



Tying The Community Together

Menomonee Falls NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2008



Message from our Chief of Police -- Anna Ruzinski

Well I've made it past the six month mark as your police chief. I can honestly say I made the right decision and enjoy serving the Village. I have met with the Neighborhood Watch group as well as several other civic groups in the Village. Everyone has been receptive and positive as we move forward together to keep Menomonee Falls the safe community it is.

That being said, I cannot stress enough that our biggest crime problem stems from people believing they are so safe they leave themselves open to crimes of opportunity. By that I mean thefts. Whether it is theft from an auto, or theft of leaving your belongings out in the open at work, this crime still plagues us. I am convinced if our residents are conscientiously thinking of not making themselves victims, by leaving your car unlocked or leaving valuables in plain sight, this problem would lessen. Please be cognizant of this issue and spread the word to friends and family. This little bit of education will go a long way.

It looks like we made it through the tough winter. We can put the shovels away and bring out the lawn mowers. With spring and summer we can look forward to long walks and bike rides, which brings me to my next topic, bike registration. The police department would encourage everyone to make sure to take the time to register your bicycles. It may seem like a hassle, but is important as I just explained theft as our most frequent crime. It is frustrating to have your bike stolen... but it is more frustrating for the police to know we can't get property back to its rightful owner because we have no way of tracing anything back to an owner. Bicycle registration would take care of this problem. Not only is it the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do. We will be stressing bicycle registration with the schools and try to hold some sessions where we can demonstrate bike safety and take care of registration all at the same time. Please take advantage of these opportunities.

Remember, with the warmer weather more pedestrians will be

out and about. Menomonee Falls is experiencing an increase in traffic crashes. We need to slow down and respect all types of vehicles on the roads, as well as pedestrians crossing. Remember, warmer weather brings the potential of children darting out into traffic without warning. Take time to talk to our kids about this danger. In conjunction with educating citizens in an attempt to reduce crashes, the MFPD will be involved in three State of Wisconsin traffic grants. We have been awarded funds to do extra patrol regarding speed enforcement. These grants run from May through September. Keep in mind we don't do active

enforcement to help the Village revenue or put a personal burden on offenders. We vigorously enforce the rules of the road to create a safer environment for all. Spread the word, you have all been warned!

Finally, I just want to thank you all for making me feel so welcomed as your new chief. The transition has been going great. We held our first Youth Leadership Conference which was positively received from the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who attended, as well as the presenters. We couldn't have done it without the funding support and volunteers of Neighborhood Watch. The volunteers who came out for the day were Melissa Roskopf,

Lisa Ulicki, Barb Hilbert, Erik Moeser and Mike Pogorzelski. If you want to know what a great day it was, feel free to have them share their experience. Thanks again for the support. See you around the Village!

Sincerely,

Anna M. Ruzinski, *Chief of Police*

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MFNW Youth Award

Menomonee Falls Night at
Miller Park!

Monday, August 18th 2008 • 7:05pm
 Milwaukee Brewers vs Houston Astros

SPECIAL TREAT! Our own MF Police Dept. Honor Guard will be performing at the beginning of the game!

Great Deal! Includes tailgate party, one game ticket, and transportation!
\$35*

- Single ticket price includes admission to Loge Outfield Box Seat, Tailgate Party at Rotary Park at 5pm, and Bus Transportation to and from Miller Park entrance.
- All orders must be received by August 1st. Orders will be filled on a first come first served basis according to postmarks.
- Busses will depart from Rotary Park at 6pm.
- Neighborhood Watch will sponsor a tailgate party there at 5pm.

Please Join Us! • This Is Open To All!
 Rotary Park is on Fond du Lac Ave between Main St. and Lilly Rd.
To order tickets - or for more information call Dennis Farrell at 262-251-0080

POLICE  MEMORIAL
Sunday, May 25th • 2PM

Honoring the memory of
 Menomonee Falls and Germantown Police Officers
 that have died in the line of duty

John S. Taylor, Jr. Park
 Menomonee Falls - Appleton Ave. just south of Garfield Dr.

SPEAKERS:
 DA Brad Schimel AND John Mercure from TMJ4

In the event of inclement weather, service will be held at Village Hall (Board Room)



YOUTH FISHING DERBY
Saturday, May 17th, 2008
Mill Pond Park - 10am-1pm

MF Optimist Club & Badger Fishermen's League (SPONSORS)

Neighborhood Watch has again been asked to sell concessions at this event. If you have even just an hour to spare, volunteers are needed! Also, we'll be having a **BAKE SALE** - if you'd like to donate a baked item, please drop it off at the park on the day of the event - or, if necessary, it can be picked up at your home. Call Crystal Weissenborn at 253-9807.

All profits from the sale of food items benefit the MFNW



Menomonee Falls NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

2008 SILENT AUCTION & TREASURE SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH 2008
NOON-3PM

MENOMONEE FALLS COMMUNITY CENTER

W152 N8645 Margaret Rd
 (Pilgrim & Menomonee River Pkwy)

SILENT AUCTION

Come bid on a wide variety of items, gift certificates and services donated by businesses and patrons in the Milwaukee metro area. Winning bidders will be contacted after the event, to arrange pick-up/delivery and payment.

