

# The Current

Fall 2019

VILLAGE OF  
**Menomonee Falls**

## BEACH HOURS and RULES

HOURS (Weather Permitting)  
Daily 11am - 7pm

### RULES

- Swimming in designated areas only.
- Swimming permitted only when lifeguard duty, follow all lifeguard instructions.
- Children 5 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- The water may be closed at 1PM, 3PM, 5PM for 20 minute safety checks.
- No running dives.
- Proper swimming attire required.
- Only properly fitting Coast Guard approved lifejackets and flotation vests are allowed in shallow water sections only.
- The following are prohibited in the beach area:
  - Smoking
  - Alcohol
  - Drugs
  - Glass
  - Firearms
  - Fishing and Tackle
  - Grilling
  - Animals

Thank you for your cooperation,  
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Leaves are starting to turn color, days are becoming shorter, there is a crisp to the morning air, and menus are filled with pumpkin spiced everything. Like it or not, autumn has arrived in Menomonee Falls! This edition of *The Current* newsletter will open by highlighting some of the things that make the Village a great place to be in the fall. The remainder of the newsletter will provide seasonal updates on a variety of local initiatives and important information on the Village services that you rely on.

## Fall in the Falls

Perhaps more than any other time of year, autumn reminds us that Wisconsin is a four season state. Although reactions to the cooler weather can vary from elation to dread (the first frost hints at the looming winter months to follow), there are ample opportunities to enjoy fall in the Falls while it's here. Here is **a short list of fun ideas for outdoor autumn fun across the Village:**

- **Go for a hike or a ride** – Fall is the ideal time to see the changing foliage while taking a walk or a bicycle ride on trails in local parks and natural areas. Check out the Sunset Candlelight Hike on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Menomonee Park as part of the Menomonee Falls Fit in the Parks program.
- **Take in a high school football game** – A Friday night football game may be the quintessential fall experience. Mark your calendar for October 18<sup>th</sup> when Menomonee Falls hosts Hamilton in an end of season rivalry match up.
- **Enjoy the harvest** – Take a family outing to pick up pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks and more from Village farmers, roadside stands, and grocery stores to take your home/stoop to the next level of fall decor.

**See Menomonee Falls' first boardwalk** – A new boardwalk and trail connection was recently completed between Rivercrest Drive and Shady Lane in northern Menomonee Falls. The project includes an interpretive sign about wildlife and parks along the Menomonee River. [Learn more on page 5.](#)



# Some Ideas for Getting Out & About in the Village this Autumn

- **Become an amateur birder** – The Village is designated as a Bird City in Wisconsin and is home to natural areas (like the Tamarack Preserve) and open spaces that attract migratory birds in the fall. Cranes, geese, and songbirds are among the birds that you may see en route to their winter destinations.
- **Visit Old Falls Village** – The grounds at Old Falls Village are transformed for an annual Halloween Family Fun event featuring hayrides, trick-or-treating, and pumpkins on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Attend Cheery Cherry Fall Fair** – September 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of the fair which includes a variety of arts and craft vendors, food/drink offerings, and live music at Rotary Park. Proceeds support Froedtert Community Memorial Hospital.
- **Take a fall golf outing** – Enjoy the beauty of the season while you play a round at one of the Village's public golf courses. Waukesha County recently announced that 2019 will be the last season of operations at Wanaki Golf Course, so play it while you still can!



**Check out downtown** – Warm up with a hot drink or meal at a restaurant or coffee shop, peruse local stores for seasonal sales, visit the farmers market, and join in for the fun at the downtown Trick or Treat and Spooky Walk on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Shop Around the World

On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm - 9 pm Menomonee Falls Downtown is hosting its first **Ladies Night Around the World** event. To take part, shoppers can pick up a blank passport at participating businesses between September 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and visit different businesses (countries) during the event to get their passport stamped. Shoppers will receive an entry form for a prize drawing at a downtown restaurant from each business visited. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, passports will be available only at the BID office at N88 W16712 Appleton Avenue. Make sure to stop at all participating businesses to check out their specials because the more "countries" you visit, the more entry forms you receive!

