

# The Current

Winter 2019-2020

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**Menomonee Falls**

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12/24/19 & 12/25/19

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# As the Snow Falls:

## Reminders and Tips for the Cold Weather Months

Winter came early to Menomonee Falls this year with our first snowy blast on Halloween. Whether you adore or despise winter, the early arrival of cold and snow means we will likely have to live with it a bit longer than usual. Fortunately, we've got you covered with information on how to stay safe, keep local services running smoothly, and deal with the unique challenges of the season. Thanks for helping us meet the needs of the Village despite the limited light and freezing temperatures!

- **Snow Plowing** – The Village commences snow and ice control operations when any of the following conditions are met:
  1. Snow accumulation of 2" and if it is still snowing or more snow is in the forecast
  2. Drifting snow is causing hazardous travel conditions
  3. Icy conditions are adversely affecting travel
  4. Time of snowfall is affecting peak travel times

Do not pull up behind snow plows when they are equipped and engaged for snow removal operations. They frequently back up and have large blind spots. State law requires a following distance of no closer than 200 feet on any highway having a posted speed over 35 miles per hour and a minimum of 75 feet on any highway with a posted speed of 35 miles per hour or less (see [Following Distances of an Operating Snow Plow](#) flyer for more information).

- **Sidewalks & Trails** – It is the responsibility of the owner or person in charge of any property to clear sidewalk snow within 24 hours of a snowfall event (or treat with salt/sand if ice has formed). The Village is responsible for sidewalk clearance along Village properties and we also provide snow clearance in downtown Menomonee Falls. Per Village policy, asphalt trails are not considered sidewalks, so snow clearance requirements/enforcement do not apply to asphalt trails.



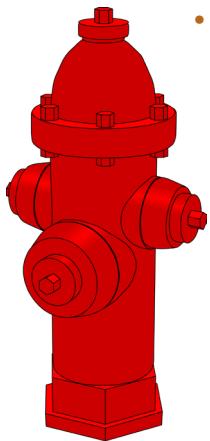
Snow should not be shoveled  
or blown into the street

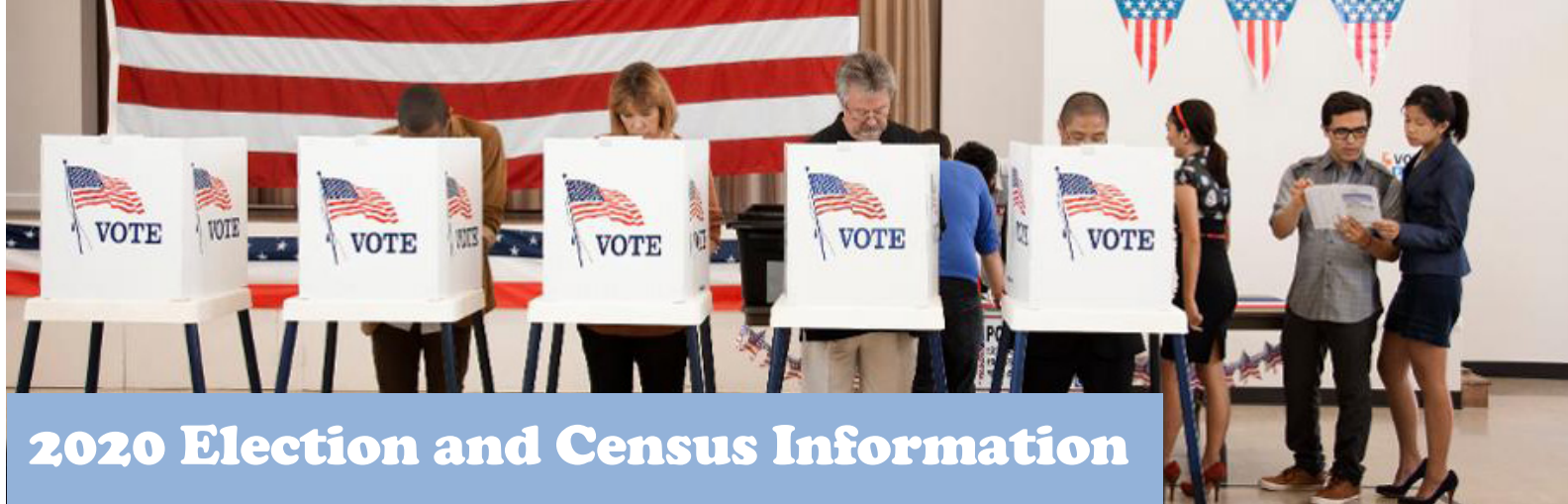


To report a missed snow removal or damage from a snow plow visit [menomonee-falls.org/report](https://menomonee-falls.org/report)



