

# Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association



# Newsletter February

## ANNUAL MEETING: APRIL 18

## GET INVOLVED IN TETNA



*Board president David Paulsen presents Tosa East senior Ricky Serrano with the 2017 TETNA scholarship at last year's annual meeting.*

### By David Paulsen

I've never met anyone who hated living in our neighborhood. Sure, we grumble sometimes about parking or traffic or maybe our neighbors' peculiar habits. But overall, we live here because we've come to love it. And I suspect for many of us, a big part of why we love it traces to the countless hours of volunteer time that residents

give to neighborhood organizations, such as the PTA, Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts or your neighborhood association.

With TETNA's annual meeting set for April 18, I'd invite you to consider attending and, more importantly, taking on a more active role with your neighborhood association.

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### COMING UP

#### FEBRUARY

12 TETNA monthly meeting

#### MARCH

12 TETNA monthly meeting

24 Spring Egg Hunt

#### APRIL

9 TETNA monthly meeting

18 TETNA annual meeting

#### MAY

14 TETNA monthly meeting

19 Run Tosa Run

## LAMPPOST SIGN UPDATE

Our campaign to add TETNA-branded signs to lampposts in our neighborhood is going strong. Check out where the campaign stands in the story on Page 6.



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### BOARD MEMBERS

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Christina Piel  
Kristen Stoll  
Kevin White

### ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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.

### THANK YOU

A special thanks to Milwaukee County Parks for use of the Center Street Park Pavilion for our meetings this year.

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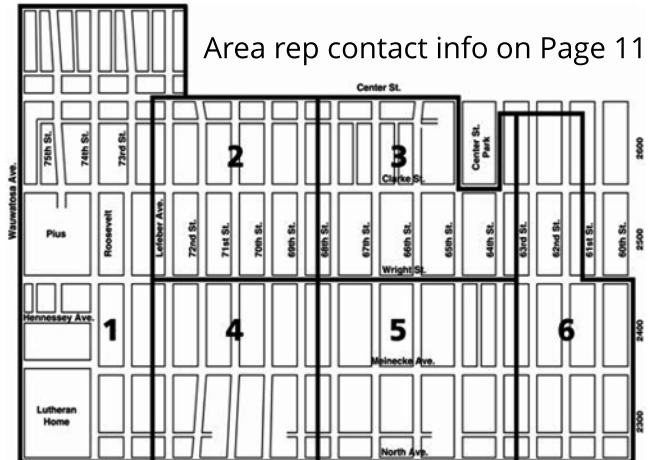
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Participants in the Run Tosa Run 5K take off from the 2017 race's starting line. Photo by Mindy Mays.

# Most fun you'll have on 2 feet!

Run Tosa Run, our annual 5K race and kids' run, is one of Tosa East Towne's spring highlights. It is sponsored by BelAir Cantina and GRAEF and benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities Eastern Wisconsin.



This is an event for the whole neighborhood to enjoy as spring returns to the tree-lined streets that form our course. We also look forward to utilizing the new park located at 69th Street and North Avenue. And each year, we have great East Tosa prizes,



some impressive runners and plenty of fun for the kids.

The 5K race costs \$25 through May 1, increasing to \$30 after that. The kids' run is \$8. For full details and to register or volunteer, visit [runtosarun.org](http://runtosarun.org).

# TETNA SCHOLARSHIP NOW \$750

*Neighborhood high school seniors encouraged to apply*

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

Seniors in our neighborhood should apply by Feb. 9. Info at [tosaeasttowne.org/scholarship](http://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](mailto: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 18.


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## EGG HUNT IS MARCH 24

Few of TETNA's events have seen such steady annual growth as the Spring Egg Hunt. With beautiful weather last year, attendance was well over 100 children, and we are gearing up for another big day at Spring Egg Hunt 2018, scheduled for March 24 at Center Street Park.

The event is for young children, roughly ages 10 and under. We will have a staggered start to allow the younger participants a chance to find their eggs before sending the older kids across the park as well. Children should bring their own egg baskets.

Families are encouraged to arrive

around 10 a.m. and enjoy snacks

and drinks, as well as chocolates from our sponsor, Indulgence Chocolatiers. We also will have crafts in the pavilion and maybe even some curious critters to check out.