### Participating Businesses

AJ O'Brady's.....Ireland  
 Alumni Club.....Russia  
 American Legion.....USA  
 Bank of Flowers.....Holland  
 Chocolate Falls.....Italy  
 Eastern Exposures.....China  
 Evie's Bistro.....Vietnam  
 Fiddleheads.....Argentina  
 Inglenook.....Germany  
 Just Kiln' Time.....Cuba  
 Marigold Marketplace.....Bahamas  
 MeikoBella Studio.....Australia  
 MK Protections.....Portugal  
 Nino's Italian Bakery.....Sicily  
 Olive Branch Boutique.....Mexico  
 Quiznos.....Thailand  
 Peace Yoga Studio.....India  
 Pink Lemonade.....Egypt  
 Poppy & Thyme.....France  
 Purloin Studio.....Canada

Robin's Nest.....England  
 Talonz Hair & Nail Studio.....Brazil  
 The Main Mill.....Spain







## Changes in Store with the New Solid Waste Collection Agreement

Curbside garbage and recycling collection are services that impact every resident, and it is important that the Village provides its residents with the most comprehensive suite of refuse disposal services at the best value. The current agreement for curbside garbage and recycling collection is set to expire at the end of December. The Village ensured uninterrupted trash and recycling collection services will continue by renegotiating an agreement with Waste Management for **automated curbside garbage and recycling collection**, along with two different special bulk item disposal events each year.

The Village Board unanimously approved this renegotiated seven-year Recycling and Waste Agreement with Waste Management on August 19, 2019. Under the agreement, set to begin in January, Waste Management will provide automated weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling collection to Menomonee Falls residents on their currently scheduled collection day. Included in this agreement, residents will no longer have to purchase their own garbage containers because Waste Management will be providing them a container free of charge.

Resident owned garbage containers can be kept; otherwise if residents would like them hauled away, they can dispose of them by placing a note on the garbage container indicating to the route driver they would like them removed. Containers will be removed on resident's normally scheduled collection day and they should be set near the garbage or recycling carts.

The Village is confident that residents will continue to receive unparalleled service at one of the lowest costs in the area. Details about the changes to the collection service can be found on our Garbage & Recycling webpage [menomonee-falls.org/130/Garbage-Recycling](http://menomonee-falls.org/130/Garbage-Recycling).

### Automated Garbage Collection: Everyday Changes for Residents

- Residents will soon no longer be able to put loose garbage bags out for pickup. Instead, Waste Management will provide green trash carts necessary for automated pick-up. **Resident-owned garbage containers and loose garbage will no longer be collected beginning January 6, 2020.** Only trash contained within the new garbage cart will be collected.
- Residents will soon be receiving a postcard in the mail giving them the option of choosing either a 96 or 64-gallon garbage cart. If no response is received, Waste Management will deliver the 96-gallon cart. **Carts are scheduled to be delivered between December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>**, just in time for the holiday season!
- New for 2020, residents have the option of obtaining one additional trash cart from Waste Management for an annual fee of \$60. Contact Waste Management directly for this service.

### Bulk Item Collection: Items that do not fit in your cart, are over four feet long, or weigh over 60 pounds

- Starting in 2020, Waste Management will conduct an annual bulk item **Drop-Off Event** (up to four large bulk items) once a year occurring the first Saturday of October, from 8:00 am to noon at the Orchard Ridge Landfill (W124 N9355 Boundary Road). This one-time Drop-Off event will be free for Menomonee Falls residents.
- Also starting in 2020, Waste Management will conduct a bulk item **Collection Week** for up to two bulk items placed at the curbside for pickup free of charge. This will occur the first full week of May (week of May 4<sup>th</sup>). Residents looking to utilize this service need to notify Waste Management seven days in advance about their items for pick up.
- Bulk **items for pick-up**, not falling within the special bulk item Collection Week, must be scheduled with Waste Management seven days in advance and will be billed (free through 2019) to the resident at a rate of \$25 per bulk item **starting in 2020**.



Another change is the shrinking list of acceptable recyclables.

