

Tosa East Towne

Neighborhood Association



Newsletter

February

RUN TOSA RUN

SIGN UP NOW TO RUN MAY 18



Runners head north on 69th Street after the start of the 2018 Run Tosa Run. The 2019 race is scheduled for May 18. Photo by Shaku Mays.

By David Paulsen

It's time again to lace up your running shoes and hit the streets for our annual Run Tosa Run 5K and kids run on May 18, being held on the Saturday after Mother's Day for the sixth straight year.

BelAir Cantina and GRAEF have signed on again as lead sponsors of Run Tosa Run 2019, and online

registration is now open. You can find the link at runtosarun.org.

The race has grown steadily over the past five years, and in 2018 our 300 registrants helped us raise enough money to donate \$6,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities Eastern Wisconsin. That's more than \$20,000 over five years.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Tosa Bowl & Bun. All residents are invited. Details on Page 6.

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Association meetings are open to everyone in the Tosa East Towne neighborhood. They typically are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Center Street Park pavilion. Confirm on TETNA's Facebook page.

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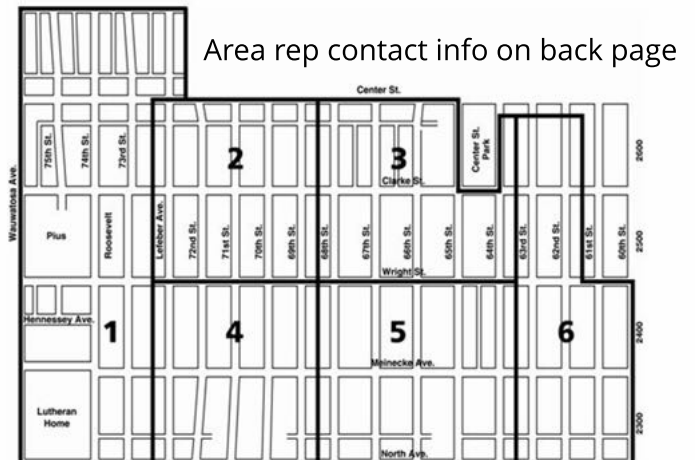
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Spring Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 13

TETNA's Spring Egg Hunt has drawn more than 100 basket-carrying participants in recent years.

Each year, TETNA gives 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 13.

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.

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



FEBRUARY IS TOSA'S ALL-CITY READ MONTH

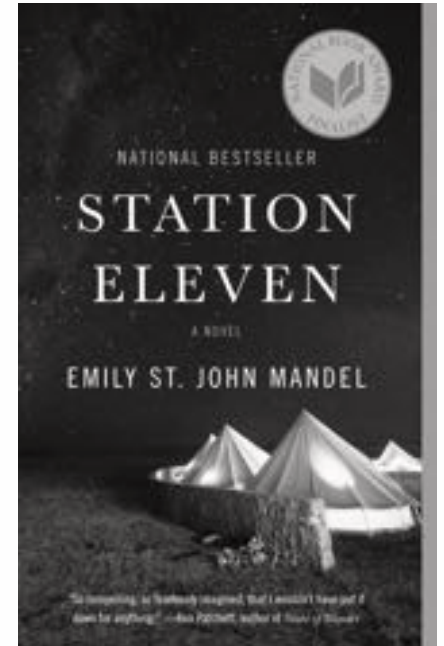
By Nancy Hall

There's still time to catch some of Tosa's All-City Read's book themed events. The book is *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. It's a dystopian novel, set in the Upper Midwest in the years following a pandemic that reduces the world's population to small, isolated groups of people living in primitive conditions. It focuses on groups of people whose response to the disaster was to preserve their lost culture as reflected by music, theater, and everyday objects.

In keeping with the subject, Tosa's All-City Read will devote the month

of February to book discussions, presentations, workshops, and games related to culture and survival. Included will be an introduction to foraging, a presentation on medical response to pandemics, a workshop on outdoor survival skills, and several book discussions. The highlights of the month will be an afternoon with Emily St. John Mandel and an opportunity to compete, Survivor-style, on book-themed team challenges.

For a full calendar of events, please visit the Tosa's All-City Read website and open the 'Events' tab. You can find it at tosasallcityread.com/events.



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RUN TOSA RUN

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Online registration is now open, just \$25 for 5K runners, with the price increasing to \$30 after March 15. And it's just \$8 for participants in our kids' run, which is about a half-mile loop of one city block and geared for runners ages 10 and younger.

We're also looking for people to volunteer on race day and cheer on our runners. Links to the volunteer signup and race registration page can be found at runtosarun.org.

**SIGN UP
TODAY**
Full race
details at
runtosarun.org.

It's a great way to raise awareness of all our neighborhood and local businesses have to offer while raising money for our charity. The 5K men's and women's race winner receive terrific East Tosa



Please be aware of street closures on May 18.

prize packages. All 5K runners will receive race T-shirts and will be entered in a drawing for additional prizes.

What makes Run Tosa Run a success? It helps to have such a beautiful course through our neighborhood's tree-lined streets, but we also couldn't do it each year without our terrific sponsors and many dedicated volunteers.

We invite you to join us as a runner, volunteer, sponsor, vendor or simply a resident cheering on the runners as they pass through our neighborhood. Email runtosarun@gmail.com with any questions.

