

Menomonee
Falls



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch — Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin — Spring 2011

A message from our Chief of Police,



Anna Ruzinski

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As you know, 2011 brings with it the 25th anniversary of our great neighborhood watch program. The fact that this group continues to flourish for one quarter of a century is a testament to all of you and the dedication you have to a safe community. We finished out 2010 with another reduction in overall crime. However, not all is good news. We did suffer an increase in auto thefts in the Village. Most of those dealt with the auto dealers and not with family vehicles being stolen. It is still something we will be watching closely this coming spring.

Several additional neighborhood watch members are now graduates of our Police Citizen's Academy. It warmed my heart to see neighborhood watch member graduates of the first class come to support their peers at graduation. It really did show the Village what a close group you are. Don't forget this year's academy will begin in September again.

Communication is a big key to us accomplishing our goals. Bill Schmitz, Brian Fritsch, and Dennis Farrell have been working with Jim Kirchberger, me, and our IT staff to try and improve our e-notify system. We are looking to refine the system in order to get out information more timely and to more targeted areas when necessary. This is a slow process but I appreciate the guys' enthusiasm and willingness to make the system better and more useful to both the Village and its residents.

When MF Neighborhood Watch started in 1986 it single-handedly was responsible for supporting the DARE program both in spirit and monetarily. Those initial funds have dwindled. Because of tough budgets, without further fund raising DARE would cease to exist in the Falls. I refuse to let that happen. It is a very respected program in the Falls and gives the police department a great chance to interact positively with our children. This interaction pays dividends all through to the high school level. I've reached out to Leadership Menomonee Falls to handle a fund raiser to support future DARE programs. One of the group's ideas is to hold a Dance For DARE event where you can have fun, get some exercise, and support DARE all in one morning. I challenge each of you to show up and Dance For DARE...I DARE you to dance! (*see page 4 for more information*)

I look forward to MF Neighborhood Watch and the MFPD working together for another successful year. See you all soon.

Chief Anna Ruzinski

*What's
Inside?*

MFNW 2011 Calendar • Night at Miller Park • Dance for D.A.R.E.
Falls Youth Leadership Conference • and more!

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

—Martin Luther King, Jr



SURPRISING BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering has a positive impact on your community.

But did you know that it can have many benefits for you too? Here are some reasons to volunteer:

Be part of your community ~

We sometimes take for granted the community we live in. Many communities are suffering the effects of the economic down-turn, and have had to resort to cut-backs in staff and funds. Volunteering is ultimately about helping others and having an impact on people's wellbeing. What better way is there to connect with your community and give a little back?

Motivation and sense of achievement ~

Volunteering is about giving your time and skills. Freely. Unlike many things in life there is choice in volunteering. Volunteers overall express a sense of achievement and motivation, generated by your desire and enthusiasm to help. It may be true that no one person can solve all the world's problems, but what you can do is make that little corner of the world where you live just that little bit better.

New interests and hobbies ~

Sometimes we get locked into the "rat-race" of life. Volunteering can offer an escape from everyday routine and create balance in our lives. New interests through volunteering can be fun, relaxing and energizing. A volunteer experience can help you discover an interest or skill you were unaware of.

Meet a diverse range of people ~

Volunteering brings people together from all backgrounds and walks of life. It also offers an incredible networking opportunity. Not only will you develop lasting personal and professional relationships, it is also a great way to learn about people from different environments. You can never tell who you will meet or what new information you will learn and what impact this could have on your life.

Volunteering as a family ~

Children watch everything you do. And while it may be a challenge to coordinate everyone's schedules, volunteering as a family has worthwhile benefits. By giving back to the community, you show them firsthand how volunteering can make a difference and how good it feels to help.

Volunteering provides many benefits to both mental and physical health.

Please take a moment to read over the Calendar of MFNW Events below -- and consider volunteering your time to help our organization make a difference in our community!