- **Parking on Village Streets** – Keep in mind that no overnight parking is permitted on any public street without a special privilege parking permit. This becomes especially important during snow events when plows are often working through the night and early morning hours. In the event of a snowfall over three inches, there is no parking along Village streets until snowplowing operations are complete (except for loading/unloading).
- **Christmas Tree Pick Up** – The deadline for all natural Christmas trees to be set out by the roadway is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January. Trees will automatically be picked up by the Village as time permits, no appointments are necessary. Discarded natural Christmas trees must be clean of all decorations, lights, stands, tinsel, garland, wire, plastic bags, etc. Discarded Christmas wreaths must be disposed of along with regular trash.
- **Help Clear Fire Hydrants**  
The Village encourages residents to clear snow from any fire hydrant near your home. Snow should be clear from the hydrant to the street and three feet around the hydrant, so hoses can be connected from fire trucks. The Village has nearly 3,000 fire hydrants and cannot clear them all after snow events. [To learn more, see page 12.](#)
- **Mailboxes** – You are responsible for clearing the snow away so that the mail carrier can deliver your mail. Residents are encouraged to check the condition of your mailbox and post. In most cases, a strong post and secure mailbox will withstand the impact of snow coming off of the snowplows.
- **Right-of-Way Damage** – Snow plows may cause damage to turf adjacent to streets and sidewalks. Turf that has been damaged and reported will be repaired in the spring. The Village will not be responsible for damage as a result of the use of sand or de-icing chemicals or for damage to landscaping, sprinkler systems, or any other private items located in the public right-of-way.
- **Winter Safety Tips** – Use caution when passing a moving snow plow. The blowing snow around a plow may block the view of the plow blades, on-coming traffic, and/or other obstacles.  
  
Do not allow children to build snow forts at driveway corners or in the snow berms along the curb and street.  
  
If you are inactive/have a history of heart trouble, talk to your doctor and use precaution before shoveling snow.
- **Garbage & Recycling** – Utilize your driveway or clear an area along the side of your driveway to safely place your refuse and recycling carts. The carts should be located at least three feet from each other, your mailbox, or other obstructions with the lid opening toward the street at the back of the curb/shoulder.





## 2020 Election and Census Information

### Voting Information

The Village of Menomonee Falls is anticipating a busy election year in 2020. Make sure you are registered and ready to vote by visiting [myvote.wi.gov](https://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

### 2020 Census

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.

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**Census  
2020**

### Why a Complete Count Matters

#### It's in the Constitution

The US Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years.

#### It's about fair representation

Results are used for the reapportionment of the US House of Representatives, and for the redistricting of state and federal legislative districts.

#### It's about \$675 billion

Distribution of \$675 billion of federal funds and grants for schools, hospitals, roads, and public works projects are based on US Census data.

#### Taking part is your civic duty

It is a (mandatory) way to participate in our democracy and say "I count".

#### Census data are being used all around you

Residents, businesses, and local organizations use US Census data to make decisions and improve quality of life in Menomonee Falls.

See [menomonee-falls.org/2020census](https://menomonee-falls.org/2020census) to learn how the Village is promoting a complete count in 2020.

#### What to Expect for the 2020 Census

##### **March 12-20**

An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires)

##### **March 16-24**

A reminder letter

#### If you haven't responded yet:

##### **March 26-April 3**

A reminder postcard

##### **April 8-16**

A reminder letter and paper questionnaire

##### **April 20-27**

A final postcard before someone follows up in person



# YOUR VOTE COUNTS

FOR ALL YOUR VOTING NEEDS VISIT

[MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov)

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- Give back to your community
- Positions work full days
- Volunteer or receive payment

- Register to vote
- Request an absentee
- Find your polling location
- Who's on your ballot
- And much more!

