

Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association



Newsletter June



Lamppost signs paid for with our residents' donations have been installed on Center Street and throughout the neighborhood.

OUR SIGNS ARE UP

By David Paulsen

They've quickly become one of the most popular new additions to East Tosa since BelAir Cantina first opened. Our Tosa East Towne lamppost signs are up, and they're catching people's eyes all over the neighborhood.

We are proud to make this possible with the help of donations from TETNA

neighbors in a process that spanned two years.

Thanks to all who contributed to the campaign to purchase the 49 signs that more clearly identify our neighborhood as Tosa East Towne. And thanks to Zack Goehner, the neighborhood resident and graphics designer who created the sign.

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Welcome, new TETNA Board

Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association approved a new slate of officers and board members at its annual meeting April 17 at Tosa Bowl & Bun.

President David Paulsen, Secretary Kevin White and Treasurer Ryan Wallace were re-elected, and Nick Werner came forward to serve as vice president this term. Jill McClellan also will serve her first full term as board member, joining returning board member Christina Piel, Nancy Hall and Cindy Anderson.

Werner and his wife, Aliza, have lived in the neighborhood since 2007. He's a finance manager and a fan of the Brewers, craft beer and East Tosa. "Seeing all the development over the past 12 years has convinced me that there is no where else that I'd rather live," he said.

McClellan first got involved with TETNA a few years back while coordinating a grassroots effort at a solar panel group buy in the neighborhood, and she later took on the role of TETNA Rummage Sale coordinator. She and her husband have two children and have lived in the neighborhood since 2007. "My family and I love the friendliness of our neighbors and all the fun things to do in Tosa, especially

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Cyclists in the 2018 East Tosa Gran Prix race down North Avenue on their circuit through Tosa East Towne.

BIKE RACE RETURNS TO EAST TOSA

East Tosa Gran Prix returns to North Ave. Sunday, June 30 for another year of cycling action.

Join East Tosa Alliance starting at 10 a.m. for juniors races, new to this event, and stay through the huge kids' race and exciting professional racing in the evening.

Want to get on the inside of all the excitement? Follow East Tosa Alliance on Facebook for volunteer opportunities and updates!



Residents in Tosa East Towne have a front-row seat to great racing every year during the East Tosa Gran Prix, part of the Tour of America's Dairyland. Photos by David Paulsen

TOSA EAST SENIOR RECEIVES TETNA AWARD

By Christina Piel

Thanks to generous donations from members, for the second year TETNA is proud to offer a \$750 scholarship to one of our neighborhood's graduating high school seniors. For over 10 years, TETNA has been able to honor and support a bright young person from our neighborhood whose essay response best shows how their high school activities live out the TETNA philosophy of providing "a welcoming and nurturing environment ... and sense of community through shared interests."

This year the scholarship committee chose Wauwatosa East High School senior Holly Anderson. Holly is at the top of her class, with a 4.0 GPA. She is president of National Honor Society, vice president of Student Council and editor of the yearbook. She also was involved in many activities in our local community. In voting for Holly for the scholarship, a member of the scholarship committee said: "I was impressed with Holly's hyper-local impact and longstanding track record of sharing her time and talents with neighborhood activities ranging from Center Street Park to Chillin' on the

Avenue to Roosevelt's Holiday Gift Fair. She definitely seems to be living out TETNA's philosophy."

Holly plans to attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and study international business.

We have many incredible students in our area and this is one small way we can support and recognize their efforts. To donate or see previous recipients, visit tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship. Congratulations, and good luck to all of our TETNA graduates!



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SIGN CAMPAIGN

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We honored Zack for his work at our April 17 annual meeting at Tosa Bowl & Bun and presented him with one of the signs featuring his design. We also presented signs to some of our biggest donors.

You, too, can get a version of the sign to call your own. We've begun producing 8x10 poster versions of the sign, perfect for decorative display in your home or office. You can purchase yours for \$20 each by emailing info@tosaeasttowne.org.

Coordinator sought for Trick-or-Treat

We're looking for a new coordinator for our TETNA Nighttime Trick-or-Treat. If you've enjoyed that festive Saturday in October every year, help keep it going by taking on this fulfilling role for 2019, either as lead coordinator or as an assistant.

The outline of this event is already in place. We just need you to step in and guide this year's planning through to Halloween fun.

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Runners in the Run Tosa Run 5K leave the starting line on their way through the neighborhood. Below, kid runners compete the half-mile fun run, an event that topped 70 entrants this year. Photos by David Paulsen

FAMILIES FLOCK TO RUN TOSA RUN

By David Paulsen

Another Run Tosa Run is in the books, and we couldn't have done it without all of our loyal runners, supportive neighbors and great sponsors.

Thanks to all who joined us May 18 as we raised money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. We ended the day with 287 registrants in the 5K and our biggest field yet for the kids' run, 72 entrants!

The board of Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association is tallying the final revenues and expenses so we can vote on our donation at the June 10 meeting. In the meantime, congratulations to 5K winners John Liddell of Milwaukee and Cassie Nelson of Wauwatosa. Cassie was a repeat winner from last year. Chip timing was provided by Absolute Race Timing.

Thanks also to the dozens of

volunteers who donated their time to help everything go smoothly.