MENOMONEE FALLS
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
Calendar of Events

 *When you see the hand...it means*
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

-  Saturday, April 9th..... DARE to Dance / MFHS Gym / 9am-10:30am
-  Wednesday, April 13 Falls Youth Leadership Conference / Community Center / 8am-1pm
- Thursday, May 12..... Membership Meeting / Village Hall Board Room / 7pm
-  Saturday, May 14th Fishing Derby / Mill Pond Park / 10am-1pm
-  Sunday, May 29th Police Memorial / John Taylor Park / 2pm
- Monday, May 30th MF Memorial Day Parade
- Sunday, July 3rd..... MF Independence Day Parade
- Thursday, July 14th..... Membership Meeting / Village Hall Board Room / 7pm
- Tuesday, August 2nd..... National Night Out / activities tbd
- Monday, August 15 MF Night at Miller Park - / "Tailgate" at Rotary Park
- Thursday, September 8th Membership Meeting / Village Hall Board Room / 7pm
-  Saturday, September 10th..... Falls Safety Fair / MFNW Silent Auction / MFHS

If you can volunteer for any of the indicated events above, please call Crystal Weissenborn at 262-253-9807



👋 Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 13th! The **Falls Youth Leadership Conference** will be held at the Community Center from 8am - 1pm. This annual conference, sponsored by MFNW, will host 75 middle school students from both public and private Falls schools. The day's activities will feature guest speakers covering topics that relate to our youth including: self discipline, internet safety, making right choices, managing finances and more! If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, please contact Officer Jim Kirchberger at 262-532-8723.

👋 Saturday, May 14th -- the fish will be biting in Mill Pond! The **Youth Fishing Derby**, held by the MF Optimist Club & Badger Fishermen's League, will be at Mill Pond Park from 9am-1pm. The MFNW will 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 morning of the event - or, if necessary, it can be picked up at your home. Contact Crystal Weissenborn at 253-9807 with any questions. All event profits benefit the MFNW.



👋 Take this opportunity to honor the memory of Menomonee Falls police officers who have died in the line of duty. The **MF Police Memorial** service will be held on May 29th at 2pm at John S. Taylor, Jr. Park - Appleton Ave. just south of Garfield Dr. It will feature guest speakers, a bugle solo by one of our officers, and refreshments. Contact Officer Jim Kirchberger at 262-532-8723 with any questions. The MF Memorial Day parade - May 30th - begins at 10am at Harrison & Main Streets.

Your **MENOMONEE FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Dennis Farrell, *President* 262-251-1281
- Crystal Weissenborn, *Vice President* 262-253-9807
- Dorene MacArther, *Treasurer*
- Bill Schmitz, *Secretary* 262-703-0389
- Don Greif, *Ex-Officio* 262-251-7144

2011 MFNW MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- 2nd Thursday of the month
- Village Hall Board Room - 7pm
- May 12 ▪
- July 14 ▪
- September 8 ▪
- November 10 ▪

🗨️ NOTIFY ME *stay* **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 MENOMONEE FALLS

Spring Brush Pick-Up

The MF Public Works Department Spring Brush Pick-Up
Monday, May 9, 2011

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.

DEADLINE: We cannot extend the pick-up, or pick up brush that is put out after the deadline on Sunday, May 8th. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

DARE

IS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION & MUCH MORE!

This year millions of school children around the world will benefit from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children in the 5th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983, and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in over 75 percent of our nation's school districts.

HELP SUPPORT D.A.R.E. IN MENOMONEE FALLS!

DARE to Dance!

When? April 9, 2011 Time? 9:00–10:30am Where? MFHS gym.

Cost is a \$20 donation to D.A.R.E.

The dance will be **ZUMBA**® exercising to Latin dance music.

Even if you've never done it before it will be a lot of fun.

Please consider joining us for this very worthy cause.

Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch *presents*

Limited
Tickets
Available!



**MENOMONEE
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*Night at
Miller Park!*

Monday, August 15th, 2011 • 7:10 pm
Milwaukee Brewers *vs* LA Dodgers

- 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 8, 2011. There are limited seats available for this game. Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis according to postmarks.
- Busses will leave Rotary Park for the game at 6:00 pm.

\$40 per
single
ticket

Please Join Us! This Is Open To All! Questions? Call 262-251-0080
Rotary Park is on Fond Du Lac Avenue, between Main Street and Lilly Road

PLEASE SEND ME:

SINGLE TICKET(S) @ \$40.00 EACH

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ _____

Make check(s) payable to: Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch

Mail along with this form to:

BREWERS BASEBALL, P.O. BOX 164, GERMANTOWN, WI 53022-0164

(please enclose a self-addressed envelope)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



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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. Not able 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.

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CHIEF OF POLICE, Anna Ruzinski



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

Lt. Chad Mueller

Juvenile Officers: James Kirchberger,
Paul Lenz, Jay Weber

Detectives: Steve Torn, Barry Babler, 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

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