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**Alice** is a two-year-old cat with a ton of personality. She insists she should be the Wayzata Fire Department's mascot. She loves all the bird watching Wayzata offers. **Owner, The Editor of this magazine!**

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## From The Editor

In June of 2021 we delivered the first edition of Wayzata Together.

Thanks to the support of our readers and advertisers we have had the privilege of publishing our magazine for two years now!

Thank you for supporting a couple of Wayzata natives who love creating their hometown's community publication each month.

In this issue you'll meet a couple who you'll likely already know. And their dog has a very important job in the community.

We have a walk down memory lane at one of Wayzata's popular intersections.

And now that it's finally nice outside - we have tips on making this summer a healthy one.

Thank you! Have a great June!

*Nate Hedging*

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# Neighborhood Spotlight:

# The Hitch Family



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"Lake Minnetonka became my playground in 1960 when my family moved to Deephaven and Cottagewood became my 'hood,'" said Peter. "With friends I spent the summers sailing and water skiing, hanging out at Wayzata's A&W, going to movies at the Carisch theater, eating at the city's restaurants and playing in its streets."

Trained as a lawyer, Peter pursued a number of businesses, eventually opening Data Doctors at Colonial Square. Peter is currently the Executive Director of The Wayzata Conservancy.

"Because of my affiliation with the Chamber, I have followed the development of the Lake Effect, now Panoway, since its beginning in 2011," said Peter. "As Executive Director, I have been energetic, passionate and direct in working to attain The Conservancy's mission to fully implement the Panoway project for Wayzata and the metro area. Upon completion the Lakewalk (new designated name) will be the fitting completion of Wayzata's 100-year dream to cross the tracks and get closer to the lake."

Wendy and Peter have two daughters, Emilie and Alyssa.

"Emilie is a cultural anthropologist, a brand marketer at Broadhead, Inc. in Minneapolis and is an avid world traveler," said Peter. "Alyssa, her husband T.J. and their daughter Elinor live in Cincinnati. Alyssa is the Operations Manager for the University of Cincinnati Health's Integrative Medicine and Cancer Survivorship Clinics."

But it's their golden retriever fur baby that steals the show.

Wendy has volunteered with an Animal Assisted Therapy dog partner for 18 years. She also raised a Helping Paws Assistance Dog who was successfully paired to a man with physical disabilities. Golden Girl Getty, "Getty" was 3 years old when she became the dog at Wendy's side!

"I was looking for a puppy when a friend who bred golden retrievers offered Getty to me," said Wendy. "As a young adult dog, she thought Getty had the perfect personality to volunteer with me. She is very calm, confident, intuitive, affectionate, obedient, grounded, beautiful and smart! She came into my life and made herself right at home!"

Now in their 9th year of volunteering together, Team Getty has visited with people in many types of environments: children who read to Getty, Animal Ambassador at MSP Airport, rehab assist at Courage Center, hospitals, Juvenile Justice, colleges, Special Needs school programs – and since COVID, emotional support and mental health visits are in high demand. In Wayzata, children have read to Getty in schools and the library. For 9 years, Getty has also been the "mascot" for Wayzata Community Church's Disability Ministry and is appreciated by the wider church community.

"Our work together is purposeful - we visit with a spirit of kindness, compassion and love to make a difference, and have fun doing it," said Wendy. "There is a spirituality in our partnership and we are always grateful for opportunities to serve."

**W**endy and Peter Hitch are each known for their contributions to the Wayzata community. Peter as a business owner has provided leadership for the Chamber (Chair for 2016-18) and the events it sponsors. Wendy finds volunteering to be most rewarding. When they got married (50 years ago) there was no doubt where they would raise a family!

"I appreciate Wayzata because it is a well-rounded hometown community that offers everything anyone might want and as a bonus, is on a beautiful lake," said Wendy.

"The small town feel with big city parks, retail, restaurants and events on the shores of Lake Minnetonka is unbeatable," said Peter.

"My family's history became tied to this area in the early 1900s" said Wendy. "My great-grandparents bought a summer home on the lake in Minnetonka Beach. My grandparents later winterized the house and moved in permanently. My father, loving the lake life, in 1950 had a home built for our family in Deephaven – the location offered a safe neighborhood for young families: bike riding, a horse farm, a baseball field, year-round activities on the lake, movie theaters, Excelsior amusement park, hangouts for teens (Snuffy's), a drive-in theater at 7-Hi and good schools, we attended Wayzata Community Church, belonged to Woodhill CC and shopped at the Foursome!"





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**June Fishing Report**

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If water temperatures warm up, the fish are going to be along the deeper weed edges.

