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## 2016 CJPNA Paul DeMarco Scholarship Recipient

Named for a founder of our neighborhood association, the CJPNA Paul DeMarco Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship available to graduating high school students who will continue their education at a college, trade or technical college.

Applicant's parent(s) or legal guardians must be members of the Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Association (CJPNA) and maintain a primary residence within the borders of the Association. Awards are based on grade point average (applicants must have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA), academic transcripts and a letter of reference. Because CJPNA is a community organization, volunteer service and extracurricular activities are given significant weight during the process.

This year's winner was Rachel Raasch. Her scholarship was awarded during a ceremony on May 19, 2016.

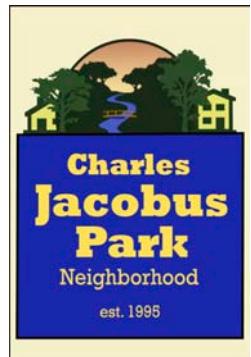
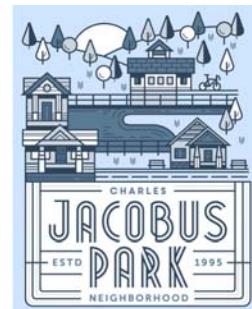
Rachel Raasch moved into the CJPNA neighborhood with her family in 1999. She attended Jefferson Elementary, Longfellow Middle School, and Wauwatosa East High School. At Tosa East she was involved in Key Club, National Honor Society (vice president),

theatre and was captain of Color Guard. She is an active member of St. Matthew's Church, Wauwatosa where she volunteers at Vacation Bible School, has travelled with her youth group on several mission trips and has also taught sunday school. She graduated this spring as a valedictorian of her class.

In addition to her studies and involvement at church, she spent much of her younger years playing soccer and dancing with the Milwaukee Ballet and Studio Via dance schools.

She is looking forward to attending UW Madison in the fall where she will study Industrial Engineering and Management.

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# Jefferson 3rd Graders • Friends of Jacobus Park



It's a spring day in May when the bell rings at Jefferson Elementary School and the 3rd grade classes take their seats around circular tables. Today is the first of many Tuesday's that the kids get hands on experience eradicating garlic mustard, the invasive species that plagues the Menomonee River Parkway and specifically Jacobus Park, our neighborhood gem and nature conservancy.

Jacobus Park is approximately 26 acres located along the Menomonee River Parkway and contains over 150 species of native plants, many of which are threatened. If you enjoy walks in the park, there is over a mile of paved path meandering fields, woods, creeks, a pond and bluffs in this compact area.

Garlic mustard and buckthorn are two invasive species that have entered the park and need the helping hands of neighbors to get under control. The Friends of Jacobus Park is a non-profit organization formed many years ago to assist with Milwaukee County Parks staff and to partner with the Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Association to promote the preservation and enjoyment of Jacobus Park, to sponsor educational, recreational and cultural events in the park and to raise funds for the restoration and enhancement of the park.

The 3rd grade classes are going after the garlic mustard along with a neighborhood weed out that was May 21. Any participation big or small is meaningful in your support of the park. Our new Milwaukee County Park coordinator Mark Ische shared several ambitious projects underway for 2016 to improve the pathways in Jacobus.

1. New parkway and path lighting systems were installed in December of 2015.
2. Wading pool bathrooms will be getting a complete makeover before the start of summer.
3. Railing and walkway to Wells St. will be worked on as well as the steps near the pond.
4. Fall buckthorn removal.



Please consider joining these 3rd graders in weed outs and other restoration work taking place. If you have ideas for Jacobus or would like more information, please contact [FriendsofJacobusPark@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofJacobusPark@gmail.com) or a CJPNA board member.

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# Neighborhood Safety Update

CJPNA and the Wauwatosa Police Department (WPD) have been working together to fight crime and promote safety in the neighborhood.

CJPNA has been working with the WPD toward the following goals:

1. Increased communication between the police department and the community. Work to create a true "back and forth" mutually beneficial relationship.
2. Reduce crime and have the police department share crime prevention information.
3. Build trust between the police department and neighborhoods.
4. Increase the availability of factual and accurate information for the liaisons to distribute on existing neighborhood association networks such as next door and email blasts.
5. Meet with the neighborhood association throughout the year to discuss ideas that promote safety within the neighborhood.



