

Watering and Nurturing the Association

By THNA President Andy Frahm

Summer is a great time to live in Milwaukee and our Neighborhood Association has been enjoying that time. For the second year in a row our Brewers outing got to see a win and enjoy a great tailgate party. We had a really nice trip to Estabrook Park to visit the new Biergarten and the Ice Cream Social was a welcoming success. Not to mention several great TGIFs around the neighborhood. However, this summer has been a hot, dry one. Our Brewer's outing benefitted from some pop-ups to shade us during the tailgate and Patrick wisely chose the third base side for seating so we could sit in the shade. You've probably been watering gardens and drinking more water as the summer progresses.

Like a garden, the Neighborhood needs nurturing. It thrives when it's members offer their time and talents to "water the seeds" that build our Association stronger. Often that responsibility falls to a small group of people that see and believe in the benefits reaped from the donation of their time. There are all kinds of ways to nurture our Association.

- Offering ideas on how to improve what we've already been doing, like moving our Picnic later in the day or structuring our TGIFs to include kids instead of just adults.
- Offering resources like a popup for the Brewers game, your home for a TGIF or your vehicle to drive other members to an outing.
- Offering your time to cook for neighbors in your backyard, to setup and deliver this newsletter, to arrange a picnic, to attend a board meeting or to serve as an officer.

It's these officers that can become the main source of nurturing for an Association. Our Association bylaws say that our officers (in our case President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) should have regular terms of one year and the current board has been at it for two years. I have been involved in trying to grow the Association for nearly four years. Although I hope to be active in offering my resources to run the web site and email list, I feel that it's time for someone with better skills for getting others involved to serve, someone that better understands the needs of families in our neighborhood and how the Association can fill those needs.

In November we'll have our third All Member Meeting and hopefully elect new board members. If our Association is to move forward and continue to grow, we need new people to step up to steer, nurture and offer their time to the Association as Officers. I urge you to consider offering your talents and time to the goals of our Association: Bringing neighbors together with community and social events, providing safer neighborhoods for families and to strengthening the quality of life for residents and the community as a whole.

I hope that after consideration you'll feel a leading to offer your name for nomination as a Officer and Nurturer of our Association.

Don't Miss These Fun Upcoming Events with Tosa Heights!



The Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association has lots of fun events coming up this year! Make sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

Friday, August 31st: TGIF at the Dykstras (see website for details or call 414-640-8483)

Saturday, September 15th: Neighborhood Triangle Party Cookout, 3:30pm-7:00pm

Friday, September 28th: TGIF at the Frahms (see website for details or call 414-640-8483)

Saturday, October 27th: THNA Halloween Celebration (time TBD)

We're looking forward to meeting you.



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THNA Recipe Corner: Roasted Potatoes, Cherry Tomatoes and Green Beans

4 potatoes, peeled and cut into quarters (approx 2 lbs)
4 tbsp olive oil, divided
1 quart green beans
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
3 garlic cloves
salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a jellyroll pan with non-stick cooking spray. Toss potatoes in a zip-top bag with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Scatter on the pan and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast until tender, approximately 50 minutes, turning occasionally.

In the meantime, cook the green beans in a large saucepan of boiling salted water for 3 minutes. Drain beans and pat dry. Place beans, tomatoes and garlic in another zip-top bag. Add remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil and shake to mix. When potatoes are tender, add the bean mixture and roast another 8 minutes. Enjoy!

It's Time for Spooktastic Fun! (With a little help from you!)

Once again it's time for one of the most fun events of the year - the THNA Halloween Party and Night Time Trick or Treat! Last year Angela and James Davidson and a small team of volunteers put together an amazing event for the neighborhood, with ghouly games, plant stake decorating, cookie decorating and more! Please volunteer this year to help make it even better for all of our little ghosts, goblins, witches and superheroes. Contact Angela at 414-313-2058 to help with planning, activities, supplies and more.



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Join Wauwatosa Firefighters at Their Annual Charity Event!

The Wauwatosa Firefighters will be hosting their annual Charity Event on Friday, September 7th, 2012, from 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, September 8th, 2012, from 1:00-9:00 pm, to benefit our Charity Fund. This event continues the rich tradition of The Wauwatosa Firefighters helping out the community they serve, and beyond, by giving of their time and talent for great causes. The event is held during Wauwatosa's annual "Tosafest", located in the historic Village area of Wauwatosa on State Street and the 1400 block of Underwood Avenue. Funds are raised by the operation of a dunk tank, and by generous people who "fill the boot", while having a great time listening to good music and tasting many different types of delicious food!