We also want to thank lead sponsors BelAir Cantina and GRAEF, and we are grateful for the additional support of our other top sponsors, Lutheran Home & Harwood Place, Hue Vietnamese Restaurant, Harwood Engineering Consultants and Toshiba.

Run Tosa Run also received support from Mathnasium Wauwatosa, Shine Salon, Club Pilates,

Johnson's Cycle & Fitness, O'Gorman's West Towne Auto, and Ultra Fidelis.

Our prizes were provided by BelAir, Hue, Club Pilates, Rocket Baby Bakery, Cranky's, Tosa Yoga, The Nobleman, and Ruckus & Glee.

A final thanks to Jim Phillips, who produced our shirts, Zach Goehner for his excellent design and Wauwatosa Police Department for securing our course.



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Aging stone stairs are among the historical features of the area known as Sanctuary Woods, which once was used as recreation space for patients at a nearby county-owned asylum.

Mapping history in Sanctuary Woods

By Jonathan Piel

What do you know about Wauwatosa's Sanctuary Woods?

These are 66+ acres of woods on the north side of Watertown Plank Road across from Froedtert Hospital. As the land itself remains something of a mystery to many in the community, a Wauwatosa resident was motivated to create an interactive map at tosahistory13.wixsite.com/tosa.

The map highlights dozens of fascinating locations in and near Sanctuary Woods by connecting a location with historic or contemporary photos, maps, and extended descriptions. The interactive map allows visitors to bridge a century of history with the infrastructure and natural beauty that remains.

It aims to answer such questions as: What are the



origins of a 6-foot tall sculptural dolphin urn sitting next to a meadow that used to be a lake? Or how was a crumbling cement porch used to look out over sunken gardens?

This is a detailed resource to discover or rediscover a cultural and natural treasure right in our own community. Ruins still exist today that date back to 1850. Check it out and seize the opportunity to be a tourist in our own town.

In the spring of 2019, there has also been a coordinated effort to remove invasive species buckthorn at Sanctuary Woods. Two events have already cleared a half acre restoring an old-growth oak savanna. The area and these efforts have been featured in several articles which can be found at awealthofnature.org (search "sanctuary woods").

If you are interested in a tour, or in volunteering, please contact Jonathan at tosahistory13@gmail.com.

Jonathan Piel is a Tosa East Towne resident who has studied Sanctuary Woods' history and leads guided tours around the woods.



ON THE HUNT FOR EGGS

Our young egg hunters really lucked out this year, with TETNA's annual spring egg hunt bookended by late-season snow. Center Street Park was perfect on Saturday, April 13, and our families took full advantage. Thanks to Maghan White for coordinating this year, and thanks to our new event

sponsor, Ruckus & Glee, for helping to make this popular TETNA event possible.

Store owner Sarah Fowles brought her Eggmazing Egg Decorator and also a gift certificate, and residents brought their egg baskets and smiles.

Getting the latest Wauwatosha news

Tosa East Towne residents fill Tosa Bowl & Bun on April 17 during TETNA's annual meeting as Alderman Joel Tilleson provides an update on commercial developments and construction in Wauwatosha.



Thanks to Beth Jaworski for sponsoring TETNA Rummage Sale

Our popular neighborhood-wide rummage sale is one of the benefits of being a TETNA member. All members can participate and get their rummage sales listed. Customers spend the day scouring the neighborhood for deals as you get rid of your old stuff.

That's a win-win! And we're grateful to Beth Jaworski of Shorewest Realtors for returning this year as sponsor of the June 1 event. We hope all participating neighbors had successful sales.



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Laura Barry has been a TETNA volunteer nearly from the moment she and her husband moved to the neighborhood in April 2004. She learned that the neighborhood association needed someone to coordinate distribution of our newsletter, and she's been filling that role ever since.

On April 17, she was honored as TETNA's Volunteer of the Year at the Annual Meeting held at Tosa Bowl & Bun. Barry is humble about her accomplishments, but the work she does three times a year to receive copies of the newsletter, divide them and get them in the hands of our six area captains provides the foundation of our volunteer distribution network.

And the fact is, all our volunteers help make this neighborhood a better place to live. Volunteering with TETNA doesn't require a lot of time, but a little time goes a long way in enhancing our neighborhood's quality of life.

We have plenty of good news in Tosa East Towne, but much of this good news won't keep happening without neighbors like you stepping up to make it happen. We encourage you to start by committing to just a year of support for your neighborhood association.

You can email info@tosaeasttowne.org with your interests or questions, or come to an upcoming TETNA meeting, held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Center Street Park pavilion.

The best part about volunteering is you don't have to



TETNA board president David Paulsen introduces Laura Barry as this year's Volunteer of the Year at the annual meeting at Tosa Bowl & Bun.

do it alone. Take on a new role with a friend or your family. Along the way, you will have the support of fellow neighbors who love East Tosa like you and want it to continue to thrive. Join us today.

'SCHOOL'S OUT' PARTY

Join the Friends of Center Street Park in kicking off the summer season in Tosa East Towne! Bring your own chairs, food and beverages, and the Friends will supply great music. Jay Matthes is scheduled to perform. What better way to usher in the summer on the last day of school, Thursday, June 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the park. The event will be in the spirit of the Six Strings on Center concerts.

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