Winter 2019-2020

Menomonee Falls continues to be a leader in southeastern Wisconsin for single family home construction with over 100 new home starts in 2019

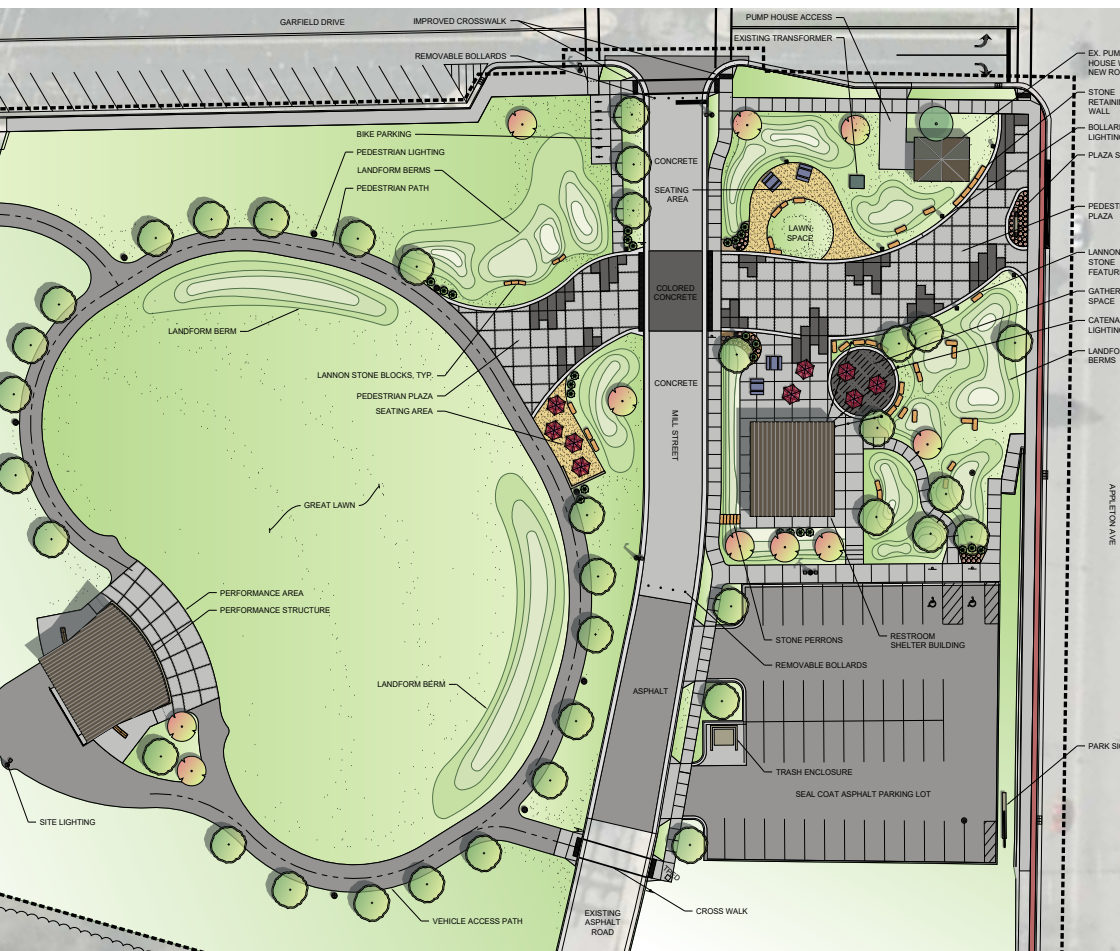
# Construction & Development Projects

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## Public Projects

### Village Park Update

The first phase of the Village Park project (shown in the concept plan below) went out to bid in November and the bid opening is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>. Construction is expected to begin in spring of 2020.



### Snapshot of Completed 2019 Village Projects

- 1.6 miles of new public streets at Tamarind and Aeropark subdivisions
- 0.8 miles of water main extension
- 0.44 miles of street reconstruction (with utilities)
- 2.1 miles of street asphalt repaving
- 0.6 miles of water & sewer relay projects
- Parking, bathroom, trail, & sport court projects in village parks
- 1,500 feet of sidewalk replacement
- Curb, gutter, & catch basin replacements

### School District of Menomonee Falls

Construction is moving forward on a major renovation project at Menomonee Falls High School's Schumann Stadium. New ADA accessible bleachers (1,500 on the home side and 750 of the visitors side), a new press box, and a new restroom are being built at the stadium which is used for football games and track & field competitions. The improvements will complement the 2018 installation of a rubberized turf field which was funded entirely through private donations.



