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A Neighborhood Association For You

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Everyone has their reasons for belonging to a group, whether it's a Neighborhood Association, a congregation that worships together, or just a few friends that come together on a regular basis. Think about why you'd want to be part of a Neighborhood Association in your neighborhood. A Neighborhood Association can provide an opportunity for a larger voice to be heard, it can keep an eye on crime and in doing so help maintain property values, or it can just be the offer of a helping hand in a time of need. It can be all these things for you.

Believe it or not, it can also keep you young. How? Well, my grandfather used to tell me that as you get older, time goes by faster and faster. Part of it, he explained, was that it's harder and harder to find something you haven't done or experienced before. He would try, each day, to find something new in his life or to do something he'd done before differently. In other words, variety is the spice of life.

Have you ever heard, "How can you expect to know anyone else, if you can never even know yourself completely?" It's true, people can be hard to figure out, but that's what makes them so special. Each person you meet is an opportunity for a wonderful amount of variety in your life. So my take on my grandfather's advice was to meet other people and let the variety that it brings keep me young.

It's that social interaction, that strengthening of the quality of lives that makes a Neighborhood Association or any friendship special. I hope that our Association continues to thrive for many years and brings happiness to you and your family's lives. For those of you who have attended one of our monthly TGIFs, hung out at a Brewers Game or come to Beer Club, I hope you've begun to see how valuable having a Neighborhood Association can be in your life.

Annual All Neighborhood Meeting

Saturday, November 3rd, 9am - Northwest Baptist Church, 4373 North 92nd St.

It's time again for our All Neighborhood Meeting for the Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association. Whether you're a Member or not, please come and add your voice to a discussion on what will make our neighborhood and our Neighborhood Association better. Joining us this year will be Jim Plaisted, Executive Director for the Village of Wauwatosa Business Improvement District. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

We will also be nominating and electing a new Association Board this year, so if you're feeling lead to serve on the Board and can't attend please let us know by email at info@tosahights.com. The four positions and basic roles we're looking to fill are as follows:

- President - Provides leadership and direction for the Association, run Board Meetings and delegate other responsibilities and tasks.
- Vice President - Provide assistance to the acting President in their role and taking an active role in setting up events
- Treasurer - Oversee the Association account and provide information on that account's status to the Board at meetings.
- Secretary - Oversee the Association Member Roster, Document Board meetings and post the meeting minutes to the website.

Our current board will be stepping down but will help make the transition smooth for the new board members. **Please get involved and keep our Association going!**

We're looking forward to meeting you.



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Join Us for Upcoming THNA Events!

October 26th: TGIF at the Jensens, 4122 N 96th St.

October 27th: Halloween Fun! (See p.3 for more details)

November 3rd: All Neighborhood Meeting (see p.1)

November 30th: OPEN TGIF-would YOU like to host?
Contact Meri Frahm at 414-640-8483

December 8th: Holiday Round Robin-more details will be available soon on our website.

We need TGIF host homes for 2013! Open your home to neighbors and potential new friends. Neighbors bring their own drinks and an appetizer to share, making it easy and fun. Please contact Meri Frahm at 414-640-8483 or info@tosaheights.com if you would like to participate in 2013.

THNA is Going Social! (Media, that is!)

The Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association has always maintained a Facebook page and Twitter account. However, you may have noticed that things aren't always up to date. Cue neighbor James Davidson to the rescue! James has agreed to manage our social media endeavors, and we encourage all neighbors to friend, follow and like us to get up-to-date information on news and activities. You can find us at:

Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/TosaHeights>

Twitter: @TosaHeights

If you have news to share, or ideas for social media postings, please email info@tosaheights.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

THNA Local Home Sales

Interested in what homes in our neighborhood are selling for? Local realtor Tricia Chartier of Coldwell Banker, has provided recent statistics for THNA home sales.

Address:	Sale Price:	Date Closed:	Square Footage	BR/BA	Garage
4154 N. 95th Street	\$92,000	05/04/12	1666	4/2.5	2 Car Detached
4260 N. 94th Street	\$116,000	05/15/12	1269	3/2	1.5 Car Detached
9432 W. Marion Steet	\$127,000	06/29/12	986	3/1	1.5 Car Detached
9810 W. Grantosa Dr.	\$180,000	07/27/12	1838	3/1.5	2 Car Detached
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October is Crime Prevention Month

THNA members come together for a variety of fun, social activities throughout the year. But did you know that getting to know our neighbors is also one of the best ways to prevent crime in our community?

In recognition of Crime Prevention Month, the following are some additional tips intended to help homeowners secure their residences.

- Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open door or window is an open invitation for burglars. Door should have deadbolt locks with a 1" throw and reinforced strike plate with 3" screws. All windows should have window locks.
- Secure sliding glass doors. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts.
- Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
- Make your residence appears occupied even when no one is home by using timers on lights, radios and TVs.
- Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away. You can also ask a neighbor to park in your driveway to make it appear that you are present.
- Organize a community watch program to protect your neighborhood.

Also, consider contacting the Wauwatosa Police Department's Community Support Division for a free residential security survey. The officer will spend approximately one hour with the homeowner, where security strengths and weaknesses will be examined based on the officer's knowledge, training, and current crime trends; and recommendations will be made if any deficiencies are discovered.

For more information visit our website at www.TosaHeights.com, or if you would like to schedule a security survey, please contact the Community Support Division at (414) 471-8430 ext. 5111. Other helpful resources:

National Crime Prevention Council: www.ncpc.org/topics; Select Home and Neighborhood Safety

WI Department of Health - Home Safety Tips: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hometips/dhp/crime.htm>
Wauwatosa Police Department: www.wauwatosa.net;

In case of emergency, contact 911. For Non-Emergency incidences, contact Wauwatosa's Police Department at 414-471-8430.

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Annual Halloween Family Fun and Night Time Trick or Treat!

Calling all ghosts, goblins and zombies! Get ready for more spook-tacular fun and fright-tastic treats on Saturday, October 27th. Join THNA members and neighbors from 4-6pm on Fiebrantz Street, between 96th and 97th. We've blocked off the street to enjoy games, crafts, yummy treats and lots of fun for kids of all ages!

Activities planned include fun activities like paint your pumpkin, bracelet making, fridge magnets, decorate your own cookies and more – a total of 11 fun games and craft stations for kids! There will be a bouncy house (parents assume all liability for their children's use), a scavenger hunt, and new this year will be prizes for top costumes! Hot dogs and McDonald's orange drink will be provided, and please bring a dish to pass and any other beverage of your choice.

To make all this fun happen, the organizers need adult help the day of the event. We also need tables and chairs for use that day (please make sure to mark your items with your name and phone number). Please contact Angela Davidson at 414-313-2058 if you can help.

Following the family fun will be Tosa Heights Night Time Trick or Treat from 6:30-8:30pm. Houses wishing to participate in trick or treating should turn on their porch lights.

Fun Events Held This Year with the Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association!



So many great events have happened in the last year for the Association. Clockwise from left: The Annual Picnic in September. Brats and hot dogs, great dishes and desserts, and all the kids (young and old!) had a great time!



Neighbors enjoy socializing! From left: The Ice Cream Social held in July; President Andy Frahm tapping the “keg” at the Oktoberfest TGIF; Vice President Patrick McNally and littlest fan Morgan enjoy our Brewer’s game outing.



Bobbing for apples at last year’s Halloween extravaganza!

