



TOSA EAST TOWNE

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

State of the Community



“We’ve got to lock it up. We’ve got to lock it up. We’ve got to lock it up.” Wauwatosa Police Officer Don Semega said that is the main message he’d like to get across to Tosa residents.

Speaking at TETNA’s annual meeting, Officer Semega said Wauwatosa has enjoyed a steady decline in crime over the last several years. “However, in 2009 there was an ever so slight uptick,” he said. “Then in the early part of 2010, we saw a decline except in one area—burglaries.”

Officer Semega said 85% of burglaries occur in buildings that are left unlocked. In two or three cases this past winter, homes were burglarized while residents were inside asleep.

With the arrival of spring, Officer Semega reminds residents to keep their garage doors and garden sheds closed and locked, as well. It only takes a few seconds for a crime to occur.

Any resident or business owner can request a security survey be done on their property. You can contact the Wauwatosa Police Department’s Community Support Division at 471-8430. Depending on the property, it takes the officer 20 minutes to an hour to give you a report on how to improve the safety and security of your home or business.

The Neighborhood Block Watch program has been an asset to East Towne for decades. Officer Semega gave kudos to Bobby Pantuso and Meg Miller of North Avenue Neighborhood Alliance for their efforts to create a watch program for businesses in East Towne.

Pantuso said they now have the means to immediately alert business owners to any crime that takes place along North Avenue. He said Mike Barron of Infinity Investment Group has a phone system that allows him to post a recorded message on the internet. Pantuso said the system then autodialers every business in

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 10 7:00 PM
Association Meeting
Lutheran Home, 7500 W. North Avenue
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
- 29 Rummage Registration Deadline

JUNE

- 5 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Annual Rummage Sale
- 12 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
North Avenue Clean and Green
- 14 7:00 PM
Association Meeting
Lutheran Home, 7500 W. North Avenue
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

JULY

- 12 7:00 PM
Association Meeting
Lutheran Home, 7500 W. North Avenue
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
- 30 Fun Run Registration Deadline

AUGUST

- 9 7:00 PM
Association Meeting
Lutheran Home, 7500 W. North Avenue
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
- 14 8:00 AM
East Towne Fun Run/Walk
Center Street Park, 64th and Clarke
- 21 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Block Party and Movie in the Park
Center Street Park, 64th and Clarke

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2010

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Ruth Heup	Kim Cole
Bobby Pantuso	

President's Letter

HELLO, TETNA!

I am so excited at the prospect of a TETNA Run that winds through the streets of our great neighborhood! It has been my pet project this year to get this launched and off the ground. As I spread the word, I found people who are even more excited about it than I! Thanks to Craig Brittingham and Mary Raebel for getting this started!



We had our first committee meeting in March, to pick a date, a route, the fee, and set the registration form. We divided the duties and conquered!

I am so thankful to the committee members, who have stepped forward to launch this event, their passion for our neighborhood and the support to our community.

The next element is you. Yes, you. For the Run to be successful, we need some runners and some walkers. We need some cheerleaders and some armchair coaches. So if you can move along the pavement, register for the first ever TETNA Run/Walk. If you have enthusiasm, come out and cheer our runners on.

If you have a lawn chair, pull it up to the sidewalk and tell us how it's done!

Thank you for making Tosa East Towne the best neighborhood in the world!

Sarah Hunt-Frank, President

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the database and leaves the message. If it dials the number and no one answers, it will text an alternate number.

Pantuso said they also plan to include businesses east of 60th Street in the watch program, because "criminals don't care if Milwaukee begins or ends on 60th Street."

Also at the annual meeting, Officer Semega talked about meth houses. He said there's been a lot of questions since news broke this past winter of a possible meth house in Tosa. As a neighbor or landlord, Officer Semega said there are some things to look for that may indicate a meth house:

- Unusual odors, the kind that burn the eyes and nose
- covered windows
- strange ventilation: tubing running out of a window, the sound of fans or blowers
- elaborate security, i.e. padlocks on the outside of doors or windows, "beware" signs
- dead vegetation from chemicals
- unusual trash: cold tablet packaging; lithium batteries that have been torn apart; used coffee filters stained by white, yellow powder; antifreeze; Freon; drain cleaners; paint thinners; plastic soda bottles with holes near the top; rubber tubing

Officer Semega said Tosans, in general, do a great job looking out for each other. He said it's important to remember to trust your first instinct. "Unfortunately, when it comes to crime, we see suspicious activity and we tend to rationalize it, we tend to overlook it.

"If it looks suspicious, call the police. If it turns out to be nothing—so what?" said Officer Semega. "Your guys and gals in polyester are out there eight hours a day. They get paid to check this stuff out. Let us earn our money."

If you are curious about crime trends in the city, you can check out Officer Semega's Community Roll Call blog on www.wauwatosanow.com. He also highly recommends the police blotter in the weekly Wauwatosa Now community newspaper.

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Clean Up the Avenue!

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 ■ 9AM-11AM

Walk down to your nearest corner on North Avenue with a weeding tool in hand. Remove the unsightly weeds and garbage to help out our local small business owners and boost pride in North Avenue.



WHO CAN HELP?

- Businesses along North Avenue
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Are you looking for ways to earn some extra money? Provide your information for FREE in the TETNA Youth Directory. This directory lists kids who are interested in doing jobs in the neighborhood. Members can access the list when looking for babysitters, yard work, etc.

An online form is also available at www.TosaEastTowne.org; click on the *Membership* category.