**The following goods can be recycled:**

- Aluminum cans
- PET bottles with the #1 symbol – with screw tops only
- HDPE plastic bottles with the #2 symbol (milk, water bottles, detergent, shampoo)
- PP plastic bottles and tubes with the #5 symbol
- Steel and tin cans
- Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green
- Newspaper & mail
- Uncoated paperboard (cereal boxes, snack boxes, food boxes)
- Uncoated printing, writing, and office paper
- Old corrugated containers and cardboard (uncoated)
- Magazines, glossy inserts and pamphlets

**The following goods are NOT recyclable:**

- Plastic bags and bagged materials containing recyclables
- Porcelain/ceramics
- Light bulbs
- Soiled paper, including paper plates, cups, and pizza boxes
- Expanded polystyrene
- Glass and metal cookware/bakeware
- Hoses, cords and wires.
- Flexible plastic or film packaging & multi-laminated materials
- Containers containing food waste and liquids
- Cartons
- Microwave trays
- Mirrors, window or auto glass
- Coated cardboard
- Any recyclable materials or pieces of paper less than four inches in size
- Plastics with the #3, 4, 6 and 7 symbols
- Coat hangers
- Textiles, cloth and fabric
- Napkins, paper towels, tissue, paper plates, and paper cups
- Yard waste, construction debris, and wood
- Propane tanks and batteries
- Aseptic containers
- Household appliances and electronics
- Needles, syringes, IV bags, and other medical supplies
- Propane tanks and fuel canisters
- Any hazardous, toxic, and flammable materials or substances

For missed pickups of garbage and/or recycling, to request a bulk pickup, or to sign up for an additional garbage cart please contact Waste Management Customer Service with your address, phone number, and regularly scheduled pick up time at [wm.com/us/en/support](http://wm.com/us/en/support), via email to [cswisconsin@wm.com](mailto:cswisconsin@wm.com), or by calling 888-960-0008.



Under the approved agreement, Waste Management will continue to be responsible for both garbage and recycling collection

**Oil Disposal**

If you are a resident and change your own oil, you can dispose of used oil and oil filters for free at the Department of Public Works located at N72 W15900 Good Hope Road. Please use the most westerly driveway to access the oil drop off area which is located in the first bay of the three sided storage shed near the entrance. Once the oil is emptied into tank, please dispose the can/container in the dumpster and oil filters in the 55-gallon drums. Please note: Do not dispose of anything other than the listed acceptable items. The motor oil drum drop off site is monitored and violators will be prosecuted.



**Waukesha County Special Collection Days**

When disposing of hazardous waste, Waukesha County has four permanent household hazardous waste drop off sites and four special one-day collections free to all Waukesha County Residents. Further information can be found at the link below: [waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste](http://waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste)



# Construction & Development Projects



## Public Projects

The August 2019 completion of the **Menomonee River Parkway Boardwalk** marked the culmination of years of planning, grant writing, and design work. The Village first identified the project by documenting a well-worn social path linking the Devon Wood subdivision to commercial areas to the west and north. After incorporating the trail connection into the [Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan](#) in 2016, the Village applied for and was awarded a 50 percent matching Stewardship Grant for the trail from the Wisconsin DNR. The project adds to the Village's growing network of multi-use trails and it creates a new (and better connected) northern terminus for the parkway trail.

## Parks

- Mill Pond Park soil remediation & parking lot expansion along Roosevelt Drive  
- **Status: completion expected in October**
- Tennis/basketball court improvements at Oakwood Park & Willowood Park  
- **Status: completion expected in September**
- Renovation of bathrooms at Rotary Park (east of the Menomonee River) including remodeling and ADA accessibility upgrades  
- **Status: completion expected in October**

Visit [menomonee-falls.org/parks](http://menomonee-falls.org/parks) to learn more about the Village's park system

## Streets & Utilities

The reconstruction of **Cheyenne Drive** is now complete. This project included new water main and storm sewer, along with roadway replacement.

The Village will be proceeding this fall on a water main extension along **Town Line Road** and **Lisbon Road** (between Redbud Lane and Taylors Lane) in southwest Menomonee Falls.

