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Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting -The State of the Neighborhood

On April 22, 2015, neighbors gathered at Cranky Al's for the Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting provides members with information on the state of our neighborhood and all the ways the TETNA board is working to make it better.

While the attendees munched on pizza they heard from our Aldermen Bobby Pantuso and Joel Tilleson about all of the exciting changes coming to East Tosa.

We also heard from Officer McDermott of

the Wauwatosa Police Department Community Support Division. He spoke about some upcoming Wauwatosa Crime Stoppers events. Officer McDermott also mentioned that the department is looking into expanding the ways that it communicates with Wauwatosa Residents. We recommend you follow the Wauwatosa Police Department on Facebook for helpful information and updates.

Board President Christina Piel discussed all of the events the Board puts on for the members including the upcoming Run Tosa Run and rummage sale. Each year the volunteers work very hard to make these events fun and exciting for Tosa East Towne residents.

The TETNA scholarship was presented at the meeting to Katherine Piel, a senior at Tosa East High School (see p. 7 for more information on the scholarship).

Finally the members elected a board to serve TETNA for the upcoming 2015-2016 term. We were fortunate that several members of the board agreed to continue serving the association in the new term. David Paulsen, and Malissa Westcott have agreed to join the board's efforts this year. Please join us in welcoming them to the board. We were sad to say good bye to Bobby Pantuso and Renee Fensin. We would like to thank them for their years of service to TETNA.

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Hello Neighbors!

I met my new neighbor yesterday. She hadn't even moved in yet, but she was taking the initiative to knock on doors and introduce herself. We had a pleasant conversation about the merits of her new house, talked a little bit about her dog, and shared contact information. At one point she asked me if I knew a lot of the people on the block. Initially I said yes, but then as I looked up and down my block I realized that while I politely nodded to many of my neighbors, I didn't really know their names, or much about them. Unlike my new neighbor, I hadn't taken the chance to stop and actually meet many of the people who live near me.

There are advantages to knowing your neighbors well. You work together to keep an eye on your homes and property. You know when something suspicious is happening. The police department promotes the concept of a block watch for just this reason. You are also there to support each other cases of emergency. Or, if you know your neighbors well, and you are short an egg for that cake you are baking, they might have an extra to share.

The neighbors I know well, I met as our children attended school together. The others, I have met at our annual block party. If has been a while since your street organized such an event, it is really easy. The complete details are available on the City of Wauwatosa website. Essentially: pick a date, fill out a permit (at least 3 weeks before), have it signed by your neighbors, block off the street and meet in the middle with chairs and some food. That's all it takes. Some blocks get a little more elaborate and plan potlucks, fire up a couple of grills, organize some children's games. (Our block organizers even arranged for the new ladder truck from the fire department to come last year. The kids (and adults) were very impressed.) While we stand around and watch the kids gleefully scooter down the blocked street, we are able to share names, talk about home improvements, and get more comfortable with each other.

If you already have great contacts with your immediate neighbors, then extend yourself to our association. We are always looking for new volunteers, new leaders, new helpers, and new ideas to make our corner of Tosa the best it can be. As we do that, we get to know each other better too. Check out our website, our Facebook page and this newsletter, and find a way to get connected.

Thanks to the chairpersons of our recent events, especially Kathleen Flanders and Nicole Gerboth for organizing the Spring Egg Hunt, our most well attended hunt in recent years! The addition of chickens and bunnies is a nice touch. We also want to thank our board members who finished their service on the board recently: Bobby Pantuso and Renee Fensin. Both served on the board for many years and helped our association in countless ways. We will miss their input and insight at our board meetings. If you have an interest in being part of the leadership of TETNA, contact Christina, cpiel@wi.rr.com.



Christina Piel Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Assn. President

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ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Association meetings are open to everyone in the Tosa East Towne neighborhood. Please feel free to attend. Meetings for 2015 are currently scheduled for January 18, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19 and November 12.

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. The meeting locations are to be determined and will be announced on Facebook.

Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association Philosophy

To provide a welcoming and nurturing environment, and to maintain the quality of life and the sense of community through shared interest and neighborhood interaction.

TETNA Gardens - Proper Tree-Trimming and Thinning

Now that the frigid winter is over, you may find that you have some dead branches on your trees. Of course, if the branch is of considerable size, call in an expert: There is no need for putting oneself in danger! But if the branch is smaller and more manageable, here are some tips to keep the tree healthy and happy.