Thanks to our past coordinator, Kathleen Flanders, for all her work. We welcome Maghan White as our new coordinator this year. Please contact her at [maghan.white@gmail.com](mailto:maghan.white@gmail.com) to volunteer to help with the event.



## TETNA'S SIGN CAMPAIGN NEARS GOAL

### By Kristen Stoll

In October, the TETNA board began a fundraising campaign to redesign the Tosa East Towne logo and install signs on lampposts throughout the neighborhood. With great appreciation to those who have contributed, we are excited to announce that we are nearing our

goal of \$2,500. Get the latest updates and make your donation at [tosaeasttowne.org/signs](http://tosaeasttowne.org/signs).

Work continues as board members review the many submissions through our new design request, begin working on sign production and plan installation in the spring. Watch for updates on our progress.

# TETNA's events depend on members like you

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Events like the nighttime Trick or Treat, Spring Egg Hunt and Run Tosa Run only happen because of volunteers like you, and the help you can provide may only require a few hours. It also might turn into something you look forward to each year.

We also are looking for residents interested in taking on leadership roles:

- Board members
- Board officers (such as treasurer)
- Newsletter editing
- Event planning
- Scholarship review

And we're always looking for new ideas. Maybe you have a few, about how to make our neighborhood even better. Share them with us and learn more at **our annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 18**. Check our website and Facebook page for location updates.

# Center St. Park news

The Friends of Center Street Park was first formed nearly five years ago, and its first board officially appointed in March 2015. With all the original officers still serving, the time has come for new blood on the board of FOCSP.

In addition, we are always in need of volunteers for various jobs from serving on the board to chairing committees to helping with park events. The greatest need is in the following areas:

- Board of Directors
- Current Committees
- New Committees
- Event Volunteers

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with Spring Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 9-11 a.m.

As the year progresses, we will also need volunteers for Fall Fest and for the WaterStone rinks. Volunteers may be needed for other events or projects as they arise. Watch for announcements on our website and Facebook page.



## Metcalfe's fundraiser is a success

Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association is grateful to Metcalfe's Market for choosing us as its community partner in November. Residents who used our coupon saved 5% percent on groceries all month, and Metcalfe's matched that 5% with donations to TETNA. The results are in, and we succeeded in raising the maximum of \$1,000, which will be used to support the events and activities that TETNA brings to the neighborhood.

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*Families gather at Center Street Park for the kickoff event for TETNA's nighttime Trick or Treat.*

## FALL NEIGHBORHOOD RECAP

# Thanks to our Trick or Treat sponsors!

Our Tosa East Towne nighttime Trick or Treat is one of TETNA's biggest events of the year and a major part of our annual membership drive. This year was bigger and better than ever, with a new kickoff event, more free items for participants and the support of three great sponsors: Hue Vietnamese, Mathnasium Wauwatosa and Philleo Agency Insurance.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and to all who

participated. We had more than 500 registered Trick-or-Treaters and many more people handing out candy around the neighborhood.

Our kickoff event at Center Street Park drew dozens of costumed characters, who marched around the pavilion and participated in a costume contest.

Thanks to all who contributed to this year's event. If you would like to help plan next



year's event, please email Breanna Suskey-Peyton at [peytonfam@att.net](mailto:peytonfam@att.net).





## TASTE OF EAST TOSA

Turnout continues to grow year after year at our Taste of East Tosa event, held in the Wauwatosa Historic Society's Kneeland-Walker House.

This year's event drew dozens of eager residents, who sampled delicious offerings provided by Red Dot Tosa, Lutheran Home & Harwood Place, North Avenue Grill, Rocket Baby Bakery, Irie Zulu, Tall Guy and a Grill Catering, Tosa Bowl and Bun, BelAir Cantina and Village Cheese Shop.

Thanks to all our participating restaurants!



## FALL FEST

Finally, we commend Friends of Center Street Park for putting on another great Fall Fest in October, filling the park with pumpkin carving, scarecrow making and apple bobbing.

The pumpkin chucking was a big hit again this year, and the musical performers were top notch.

# Book events set for February

## By Nancy Hall

Each year in February, Tosa's All-City Read invites the community to gather for book discussions and other events inspired by our annual selection. This year, we read "Lab Girl" by acclaimed biochemist and geobiologist Hope Jahren.