## School District of Menomonee Falls

The Menomonee Falls High School auditorium is undergoing a major renovation as part of the district's broader capital improvements program. The project will add new seating, lighting, and technology throughout the facility.

Other projects being completed in 2019 include updates to science classrooms and the building exterior at North Middle School, new windows and office space at Shady Lane Elementary, and paint/flooring updates across the district.



Water on the social path  
in spring 2017



Boardwalk under construction  
in summer 2019



Auditorium improvements at MFHS  
will be similar to those completed at  
North Middle School (shown above)



# Private Sector Projects

(selected projects as viewed in late August)



For more information on these and other development projects, see [menomonee-falls.org/development](http://menomonee-falls.org/development)



# Mid-year Development Summary

## Net New Construction

At **\$89,567,500**, Menomonee Falls' reported net new construction value for 2018-2019 was the second highest in Waukesha County (after the City of Brookfield). This year, businesses construction and additions have been the largest contributor of new construction value in the Village. Business projects accounted for \$33 million of the \$56.7 million of construction value for approved projects through June.

## Single & Two Family Homes

Through June of 2019, building permits were issued for **63 single family homes** in Menomonee Falls. Over half of the permits were issued for new homes in the Aero Park, Brookdale Estates, or Weyerhaven subdivisions. Three permits for duplexes were also issued in the first six months of 2019.

## Multi-family Housing

Construction is nearly complete at the **Jade at North Hills** apartment development which is adding 139 units near the intersection of Good Hope Road and Highland Drive. Construction is proceeding on 165 new senior housing units at **Grace Commons** near the intersection of Cross View Way and County Line Road in northern Menomonee Falls. The Village also approved plans for an 8 unit condominium building to be located near the intersection of Silver Spring Drive and Westwind Drive in southeastern Menomonee Falls.

## Population Estimates

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (WDOA) has estimated the Village's population to be 37,873 as of the start of 2019. This is an estimated increase of 2,247 residents since 2010.

The Village's population will officially be counted next spring as part of the 2020 United States Census. For the first time, residents will be able to fill out census forms online. See [menomonee-falls.org/2020Census](http://menomonee-falls.org/2020Census) to learn how the Village is promoting a complete count in 2020.



Single family homes  
approved in the School  
District of Menomonee Falls

through  
June  
2019



Single family homes  
approved in the Hamilton  
School District

Aero Park



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# Seasonal Information & Reminders

## Leaf Disposal

The Public Works Department provides a **leaf collection** service in on Village streets that have concrete curb and gutter and storm sewers. Leaf collection within these areas is intended to prevent leaves from collecting in and obstructing the storm water drainage systems causing potential flooding.

The annual leaf pickup program begins in mid-October and ends in late November. The program is exclusively for leaves and does not include brush, yard waste, or other debris. Residents should rake leaves into the street for collection by Public Works crews. For disposal of other yard waste residents can obtain a [Yard Waste Permit](#) that allows for drop off at the Waste Management Orchard Ridge Composting Facility at W124 N9355 124<sup>th</sup> Street.

Leaf burning and yard waste fires are permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday between 10 am and 6:30 pm. Yard waste fires must be at least 50 feet away from any structure, in a pile no larger than five feet in diameter and three feet in height, or in a metal container no larger than 55 gallons. Fires shall also be attended by a competent person of legal age with a garden hose connected to water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment. Outdoor fires will be prohibited when conditions such as high winds or drought make outdoor burning hazardous. For more information see [menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning](http://menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning)

## Voter Registration Information

2020 will be a busy election year, make sure you are registered and ready to vote by visiting [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). MyVote is a great tool allowing voters to register online, update a name or address, request absentee ballots, find your polling location, see what is on your ballot and answer any questions you may have.



## 2020 Election Schedule

- 2/18/2020 Spring Primary (if required)
- 4/07/2020 Spring Election & Presidential Primary
- 8/11/2020 Partisan Primary
- 11/03/2020 General Election

For more election information follow these links!