Currently, Steve Flewelling and Laura Temke are the safety liaisons in the Jacobus Park Neighborhood. CJPNA has a direct contact to the WPD who will keep the safety liaison committee in the loop on safety concerns in our area. The neighborhood safety liaisons will focus on crime prevention tips and connecting neighbors.

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# Tosa Village Streetscape Project

Most, if not all, of the residents in the Charles Jacobus Park neighborhood have seen by now the orange barrels and road closed signs right in the heart of downtown. But what is actually going on? It's all part of a three-phase State Street/Village Streetscaping project that is underway.

## Phase 1

The project scope for the Phase 1 area scheduled for 2016 construction is: State St. between Church St. and Wauwatosa Ave.; Harwood between State St. and Root Common; and Underwood between State St. and Harmonee Ave. The project is expected to last until November of 2016.

## Phase 2

Scheduled for 2017, Phase 2 will continue on State Street from Wauwatosa Avenue east to 68th Street and on Wauwatosa Avenue from State Street north to Harmonee. This phase will also include renovation of Root Common and Pocket Park.

## Phase 3

Phase 3 will address Harwood west of the Menomonee River to Glenview and Underwood from Harmonee north to Milwaukee Avenue.

## Stay up to date on what's happening

There are a number of sites that you can go to for updates, including <http://wauwatosavillage.org>, and <http://www.wauwatosa.net>. You can utilize the "Notify Me" alert system that's available through the City's website to receive email or text notifications of construction activities and project updates.

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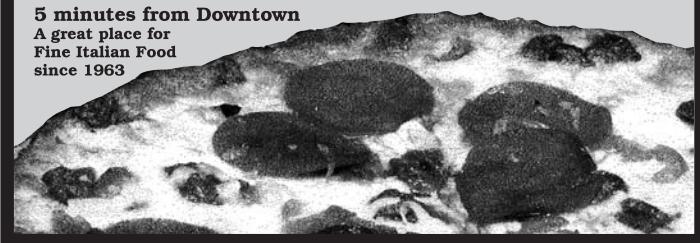
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# Design Contest

The CPJNA Association is soliciting our residents to display your civic pride by creating a new identity for our lovely community. We would like to offer our residents the opportunity to design a CJPNA logo and yard sign. Through a grant program, the City of Wauwatosa is offering communities the chance to showcase their creativity by offering free installation and hardware. Local organizations determine a design and the signs are produced through local sign shops.

Specifications for the signs are 18" x 24" in a horizontal or a vertical format. It should include landmarks and/or destination spots, which make our area unique. The signs will be in color and will be converted to 4-color process. The sign/logo should also work as a 1-color piece. The logo will also be used for our letterhead and events. Entries should be emailed to dave@ksc-inc.com. Please email your entries no later than September 1, 2016. We look forward to announcing a winner.

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- **Tosa's Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 2nd  
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- **10 Days in Tosa • Good Food & Good Times in Tosa**  
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- **Tosafest**  
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- **Monster Run & Pumpkin Lights**  
Saturday October 15th  
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- **Tosa Trick or Treat**  
Sunday October 30th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- **CJPNA Trick or Treat**  
Monday October 31st, 5:30 – 8:30 pm [www.tosacjnpa.com](http://www.tosacjnpa.com)
- **Tree Lighting and Holiday Merriment**  
Friday December 2nd

Want to know what's going on with your neighborhood association?

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# 2016 Wauwatosa Concert and Fireworks Celebration

During the July 4th Concert and Fireworks celebration at the Rotary Pavilion, the Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Association partnered with the "WAUWATOSA CIVIC CELEBRATION & TOSA TONIGHT". CJPNA board members manned the welcome tent at the main entrance to greet potential new members. Our goal was to reach out to new and existing neighborhood residents to sign up and become part of our association.

During the celebration, both food and beverages were available to purchase by local vendors.

Beginning at 6:00pm, Radio Radio, Milwaukee's premier New Wave band, played songs from the soundtrack to John Hughes movies and retro-basement dance parties. Whether you were more of a Molly Ringwald or an Ally Sheedy type, the music was fun and brought back memories of a time gone by.

At 7:30, the 5 Card Studs (i.e. the hardest working lounge band in the Midwest) played their version of the many 70's and 80's hits - all about good songs and a good time. This show was for the fireworks...and the ladies.

Please plan on joining us at next year.

