



MENOMONEE FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ~ MENOMONEE FALLS, WI ~ Winter 2012

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In view of the several recent much-publicized and tragic incidents involving domestic violence and the after-math, we want to help you understand the nature of domestic abuse and the resources available to those in need of help and support.

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence, sometimes called battering, family violence, or intimate partner violence, is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Domestic violence can include physical abuse, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, economic abuse and/or sexual abuse. Abusers use threats, intimidation, isolation and other behaviors to gain and maintain power over their victims.

Domestic violence can affect anyone, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or religion. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Domestic violence occurs in same-sex relationships and men can be victims as well.

Are you in an Abusive relationship?

- Are you ever afraid of your partner?
- Does your partner threaten to hurt you?
- Does your partner control all the money?
- Has your partner ever pushed you or shoved you, thrown things at you or forced you to have sex?
- Does your partner stalk you or show up uninvited at your job or when you're out with friends?

If you said yes to one or more of these questions, you may be a victim of domestic violence.

If you have need of outside assistance in dealing with a situation, or know of someone who does and want to refer them, on the top of the list of those who offer help in our area is the Women's Center, located in Waukesha.

What is the Women's Center?

The Women's Center is an independent, non-profit human service agency founded in 1977. The center provides a wide range of free services to women and families throughout southeastern Wisconsin affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Women's Center offers the following free services:

- Emergency shelter
- Domestic abuse and sexual assault counseling
- Transitional living
- Onsite childcare
- Employment counseling
- Legal advocacy
- 24 - Hour crisis line

The Center also provides Hispanic outreach, community education programs, information and referral services, in addition to its 24-hour crisis line.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

505 North East Avenue
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
Main number: 262-547-4600

24 - Hour Crisis Line 262-542-3828
Toll Free Crisis Line: 888-542-3828

www.twcwaukesha.org

We encourage you to explore their web site which contains a wealth of information about the topic and further detail about the history and future of the center. Please refer anyone you know who is now in need of their services.



Another local non-profit provider of similar services is The Sojourner Family Peace Center of Milwaukee. Their phone number is 414-276-1911.



Greetings everyone! Fall is upon us and we need to be cognizant of school children and increased buses on the roadway. National Night Out was a fabulous time with lots of fun, entertainment, and good information for all who attended. I again wish to thank the Neighborhood Watch Board, volunteers and sponsors who made the evening such a success. The Safety Fair enjoyed some of the best weather ever as all the families were able to visit with our police officers and firefighters. Neighborhood Watch came through again with a great silent auction. Even I got caught up in the fun deals bidding against myself at times! But my Packer rug looks great, especially during football season.

On a crime note, do not forget all the safety tips for the upcoming season. A reminder for all those early Christmas shoppers not to leave packages visible in your car. Car thefts are crimes of opportunity. Don't make yourself a target. As I look at the crime statistics for September, we continue our downward trend, which is good news for the village. We are working on some new initiatives in the police department that I will showcase in future newsletters. Till then, may you all have a Blessed and wonderful holiday season, from Thanksgiving, through Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Chief Anna M. Ruzinski

I am very pleased to report that your Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch has had a very successful year. We had several new challenges this year, but with the help of the Police and Fire Departments, the Village, the Neighborhood Watch Board, Byte24x7.com (the hosting company of our web site www.mfnw.org), the many MFNW volunteers, support of MFNW membership, the School District and our Sponsors, MFNW demonstrated the power of working together as a Team.

THE PRESIDENTS' Corner

Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch (MFNW) 2012 year in review

- Participated in the Optimist Club fishing Derby. Neighborhood Watch values our relationship with the Optimist Club.
- Led the 2012 Village National Night Out Celebration - doubling attendance from 2011.
- Again, hosted "Menomonee Falls Night at Miller Park" for the community.
- Held the MFNW Silent Auction at the Fire Departments' Safety Fair. This is our group's largest fund raiser. We had a new team this year and were very pleased with the results. My thanks go out to the Fire Department, and the MFNW Silent Auction team.
- Attendance at our members meetings is increasing. We appreciate your support. The MFNW board and MFPD are working very hard to provide good speakers, informative crime reports and crime prevention ideas. For more information, check out the MFNW website mfnw.org.
- MFNW sponsored the community-wide mailing of the "Notify me" program insert in your water bills. Your MFNW board and the MFPD encourage all of you to contact your watch group and encourage them to sign up for the program.
- MFNW has proposed a Membership Committee to assist Officer Kirchberger in expanding our outreach to new neighborhoods. This committee is led by Officer Kirchberger and is independent from our board.
- MFNW/MFPD will be introducing a "New" Neighborhood Watch program that is designed to allow apartment, condominium and rural residents to participate with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.



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2013 MFNW MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
 2nd Thursday - bi-monthly
 Village Hall Board Room - 7pm
 - January 10th -
 - March 14th -
 - May 9th -

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



The Village website can be customized to your individual needs. 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 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.

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!

CHIEF OF POLICE, Anna Ruzinski



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(262) 532-8720

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

(262) 532-1700

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 This number will connect you directly with our dispatch center.

BUSINESS OFFICE

(262) 532-8700

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www.menomonee-falls.org/police