Wisconsin Election Commission: [elections.wi.gov](http://elections.wi.gov)

Menomonee Falls election and voting page: [menomonee-falls.org/1140/Elections-Voting](http://menomonee-falls.org/1140/Elections-Voting)

## Why does the Village Flush Hydrants?

Chances are that at some point you have noticed Water Utility personnel flushing hydrants and releasing large amounts of water into the streets. While it may appear that hundreds of gallons are going to waste, there are actually several benefits to this hydrant flushing process. **Water main flushing is an important preventative maintenance activity that:**

- Verifies proper operation of the hydrant
- Evaluates the available flow to the hydrant
- Allows the Water Utility to deliver the highest quality water possible to their customers
- Removes mineral & sediment build up from water mains

Hydrant flushing occurs in the spring and fall in some areas of the Village. If you observe Water Utility personnel working in your area, refrain from using water or use as little as possible for 45 minutes to ensure that the water has settled in the main. This will prevent any iron from being drawn into your water system. If you experience discoloration, clear the pipes in your home by running cold water through your faucets for a few minutes. We recommend using the tub or outside faucet. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water.

## Reserve a Park Shelter or Athletic Facility

Park shelter and athletic facility reservations are still available through October. Make a reservation by stopping by Village Hall today!



# Collective IMPACT



## Partnering for the Well-being of all Residents

Starting in 2016, the School District of Menomonee Falls developed a partnership with the Menomonee Falls Police Department to better support at-risk youth. This initial collaboration expanded into a community-wide Collective Impact group focused on maximizing available resources for the well-being of all Menomonee Falls residents. Today, Collective Impact includes representatives from over three dozen community organizations.

### Identifying Top Concerns

For the last two years, local information has been compiled across sectors in a [Community Wellness Data Report](#) to provide a snapshot of existing conditions and recent trends in the Village. The 2018 report identified a variety of strengths and challenges. Challenges include:

- Unmet physical and mental health care needs
- Families constrained by limited assets/incomes and rising costs for housing, childcare, education and healthcare
- Growing service demands and aging infrastructure
- Gaps in engagement, care, and transportation for our growing senior population

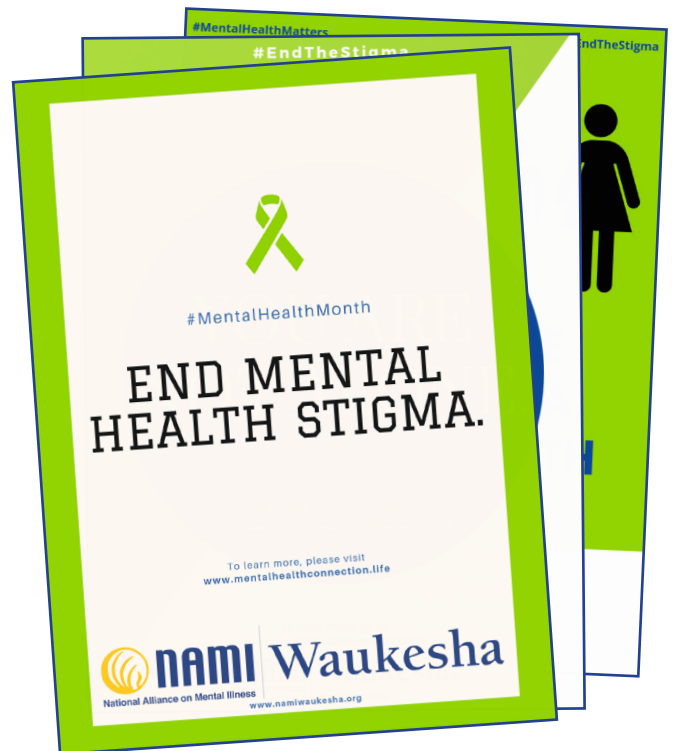
In 2019, Menomonee Falls Collective Impact spearheaded three community projects to address some of these areas of concern.

### Mental Health

The mental health initiative brings together local service providers and community organizations to reduce mental health stigma and improve early interventions for people living with mental health conditions. The mental health team includes a coalition of educators, healthcare providers, and residents who are addressing

barriers and areas of influence for supporting mental health in the Village.