Access improvements to the World War II monument in Village Park were completed in late November



## Private Sector Projects

(selected projects as viewed in November)



Leonardo DRS



Olive Garden

### Development Update

Dozens of construction projects were approved across the Village this year for new business locations and expansions. These projects confirm that the Village continues to be an attractive place for businesses to invest and grow.



Falls Self Storage



International Autos



Wittlin's Service



Brook Falls Veterinary



Grace Commons



Falls Plaza II & III

- **7** new restaurants opened in 2019 or are under construction in Menomonee Falls
- **7** other new commercial buildings were approved in 2019 including retail, medical, and office projects
- **Planned industrial expansions** at Alto Shaam Inc. and Glenroy Inc. are expected to create **200** jobs
- **111** single family homes and 10 duplex units have been approved through November
- **181** senior dwelling units are under construction at Grace Commons along County Line Road
- **New construction value will exceed \$100 million** for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row

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

# 2020 General Operating Budget Overview

## Key Budget Details

- Mill rate decrease of \$0.03 to \$5.20 per \$1,000 assessed value
- Village tax levy increase of 4.9%
- 7 new full-time personnel for the Fire Department
- \$1.4 million expenditure for a new aerial fire truck
- Increased investments to retain and recruit employees

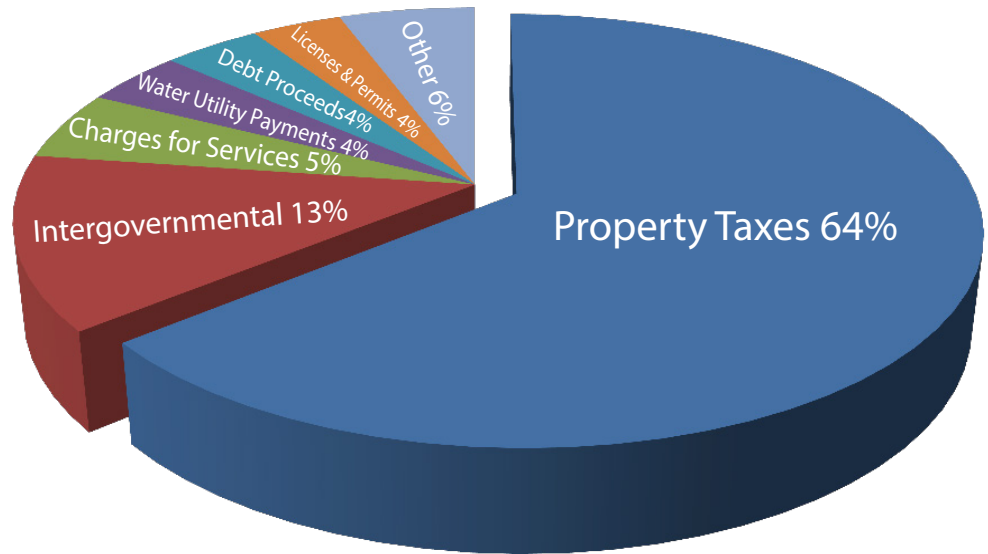
View the 2020 Operating Budget at [menomonee-falls.org/budgets](http://menomonee-falls.org/budgets)

## Summary

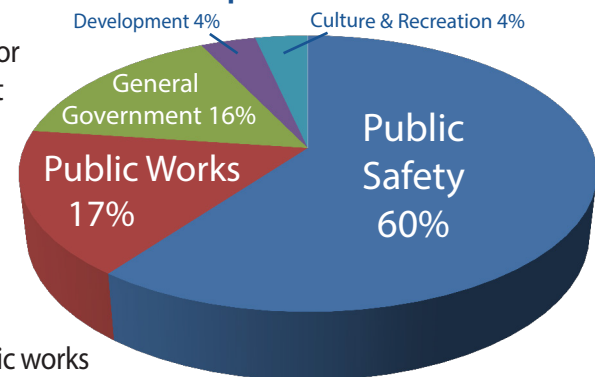
The 2020 General Operating Budget was adopted on November 18, 2019 with total revenues and expenditures of \$30,479,100, a 12% increase over 2019. The budget reflects the Village's mission to provide the highest quality municipal services consistent with the changing needs and desires of the community and a realistic assessment of resources available.