## Time to Renew Your CJPNA Membership

Membership renewal letters will be coming in the mail in early October. Membership is just \$10 for the year! You can pay your dues online with a credit card at [www.tosacjpna.com](http://www.tosacjpna.com) or drop off a membership form and payment at LaTarte at 6742 W. Wells Street.

We hope to see you at our many events planned for 2017:

- Annual CJPNA Meeting- All are welcome (October 2016)
- Chili Cook-Off (February 2017)
- St. Patrick's Day Parade/Rounding Third (March 2017)
- Brewers Game (Spring 2017)
- Rummage Sale (June 2017)
- Pool Party (TBD)
- Octoberfest (Fall 2017)
- TGIF's and many more

You will also see us at Irish Fest @ Hart Park, online at Nextdoor, our CJPNA Facebook page and our website at [www.tosacjpna.com](http://www.tosacjpna.com).

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# What's Happening in Tosa?



## The Status of Milwaukee County's Bus Rapid Transit Study

By Dennis McBride, 4th District Alderman & CJPNA Member

This year, consultants hired by Milwaukee County have been studying the possibility of building a bus rapid transit ("BRT") line from downtown Milwaukee to the west side of Wauwatosa. The goal is to reduce traffic congestion and find better ways to connect people to jobs, school, medical appointments, and other opportunities in Milwaukee's "east-west corridor."

I've been hearing from Wauwatosa residents on both sides of the BRT issue. For this newsletter, I've been asked to describe the current status of the proposed BRT project.

### Previous Studies

The BRT study is the latest of several studies which have studied transit service in the east-west corridor. In 1966, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission ("SEWRPC") recommended creating an express bus lane on or near I-94. In the early 1970s, there was a discussion of creating BRT lines in Milwaukee County. The federal government allocated \$289 million, but the project was not built as City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, and State of Wisconsin elected officials fought over how to spend the money.

In 1995, the Public Policy Forum, a nonpartisan/nonprofit group which studies regional public policy issues, recommended creating a light rail line between UWM, downtown, and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center ("MRMC") in Wauwatosa. In 2015, the Forum released another report, "Picking Up the Pace" (<http://publicpolicyforum.org/research/picking-pace>), which recommended a BRT line to connect downtown with the County Grounds.

In 2006, SEWRPC again recommended east-west BRT service as part of a regional transportation system plan. In 2016, a draft SEWRPC regional land use and transportation plan, known as "Vision 2050," recommends up to eight BRT lines starting with the east-west corridor.

Public information meetings on the BRT study were held on April 12 (O'Donnell Park), April 14 (Zoofari Conference Center), and May 18 (Marquette University).

### Employment Centers

The proposed BRT route would connect southeast Wisconsin's two largest employment centers:

- Downtown has 81,000 jobs and 25,000 residents. More housing is planned.
- MRMC has more than 16,000 employees and 30,000 daily visitors.
- 4,600 more people work at the Research Park and UWM Innovation Campus.

Also on or near the route are Marquette University, Harley-Davidson, MillerCoors, Miller Park, Wisconsin Lutheran College, and Juneau, Pius XI, and Wisconsin Lutheran High Schools.

### Safety Concerns

Some residents have expressed concern about a negative impact on pedestrian safety. The City of Wauwatosa asked SEWRPC for a history of traffic crashes on Wisconsin Avenue and Bluemound Road between Mayfair Road and 45th Street. During the past five years, there have been over 900 crashes, including 34 involving a bicycle or pedestrian. None of those 34 crashes involved a bus. Only two of the 900+ crashes involved a bus and one of these involved a car running into a bus after not stopping at a stop sign.

### Analysis

The BRT consultants released their analysis in May. Here are their findings:

### Ridership

A BRT line would ease traffic in one of metro Milwaukee's most congested corridors. Using population and employment estimates, highway travel times, and transit data, the project team estimates that in less than 20 years up to 9,000 new riders will ride buses every day on BRT and other routes in the east-west corridor; another 9,000 low-income or transit-dependent riders will take the BRT each day; and BRT will help increase ridership across the Milwaukee County Transit System ("MCTS") by up to 40%.

### Reducing Congestion

The BRT line would take 6,100 cars off the road and reduce the miles people drive by up to 17 million miles a year. Fewer cars mean less congestion on local roads and cleaner air. Milwaukee has some of the country's worst air pollution.

If a BRT line is not built, bus trips in the east-west corridor could take up to 10 minutes longer, buses will become more crowded and less reliable and the increased car and truck congestion could require the removal of parking spaces to allow for more traffic.