The initiative is targeting opportunities in K-12 schools with mental health clinics at the middle school and high school level and with senior citizens for education and training. The mental health team has worked to increase awareness and reduce stigma for mental health conditions across the community. The team promoted Mental Health Month in May by sharing green ribbons, informational fliers, and posters from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) with community organizations.



*A sampling of fliers distributed locally during Mental Health Month (May 2019)*



## Early Literacy

The early literacy initiative seeks to provide new families with resources to support literacy and language development and to connect them with relevant community organizations. The early literacy team is developing a “Brain Bag” program to distribute information and resources for families on the importance of literacy development starting with infants. The team has received a Community Outreach grant from the Community Memorial Hospital to cover the cost of the bags and has established a partnership with Town Hall Health Center Pediatrics as the first distribution site.

Each Brain Bag includes a guide to support and track babies’ brain development, a Night Night Wisconsin children’s book, and a variety of educational and informational fliers including a list of local partner organizations.

## Dementia Friendly Menomonee Falls

The purpose of this initiative is to foster an all-inclusive community where those with dementia will be able to live as independently as possible and continue to be engaged in community life.

What is a Dementia Friendly Community? It is a community that:

- Recognizes dementia
- Promotes early detection
- Creates dementia friendly environments
- Holds the capacity for a crisis response system
- Trains businesses to be dementia friendly
- Provides services and support to have individuals with dementia have the highest quality of life

There are several ways the initiative has made Menomonee Falls more dementia friendly in 2019:

1. Obtained Village Board support (a resolution was adopted in February supporting the Dementia Friendly Communities designation)
2. Developed and distributed dementia awareness brochures
3. Partnered with the Waukesha County Aging and Disability Resource Center to offer dementia training sessions for first responders, healthcare workers, local businesses, and other stakeholders.

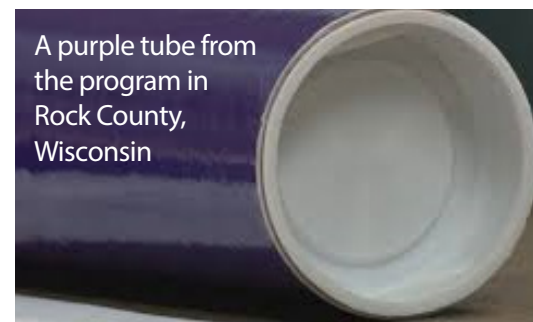
What’s next – the Purple Tube Project. The Purple Tube Project will ensure that people living on their own with dementia receive the best care possible from first responders. Purple tubes will contain useful information including medical history, instructions on how to interact with the dementia patient, powers of attorney, and a photo if that person is known to wander. The tubes will be placed in freezers and signs will be posted so emergency crews can easily identify homes with dementia patients. The roll out of the Purple Tube Project is expected to begin in late 2019.

## Stay Informed

Visit [www.fallschools.org/ourstory/collective-impact](http://www.fallschools.org/ourstory/collective-impact) to stay up to date on Menomonee Falls Collective Impact work.



*Menomonee Falls was designated as a Dementia Friendly community in February and the Dementia Friendly team is now working to implement the Purple Tube Project*



A purple tube from the program in Rock County, Wisconsin



# Library Corner

## Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Menomonee Falls Public Library is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind everyone of the world of possibilities that a library card provides.

Many know that a library card can get you books, movies, and computer access at the library. However, there are so many other things you can get with your library card.

- **Online classes:** Free, six-week, instructor led courses available through [Gale Courses](#).
- **eBooks and more:** Download eBooks, digital audio books, and movies through [Wisconsin's Digital Library](#).
- **Digital magazines:** More than 90 magazines, anytime, anywhere.
- **Online access to Consumer Reports:** Use their reviews and ratings to make smart purchases.
- **Items from other libraries in our system:** Your card is good at every public library in Waukesha and Jefferson counties. Most items can even be delivered to Menomonee Falls.
- **Items from other Wisconsin libraries:** Can't find an item in our [catalog](#)? We may be able to get it for you through Interlibrary Loan.
- **Wi-Fi hot spots:** Our hot spots provide unlimited data for up to 10 devices.
- **Kill-a-Watt meters:** Calculate your electricity usage and the cost of household appliances.
- **Passes to area attractions:** Coming soon! Visit some family favorites for free.

