

Summer Is Here and There's Lots of THNA Fun!

Hello Fellow Neighbors!

I don't know about you, but I am ready for summer! I am ready to begin enjoying the outdoors without an umbrella and a jacket!

We are almost half-way through 2013, and our neighborhood is just getting started! We had a very successful Easter Egg Hunt (THANK YOU Angie Davidson!), we introduced the "Nextdoor TosaHeights" website for socialization (THANK YOU James Davidson!), we started a "Walking School Bus" (THANK YOU to my lovely wife Nicki), we have our very own library/book sharing box (THANK YOU Angie & Rocky Connestra!) – and with all of these new events, we continued to get together for walking club (THANK YOU Ann Oberdorf!), the Tosa Heights Beer Club (THANK YOU Andy Frahm!), and our monthly TGIF's (THANK YOU all who open their homes). So what's next? Well, hold on to your horses, 'cuz we have a pretty busy summer in our neighborhood and we are adding some new clubs/events we hope you enjoy this year. First, Jon Stern is putting together a Kids Book Club – I am particularly excited about this because my 9 year old daughter can't stop talking about when it starts and how excited she is... so that means I am too. I know we have a lot of youngsters in our neighborhood, and my hope is that every one of them joins this fun, yet educational club encouraging reading.

Second, we unanimously decided as a board that our neighborhood needed a chili cook-off. Look for more info on this as we get closer to football season. On June 23rd, your neighbors will be headed to a Brewers game! If you missed out on the Brewers game event this year, we will definitely be doing it again next year, so keep it in mind, this is going to be a blast – even if the Brew Crew is struggling a bit now-a-days. Don't forget and please add to your calendars our annual ice cream social, on July 14th, being held from 6:30-7:30pm at the Triangle – this is a great time to meet your neighbors and socialize. Andy has some monthly beer club events planned at outdoor beer gardens, so please join us for one of these outings. Don't forget about our annual Halloween extravaganza! And, lastly but not least, the neighborhood TGIF's will continue monthly throughout the year.

I want to make sure I acknowledge my appreciation to all of our neighborhood association members who continue to annually renew their memberships (and of course those who join as new members) so that we can continue to have these awesome events throughout the year. It is especially evident to me in the Summer when we have so much going on. If you are not a member of the association, no problem, every neighbor in Tosa Heights is welcome to join us for any of our events. However, if you are not a member, please consider becoming one. It is merely \$15 a year, which just helps us maintain things such as this newsletter, and allows us to continue to put on events. Behind the scenes, there is a lot of work that your neighbors put into planning and executing so we can enjoy these events. We also have wonderful generous advertisers in our newsletter. If you have an opportunity to take advantage of their services, please do, and let them know you saw their ad in your neighborhood newsletter!

I will close with a huge "Thank you" to all members for supporting your neighborhood and a "Welcome" if you are not a member and are now thinking about becoming a new member!

Have a happy and sun-filled summer and hopefully I will catch you at the next event!

Take Care,

Dan

Neighbors Create Our Own THNA Little Free Library Box

From our neighbor Angie Cannestra:

Please stop by to borrow and donate books at our Little Free Library Box, located at 9623 W. Palmetto Avenue. It's the first one in the Tosa Heights neighborhood! I see so many people walk and ride pass my house. I love reading and getting to know all the little kids in the neighborhood, so when I first saw and read about how it got started, I begged my husband Rocky to build one just for us. It was just put up in May. Any recommendations are greatly appreciated. Thanks for all of your support!



Tour of Ravenswood Gardens

In April this year the Suburban Woman's Club of Wauwatosa (SWCW) awarded scholarships to four Wauwatosa School District teachers—Jennifer Bucholtz, Sarah Gernetzke, Holly Kopp and Jane Storts. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$800. It's been 60 years and counting for the SWCW presentation each Spring to Wauwatosa Teachers to help with their continuing education, which is a requirement for them.

Help support this very worthwhile project. Suburban Woman's Club of Wauwatosa has several fund raisers a year in support of their Community Service Projects, including:

Flowers, Music and Artists will be on the "Garden Tour" June 29, 2013, located in the 100 & 200 blocks on 87th and 88th Streets off of Blue Mound Road. Local musicians, Wauwatosa Artist Workshop and the Waukesha Creative Arts League will have artist in each of the gardens.

Tickets are \$10.00 day of tour. In advance, buy 3 get 1 free. Call Carolyn at 414-257-2396 for tickets.



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Fair Trade Celebrates 5 Years!

by Gail Bennett, Fair Trade Owner and THNA Advertiser

This year our little fair trade shop on 88th & North Ave. will celebrate five years as part of your Tosa community. Many of you have come in to support fair trade through purchasing meaningful gifts for yourself and loved ones. We truly thank you for your support of our mission.

