



Tying The Community Together

Menomonee Falls NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010



Message from our Chief of Police -- Anna Ruzinski

Hello to everyone! I want to say 'thank you' for helping us to make 2009 an extremely safe year in our Village. Violent crime dropped 27% with overall crime dropping 20%. Vehicle crashes dropped 36% and injuries from accidents dropped 25%. It is definitely a reflection of safer driving habits by our citizens. And let's not forget our award winning Neighborhood Watch!

This year brings many exciting projects to the Menomonee Falls Police Department. Our most exciting news is the formation of our own MFPD K-9 Unit. In April of this year Officer Chris Harding will travel to North Carolina to train for six weeks with his new K-9 partner. Our dog will have the capability of doing both patrol and drug sniffing functions. He will also be used for public relations. "Parker" is being named after Officer Bill Parker, who you may recall was one of our beloved officers who died in 2008 after battling a rare liver condition. I'll make sure to have him the featured officer at a future Block Watch meeting.

There are several projects for this spring. On March 23, the MFPD, MFFD, the MF School District and Community Memorial Hospital are teaming up to participate in a simulation of an active shooter at the high school. This exercise will test our ability to respond, coordinate and cooperate with each other in a disaster. This ensures a better response by all involved should the real situation of this magnitude ever occur. Please note that on March 23, between 4-9 p.m. access around the high school will be very limited. We have to ensure the safety of all the role players and responders during this exercise drill.

During March, April, and May, we are joining forces with

the Addiction Resource Council on a campaign, "Parents who host lose the most". The message will focus on preventing teen drinking. It will be aimed at parents who think they are doing the right thing by allowing underage youth to drink at their homes because they believe it's safer. Not only is it not safe, it is illegal. You may see signs and stickers showing up at local businesses and the schools.

On May 8, 2010, we will again team up with Community Memorial Hospital to have a drug drop off for all of your unused medication. The drop off runs between 9 a.m. and noon and will be in parking lot B of CMH, same as last year. It was very successful and ran smoothly. You don't even have to get out of your car.

We have been approved in the budget to add squad cameras to all of our traffic and patrol vehicles. This is a long over due project that will protect citizens and officers alike. We hope to have them installed before this summer.

The second class of our police citizen academy will begin September 7 and run through December 7, 2010. The first class was a great success and I hope some of you will consider joining us for the second class. Applications can be found on our website or in the police business office. Applications should be in by the end of July. There

is only room for twenty, so get your application in early.

The MFPD looks forward to a great year in 2010! Thank you for your support. I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Sincerely,
Chief Anna M. Ruzinski

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Mark Your CALENDARS!

UPCOMING EVENTS!




- April 29th **Falls Youth Leadership Conference** / Rec Center
- May 15th **Fishing Derby** / Mill Pond Park
- May 30th **Police Memorial** / John Taylor Park
- May 31st **MF Memorial Day Parade** / John Taylor Park
- July 3rd **MF Independence Day Parade**
- July 15th **MFNW Picnic/Meeting** / Rotary Park
- August 3rd **National Night Out**
- August 9th **MF Night at Miller Park -** / "Tailgate" at Rotary Park
- September 11 **Falls Safety Fair / MFNW Silent Auction** / MFHS

Please consider volunteering! Your time and talent would be greatly appreciated at any of these events. Sign-up sheets and detailed information will be passed out at future meetings.



GET CONNECTED!

Our Village website can be customized to your needs. Just log onto www.menomonee-falls.org. Then click on the  icon on left-hand side of webpage. Select only the information you wish to receive by checking the boxes -- fill in your email -- then click the "subscribe" button. You will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to unsubscribe if you wish. Your email will be kept confidential and will not be sold.

Receive up-to-date news you want - directly to your email!

Receive the very latest **Crime Alerts** -- news of criminal investigations involving public safety and/or assistance that may directly effect you.

Receive current news from the **Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch** -- including safety awareness, how to safe-guard yourself and property, and all the upcoming community events.

VILLAGE OF MEMOMONEE FALLS

Spring Brush Pick-Up



The MF Public Works Department is once again scheduling a spring brush pick-up for **Monday, May 17, 2010.**

We cannot extend the pick-up, or pick up brush that is put out after the deadline on Sunday, May 16th

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 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 is appreciated!

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CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

A Citizen Police Academy is a program intended to educate citizens about police work. It is an opportunity for the police department to build rapport with the citizens they serve. **We are very happy to announce that the Menomonee Falls Police Department will be offering its second Citizen Police Academy in the Fall of 2010.**

The Menomonee Falls Police Department Citizen Police Academy is designed to give the public a working knowledge of our department's organization, personnel, policies and procedures. The Citizen Police Academy is not designed as a preparatory class for individuals who desire to become a law enforcement officer -- it is designed as an educational and

informative offering for adults who either reside or work in our village that have a desire to learn more about their police department.

The Citizen Police Academy will cover a plethora of subjects to include police administration, traffic enforcement, police operations, criminal investigations, use of force, tactical operations, etc. In addition, you will be a graduate of the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

The Citizen Police Academy will consist of thirteen weekly two to three hour classes and one Saturday eight hour session. Please see the attached schedule. Questions? Please contact Sergeant Michael J. Brasch, (262) 532-8740.

To learn more or apply, go to www.menomonee-falls.org -- Click on Departments -- Police -- Citizen Police Academy



My Citizen Police Academy **EXPERIENCE**

"I truly can appreciate these persons and their job skills. I feel I am a better prepared citizen and I only hope that I will not be called upon to test me in the life saving techniques they taught me, and if I am I can provide the necessary skills to help properly.

It was very enlightening, stressful, confusing and emotional to be placed in such situations that these persons handle on a day to day basis.

Thank you to those who choose to be there for the rest of us."

Dorene MacArthur,
MfNW Captain and Board Member

"On a Crime Scene Investigation segment, we learned how police get footprints off the floor for evidence. I saw this used in an armed robbery while I was on a ride-along with an officer. We also were able to drive a police car and fire truck."

Richard Blum, MfNW Captain

"A professional, well trained and lead Police Department is the second essential component to keeping a community safe. The Citizens Police Academy gives the citizens an appreciation of the hard work and dedication of all in the police department and the confidence they can protect the community. It gives the citizens the opportunity to see how and where the considerable tax dollars spent on the police goes and that the money is well spent."

Marc Schneider, MfNW Captain

"Besides getting to meet Menomonee Falls finest we also were able to see first hand what they do and how dedicated and professional they are. I really looked forward to our weekly classes. I think these classes will help us become better citizens here in the Falls. The classes were well worth time to take.

Dennis MacArthur,
MfNW Co-Captain



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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 a Neighborhood Watch function, 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

“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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