Assess the branch and see if it is too long to be removed all in one piece. Remove smaller, thinner branches from it, cut off the end or in half, in order to make it more manageable. Start at the end of the branch and remove sticks in 4-foot lengths. Then move closer to the tree trunk to remove another section of the branch.

One common mistake of tree-trimming is to start on the top of the branch and just cut downward. The problem with doing this is that when the weight of the branch is no longer attached to the tree, it will begin to fall and rip a nasty tear down the trunk, leaving the tree susceptible to bugs and infections.

First, make a small cut on the <u>under</u> side of the branch about a foot away the from the branch's collar. This will prevent the tearing since we will have severed the wood fibers where the tear would occur. The second cut is made on the top of the branch, connecting to the first cut, removing the majority of the branch and leaving a one foot length.

To finish the job, start your third cut on top of the branch, next to the collar. Make the cut as clean as possible as rough, open areas can invite pests and infection. Since the weight of the branch is gone, there will be no sudden release and the chance of tearing is removed. You may still want to make a small cut on the underside, next to the collar, just in case you left too much length of branch with your other cuts. Do not cut the collar off, but cut on the diagonal following the line of the collar.

Do not leave any length of the branch on the tree, which would have an unattractive shape and leave dead wood on the tree, which invites organisms to find a home.

In a tree-trimmer's opinion, an abomination that happens to poor unsuspecting trees is the practice called "Topping" or cutting off a large branch leaving blunt ends. This leaves your tree "weakened, disfigured and mutilated." Be sure that the trimming you do is in accord with the graceful natural growth of your tree, removing inner branches to thin the tree, without disfiguring it. The trim job should not be noticeable to the average viewer. Follow the threestep process for thinning the tree branches.

In Wauwatosa, we love our trees and want to keep them for as long as possible. These tips will help save you money and keep your trees healthy and happy and beautiful.



Interested in gardening?

If you have an interest in gardening or you have always wanted to start a garden and didn't know where to begin, consider joining the Gardening group. The group is a way for neighbors with an interest in gardening to come together and learn from each other.

The Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association would love to help neighbors

connect with other neighbors with similar interests. If you have a group that is looking for new members or you would like to start a new group, please fill out the Groups Interest Form (on p. 9) or contact Sarah Hunt-Frank at 774-1813 or slhuntfrank@gmail.com.



Spring Egg Hunt

Though the weather wasn't exactly spring-like, more than 70 children came to gather over 1200 eggs at the 11th Annual TETNA Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th. The festivities at Center Park included breakfast and coffee, crafts for the kids. We were grateful for sunny skies, low winds and, most importantly, NO SNOW!!

We were lucky to have chickens and a bunny visit from a farm in Jefferson. The chickens seemed happy to visit East Tosa as they laid 5 eggs during their time here.

Thank you to all the volunteers that pitched in to make this event happen-it's true that many hands make light work. The Egg Hunt is a great way to reconnect with your neighbors and visit the park after the cold winter, and it was wonderful to see such a great turnout. If you have any great ideas to add to or improve the egg hunt, please contact Kathleen-Flanders at katflanders@yahoo.com











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Run Tosa Run May 16, 2015 Kids' Run - 8:30 AM 5K Run/Walk - 9:00 AM



Run Tosa Run is back for another year with a chip timed 5k run and a kids' run through the beautiful tree-lined streets of East Tosa. The proceeds of the event will again benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The course will truly showcase TETNA, spanning the full neighborhood from Roosevelt Elementary to Center Street Park to North Ave. It will be a great opportunity to show off our wonderful neighborhood. If you have friends and family who run, encourage them to join in on all the fun.

The kids' run is for children 10 and under. The run will cover about a half-mile loop around a city block. This run will not be timed.

The 5K course will be USTAF certified this year. Real time race results will be provided by Absolute Race Timing and awards will be presented after the race has been completed.

Not a runner? Why not volunteer?

We need volunteers to fill a variety of rolls including course monitoring, kids' race, registration table, water stations, refreshments and post-race cleanup. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our Volunteer Spot (<u>http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/326029464055</u>) or email <u>runtosarun@gmail.com</u> for more information.

TETNA join us on May 16th and Run, Cheer or Volunteer!



*Note to residents who live within the race boundaries, the course will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please move your vehicles prior by 8:30 if you will need access to them during the run.

Friends of Center Street Park

Successful Season for the Waterstone Bank Ice Rink

Thank you to everyone who made this such a success, from the planners to concession workers, the hosers and the many ice skaters. It

was a wonderful season. We plan to bring the rink back next season bigger and better than ever.