As the Local First movement takes hold in our area, it is important for us to continue to remind each other that 68 cents of every 2 dollars spent at a locally owned business stays in our community versus 43 cents spent at a national chain. (www.localfirstmilwaukee.com) Choosing to spend our money at a locally owned business is an investment in the health and sustainability of our local community.

This message became even more relevant to us when we opened a “pop-up” store in Port Washington two years ago. We paid rent, utilities and sales taxes to another county, hired local staff, bought supplies and advertised locally and frequented their local shops for meals, which all resulted in a hefty investment in that community. The experience made us even more thankful for the immediate and robust support we received when we re-located our shop to Tosa in 2009. Nearly every customer that has walked in our door or greeted us at various community events has expressed their desire to see us succeed. How wonderful it has been to be a part of a community that works together to create the healthy and vibrant neighborhoods they wish to live in.

Creating healthy and vibrant communities is the cornerstone of the fair trade movement. Fair trade enterprises create opportunities for small artisan groups in developing countries so that these people can earn a fair and living wage for the work they do. It is not charity. Each product in our store tells the story of communities working together to become sustainable. Today there are an estimated 30 million victims of human trafficking around the world. Fair trade helps eradicate poverty and break the cycle of slavery and illegal immigration by offering living wages for labor. When we choose to purchase fair trade coffee, foods or gift items we are investing in a safe world for people that allows them to afford the basic necessities we take for granted, such as clean water, basic health care and education for children. Every purchase matters to its producer.

This October, as we mark our five-year anniversary in Wauwatosa, we will host a variety of events to celebrate sustainability and healthy communities world-wide. We will kick-off our celebrations the first Saturday in October with a collaborative sustainable fashion show event hosted by Tosa Yoga on 68th & North. Stay tuned for our list of community events! We wish you a summer filled with health and joy and meaningful relationships with your Tosa neighbors.

Please Support Our Advertisers!

Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association appreciates the support of our advertisers. Please patronize these organizations. When you do, thank them for partnering with THNA.

We welcome two new and a returning advertiser in this issue:

St. Aemilian-Lakeside’s ad states, “Grow Hope”. St. Aemilian-Lakeside encourages you to consider foster parenting or adoption. Visit www.growhope.net for more information. Thanks to one of our THNA neighbors and SAL employee for making the connection.

The Village of Wauwatosa’s Business Improvement District is our 2nd new advertiser. The village is always bustling, but never more than in summer. Visit www.villageofwauwatosa.com to find out about upcoming festivals, farmer’s market, restaurants, shops, and more.

Welcome back to Kam’s Corner Tap, which originally advertised with us in 2011. Kam’s is locally owned and operated by Tosa residents. Kam’s is located nearby Tosa Heights at 84th and Lisbon.

Do you know a great organization that would benefit from advertising to the wonderful residents of Tosa Heights? Pass their name and contact information to CJ Dykstra, cdykstra004@gmail.com, 414-403-3188.

Beer Club’s Basement Bar Crawl

The Tosa Heights Beer Club is looking to start a Basement Bar Crawl! We’re hoping that the first Crawl would be our Beer Club’s October event, consisting of visiting 3 different basement bars in our neighborhood for about an hour per bar. Individuals participating in the crawl would be responsible for their own beer and snacks so the host homes just need to provide the space. If you have a basement bar that you’d like to show off and would like to participate, please contact Andy Frahm for more details at andyfrahm@gmail.com or 262-894-0155.

Beer Club enjoying the Estabrook Park Beer Garden in May!



Mark Your Calendar! Fun Upcoming Events with Tosa Heights

June 28th: TGIF at the Cebertowicz's, 4172 N. 98th Street, 7pm

June 29th: Walking Club, 8am at the Triangle on Hope & 97th Street (meets every other Saturday through fall)

July 13th: Beer Club at The Landing at Hoyt Park (New Beer Garden!), 3:00pm
(if open, if not an alternate location will be chosen)

July 14th: Ice Cream Social, 6:30pm at the Triangle on Hope & 97th Street

July 26th: TGIF at the Espinosa's, 9449 W. Grantosa, 7pm

August 24th: Beer Club, Place TBD, 3pm

August 30th TGIF at the Dykstra's, 4247 N. 93rd Street, 7pm

September 21st: Annual THNA Cookout, 3:30pm at the Triangle on Hope & 97th Street

September 27th: TGIF at the Frahm's, 9839 W. Palmetto, 7pm (Oktoberfest Theme!)

October 25th: TGIF at the Jensen's, 4122 N. 96th, 7pm

Make sure to sign up for our weekly emails to stay up-to-date on all THNA events!

