

# The Current

Spring 2020

VILLAGE OF  
**Menomonee  
Falls**

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## VILLAGE HALL

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8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Offices Closed**  
**Memorial Day**  
5/25/20

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## Spring is (almost) Here!

Hang in there everyone! The mix of snow, slush, and rain in March and early April will eventually give way to spring blooms and warmer weather ahead. As we look forward to spring of 2020, this edition of *The Current* will provide you with Village news, election information, community links, and service information you need to stay up to date on all things Menomonee Falls.

### In Like a Lion

Despite a higher sun angle, outdoor activities in March tend to still require winter gear in Wisconsin. For those of you who ski, snowboard, snowmobile, ice skate, sled, or ice-fish, this is prime time make the most of winter's last blast! For the rest of us, here are some indoor alternatives to keep in mind while the cold winds keep blowing:

- **Library Programs & Movies** – Menomonee Falls Public Library offers free programs and films for all ages covering a wide variety of topics – see [menomoneefallslibrary.org](http://menomoneefallslibrary.org) for details
- **High School Basketball Tournaments** – Girls and boys WIAA regional and sectional tournament games are held in early March, so stay tuned to cheer on our local teams
- **St. Patrick's Day & March Madness** – Take part in festivities and enjoy specials at restaurants and bars across the Village
- **Chamber of Commerce Networking Events** – March breakfast and happy hour events provide a great opportunity to connect with local business leaders – learn more at [fallschamber.com/events](http://fallschamber.com/events)



Garwin Mace Lime Kilns and the Menomonee River falls in spring

## April's Showers & May's Flowers

As things warm up, consider putting a few of these outdoor community events on the calendar:

- **Easter Bunny & Furry Friends** – Bring kids and pets to this dog-friendly event which features photos with the Easter Bunny, pet vendors, and cookie decorating at Centennial Plaza on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Arbor Day Celebration** – Hosted by the Village, this event is taking place on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and it includes a ceremonial tree planting and free tree seedlings while supplies last
- **Fit in the Parks Candlelight Hike** – Community Education & Recreation has partnered again with Waukesha County to organize this spring twilight hike at Menomonee Park on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Kids Fishing Derby** – This free event is sponsored by the Optimist Club and includes instruction on fishing basics, a catch and release contest, and giveaways on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Mill Pond Park
- **Falls Memorial Fest** – For the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic and filled with food/shopping vendors and performance stages – Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>



**Twilight circuit** – Last year, around 265 people took part in the [spring candlelight hike](#) at Menomonee Park. Participants were treated to a lovely sunset as they trekked a one mile LED-lit loop around Lannon Pond.



## It's 2020 Census Season: What to Expect

The Village's population will officially be counted this spring as part of the 2020 United States Census. The US Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The results guide the reapportionment of congressional districts at the state and federal level, and they are used to inform the distribution of hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for roads, schools, hospitals, and public infrastructure. For the first time, residents will be able to fill out census forms **online**.

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### 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





Tulips in bloom at Centennial Plaza  
in downtown Menomonee Falls

## 2020 Elections & Other Seasonal Reminders

### Elections

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

- 4/07/2020 Spring Election & Presidential Primary
- 8/11/2020 Partisan Primary
- 11/03/2020 General Election

#### In-Person Absentee Voting

- 3/18/2020–4/3/2020  
Call 262-532-4200 for more information.

### Park Shelter Reservations

All Park reservations must be made in person at Village Hall, for further information please call 262-532-4200 or visit [menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations](https://menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations).

### Dogs Licenses

2019 dog licenses expired December 31, 2019. To license your dog, submit a completed [Application for Dog License](#) and a \$10 fee per dog (\$15 for unneutered/unspayed dogs) to the Clerk Services Department. After March 31, fees increase to \$15 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$20 for unneutered/unspayed dogs.