The primary source of financing for the General Operating Budget (64%) comes from property taxes. Village spending for operations includes general government, police, fire, public works, development and parks operations. Public safety and public works expenditures increased most significantly for 2020.

## Revenue Sources



## Expenditures



## 2020 Village Tax Levy

The Village Board adopted a mill rate of \$5.20 and a tax levy of \$24,635,000. This represents an additional investment of \$1,160,000 from 2019.

For a typical Menomonee Falls home valued at \$250,000, the owner will pay \$1,300 in Village property taxes in 2020. At a monthly cost of \$108.33 for Village services, a typical property owner receives a good value compared to other common household monthly costs.



## How is My Property Tax Dollar Spent?





# 'Tis the Season to Visit

MENOMONEE FALLS  
**DOWNTOWN**  
wheremain&appletonmeet



With decorations and lights, cozy shops, plenty of places to warm up with a meal or a hot drink, winter is the perfect time to experience Menomonee Falls Downtown.

## Lighting the Night

The downtown Business Improvement District (BID) is partnering with the Village and local property owners to install LED lighting to the tops of three buildings at the Four Corners (the intersection of Appleton and Main). The lights being installed on the Four Corners buildings aren't seasonal. They can be programmed to change colors and patterns and will be used throughout the year at special times. The installation of the lights is expected to be completed in early 2020.



Example of downtown  
roof line lighting

## Crawl, Taste, Shop, & Play

On Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Menomonee Falls Downtown is hosting the inaugural *Big MF Beer Crawl*. Several businesses are participating – offering a variety of different beers and one root beer. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite.com. As part of the event, some local businesses are planning to make and sell specialty items that incorporate beer into their products. Watch for additional details to be released.

Take the chill off the winter and warm up with a hot beverage at any of these great places: Purloin Studio, Nino's Italian Bakery & Deli, Fiddleheads Coffee, The Alumni Club Tavern & Eatery, AJ O'Brady's Irish Pub & Grill, The Main Mill, Evie's Bistro, Sal's Pub & Grill, Pop's Frozen Custard, American Legion Post 382, The Hot House Tavern, and Harvey Moy's Chinese & American Restaurant.

For winter apparel and blankets to help you stay warm, these great downtown businesses can help: Olive Branch, Robin's Nest, and Marigold Marketplace.

Is boredom setting in this winter? Downtown has something for everyone! Why not go to some of these places and have some fun? Just Kiln Time (pottery painting, glass fusing, and so much more), Krueger's Entertainment Center (bowling, arcade), Poppy & Thyme (make and takes), Wondersound Music (music lessons), Peace Yoga (yoga classes), Marigold Marketplace (craft classes), MeikoBella Studio (art classes) Planet Fitness, Cho's Martial Arts, Karate America, and Burn Boot Camp.

## Reminder: Give the Gift of Downtown

Gift certificates are available at the BID office. These are perfect gifts for Christmas, birthdays, retirement, anniversaries, thank yous, those hard to buy for people, those new to the area and

everyone in between. They can be purchased in any amount and are redeemable at any of the Downtown Businesses. New BID hours are Monday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and by appointment. Gift certificates may also be purchased any time at Nino's Italian Bakery & Deli. Questions? Call 262-251-8797

# Library Corner

## Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



### NEA BIG READ in the Falls

Be a part of Menomonee Falls' community-wide read! Everyone is invited to read, explore, discuss, and celebrate **Station Eleven** by Emily St. John Mandel. The novel takes place in the Great Lakes region after a flu pandemic has devastated the world. The survivors try to build a life worth living as they navigate their new world. Join us for programs, events, and discussions throughout the community.

**Save the date - Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

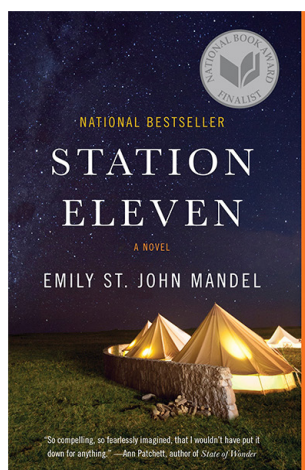
Author Emily St. John Mandel will speak at Menomonee Falls North Middle School!