A library card is not required to attend library programs, but with more than 600 programs each year, you will want to check out our [events calendar](#) or pick up a program brochure.

Your library card provides even more value this September with our Show Us Your Library Card Menomonee Falls campaign. Anyone with a library card can present it at participating local businesses during September to receive a discount or complimentary item from the retailer.

Stop in the Library or go to [MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org](#) to find the list of participating businesses and more information about all you can do with your library card.



### Fall Book Sale September 26–28

Thursday, September 26, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
Patron Day! Show your library card and get 1 free book! (25 cent selection)

Friday, September 27, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, September 28, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Bag sale! Fill a bag for just \$5 all day. (Books only. Bags provided.)





# MFPD and Schools, Collaboration in Safety

With the start of the new school year, The MFPD will again partner with the Menomonee Falls School District (SDMF), Hamilton School District (HSD) and many private and parochial schools in the Village to do everything possible to keep students safe.

## School Resource Officer Program

The Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) Program has been in existence for over 30 years and dedicates a specially trained officer daily to the Menomonee Falls High School and North Middle School, as well as the ability of those officers to respond to any need at an elementary school. SROs provide a security presence during the school day and at extracurricular events on school property, and investigate any reports of law violations on campus. SROs act as a resource for school administrators when the line between law enforcement action and school discipline is blurred. They also teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) to fifth grade students in SDMF schools and private schools.

The Department maintains a close relationship with the Hamilton School District and the Waukesha County Sheriff Department (WCSD) which makes an SRO available to schools located in Menomonee Falls. The communication between school administrators, WCSD and the MFPD promotes the security of HSD students.

## Rescue Task Force

While hoping that the tragedy of a school shooting never occurs in our Village, the MFPD and Menomonee Falls Fire Department (MFFD) jointly train its members in Rescue Task Force deployments. This concept of responding to an on-going threat allows officers and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel to enter a facility not yet secured (referred to as a "warm zone") to begin emergency medical treatment of those injured. Police officers provide security and EMS provides triage and immediate medical care. Together, the injured are quickly removed from the scene to be taken to a medical facility. While hopeful that we never have to use it, we plan for the worst.



*School Resource Officers have led thousands of the Village's fifth grade students through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program*



### **School Bus Safety**

School bus violations are taken very seriously by members of the Police Department. Such a violation is immediately addressed, usually by an officer with a higher level of training in traffic matters, and the alleged violator is contacted. If there is credible information that a violation occurred, a traffic citation is issued. In some cases, state law allows for a citation to be issued to the registered owner if the operator cannot be identified. The Department works closely with several bus companies that operate in the Village.



### **School Crossing Guards**

The Police Department recently assumed oversight of School Crossing Guards after many years of reliance on a contract service. The Department coordinates the assignment of guards to strategic locations to assist children walking to or from school. These dedicated people are on their posts whenever school is in session and regardless of the weather. When the contracted company ceased operations unexpectedly last year, many guards still reported for duty without promise of pay. The Department was happy to take those people on as employees. In the event a guard is unable to perform their job, a Police Officer or Police Aide is assigned.

Students and school campuses are at the forefront of the Department's safety planning. Members of the Department look forward to joining with school officials and other protective agencies across the Village to see that the 2019-20 school year is as safe as it can be for students and faculty.

## **What's New in Menomonee Falls Downtown?**

### **A Pop of Color and a Little Library**

The Business Improvement District (BID) has been working hard with the Village to make Menomonee Falls Downtown beautiful and vibrant in 2019! You may have noticed the colorful new furniture and giant chair in Centennial Plaza on the northeast corner of Main Street and Appleton Avenue. The Friends of Menomonee Falls Public Library have installed a free little library in Centennial Plaza as well. This is the perfect spot to eat lunch, read a book, or simply enjoy the space with friends and family.