TREASURE SALE

Find YOUR treasure! Everything from furniture, jewelry, to books and household items -- carefully screened by our event chairpersons -- if you'd like to donate an item, please call Dorene MacArthur at 262-951-5587.

CASH OR CHECK • NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS

Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch

Annual Picnic

Tuesday, July 8th

Rotary Park - Area #1 - 5pm

Enjoy a summer evening with your neighbors at our annual picnic/meeting. We'll have plenty of great food, Bingo/door prizes and possibly, a special guest speaker. (Please contribute a door prize if you wish to participate in the Bingo game.) Also, bring a dish to pass. (Don't forget bug spray!)

Questions? Call Crystal Weissenborn at 253-9807.



This would be a great time to bring the items you will be donating to the

SILENT AUCTION/ TREASURE SALE

PLEASE SEE PG 2 FOR DETAILS!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2008

America's *Night Out Against Crime* designed to:

- Heighten crime/drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTIES

Block Captains ... plan a block, porch or yard party for National Night Out on Tuesday August 5th.

It could be a pot luck, cookout, ice cream social ... or just a simple get-together!

Contact Officer Jim Kirchner at (262) 532-8723 to sign up for a caravan* visit. For permits to close off your street for a block party, call the Village Clerks' Office at (262) 532-4200

*Village officials, MFFD and the MFPD.)



TURN ON YOUR PORCH LIGHTS!
Get together with your neighbors!

Welcome Neighbors!

The Neighborhood Watch groups in Menomonee Falls total more than 120 and involve over 3,200 homes ... and is still growing! We welcome our newest groups and acknowledge their volunteer Neighborhood Watch Captains and Co-Captains.

Richard Blum *Wildwood Highlands*
Mike Russell *Maryhill Drive*
Janice Medina *Bryn Mawr Court*



The Menomonee Falls Public Works Department is scheduling a **SPRING BRUSH PICK-UP** Monday, May 19th, 2008.

DEADLINE

for residents to put out brush for pick-up is **Sunday, May 18th, 2008**
We cannot extend the pick-up, or pick up brush that is put out after the deadline on Sunday, May 18th, 2008

Please follow these rules to help us with this year's brush pick-up:

1. Brush materials acceptable for Village pick-up are branches up to six inches in diameter, cut to a maximum length of four feet.
2. Brush must be placed on the terrace area (between curb and sidewalk). In areas without curb, brush should be placed on the grass area adjacent to the street pavement or adjacent to driveway entrances.
3. For safety reasons NO brush may be placed on the street pavement.
4. PLEASE NOTE: Yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves and garden debris WILL NOT be picked up.
5. NO stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls will be picked up.
6. Any yard waste that is mixed in with your branches WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.
7. Brush in containers WILL NOT be picked up, as too often there is yard waste in the bottom. We encourage you to use your Yard Waste Permit and take yard waste debris (not picked up) to the Orchard Ridge Landfill.

Your cooperation with this brush pick-up is appreciated. Thank You from the MFPW.

MENOMONEE FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

YOUTH AWARD

Is there a young person in your neighborhood who is courteous, helpful, and kind? If so, please nominate him or her for this award! Please fill out the form below and bring it to the next Neighborhood Watch meeting. If you are unable to attend, mail it to:

Diane Harley - N89 W17052 Roosevelt Dr. - Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

At each Neighborhood Watch meeting, the nomination forms will be read, and the winner(s) chosen. They will be notified by phone, and will be sent their award certificate and gift certificate. Their names will be listed in the next Neighborhood Watch newsletter, and they will be invited to the annual Neighborhood Watch picnic for further recognition. This will be a an ongoing award, so please continue to send in names of deserving youth in your neighborhood. If they are honored for being good neighbors now, hopefully they will continue to be good neighbors for the rest of their lives!

YOUTH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF YOUTH:

ADDRESS:

PHONE: NOMINATED BY:

Write a short paragraph explaining why you feel this young person deserves an award for being a good neighbor.

MENOMONEE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Anna Ruzinski

Special Investigation Bureau

Lt. Rick Plumley

Juvenile Officers: James Kirchberger, Paul Lenz, Jay Weber
Detectives: Steve Torn, Dennis Moran, Vito Sorce, Chris Cybell

(262) 532-8720

Non-Emergency Number

(262) 532-1700

To contact our department in non-emergency situations.
This number will connect you directly with our dispatch center.

Business Office

(262) 532-8700

For general information/questions.

www.menomonee-falls.org/police

“WE CARE” PROGRAM

Sign up at the service counter of your Pick ‘n Save grocery store, using our designated organization’s number, which is 502000. Then, each time you present your Pick ‘n Save Advantage card at the checkout, a donation from that grocery purchase is added to your organization’s account.

IT’S EASY... go into the store and fill out an application change card and designate Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch as the organization!

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