



*Tying The Community Together*

# Menomonee Falls NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2009



Message from our  
Chief of Police --  
Anna Ruzinski

Greetings to all of our Neighborhood Watch members,

Another spring is upon us. The police department is very excited about some new projects we have going to continue to work with our citizens and keep our safe community. Since I last reported to you, our yearly crime statistics have come in. I'm pleased to say that our efforts are having great results. In 2008, total crime was reduced by 20%. Even traffic crashes were down by 5%. But, more importantly, fatal crashes were down 33%. We are waiting to see if the economy is going to have an effect on crime. I am cautiously optimistic, since the first three months of 2009 have also seen a decrease. The department will continue to monitor crime trends and certainly we will notify Neighborhood Watch if things begin to shift.

As I mentioned, there are several projects under way at the police department. First, I'd like to thank Officer Kirchberger, my assistant Jean, and all the Neighborhood Watch volunteers who helped make our second annual Youth Leadership Conference a success. This is truly turning out to be something our youth look forward to. This year we reached out to the parochial schools as well which enabled us to reach more kids. I'm glad they were able to participate. I personally would like to thank Neighborhood Watch for supporting this program. In keeping with the learning theme, our Police Citizens Academy is on schedule to have its first session this fall. We will be getting out an application in July for a September start date. As I have mentioned at past meetings, I will make sure applications are available at a future meeting.

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Public Safety Mobile Command Post. Once the inside is complete, we will bring it to a meeting so all can take a tour if you'd like. This vehicle will serve as a command post in the field for both police and fire, to enable us to work in a unified structure. It would be my plan in the future to use Neighborhood Watch volunteers to assist in the command post when a large situation calls for the attention of all our resources in the field. Along with increasing the department's ability to be more efficient, we are switching our radio system to 800 MHz. This will give us interoperability with not only surrounding jurisdictions, but with our own fire department.

Finally, I did submit our Menomonee Falls Block Watch for a National Award given out by the National Sheriff's Association, but they have not made their awards yet. Rest assured as soon as I hear that we've won I will let you all know! 'Till then I just want to say 'thank you' for all that you do to support your police department, your neighborhoods and your community. It is truly an honor to be your chief and run what I feel is an extremely dedicated and professional police department. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Sincerely,  
Chief Anna M. Ruzinski

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# Menomonee Falls Night at Miller Park!

Monday, July 27th 2009 • 7:05pm  
Milwaukee Brewers vs Washington Nationals

**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 July 17th. There are limited seats available for this game. Orders will be filled on a first come first served basis according to postmarks.



Busses will depart from Rotary Park at 6pm. Please join us ... this is open to all. Rotary Park is on Fond du Lac Avenue, between Main Street and Lilly Road.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call: 262-251-0080.



## POLICE MEMORIAL

Sunday, May 24th • 2PM

Menomonee Falls Police Department & Germantown Police Department  
*remember fallen officers*

John Taylor, Bob Backus and Richard G. Parquette (Bayfield Cnty. Sheriff)

### John S. Taylor, Jr. Park

Menomonee Falls • Appleton Ave. just south of Garfield Dr.

REFRESHMENTS COMPLIMENTS OF:  
McDonald's & Mr. Bill Holz

FEATURED SPEAKER:  
MFPD CHAPLAIN RUSS KNOTH

# Spring BRUSH PICK-UP



The MF Public Works Department is once again scheduling a spring brush pick-up for **Monday, May 18, 2009**

We cannot extend the pick-up, or pick up brush that is put out after the

deadline on **Sunday, May 17th**

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



**TUESDAY, JULY 14TH**

**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.

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

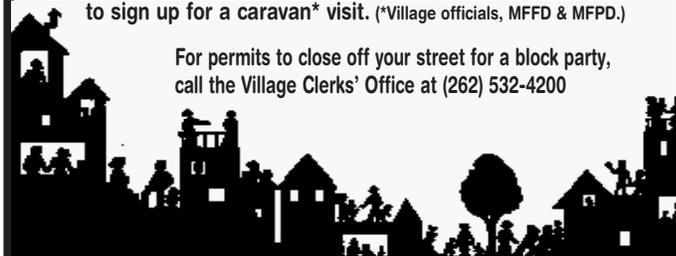
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2009**

America's *Night Out Against Crime* .... designed to: Heighten crime prevention awareness in our community!

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTIES

**Block Captains** ... plan a block party for National Night Out on Tuesday August 5th - Contact Officer Jim Kirchberger at (262) 532-8723 to sign up for a caravan\* visit. (\*Village officials, MFFD & MFPPD.)

For permits to close off your street for a block party, call the Village Clerks' Office at (262) 532-4200



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

## Neighborhood watches are on the front lines in bad economy

from an article on CNN.com/crime - 2009

According to a law enforcement official, quoted in an article from CNN.com/crime, as the economy worsens, property crimes tend to increase. With the economic downturn, neighborhood watch groups are proving to be a first line of defense in battling property crimes -- and formation of these groups are increasing in numbers nationwide.

With police personnel busy, and resources stretched thin, organized and well-trained, neighborhood watch groups can be great assets to local law enforcement.

Encourage your neighbors, if they don't have a Neighborhood Watch Group for their block, to contact Jim Kirchberger at (262) 532-8723 -- representatives from the MFNW will gladly meet to offer assistance in organizing a new group.



## 2009 FALLS SAFETY FAIR

**Saturday, September 12th**  
**10:00 am -4:00 pm**  
**Menomonee Falls High School**  
**Gymnasium & Front Parking Lot**

Meet your local firefighters, dispatchers and police officers. There will be police and fire displays, games for the kids, demonstrations and plenty of opportunities to learn how to keep yourself and your family safe.

For more information:  
call: 262-532-8848



## 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 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. Chad Mueller

Juvenile Officers: James Kirchberger, Paul Lenz, Jay Weber

Detectives: Steve Torn, Dennis Moran, Vito Sorce,

Chris Cybell, Steve Rudie

**(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](http://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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