Many BRT lines have been built around the U.S. For example, the 7-mile "HealthLine" route connects downtown Cleveland, Ohio with University Circle, where hospitals, clinics and universities are located. The line has cut travel time 34% and increased ridership 60%.

### Proposed BRT Route

The consultants have proposed the following route: Wisconsin Avenue or Wells Street from downtown to 45th Street; Bluemound Road west



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to 95th Street; 95th Street to Wisconsin Avenue; Wisconsin Avenue to 92nd Street; 92nd Street to Watertown Plank Road; and then to the park-and-ride lot on Watertown Plank Road and Swan Boulevard. The route would be between 8.96 and 9.28 miles long, depending on which route is chosen through downtown. There would only be two BRT stations on Bluemound Road in Wauwatosa.

Mayor Kathy Ehley and I urged that an alternative Wisconsin Avenue route between Hawley Road and 89th Street be removed. The BRT consultants agreed that route wouldn't work because it goes through a mostly residential neighborhood and is too narrow for exclusive BRT bus lanes. Transit planners prefer to keep BRT lines on routes with a mix of businesses and residences.

#### Bus Speed

Currently, MCTS buses only travel about 9 miles per hour. BRT lines are designed so buses can travel at the posted speed limits. This is achieved by running buses on dedicated lanes, equipping them with technology to give them green-light priority at stoplights, and having fewer stops, with stations between one-half mile and a mile apart. This reduces travel time and makes BRT lines more reliable than MCTS buses.

#### Next Steps

In late June, the Milwaukee and Wauwatosa Common Councils and Milwaukee County board will begin considering whether to approve the recommended BRT route. If they do, the route will be submitted for a federal transit grant. The deadline for the grant application is September. Those funds would be used to construct the BRT line, with service to begin in 2019.

Final cost estimates will depend on the route, the stations, and design of the bus lanes and buses. (The buses will be the same size as current MCTS buses.) The original estimate was \$45.9 to 47.5 million; the latest is \$38-45 million. Federal funds are expected to cover 80% of the cost.

More information about the proposed BRT line can be found at [www.eastwestbrt.com](http://www.eastwestbrt.com).

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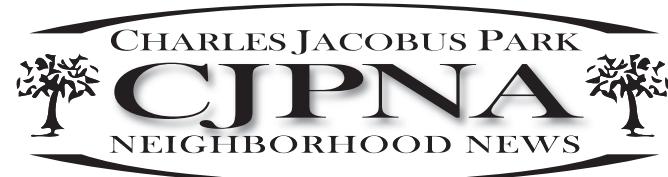
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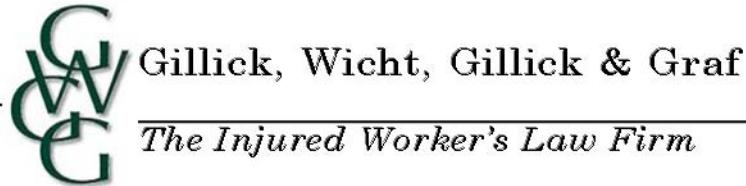
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Five of the six homes on this year's Wauwatosa Historical Society Tour of Homes are likely what renowned German city planner Dr. Werner Hegemann had in mind 100 years ago when he designed the Washington Highlands neighborhood.

He envisioned homes in a variety of styles along curving, tree-lined streets laid out in a garden city design.

**The Highlands @ 100 Tour** includes colonial revival and tudor revival homes built in the 1920s and 1930s, as well as a midcentury modern ranch built in the 1950s that Hegemann might not have imagined.

One of the Highlands' largest homes, the 5,488-square-foot tudor revival home Miller Brewery President Frederick A. "Fritz" Miller had built at 6300 Washington Circle, will serve as tour headquarters.

Advance tickets for \$17 (\$14 for historical society members) will be available at Wisconsin Garden & Pet, 8524 W. North Avenue and Little Read Book Store, 7603 W. State Street

Tickets also can be pre-ordered at [www.wauwatosa historical society.org](http://www.wauwatosa historical society.org) for day-of-tour pickup.