**NEA Big Read** is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN  
IF WE ALL  
**READ**  
THIS BOOK?



**NEA BIG READ  
IN THE FALLS**  
FEBRUARY – MARCH, 2020



NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



### New @ your Library

*Now Available for Checkout!*

#### Explore Passes

Explore passes provide Library patrons the opportunity to visit a variety of attractions and enjoy the wonderful arts, culture and education our area has to offer. Visit the Milwaukee Art Museum, Betty Brinn Children's Museum, and more. A pass may be borrowed for three days.

#### Binge Boxes

Enjoy hours of movie watching with our new Binge Boxes! Each box includes at least four movies in a series, or with a specific theme. Watch the entire Lord of the Rings series, re-watch some classic romantic comedies, or get caught up on past Oscar winners. These boxes are the perfect cure for the winter boredom blues!

#### New Program Series: #GetLit

Have your student loans and avocado toast gotten so expensive you can't go out and pay for entertainment anymore? We got you covered. Join us each month for pop culture trivia, non-traditional crafts, and other fun events both in and out of the Library. We might even feed you and hand out a prize or two.

#### The Office Trivia Night

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
Bears, Beets, and Battlestar Galactica! Winning team gets two tickets to see *The Office! A Musical Parody!* at The Pabst Theater on January 30.

For more information on library programs, services or resources, please call 262-532-8900, stop in, or visit the library website at [menomoneefallslibrary.org](http://menomoneefallslibrary.org).





## Beyond the Badge: The People of MFPD



Two recent visitors to the Menomonee Falls Police Department described themselves as a bit nervous or self-conscious in addressing a small group of officers, even a bit intimidated by the uniforms and tools of the trade. It should be clarified that the visitors were here of their own free will, not the result of a hard-working officer's arrest. In fact, both were bringing messages of support and assistance to the Department, and were met with much appreciation for their efforts. Still, it's difficult for members of the public to see past those signs of authority and perceive the "people" who serve as law enforcement officers.

In recent years there has been a push in law enforcement to "humanize" its members. It's thought that the police – public relationship can be made more conciliatory if officers are portrayed less as "just-the-facts" auto matrons and more like the people they serve. This all too often seems to be accomplished in a social media post of a singing or dancing uniformed cop, or more effectively through news reports of officers that go above and beyond their call and provide assistance, often financial, at their own cost. You can see a couple of those stories here:

[goodnewsnetwork.org/after-boy-orders-happy-meal-officer-teaches-him-about-911-and-brings-food/](http://goodnewsnetwork.org/after-boy-orders-happy-meal-officer-teaches-him-about-911-and-brings-food/)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=w25N43pkxM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w25N43pkxM)

The MFPD has its own stories of officers showing their human side by providing a meal for a homeless person they encountered, buying a cup of coffee for a traffic violator having a bad day, and sadly, attending the funeral of a person who their best efforts could not save. These stories have not made it to social media or the news, nor do they need to. But it is important that both police officers and the people they serve remember the human side of those unfortunate moments, both tragically big and more routinely small, that bring them together. While there is a need for officers to reserve judgment of the person involved in an incident and simply deal with the behavior, there is also a benefit to the public knowing officers are

not immune to the same challenges and pitfalls of all people. In most cases, both are trying their best to deal with the circumstances they have been given.

The "Father of Modern Policing," Sir Robert Peel got a lot of things right in 1829. Among his principles of policing is this: "To maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and that the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."

We invite you to join us at Ally's Bistro, N72W13350 Lund Lane, on December 6, 2019, 7:30 – 9:00 am, for Coffee with a Cop. It's an opportunity for officers and residents to get to know each other.