### Voter Registration Drives

Voter registration drives will increase across the state in 2020. While most organizations promoting voter registration are legitimate, they are not affiliated with the Village of Menomonee Falls. Be mindful that registration drives provide an area of opportunity for scammers since voter registration requires personal information such as your date of birth and driver's license. Never give personal information to anyone you don't know and trust. **The safest means to register to vote includes the following:**

1. Online at [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)



2. By mail: complete the voter registration form at [menomonee-falls.org/voterregistration](https://menomonee-falls.org/voterregistration)

Mail form with proof of residency to:  
Village Clerk  
W156N8480 Pilgrim Road  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

3. In-person at the Clerk Services Department  
Open Monday–Friday, 8am–4:30pm
4. In-person at your assigned polling location on  
election day 7am–8pm

\*Note: All registration options require acceptable proof of residency. For details on which documents can be used as proof of residence, view the [Wisconsin Election Commission Proof of Residence for Guide](#)





# Spring Maintenance, Cleanup, & Services

Rotary Park in spring

## Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Village flushes fire hydrants twice each year in spring and fall and throughout the year if necessary. Hydrant flushing:

- Improves water quality
- Exercises hydrants so they are in good functioning order when needed for an emergency
- Removes sediment that may cause discolored water
- Allows us to inspect each hydrant for defects

If you do experience discoloration in your water, we recommend running the cold water for several minutes to help clear the discoloration before using it for drinking or laundry.

## Menomonee River Cleanup

Come join us this spring on April 18<sup>th</sup> to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. Every year since 2008, around Earth Day in April, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. This event is organized by the Milwaukee Riverkeepers and is sponsored by Waste Management.

## Bulk Item Collection Week

New for 2020, Waste Management will conduct a bulk trash 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. Items will be collected on your regularly scheduled garbage day.

## WATER QUALITY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires water utilities provide their customers a Consumer Confidence Report annually. This information is designed to educate our customers about the source of the water supply, the water treatment process, and the extensive testing conducted to ensure water quality before the water enters a property in Menomonee Falls. The report can be read at [menomonee-falls.org/consumerconfidence](http://menomonee-falls.org/consumerconfidence)

## Brush Collection Week

The Menomonee Falls Public Works Department will begin picking up brush on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Rules for Brush Pickup

- Brush materials acceptable for Village pickup are **branches up to six inches in diameter**, cut to a **maximum length of four feet**.
- Brush must be placed on the terrace area (between the curb and sidewalk). In areas without curb, the brush should be placed on the grass area adjacent to the street pavement or adjacent to driveway entrances. All areas should have brush placed parallel to the road.
- For safety reasons, no brush may be placed on the street pavement.
- Please note: yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, and garden debris will not be picked up.
- No stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls will be picked up.
- Any yard waste that is mixed in with your branches will not be picked up.
- Brush in containers will not be picked up, as too often there is yard waste in the bottom of the container. We encourage you to use your Yard Waste Permit and take yard waste debris (not picked up) to the Orchard Ridge composting facility. Be aware that the Orchard Ridge composting facility will no longer accept cash and accepts all major credit cards and checks.

The deadline for residents to put out brush for pickup is Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Yard Waste Permits

Residents may obtain a **free** Yard Waste Permit from Village Hall at W156N8480 Pilgrim Road, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30 pm. Every year thereafter, a yard waste permit will be mailed automatically in spring. The permit allows residents to dispose of yard waste 35 times in a season (April – November) for no fee at the Orchard Ridge composting facility (watch for the scale house on the west side of the road). Please note: Village residents must provide identification showing proof of Menomonee Falls residency. Have your ID ready to show the scale house attendant upon arrival. If you do not arrive with a permit, all fees will be charged. All businesses are excluded from this program.



## 2020 Orchard Ridge Composting Facility Program

Located at W124N9355 Boundary Road

- Acceptable forms of payment include credit card or check  
– cash no longer accepted
- Residents will be allowed one visit per day to drop-off:  
One (1) cubic yard of yard waste per visit – approximately seven (7) 30 gallon bags or containers  
  
Anything over one cubic yard will be charged at a rate of \$0.015 per pound, minimum of \$3.00.
- Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:30 am – 4 pm & Saturday 7 am – 11:45 am



## Public Works Facility Open House

The Menomonee Falls Public Works Department is hosting an Open House on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (9am to 12pm) for its recently constructed facility. Construction began in 2016 and was completed in early 2018 and now we'd like to open it up for the public to tour. At the event, residents and their families can take a self-guided tour to experience a behind-the-scenes look at what skill sets, tools, and equipment are required to maintain the Village's streets and parks.