TETNA needs neighbors like you to volunteer in 2019...Here's how

By David Paulsen

The beginning of a year often is a time when we reassess life's priorities and enjoy the excitement of taking up new opportunities, and even personal resolutions can be community-minded. I hope you have enjoyed some of the contributions that our TETNA board and volunteers have made to the neighborhood in recent years, and I ask that you give some thought to making your own contribution in 2019, not with your money but your time.

The nice thing is that 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, from popular family events like our Spring Egg Hunt and adult events like Taste of East Tosa to special campaigns, like our drive to add Tosa East Towne signs on lampposts in the neighborhood. (Those beautiful signs have arrived, and we're working with the city to install them.)

So here's the hard sell: Much of this good news won't keep happening without neighbors like you stepping up to make it happen, and right now we need more neighbors to get involved. Start by committing to just a year of support for your neighborhood association. You can email me at dmpaulsen@gmail.com with your interests or questions, or come to an upcoming meeting, held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Center Street Park pavilion.



Tosa Bown & Bun will host this year's annual meeting, a great way to get involved and to meet your neighbors.

One of the easiest ways is by joining our board, which meets to discuss upcoming events and ongoing issues in the neighborhood. It's a great, no-hassle way to add your voice. No strings attached.

If you have a background in writing or publications, we could use your help producing our 12-page TETNA newsletter, which is distributed three times a year to homes around the neighborhood. This often is the first way new residents hear about the neighborhood association and provides timely reminders about upcoming events and other news.

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

ANNUAL MEETING IS APRIL 17 AND YOU'RE INVITED

All Tosa East Towne residents are encouraged to join us for our annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Tosa Bowl & Bun, 7212 W. North Ave.

The agenda will include appearances by our council members and Wauwatosa police, and the presentation of our Volunteer of the Year Award and a \$750 check to this year's college scholarship recipient. Plus food and good conversation.

The annual meeting also is when we elect a new slate of TETNA officers and board members and it's a great tie to just spend time getting to know your neighbors. We hope to see you there.

SKATING SEASON UNDERWAY AT CENTER ST.



We've had some unusual winter weather in East Tosa, with temperatures dropping and then rising again, rain giving way to flurries and then back to rain. That hasn't stopped Friends of Center Street Park and its helpers from filling the park's two rinks and keeping them maintained the best they can. Keep up the great work! About 300 people came out for family night on Jan. 5, and we're hoping for more skating before the season is over.



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About 80 members joined us for Taste of East Tosa on Nov. 8 at Birch, the event space next to Camp Bar.

Taste of East Tosa expands at Birch

By Bobby Pantuso

The evolution of TETNA's "A Taste of East Tosa" from what it originally was to what it has become has been a wonder to behold. This year's event featured a record number of East Tosa eateries putting their best foot forward to provide event patrons with tasty samples and delectable delights. The most stunning change, however, perhaps was the venue move to Birch, the

event space on North Avenue adjacent to Camp Bar. The new location allowed guests to purchase beverages of their choice throughout the evening, an atmosphere that promoted mingling and socialization among the amazing neighbors of TETNA. We're already looking ahead to next year to make a few tweaks, adding even more restaurants and kicking things up a notch! In the meantime, thanks to all who came out to this great



members-only event.

The more than 80 attendees this year also may be a record, and we can't say enough about how our local businesses came



through with such a great lineup of food: Cosmos Cafe, Tosa Bowl and Bun, North Avenue Grill, Lutheran Home & Harwood Place, Irie Zulu, BelAir Cantina, Cranky's, Rocket Baby Bakery, Ono Kine Grindz, Wauwatiki, Hue Vietnamese, Indulgence Chocolatiers, Cafe Blue, Ca' Lucchenzo, Milk & Honey

Coordinator sought for Trick or Treat

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



Planning gets underway around the end of summer, and the TETNA board is here to help. Email info@tosaeasttowne.org for full details on what the coordinator role entails.

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If you'd like to get involved in your neighborhood, including by helping us with great events like this, email

info@tosaeasttowne.org or come to our next meeting, at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the Center Street Park pavilion.

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Listing with the rummage sale is free for TETNA members. Visit tosaeasttowne.org for updates.

A corner transformed



Lutheran Home, a longtime supporter of TETNA, is building a new memory care facility in the southwest corner of our neighborhood. It is due to be completed later this year.

APPLY NOW FOR \$750 SCHOLARSHIP

Know an outstanding high school senior in the Tosa East Towne neighborhood? Encourage him or her to apply for our TETNA scholarship, which last year was increased to \$750.

Seniors in our neighborhood should apply by Feb. 8 Info at tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship.

This scholarship recognizes a student who best exemplifies the TETNA 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."

The scholarship competition is open to neighborhood seniors who attend public or private school, but only students whose families have a current, paid TETNA membership are eligible. For more information, contact the Tosa East Career Center or email info@tosaeasttowne.org.

This scholarship is made possible by the generous donations of our members and area businesses.

It will be presented at our annual meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Tosa Bowl & Bun.



Our annual TETNA scholarship is open to high school seniors who live in the neighborhood, are members of the neighborhood association and exemplify the association's philosophy.



SKATE PARK TO EXPAND

The Tosa Skatepark opened in November 2015. Tosa Skateboarders United is partnering with Grindline Skateparks to create an expansion that allows for less congestion during peak usage, enhancing the riding experience for all.

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