**December 6th, 2019**  
**7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

**Ally's Bistro**  
N72 W13350  
Lund Lane.  
Menomonee Falls,  
WI 53051

**COFFEE WITH A COP**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

**Menomonee Falls Police Department**





# Celebrating 125 Years of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department



Menomonee Falls Fire Company No. 1 circa 1905

June 19, 2019 marked the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first meeting of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department. Since they did not have a fire station yet, the meeting was held in Thomas Hall was in the general area of the old Fire Station #1 on Appleton Avenue. The minutes from that first meeting read:

*On June 19th, 1894 at Thomas Hall, the first meeting of the Menomonee Falls Volunteer Fire Company was called to order by Chief John G Huebner, and C. F. Henrizi was elected temporary Secretary. A permanent organization was effected by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws subject to the amendments and the election of the following officers:*

- John G. Huebner, Chief
- John Fye, First Assistant Chief
- Henry Blair, Second Assistant Chief
- C. F. Henrizi, Secretary
- Frank Koehler, Treasurer
- A.S. Schmidt and J.L. Hoos, Fire Wardens
- Elmer Nehs, Steward
- C. W. Fraser, A.R.Baer, and Dr. George Hoyt, Finance Committee

*On a motion the Menomonee Falls Volunteer Fire Company was changed to the Menomonee Falls Fire Company No. 1 by a majority at the meeting.*

The Menomonee Falls Fire Department 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House was held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm. The event was held at Fire Station #3 with demonstrations of car extrications, fires, fire extinguishers, fire apparatus display, kids' games, and the Survive Alive house. There was a tremendous turnout for this event which all attendees had a great time as seen on the faces of the children playing games as well as many of the adults learning more about their local Fire Department.



Menomonee Falls Fire Department circa 1955



Fourth of July Parade, 1980s



Demonstration at the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

to learn more visit [menomonee-falls.org/firehistory](http://menomonee-falls.org/firehistory)



# Adopt a Hydrant and Keep'em Clear

Winter weather in Wisconsin can be very unpredictable for those of us who are not on vacation somewhere warm. One of the most problematic conditions is snowfall. At times the amount of snow we receive is minimal. Other times it can be significant.

When the Menomonee Falls Fire Department responds to a report of a fire, the responding fire crews "spot" hydrants as they approach the scene. Finding the closest fire hydrant and being able to connect fire hoses is critical during an actual fire. Fire hydrants supply the water necessary to extinguish fires in homes and businesses. If fire hydrants cannot be located and accessed for use, a delay in putting out the fire is possible. A fire doubles in size every minute. This situation can have a catastrophic effect on a building and its occupants.

This year the Menomonee Falls Fire Department is asking everyone to help with the "Adopt a Hydrant" program. There is no need to notify the Village of the Fire Department about a hydrant you have adopted, as this is an informal volunteer program. This program is intended to assist the Menomonee Falls Fire Department in locating and clearing the snow from fire hydrants before they are needed in an emergency.

Clearing the snow from the hydrant in your yard or your neighbor's yard could be lifesaving. Snow should be removed at least three feet around each hydrant and to the street in order to make it visible and accessible for Fire Fighters to connect hoses. The few minutes it will take to shovel snow around a fire hydrant could truly make the difference between life and death.

In 2018, Mr. Peter Nintzel (Cub master of Pack 75) and the members of Pack 75 approached the Fire Department and wanted to start an initiative in which the Scouts would work with the Fire Department to keep our Fire Hydrants clear of snow during the winter months. Mr. Nintzel graciously offered the assistance of members of his Cub Scout Pack to shovel snow from around Fire Hydrants in their neighborhoods. Once the Hydrants were shoveled they would attach a flag/card to the fiberglass poles on the Hydrants to show their community involvement. This endeavor was a tremendous success as well as a valuable partnership between the Scouts and the Fire Department. Mr. Nintzel has been instrumental in starting this initiative with Scout Packs and Fire Departments in many other communities in Waukesha and Washington County.



## Other Seasonal Safety Concerns

Winter can bring a variety of emergencies that the Menomonee Falls Fire Department must respond to. Medical calls, fire alarms and car accidents alone will keep the Menomonee Falls Fire Department busy. However, this time of year, fire is the greatest concern. With heating, fireplaces and holiday decorations being used throughout the Village, fires become more common. In addition to being "fire safe" year round, an even more watchful eye is needed during the winter. A common sense approach to safety at home is imperative this time of year.

# Make a Resolution to Dispose Responsibly in the New Year

## Household Disposal Reminders

### No Wipes Down the Pipes!

Personal wipes, baby wipes, cleaning wipes... they all work great! But these items should never be flushed down toilet. Even though the product packaging says they are “flushable” and “biodegradable”, and though they may clear the toilet, they are causing problems downstream. These products may eventually decompose but their current rate of decomposition is causing blockages in the sewer system.