Park Clean Up May 9, 2015, 8 am – noon

Please help us get Center Street Park ready for summer. Bring your gloves, rakes, shovels and wheel barrows and help us clean up the park. We will also be organizing the ice skates and storing them storing them until the rink opens next season.

If you are interested in helping out, please visit our Volunteer Spot (http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/147495014037). We hope to see you there.





TGIT – Thank Goodness It's Thursday

2015 Dates Events start at 6:30 pm

This adultsonly event is the perfect time to catch up with your neighbors, make some



new friends, and enjoy one of East Tosa's fine establishments.

We hope you will join us!

May 21 -- Camp Bar June 18 -- Hue July 16 -- Red Dot August 27 -- Bel Air September -- TBA October -- TBA November 12 -- Kneeland Walker House December -- Holiday Social



TETNA Scholarship Awarded

For the past several years, the Tosa East Towne Neighborhood Association has funded a scholarship which is awarded to a neighborhood high school senior who is planning on furthering his or her education. The scholarship is funded through members' donations and by concession sales at the Block Party. The scholarship committee awards the scholarship to the applicant who best exemplifies the TET-NA philosophy of providing a welcoming and nurturing environment, and maintaining the quality of life and the sense of community through shared interest and neighborhood interaction.

This year's winner is Katie Piel, a senior at Wauwatosa East High School.

During her 4 years at Tosa East, Katie has been active in Key Club through which she has participated in or volunteered for blood drives, Relay for Life, and other fundraiser/charity events. She is also very involved in the Tosa East Players. Katie has served on the Players' Executive Board and has been a State Manager for six productions. She is also involved in the Raider Link Crew as a leader for the Freshmen orientation on the first day of school and as a mentor throughout the year to provide encouragement and advice.

Katie takes the skills she has learned in these activities and uses them in her home and personal life. She also looks for other ways she can engage with the greater community and has been involved with several TETNA activities. As Katie says "I have a great neighborhood with lots of opportunities to get involved, and I am happy to be a part of it."

Congratulations Katie!





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Tosa East Towne Rummage Sale Saturday, June 6 8:00am to 3:00pm Tosa East Towne Neighborhood (N 60th Street to N 76th Street, Between W North Ave and W Center Street)

Our neighborhood-wide rummage sale for 2014 is Saturday, June 7, from 8am-3pm. We hope to see many of you buying and selling at this event!

To register your rummage sale with the TETNA sale, you can REGISTER BY MAIL using the form below or REGISTER ONLINE (information on online registration can be found on the TETNA website <u>www.tosaeasttowne.org</u> and our Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/TosaEastTowne</u>). No phone registrations, please.

The REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31.

The rummage is **FREE for TETNA members** and \$5 for non-members.

When you register for the TETNA rummage sale:

• Your sale information will be included in the overall map and listing that will be available to shoppers.

• TETNA will place signs on the perimeter of the neighborhood and publicize the neighborhood sale in local media.

TETNA will publish an online printable map that is only available until the end of the sale.

You can call attention to your sale with any signage or banners you want to, knowing that shoppers will be looking for your sale!

If you're interested in helping with the rummage sale in any capacity, or if you have questions, please email Sarah Hunt-Frank at slhuntfrank@gmail.com.

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Tips for Successful Rummage Sales

Do you have too much stuff? Do you want clear out old stuff to make way for new? The TETNA rummage sale is the perfect time to get rid of your unwanted stuff. Here are some tips to help you turn your junk in to someone else's treasure.

The first key is to make your sale attractive so people will want to stop and shop. You will want to have a lot of stuff at your sale. The more stuff you have in your sale, the more likely you are to attract shoppers.

Turn passersby into shoppers is to have some larger items like furniture or large kids' toys. Put these large items in the front yard so they are visible from the road. Large and interesting items will cause people to get out of their cars for a closer look.

Another way to make your sale attractive is to keep the sale condensed. If things are too spread out, the sale will look picked over, like the good things are already gone. If you notice that things are looking to sparse and spread out during the sale, take down a table and condense the items onto fewer tables.

Here are some other great ideas to organize your items for prime selling:

- Like things should be grouped together, kitchen things with kitchen things, tools with tools, etc.
- Have a bin of 25 cent (or even free) kids toys to occupy the kiddies so mom and dad can shop! The kids love being able to purchase a trinket too!
- Remember to have an extension cord ready to demonstrate the function of any appliances for the consumer.