### **Angels of the Road Ride for Veterans**

The Henrizi-Schneider American Legion Post 382 is partnering with the Open Road Angels to host its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual benefit ride, Angels of the Road Ride for Veterans on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Proceeds from this ride will benefit the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Since 2008, MHVI has helped more than 3,000 at-risk veterans and their families by providing services to help veterans reach and maintain their highest level of independence. Last year's ride raised and donated \$7,000 for their cause!







## Giving Muscular Dystrophy the Boot

The members of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department (MFFD) joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) on Saturday, August 1, 2019 to raise money during their annual Fill the Boot event. Their one day total was \$9,500; last year's total was \$5,600. This event continues to be successful for a couple of reasons. First, we've had the continued support and understanding of the leaders in the community. Last, but certainly not least, the MFFD has experienced the continual support and generosity of the citizens who warm our hearts by opening up theirs.

For more than 65 years, Fill the Boot has been a strong fire fighter tradition – giving families with muscular dystrophy in hometowns across America hope for the future and support for today. To date, all firefighters across the country have raised more than \$20 million dollars.

Every boot drive helps families with muscular dystrophy in our community by:

- Funding research for new treatments**  
 Firefighters have played a major role in funding research for muscular dystrophy. In the last year, three promising new drugs received FDA approval.
- Supporting MDA Care Centers**  
 These centers are held at top hospitals and health care facilities, giving families access to best-in-class doctors and specialists without having to travel long distances.
- Sending kids to MDA Summer Camp**  
 Each year, the money you raise through Fill the Boot helps give more than 3,800 kids a life-changing week at MDA Summer Camp, at no charge to their families.



*Firefighters collecting donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association along Appleton Avenue*

### Fire Department Update

In June, the Village Board authorized the purchase of a new Pierce Enforcer Fire Engine from Reliant Apparatus Incorporated. Delivery of the fire engine is expected in spring of 2020. The Village is also moving toward increasing wages for part time firefighters and creating three new full-time firefighter positions. The equipment and staffing changes are meant to bolster available resources and help meet the long-term public safety needs of the Village.





## Fall Calendar

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22 @ 9 am

Cheery Cherry Fall Fair  
Arts & crafts, food and live music  
Rotary Park

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 11 @ 6 pm

Fit in the Parks Candlelight Hike  
Sunset hike and a camp fire  
Menomonee Park

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 @ 7 pm

Menomonee Falls/Hamilton Football  
Rivalry end of season game  
Menomonee Falls High School

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 @ 6 pm

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 @ 6pm**  
Halloween Family Fun Night  
Trick or treat, hayride, crafts, cider  
Old Falls Village

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 @ 4 pm

Downtown Trick or Treat/Spooky Walk  
Treats, surprises and performances  
Downtown and Lime Kiln Park

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30 pm

Village Trick or Treat  
Neighborhood trick or treating  
Community-wide

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30 @ 11 am

Christmas Market  
Wagon rides, caroling and Santa Claus  
Downtown

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**Menomonee  
Falls**

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## Opportunities to Give Back

Fall marks the start of an important season of giving for non-profits across Menomonee Falls and our region. The Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County (CCC) coordinates giving to thousands of families in need via donations of toys and monetary donations. Village Hall once again will host a collection barrel for the CCC for their toy collection drive between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Optimist Club, along with youth organizations from the area, will be raking leaves for seniors (55+) on the morning of Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted and matched by the Optimist Club. Donations are then passed along to the various youth organizations that help make the event possible. For more information, or to sign up, call the CE & Rec Office at (262) 255-8460.

## Weekly Events



*Saturdays from 3 pm to  
9 pm through September*

## Points of Pride

[Chamber of Commerce.org](http://ChamberofCommerce.org) ranks  
Menomonee Falls 8<sup>th</sup> on its 2019  
Best Cities to Live in Wisconsin list

[BackgroundChecks.org](http://BackgroundChecks.org) ranks  
Menomonee Falls 10<sup>th</sup> on its 2019  
Safest Cities to Live in Wisconsin list

[Niche.com](http://Niche.com) ranks the Falls in the  
top 10% in its Best Places to Raise a  
Family in America 2019 list



*The Downtown  
Farmers Market  
will be held in the  
Main Street parking  
lot by North Middle  
School from 9am to 2pm  
through October*