The result of the popularity in the use of wipes has caused an increase in blocked private sewer laterals, public sewer mains, and binding up municipal pumps. Items that specifically list the term flushable (**but should NOT be flushed**) include diapers and diaper liners, baby wipes, pre-moistened wipes, a wide variety of bathroom cleaning wipes and brushes, along with feminine hygiene products. Other products have been found to clog pipes and pumps after being flushed include: Q-tips, dental floss, paper towels, and rags. Instead, please place these items in a trash can.

Menomonee Falls is not the only community impacted by these so-called flushable wipes. From private septic systems to major metropolitan areas, flushable products are causing plugged pipes, sewage backups, and increasing costs of equipment maintenance. While a toilet may be capable of flushing golf balls, these synthetic products simply do not break down and will have to be removed at the treatment plant or from pumping stations. Even though a product may say it is “Flushable” ... **Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!**



Utility worker Carter Robbins with a clogged check valve



### Can it. Cool it. Throw it away.

Fats, oil and grease – also referred to as FOG in the wastewater industry – can have negative impacts on wastewater collection and treatment systems. Most wastewater collection system blockages can be traced to FOG. Blockages in the wastewater collection system will cause sewage backups, manhole overflows, or backups in homes and businesses.

FOG buildup in sewer lines has many harmful and costly effects. Sewer backups into homes create a health hazard as well as an unpleasant mess that can be costly to clean up.

### Properly Dispose of Cooking Oil & Grease

Cooking oil and grease are wastes that the Village's sewer system cannot handle and should not be discarded down the drain. Dumping grease, fats, and oil can clog sewer lines, causing sewage back-ups and flooding. Sewage back-ups can damage personal and public property. Here's how you can help.

- **DO NOT** dump cooking oil, poultry fat and grease into the kitchen sink or the toilet bowl.
- **DO NOT** use hot water and soap to wash grease down the drain, because it will cool and harden in your pipes or in the sewer down the line.
- **DO** place cooled cooking oil, poultry and meat fats in sealed non-recyclable containers and discard with your regular garbage.
- **DO** use paper towels to wipe residual grease or oil off of dishes, pots and pans prior to washing them.



## Out and About in the Falls: **Signs of the Season**



- 1 Christmas tree and seating at Centennial Plaza on an early December afternoon
- 2 Draft horses Buddy and Bob harnessed and ready to pull a wagon in the Menomonee Falls Christmas Parade
- 3 The crowd assembled for the tree lighting and performances at Centennial Plaza on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>
- 4 Main Street with holiday decorations in early December
- 5 Pete Sorenson of Pete's Main Street Headliners (taking a moment to pose during the Christmas Parade) celebrates his retirement after 45 years in business





## Winter Calendar

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 6 @ 7:30 am

Coffee with a Cop  
A conversation with MFPD officers  
Ally's Bistro

### FRIDAY - SUNDAY

#### DECEMBER 6 - 8 (evening & matinee)

Christmas Carol  
Winter show by Falls Patio Players  
North Middle School

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 @ 12 pm

Silver Tea at the Miller-Davidson House  
Cookies, tea/coffee, visit with Santa  
Old Falls Village

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18

Spring Primary Election (if needed)  
Local election  
Various polling places

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22

Big MF Beer Crawl  
Beer specials, activities & products  
Menomonee Falls Downtown

### FEBRUARY & MARCH

NEA Big Read – Station 11  
Community reading and activities  
Falls Public Library & Village-wide

## Opportunities to Give Back

The Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County (CCC) coordinates giving to thousands of families in need through the collection and distribution of toys and monetary donations. Village Hall is hosting collection barrels for the CCC for their toy collection drive until December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Falls Area Food Pantry relies solely on donations and the time and talents of volunteers from the community. Consider getting involved this winter by donating food and/or money, hosting a food drive, adopting a shelf or utility (to cover operating expenses), or volunteering at the pantry. Learn more at [fallsfoodpantry.org/volunteer](http://fallsfoodpantry.org/volunteer)

## Special Events



*Sample brews as you visit participating downtown businesses on February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

## Points of Pride

The School District of Menomonee Falls and the Hamilton School District ranked in the top 10 percent of all public K-12 districts in the state for **2018-2019 Overall Accountability Scores**

[Walkscore.com](http://Walkscore.com) ranks downtown Menomonee Falls as one of the most Walkable areas in Waukesha County



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