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- The NA is undergoing some reorganization, rewriting by-laws, brainstorming ideas to increase participation and association membership

Inglewood

- 3 new Board members
- Started a scholarship, decisions will be made before school's end (2 neighborhood seniors applied)
- Is looking to connect with neighborhoods who are successful with their block parties
- Rummage sale was successful this year

Olde Hillcrest

- Are planning more family-oriented activities
- Also dealing with lagging participation at summer block party, so trying to do more winter events like gingerbread house making,
- Monthly family open gym nights at elementary schools, and for neighborhood associations there is no charge.
- A lot of special interest clubs are successful

Final Comments

Tosa All-City Read: Please contact Maureen Badding (mcbadding@gmail.com) with suggestions for next year's events

Bi-weekly eblast: As Rummage Sale season is upon us, send info to Maureen to add to eBlast