Let's talk pricing. One thing to remember when getting ready for your rummage sale is to price items reasonably. Approximate 10% of the value of an item to get a reasonable rummage price. If your prices are too high, people may browse but no one will buy. To save some prep time, you could price items by table. For example, everything on this table is \$1. Or you can purchase the pre-priced tags.

Have change ready. A few days before the sale, head to the bank for a roll of quarters, 25 \$1 bills, a few \$5s.

Put the kids to work selling lemonade and other baked goods. After a busy day of rummaging, shoppers will be happy to purchase lemonade and cookies. This is a great way to teach kids about money and the value of working hard.

So now you are ready to lessen the stuff in your house, get people to carry your stuff away, and put some green stuff in your pocket! Good luck and happy selling

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Youth Service Directory

How many times have you said to yourself I wish I had someone to mow the lawn, rake the leaves or shovel the snow? How many times have you wished you could find a babysitter or mother's helper to give you the break you need?

How many times have you heard your teens wishing they could earn some money?

The TETNA youth services directory is here to help. Youth can list the services they are willing to perform. Residents in need of help can access the directory to find the help they need. The residents and youth will then contract amongst themselves for the service.

Email Sarah Hunt-Frank at

slhuntfrank@gmail.com to get on the Youth Directory. This directory is distributed to Tosa East Towne NA families only and will not be given to anyone outside our neighborhood or released online. Privacy and discretion will be administered.

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- Quilting ٥
- Playgroup ٥
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- Softball Team ٥
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Are you looking for ways to earn some extra money? Provide your information for FREE in the TETNA Youth Services Directory. This directory list members' children who are interested in doing jobs in the neighborhood. Members can access the list when looking for baby sitters, yard work, etc.

All fees for services are to be arranged by the parties involved. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Directory, please contact Sarah Hunt-Frank at slhuntfrank@gmail.com

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| Service(s) Offered: |
| Parental Consent: |
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- Mother Daughter Book Club ٥

See You This Summer!

TETNA Block Party and Movie Night

Center Street Park

Our biggest summer event: the TETNA Block Party and Movie

Night in the Park is coming this August This event will provide a great chance to meet your neighbors and have fun in the summer sun.

Tosa East Town

There will be plenty of fun for all ages. Come hungry because volunteers will be firing up the grills to sell hot dogs and brats. All proceeds from concession sales will go towards the TETNA scholarship fund. You can jump into a friendly game of volleyball or softball. Or find a picnic table in a shady spot and enjoy the good company of friends, both old and new.

When dusk arrives and the street lights come on it's not time to go home. Spread a blanket on the grass, grab some popcorn and enjoy a family friendly movie under the stars.

Windows Into Wauwatosa

The Neighborhood Association Council of Wauwatosa will host the 3rd Annual Windows Into Wauwatosa, a free, city-wide event, on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Sponsored by ShoreWest Realtors and Waterstone Bank, the event, modeled on the Doors Open Milwaukee concept, will allow visitors to tour over 20



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locations around our great city. The locations will be open from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Historic sites, as well as community buildings, schools, churches and businesses will be offering a behindthe-scenes look at places rarely open to the public.

Some of the sites open this year include the 19th Century Schoolhouse at the Kneeland Walker House, the Ronald McDonald House and Gardens, the Fire Station and the Wauwatosa Public Works building Also on the tour this year, Big Head Brewing Co, Wauwatosa's only microbrewery.

Whether you are new to Wauwatosa or a long time resident, you are sure to find new treasures to enjoy.

East Tosa Gran Prix

The East Tosa Gran Prix returns to the neighborhood for its third year.

The Tour of America's Dairyland is the largest competitive professional cycling event in the United States.



The events take place in eleven cities in Southeastern Wisconsin over eleven days. The Tour attracts professional riders from around the world. In addition to the professional racers, amateur cyclists of different ages and skill levels will participate in races throughout the day.

The East Tosa race will be a criterium course through the neighborhood. For those not familiar with cycling. a criterium is a multi-lap race on a short course loop up to 80 times, usually less than a mile. Imagine the professional cyclists zooming through the neighborhood at up to 35 miles an hour. It is an exciting site to behold.

This year the course will be moving further east in our neighborhood. Please stay tuned to the Gran Prix's Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>EastTosaGranPrix</u>) for more information.