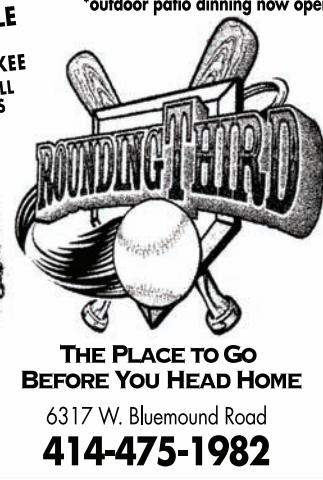
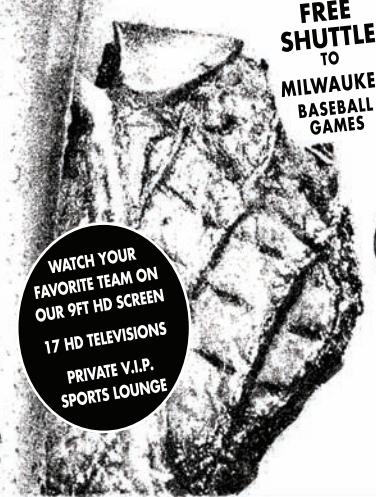
Tickets for \$20 (\$17 for society members) will be available October 1 outside of the tour headquarters at 6300 Washington Circle.

Proceeds of the tour support the historical society's preservation and education missions.

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# Social Events Recap



**18th Annual Chilly Chili Cook Off**  
On Saturday, February 13, CJPNA hosted the Chili Cook Off at the Jacobus Park Pavilion. Neighbors enjoyed delicious chili and fixings, festive cajun music, games for the kids and raffle prizes from neighborhood businesses. From over 15 chili entries, prizes were awarded for Best Overall, Most Unique, and Spiciest chili concoctions.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade and Gathering

On Saturday, March 12, CJPNA members watched the St. Patrick's Day Parade in front of Rounding Third and joined neighbors on the 2nd floor suite of Rounding Third for a pre-parade and post-parade gathering. Neighbors enjoyed Rounding Third's fine Irish beer and cuisine. Pizza was in high demand as well.



## CJPNA Brewer Outing

On Friday, April 8, over 35 neighbors attended the CJPNA

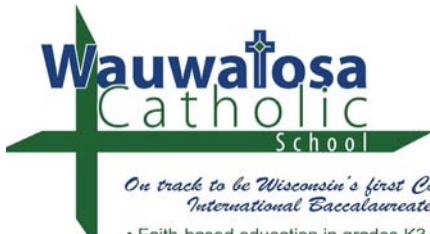
"Night At The Ballpark" outing. Events included a tailgate party at Rounding Third, shuttle to game and great seats at the Brewers v. Astros game. Fans got to see a 6-4 win, which included home runs by Gennett, Carter and Braun.



## Kentucky Derby TGI'S"

On Saturday, May 7, neighbors enjoyed a TGI'S" Kentucky Derby viewing party at the home of Gigi and Mike Danisewicz, on 64th and Wells. Neighbors donned their "Kentucky finest" and enjoyed beer, bourbon and a vat of mint juleps. Like Nyquist, everyone who attended was a winner. Thanks to the D's for hosting.

Thanks to all who planned and attended these CJPNA events.



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If you haven't heard, the folks living in Charles Jacobus Park are using an online communication tool called Nextdoor. Currently there are about 400 of us using it to discuss and stay current on neighborhood events, things to sell or give away, crime and general goings on with our neighbors. Contractor recommendations local babysitters are also provided online.

The Jacobus Park Nextdoor account started with the help of the Charles Jacobus Park Neighborhood Association in mid 2013 and has grown with promotion from Nextdoor. Go to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) and enter your address and email address and it will direct you to the neighborhood near your location. There are many surrounding neighborhoods within walking distance that you can communicate with.

Nextdoor is about connecting with your neighbors to help build a stronger community. Best of all, it's FREE! Check out the app for your smartphone as well. Come join us! [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

## Is There A New Neighbor On Your Block?

If you are new, or know of someone that has recently moved into the neighborhood, please message Joy Wedel, via Nextdoor or via email [wedel.joy1@gmail.com](mailto:wedel.joy1@gmail.com).

A CJPNA board member will be in touch to welcome and help acclimate you or your new neighbor to our family friendly neighborhood. In addition, we will provide a current newsletter, information about fun activities and opportunities that are available to members of the CJPNA

It's an easy and fun way to stay connected within our Wauwatosa community. Please contact Joy Wedel, [wedel.joy1@gmail.com](mailto:wedel.joy1@gmail.com) with questions.



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