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Annual Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 ■ 9AM-3PM

It is never too early to start cleaning your closets, de-cluttering your garage and re-organizing your basement! TETNA will hold its annual neighborhood-wide rummage sale on Saturday, June 5th. Please complete the registration form and mail it or drop it off to Colleen Seuss, 2378 N 71st St., Tosa, WI, 53213. No call-in registration, please. Deadline for rummage registration is May 29th and the rummage is free for TETNA members; for non-members the fee is \$5.00. This form is provided early this year, as the next newsletter's delivery is just before the sale.

We would like to have more yard signs this year and additional forms for spreading the word. If you're interested in helping with the rummage sale in any capacity, or if you have questions, please contact Colleen at 771-4815 or csuess1028@sbcglobal.net.

The deadline for Rummage registration is Saturday, May 29th—this will give us one week to create and distribute a database map for our shoppers!

RUMMAGE REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 ■ 9AM-3PM

Mail or bring registration form to:
Colleen Seuss, 2378 N 71st St.

Registration Deadline: **May 29, 2009**

Name:			
Address:			
Phone:			
Email:			
Check items you will have for sale:			
Baby items:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Young child:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult clothes:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Household:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tosa East Towne is a great place to be if you're a senior. Just ask Ruth Heup, the Senior Representative on the Tosa East Towne Board. Ruth has lived in the same house in Tosa East Towne for 50 years. She and her husband raised two girls and two boys there. While her children were growing up, Ruth kept busy volunteering for the usual school activities: PTA, room mother, band mother, chaperone. Now that her children are grown, Ruth is still keeping busy volunteering in the community.

Ruth's favorite thing about East Towne is that it offers so many things to do for all ages, whether you're young or old. Ruth and her daughters enjoy their girls' night out: shopping, plays and going out to dinner. Maybe you've seen Ruth in the neighborhood, sporting her purple outfit and red hat. She's a member of the Red Hatters, sponsored by the Hart Park Senior Center. Once a month, Ruth also serves meals at the senior center.

"I may be 80-years-old, but I don't feel like I'm 80. Yeah, my knees hurt, but..." But Ruth always finds a reason to get up in the morning.

For the past six years, Ruth has served as the Senior Rep for our neighborhood association. "As a senior, my ideas are important to the board. I think the board benefits from hearing my perspective as a senior." Ruth would like to encourage other seniors to get involved, as well. "I go to most of the TETNA meetings and to as many of the functions as I can." Ruth says it's a great way to meet people and find out what's going on in the neighborhood.

Ruth is also a great source of information for seniors living in our neighborhood. She says there are so many resources to help seniors with their specific needs. She says Interfaith is just one program that offers volunteers to drive seniors to appointments or pick up groceries. Ruth is active at the Hart Park Senior Center and can tell you the many services, activities and day trips that can be enjoyed there.

As the Tosa East Towne Senior Rep, Ruth recently helped connect a senior who needed someone to shovel snow and a boy looking to earn some money. Ruth says she can also be a sounding board for questions and concerns. "Even if I don't know the answer, I can find out."

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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR

Distributor needed for the 2300 block of 69th Street. If you live on this block or close to it, please consider volunteering to deliver our newsletter only four times a year. Contact Sarah Hunt-Frank at 774-1813 or slhuntfrank@att.net for more information.

Towne Tidbits

BOOKMARK OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

Changes are in the future for our website and the first is a new address. Visit www.TosaEastTowne.org and bookmark TETNA's new address. The site still features information and updates on events, downloadable forms and publications, and links that easily connect you to volunteers and board members. Breaking news and articles important to our residents are also constantly being added—so visit often!

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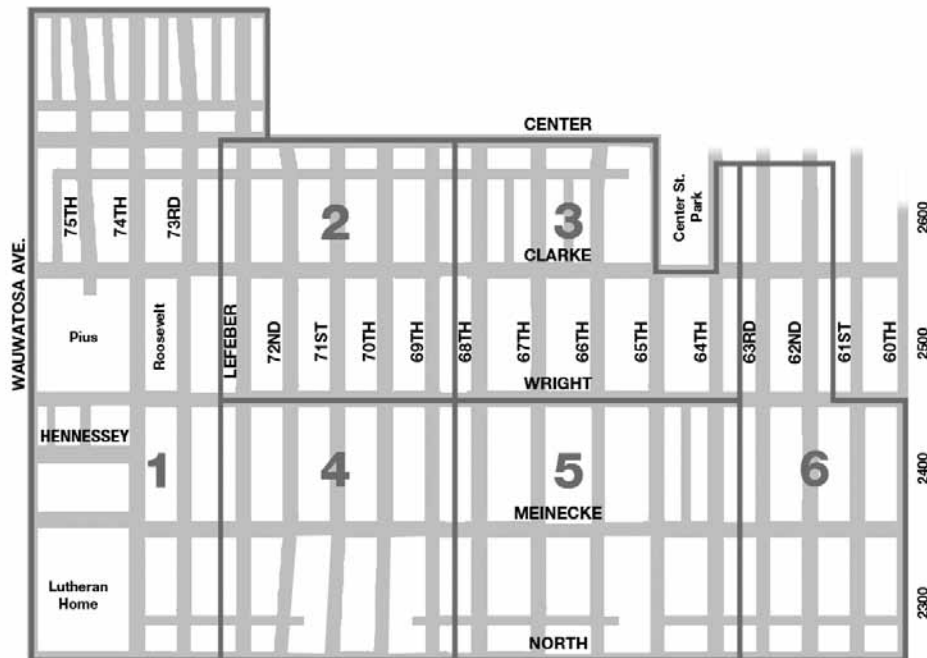
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February 8, March 8,
April 12, May 10, June 14,
July 12, August 9,
September 13, October 11,
November 8, December 13

All meetings are held at
7PM, Lutheran Home,
7500 W. North Avenue.

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