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**PopROCKS 6/3**

The Mound Firefighter's Annual Fish Fry

**64th Annual Roger Miller Golf Classic, 6/5**

11:30 am, Burl Oaks Golf Club

**Last Day of School Wayzata K-11, 6/8**

**Art On The Lake, Excelsior, 6/10 -6/11**

**Stone Arch Bridge Festival, 6/17- 6/18**

10 am - 7 pm, Minneapolis Riverfront

**Flag Day, 6/14**

**Father's Day, 6/18**

**Juneteenth, 6/19**

**Summer Fest 2023, 6/24**

4-10:30 pm, Minnetonka Civic Center Park

**Wayzata Art Experience, 6/24 -6/25**

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**Eid al-Adha, 6/29**



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## Throughout the Summer...



**Wayzata Farmers' Market**

Thursdays, 1:30 - 5:30 pm

**Minnetonka Farmers' Market**

Tuesdays, 3 - 7 pm

**Music By the Lake**

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 pm, [wayzatachamber.com](http://wayzatachamber.com)

**Entertainment in the Park**

Events June through August, [minnetonkamn.gov](http://minnetonkamn.gov)





June 23rd-25th, 2023

# Wayzata Art

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**Friday June 23, 2023**

**5:00 pm - 10:00 pm WAAMFest 2023 Featuring Steve Aoki at Wayzata Beach**

**Saturday June 24, 2023**

**10:00 am - 6:00 pm Featured Artist Petals for Purpose**

10 AM – 2 PM | Sailboat Rides at Broadway Docks

**Islands of Live Music on Lake Street**

- 10 AM – 1 PM | Monica Livorsi
- 1 – 4 PM | Tom Hunter
- 4 – 7 PM | Sam Graber

10 AM – 6 PM | On Lake Street  
 Food + Drink  
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 Shop Fine Art

**5:00 pm - 10:00 pm WAAMFest 2023 Featuring Gryffin at Wayzata Beach**

**Sunday June 25, 2023**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm Featured Artist Petals for Purpose**

10 AM – 2 PM | Sailboat Rides, Broadway Docks

**Islands of Live Music on Lake Street**

- 10 AM – 1 PM | Taylor Robert
- 1 PM – 4 PM | Zachary Scot Johnson

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# Wayzata History: Historical Crossroads



Wayzata State Bank, early 1900s

## Lake Street and Barry Avenue

The corner of Lake Street and Barry Avenue is a busy one, especially during the summer months.

It serves as the gateway to the historic railroad depot and the Wayzata Beach. That's also how you get to two of Wayzata's many fantastic restaurants.

Much has changed through the years at the corner of Lake and Barry – particularly the businesses that occupied that part of Wayzata.

According to the Wayzata Historical Society records, the Wayzata State Bank opened for business in 1909 on the northeast corner of Lake and Barry. It was the first financial institution on Lake Minnetonka that focused exclusively on banking. The building was torn down a few years ago. A new building stands in its place with a replica bank façade. The original bank continued operation in this structure until 1950 when operations were moved slightly to the east, but still on Lake Street.

Next to the original bank location - a building built in 1910 by Harry Pettit. It housed the Pettit & Kysor grocery store. Wayzata residents could purchase food from that building until 1974, under its more recent name Waytonka Market. The store prided itself on home deliveries and was famous for its bakery goods and homemade ice cream.

Next door, Rettinger Motor Company opened for business on Lake Street in the early 1920s. The business sold Model Ts in the early days. Unfortunately, in December of 1949, a fire destroyed the building. According to local newspaper accounts, damage was estimated up to \$75,000 – around \$750,000 in today's dollars.

In 1927, Dr. Carl J. Martinson opened his business on Lake Street just west of Barry Avenue. Martinson converted the old Manning Drug Store into his medical offices. Martinson and Edward E. Mitchell of Mound founded the Minnetonka Hospital in 1928. The Martinson name continues to be a big part of Wayzata today – his grandson, Dr. Bruce Martinson operates a dental clinic in town.

On the northwest corner of Lake and Barry stood Wayzata Pharmacy, a.k.a. "The Old Drug". It was run by Bob and Ruth Connelly. It later became Ted's Drug and most recently carried the name of Candlelight Floral – a business that has served Wayzata since the late 1960s. The florist is now located across town. Wayzata Blu condominiums stands at that corner now.



Pettit Grocery Store, early 1900s



Rettinger Motor Company, circa 1920



Minnetonka Hospital circa 1930



Wayzata Pharmacy, circa 1960

# Happy Summer

By Barbro Brost D.C.  
The Brost Clinic

Finally summer is here and we can throw off coats and layers of clothes and get some well deserved warmth and sunshine on our bodies! People in the south have no idea how happy this makes us Minnesotans!

With summer comes more physical outdoor activities like yard work and outdoor sports. Make sure to be kind to your bodies and don't over do it in the beginning of the season. Start gradually and incorporate stretching into whatever activities you partake in. Most of us are stiffer and less flexible after a long winter and a more sedentary lifestyle.

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