The Gran Prix is not just one race. It is an all-day cycling party starting with the junior boys and girls race (ages 10 to 15) at 10:30 and culminating in the men's professional race at 6:30 p.m.

This event is not just about cycling. The Tour of America's Dairyland website describes it as "a massive neighborhood event complete with entertainment, family fun, and kids' activities. And it's FREE to come and watch." Spectators, local, national and international, are asked to "experience communities you've never before been or get to know your own Downtown a little better. Enjoy a hot cup of this, a cool sip of that, a taste of local culinary creation, and spend some time seeing what the local merchants have to offer!"



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Senior Scene

Thursday, May 7: Milwaukee Church Tour Day Trip 8:30-4:30. Learn history and enjoy architecture from our guide at each stop. Lunch will be at George Watts Tea Room. \$60 members, \$65 for non-members.

Monday, May 11: "Mildred Fish Harnack—The Only American Ever Executed on Hitler's Director Order" by Ellie Gettinger at 1 p.m. She was a literary historian translator and German Resistance fighter in Nazi German who was born in Milwaukee and attended UW-Madison. \$5 for member, \$8 for non-members.

Monday, May 11: "Jazz & Such" plays from 3:30 to 5. FREE to members, or \$1 donation.

Friday, May 15: Deadline to sign up for Drury Lane trip to see "Billy Elliott" on Thursday, June 4. \$70 for members, \$75 for non-members.

Tuesday, May 19: "Medicare Made Clear" by United Health Care at 10:30. Learn how it can work for you. FREE, but please sign up.

Tuesday, **May 19**: Birthday celebration at 1:30 for all members born in May. Call Center to register and bring a friend.

Wednesday, May 20: "15th Anniversary Gala" celebrating Hart Park Senior Center. FREE Open House 4 to 5:30. Catered dinner and entertainment at 5:30 for \$15

Thursday, May 21: Contemporary Book Club selects titles for next season's discussions at 12:45. Bring titles of contemporary books.

Thursday, May 28: "Blood Pressure: Why it is Important" presented by Walgreens. Develop strategies to manage it. Blood pressure screenings provided at 10:30. FREE, but register.

Wednesday, June 3: Newly formed "Walking Group" at 8:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Enjoy a walk through Hart Park and beyond.

Monday, June 8: "Jazz & Such" plays from 3:30 to 5. FREE for members or \$1 donation.

Tuesday, June 9: "Are We De-Volving?" presented by Kemp Chiropractic at 10:30 p.m. FREE, but register, please.

Tuesday, June 16: Birthday Party for all members born in June. Call to register and bring a friend.

Wednesday, June 17: "Special Summer Celebration Lunch" with entertainment. Usual \$2.50 donation. NOTE: must register by noon the day before with the meal program to participate. **Thursday, June 18**: "Florence Nightingale: The Lady With the Lamp" by Historian Jo McReynolds Blochowiak. Learn more about this nurse and Crimean War heroine at 1 p.m. \$5 for member, \$8 for non-members.

Tuesday, June 23: Day Trip: "Explore Kohler Wisconsin" from 8:30 to 5. Docent-led tour of The American Club and a self-guided tour of The Design Center. After the included lunch there will be a docent-led tour of The Kohler Art Museum. \$50 for members, \$55 for non-members.

Tuesday, June 23: Walgreen's "Brown Bag Program" at 10:30 a.m. Bring in your list of medications and be alerted to instruction and information to look for. FREE, but register.

Friday, **June 26**: "Bicycle Outing" at 2 p.m. Weekly rides along the Oak Leaf Trail—from Hart Park, along the Menomonee River to Hoyt Park and beyond. Bring your bike and helmet.

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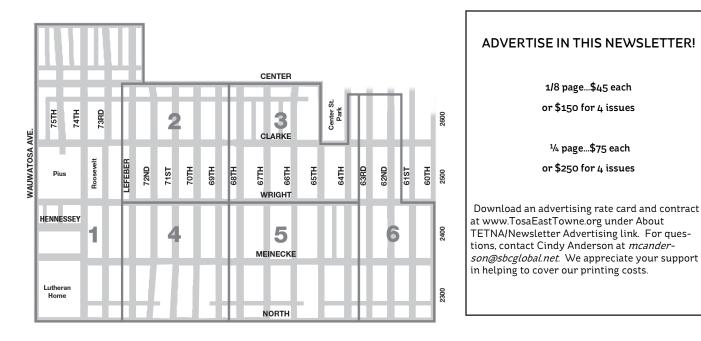
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