Her book is an account of her life as a young woman making her way in the male dominated world of science, accompanied by her eccentric and gifted lab partner, Bill Hagopian. Her personal stories are beautifully intertwined with relevant observations on the lives of plants, making the book a treat to read.

As you might imagine, our events this year have an emphasis on science and on plants. One of the highlights of last year's month of activities was the scavenger hunt, which was held on an extraordinarily balmy day in February. This year's event, The Amazing Tosa Race Scavenger Hunt, will extend through most of the month from Feb. 1 until the final party and award ceremony on Feb. 25.

Another month-long activity will be the opportunity to purchase a tree to plant at a Tosa school.

Other events include a succulent dish garden workshop, a talk by UWM geologist, Dyanna Czeck, an aromatherapy workshop and an opportunity to create an original painting on the theme of Dandelion Dreams at Arte. There will be several opportunities to discuss the book with friends and neighbors at various local venues, including Cafe Blue in the TETNA neighborhood. As always, there will be a book club competition, a writing competition and an art competition. For more info, visit [tosasallcityread.com](http://tosasallcityread.com) or [facebook.com/TosasAllCityRead](https://www.facebook.com/TosasAllCityRead).



## SENIOR SCENE

# RESIDENTS SOUGHT FOR OUTREACH TO SENIORS

The Neighborhood Association Council and the Wauwatosa Senior Commission are teaming up to provide older residents with a new way to obtain and share information with their neighbors. TETNA's senior representative, Mary Cook, is looking for folks interested in volunteering their time as a senior liaison.

If you are interested in participating, looking for more information or would like to sign up for an upcoming training, **call Mary at 414-870-3363**. All are welcome, though much of the information distributed will pertain to older residents.

The Senior Liaison Program is designed to create an environment of inclusion for all older adults that will encourage them to remain in Wauwatosa as they age. The senior liaisons will connect our older adults to people, activities and resources.

To accomplish this, each neighborhood association is recruiting at least one or two senior liaisons who will reach out to their neighborhoods' older adults to make that connection. At the trainings, they will receive information folders to distribute to seniors at

neighborhood and citywide events.

The program will be a partnership between the senior liaisons and the neighborhood association, working together to tailor their efforts to the needs of the neighborhood's older adult community. The Senior Commission will oversee this program and be an active partner.

## At the Senior Center

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### Victorian-era Funeral Practices & Traditions

Feb. 21: Join retired mortician Steven Person, dressed in 19th Century undertaker garb, as you learn the origin of such phrases as "for whom the bell tolls", "saved by the bell," "the graveyard shift" and others, at 1:30 p.m. \$2 for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

### Eat Better, Move More

10-week series of nutrition and physical activity classes about choosing healthful foods and being physically active, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 27 to May 1. \$20 fee.

### Trip: Around the Tosa Town

Feb. 13: Tosa West planetarium, Saz's for lunch, Village Cheese Shop and Tabal Chocolate. Sign-up deadline Feb. 1, \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers.

### Trip: Trouble at the Tropicabana

March 10: Take a walk down memory lane with Lucy, Ricky, Fred, and Ethel in this show at Memories in Port Washington. Sign-up deadline Feb. 15, \$62 for members, \$67 for nonmembers.

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# City reviews options for East Tosa creek

The Schoonmaker Creek runs from Kops Park neighborhood in Milwaukee in storm pipes underground to the Washington Highlands, where it is in an open channel until Vliet Street and then goes back underground, eventually terminating into the Menomonee River.

The City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District (MMSD), and Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) held an open house in November on the East Tosa

Schoonmaker Flood Study. The extreme rain events of 2010 caused flooding throughout the region. The City of Wauwatosa, MMSD, and SEWRPC have been working together on a comprehensive study to understand what possible investments in infrastructure could mitigate this flooding from reoccurring.

Information was provided on the history of the flooding and infrastructure alternatives to mitigate flooding from reoccurring. SEWRPC accepted public

input on this phase of their plan throughout the month of November and will provide the City of Wauwatosa with a final plan in 2018 that will include several possible options for construction.

City engineers will review the findings and develop estimated construction costs for them, which will be shared with the Common Council. There will be further opportunities for public comment in the future.

No decisions have been made yet. TETNA will update residents as plans progress.

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