Members from the Milwaukee Wave professional soccer team will be signing autographs, and Jean Davidson, granddaughter of one of the founding fathers of Harley Davidson will also be with us to sell/sign books she has written and to promote the Yell & Tell children's safety program she created. Wave members and Jean will be there from 3:00-5:00 pm Saturday.

The Wauwatosa Fire Department is honored to announce they will have their artifact piece of steel, from the "Twin Towers" that fell on September 11th 2001, on display. Obtained by special request from the Port Authority of New York, this artifact is one of very few in the State of Wisconsin, and is a vivid reminder/tribute to all who lost their lives on that day and since that day in our Armed Forces.

This artifact from Ground Zero has special significance not only to all Americans, but specifically to all who serve in the fire service. It will be displayed permanently at Wauwatosa Fire Department station #1 with Honor and Respect for all to see, and ensure we will "never forget", "New York's Bravest", the firefighters who entered those buildings and sacrificed all to save others.

There will be a firefighter memorial set up, and a 9/11 memorial ceremony to include a large flag raising on our Truck 1 ladder, conducted by the Wauwatosa Firefighters Honor Guard at approximately 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 8th, to honor all who lost their lives on that day, and since that day in our armed forces, marking the upcoming 11th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

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We had a great turnout for our Brewers Tailgate Party and a close win over the D-Backs capped a wonderful day of fun!

Join Us for the THNA Annual Triangle Party and Cookout

Join us for the THNA Annual Triangle Party on Saturday, September 15th, from 3:30-7:00pm. We'll be providing a limited number of brats and hot dogs, or bring your own item to grill. Feel free to bring a dish to share with your neighbors! **NEW THIS YEAR:** The Sharp Brothers will be on hand with their traveling truck to sharpen your knives at a discount! They're offering a special deal of 5 of anything for \$25. They also do garden equipment and lawn mower blades as well. It's a great, convenient way to make those dull knives in your kitchen good as new!

We Need Your Help - Please Volunteer to Keep Our Neighborhood Association Going!

The Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association needs volunteers to keep our organization going. Please consider donating your time and energy to these worthy efforts. Unfortunately, we currently have just a few neighbors doing the bulk of the work it takes to keep an association like ours growing. If more people volunteer, it will truly be a case of many hands making light work!

Volunteer to Be an Officer on the THNA Board

Please consider volunteering your time as Board President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. At our All-Member meeting that will be held in November, we will be asking for nominations for those roles. The board meets several times a year to coordinate neighborhood events, authorize spending of association funds and to provide direction on moving the association forward. The President presides over all the board meetings and helps coordinate events and activities. The Vice President supports the President and also helps to coordinate events and activities. The Secretary keeps minutes of the meetings and posts them for members to the website and organizes member information. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining and disbursing all funds received by the association at the direction of the board. For further information on each of the roles and their responsibilities, visit our web site at <http://www.tosaheights.com/board-bylaws/>.

The current Tosa Heights Neighborhood Association board members were the first elected in our history, and have been guiding our association for two years. We gratefully thank them for their service.

Be a Block Ambassador!

We need help! Block Ambassadors are needed for several blocks in the Tosa Heights neighborhood.

A Block Ambassador is responsible for handing out newsletters to homes on their assigned block three times a year. Email info@tosaheights.com or call Meri Frahm at 414-640-8483 to volunteer. Please visit our web site and click on the "Block Ambassador" link for a map of unassigned blocks. It's an easy, fun way to help out the association!

Love to Socialize? Host a TGIF Party at Your House!

On the last Friday of each month, you can find a fun group of Tosa Heights residents at our TGIF casual get-togethers. The host simply has to open their doors and neighbors bring their own drinks and an appetizer to share, making it easy and fun for everyone! Thanks to the Sterns, Oberdorfs, Espinosas, and Davidsons for hosting the last several months.

Hosts are needed for October and November, (and into 2013) so if you're interested please contact Andy Frahm at 262-894-0155 or email info@tosaheights.com.

Watch your email inbox or check out our website for the upcoming events at the Dykstras on August 31st and the Frahms on September 28th.



Events like the Ice Cream Social can only happen with volunteers like you! Donating your time and energy is a rewarding way to help our community grow and succeed.

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