



MENOMONEE FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ~ MENOMONEE FALLS, WI ~ *Summer, 2012*

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National Night Out CELEBRATION

SLATED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 7TH

Event Doubles in size; will feature nationally known local band, The Heroes Lie and the Falls Baptist Choir and Orchestra.

Plans are in place to celebrate National Night Out August 7, 2012 at the Menomonee Falls Target Parking Lot from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P. M. Joining in sponsoring the event again this year are The Menomonee Falls Police Department and the Menomonee Falls Fire Department, along with numerous local businesses, including Target, Culver's and Waste Management.

This free event, for the enjoyment of the entire family, will feature more entertainment this year consisting of Menomonee Falls based band, The Heroes Lie. The group has just finished an appearance at Summerfest and provides theme music for both some ESPN segments and World Wrestling Entertainment. Leader Eric LaBrosse, a Falls native, is also a producer for several other groups. Joining in the festivities will be the National Award-winning Falls Baptist Chamber Strings, Brass, Woodwinds and Choir. Opening the festivities will be the presentation of the colors by The Menomonee Falls Police Department Color Guard and the singing of the National Anthem by Police Chief, Anna Ruzinski.

Various Police and Fire equipment, including the MFPD S.W.A.T. team, Survive Alive House, Mobile Command Center and more will be on display and open for tours. Police and Fire Personnel will be on hand to meet and greet all attendees. Parents are encouraged to bring their cell phone cameras to have the kids' picture taken with a motorcycle officer. At dusk there will be lighted march by attendees, led by police and fire personnel.

Many more exhibitors will have booths with valuable information on their mission, safety and crime prevention. For the kids, the Y, the Recreation Department and others will have fun games and contests. "Chuggy the Train" will be on hand to give rides around the premises.

For the hungry, food will be made available by The Trysting Place.

Many communities throughout the USA will be celebrating National Night Out this same evening. This is a wonderful and fun-filled way to let all our neighbors know about the fine work by your Police and Fire Departments, while having fellowship and a good time. Gather up the family and join us!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TO AGAIN CONDUCT

Silent Auction AT THE Safety Fair

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Gather up those items you wish to donate and help with our Annual Silent Auction. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year and we need your help! The committee has the usual appeals out to local businesses for donations, but we always need and appreciate donations of new and valuable items from the membership. To donate, call Bill Schmitz for pickup or delivery details. He can be reached on his cell at 414-651-7948. Bill can also answer any questions you have, and you can volunteer to help at the same time!

The continued success of our organization depends on the involvement of our citizens and NW members. Thanks for your support; we count on it.



A Message From
THE CHIEF

We Menomonee Falls made it through the heat wave relatively unscathed. I want to thank everyone for heeding the words of advice and refraining from illegal fireworks. People understood the added danger with the drought we are experiencing. The burning ban is still in effect. Only grilling, charcoal or gas, is permitted until further notice.

Crime continues to decline for the most part. Burglaries have experienced a large increase over this time last year. Even though the majority of burglaries are businesses, I ask residents to be vigilant in target hardening your property. At the time of this report we have experienced 9 residential burglaries to 19 business burglaries. There is no specific location for this trend, and we are currently working on some leads. Please do not hesitate to report any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood.

As many of you know, I recently was appointed to Director of Protective Services/Police Chief. I continue to hold all of my authority as police chief, but have taken on the added responsibility of administration of the fire department as well. You may begin to see some fire safety information from me, or fire presentations at future meetings.

Finally, I hope you will all join us for the National Night Out celebration being held on August 7, 2012, in the Target parking lot. I want to thank the committee and all the volunteers in advance for planning what should be a very enjoyable, informative, and safe family event. See you there!

Sincerely,

Chief Anna M. Ruzinski

In January of 2012, I started my two year term as your President. I wish to thank you for your trust and confidence. It is truly a privilege to serve you and to be able to work with the Neighborhood Watch Executive Board, our Liaison Officer Jim Kirchberger and the Menomonee Falls Police Department.

THE PRESIDENTS'
Corner

Our Mission remains the same. We believe that "Safety and Security starts at home here in the Falls." Our Watch program is a citizen based partnership between Village residents and Police Officers. With some informal training and increased awareness, citizens can serve as additional eyes and ears for the PD and assist with the public safety in Menomonee Falls.

The success of our "Award winning Neighborhood Watch program" is the direct result of our Block Watch Captains, Co-Captains, Board of Directors, Police Liaison Officers, the Police Chief and the police and fire department staffs, along with the numerous volunteers and committee chair persons. Our thanks go out to each and every one of them.

My commitment along with the Executive Board is to build on that foundation and to increase the number of residents in the NW program. We will be utilizing the tools of today's social media outlets to assist as well as our traditional approach. We have redesigned our web site (mfnc.org) with more information and links to the police and fire departments for prevention and safety information. We also have a Facebook page. "Friend" us and we will keep you informed and up to date on local issues relevant to your safety and well-being. This fall, we will be introducing a new Web based Watch program designed for residents of the Village that reside in apartments, condominiums or rural parts of the village. There are over 2900 residents that fall into that category, and to whom we will be reaching out.

We strive to make our bi-monthly meetings more informative with current crime prevention ideas, safety issues and interesting speakers. The meetings for the remainder of 2012 will be the second Thursdays of September and November. They are held in the village board room and convene at 7:00 P. M. We would love to see you there.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up to help us in any way, please feel free to contact me at 262-703-0389.

Thank you,

Bill Schmitz

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THESE SPONSORS WHO HELP US DELIVER THOSE THINGS THAT INFORM, SUPPORT AND RECOGNIZE OUR RESIDENTS, ALONG WITH KEEPING THEM SAFE.



MENOMONEE FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

YOUTH AWARD

Is there a young person in your neighborhood, school, church or youth organization who is courteous, helpful, and kind?

If so, please nominate him/her for this award! Using a blank sheet of paper, state the name, address and phone number of the young person you wish to nominate, and a short paragraph explaining why you feel he/she deserves this award. Please include your contact information also. Bring it to the next Neighborhood Watch meeting. Not able to attend? Email to mfnw.com or 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. The winner(s) will be notified by phone, and 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 is 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!

stay CONNECTED!

The Village website can be customized to your individual needs. Log onto www.menomonee-falls.org. Then click on the icon NOTIFY ME 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.

Your MENOMONEE FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2012 MFNW MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
 2nd Thursday - bi-monthly
 Village Hall Board Room - 7pm
 - September 13th -
 - November 8th -

Everyone is welcome at the MFNW Membership Meetings! Bring a neighbor!

MENOMONEE FALLS
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
Calendar of Events

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

-  Tuesday, August 7th National Night Out / MF Target parking lot / 5-9pm / *ACTIVITIES TBD*
-  Saturday, September 8th Falls Safety Fair / MFNW Silent Auction / MFHS
- Thursday, September 13th Membership Meeting / Village Hall Board Room / 7pm
- Thursday, November 8th Membership Meeting / Village Hall Board Room / 7pm



When you attend **National Night Out**, be sure to check in at the Welcome Table and get your "Passport." At each of the exhibitors, have it stamped and on completion of your tour, turn it back in. Submitted Passports will put is a drawing for a variety of great prizes donated by our sponsors and Neighborhood Watch. Prize winners will be announced during and after the final event, the Lighted Walk. Don't miss out!

CHIEF OF POLICE, Anna Ruzinski



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 For general information/questions.

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