Sign up on our website: www.tosaheights.com

You can also join the Tosa Heights Neighborhood on www.NextDoor.com

Cut me out and put me on the fridge as a reminder to attend all of these great events!



It Was a Hoppy Easter Egg Hunt in Tosa Heights!



It was a chilly but bright day for the First Annual THNA Easter Egg Hunt! A very special visitor joined lots of kids for fun, egg hunting, and lots of great activities. Thanks to the Davidsons for coordinating and the Daltons for the Easter Bunny visit!





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Program Goal: The Exploring Forests Summer Pilot Program will showcase The University Laboratory School's mission to educate students through hands-on, place-based and service-learning on the Milwaukee County Grounds. Students will collaborate with guest experts and teachers to apply learning about forestry to meaningful, real-world environmental issues. This program will introduce the forestry badge program, where students will receive an introductory "Forest Explorer" badge for demonstrating key understandings about forestry.

Grade Levels: 6th and 7th (8th graders in special cases)

Location:

Camp Wil-O-Way
10602 Underwood Pkwy
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Schedule:

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon., Aug. 5 through Fri., Aug. 9;
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Sat., Aug. 10

Morning snacks, lunch, and afternoon snacks will be served. There is no cost for participating in the program, but participating families must provide transportation to and from Camp Wil-O-Way each day. Enrollment is limited. For more information about enrolling your 6th or 7th grader in this pilot program, contact Danny Goldberg at dannygoldberg77@yahoo.com.

Tosa Heights Chili Cookoff – Who's In?!

This fall we have decided to organize a Tosa Heights chili cook-off! More information to follow, but here is the gist:

This fall (during football season), we will ask all Tosa Heights chili cookin' neighbors to get out their best chili recipes. We will gather the entries at a location (TBD), and invite all of our neighbors to enjoy the chili and vote for the one they like the best. Special prizes will be awarded! Hope to see you all either as participants or tasters, and enjoy this first annual Tosa Heights chili cook-off! If you are interested in entering your chili, please email: danjensen_21@hotmail.com Be on the look out for more information to follow on this event later this summer.

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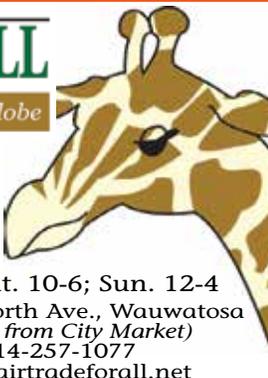
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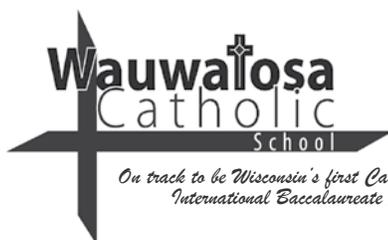
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Madison Walking School Bus

A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that's part of the beauty of the walking school bus. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school to as structured as a route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers.

For the Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association and our members who attend Madison Elementary School, our first walking school bus took place on Fridays from Earth Day Week (April 26, 2013) through the end of the school year. We had a really good start and are looking forward to including more students and families next year. Our efforts were noticed by other neighborhoods and school faculty, and have encouraged others to find alternative, healthier ways of getting to school.

If anyone is interested in participating, has questions or comments or would like to know more, please contact Nicki Jensen at ncjensen@live.com. We look forward to starting up the bus again in September.

Summer Pet Care Safety Tips

Kerry Dawson, owner of Native Dogg pet care, provides some tips for taking care of your furry family members this summer.

- 1) Leave dogs at home during fireworks and parades.
- 2) Be very aware of neighbors spraying for weeds. They often don't mark their lawns if they do it themselves. Kerry highly suggests wiping dogs and cats off after being outside.
- 3) If you're going to be outside on a hot day, soak a bandana in water and freeze it. Tie the bandana around your dog's neck to keep cool.
- 4) Even with flea and tick treatments, dogs and cats can still carry parasites - ticks especially - into the house.
- 5) Freeze pumpkin, banana, plain yogurt, or wet dog food in rubber ice cube trays for a cool treat. The rubber tray makes for easy removal.

Have you made your summer vacation plans? Do you have a business trip coming up? Consider Native Dogg's in-home pet care services. It's a great alternative to boarding! For more information, visit www.nativedogg.com. We encourage neighbors to patronize our advertisers who help support our association.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2013! Membership funds help pay for events like the Brewers Game, THNA Picnic, Halloween, and our newest fun event for families, the Easter Egg Hunt!



Membership Registration and Survey

New Membership Renewal Membership

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Any additional comments/suggestions? _____