Trucks and equipment will be out for display, refreshments will be provided, and you'll have the ability to interact with our staff. This event takes place at the Menomonee Falls Public Works Facility located at **N72W15900 Good Hope Road**. The event is free and a great way for the public to learn more about the services we provide and explore the facility!



## Public Works Facility Open House

**You are Invited!**

**Saturday, May 16  
9am - noon**





## Ensuring Best Practices in Law Enforcement

### Accreditation

Accreditation is a process in which a business demonstrates to an outside assessor that it complies with a set of standards or principles by which a well-functioning organization can be judged. You may be most familiar with a university that is accredited nationally or regionally, or a hospital accredited by the Joint Commission. In either case, the business has demonstrated that it has attained a high degree of performance in their respective field.

The Menomonee Falls Police Department has engaged in an accreditation process since 1992. At that time, Chief David Steingraber led the agency to compliance with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and, since 2011, the department has partnered with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). With oversight by the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association and a governing board, WILEAG requires compliance with 242 standards and 362 dimensions having to do with the operations of a police department ranging from policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

While accreditation delves into all aspects of department operations, perhaps it is most helpful in those areas considered high liability functions such as the municipal lock-up (jail) where detainees are processed and held temporarily, maintenance of the evidence room, and vehicle operation. It also ensures proper handling of the agency's financial transactions, management of investigative cases, compliance with labor contracts, and ensures periodic

review of all policies. In essence, accreditation provides best practices for the department to follow in all of its tasks.

Recently, three police commanders from outside, accredited agencies visited the MFPD for several days to examine its policies, procedures, operations, equipment and personnel to determine if the department is in compliance with all standards. Their findings will be reported to the WILEAG Board for final consideration. While the process is not complete until this board review, the comments of assessors provides confidence that the department will again be successful in its re-accreditation efforts.

Accreditation is both a reflection of the processes and the people that make up the MFPD. All of the best policies and procedures are meaningless unless department members use them to provide the best law enforcement services possible. The MFPD's long history with accreditation is a reflection of both of these best practices and the people that make up the department.





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# Construction & Development Projects

22 building permits for single family homes were issued in the first two months of 2020

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## 2019 Year in Review

2019 was a strong year for new development and redevelopment projects across all sectors. The Village issued a total of 855 building permits, and the total estimated construction value of projects in Menomonee Falls was \$121 million. Single family home construction (\$43 million) and projects in Woodland Prime office park (\$25 million) contributed significantly to overall value.

Menomonee Falls led all communities in southeastern Wisconsin (second only to Madison statewide) with 118 new single family homes constructed in 2019. 2019 was also a banner year for job creation in the Village with major employers (including Leonardo DRS and Milwaukee Tool) adding hundreds of jobs by relocating/expanding their operations in Menomonee Falls.

### Residential

- 130 new single family home and duplex units
- 16 new apartment units
- 614 residential renovations/additions



Single family homes in Weyerhaven Subdivision

- **New construction value of nearly \$121 million**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Highest residential construction value ever recorded** at nearly **\$57 million**

### Commercial

- 9 new buildings
- 56 commercial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$34.3 million**



International Autos Volkswagen dealership

- **118** single family homes and 12 duplex units were approved
- **75** lots for single family homes were approved in final plats

### Institutional

- 2 new buildings
- 14 institutional renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$3.9 million**



New guest bleachers at Schumann Stadium

- **373,000** square feet of area in the new Leonardo DRS high-tech manufacturing facility (this complemented DRS' adjacent 123,000 square foot office renovation)

### Industrial

- 1 new building
- 25 industrial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$22.3 million**



The Village of Menomonee Falls issued more building permits for single and two family homes in 2019 than Brookfield, Germantown, Lisbon, Lannon, and Sussex combined in 2019

To view the entire 2019 Development Report visit [menomonee-falls.org/79](http://menomonee-falls.org/79)



## Ongoing Projects

(selected projects as viewed in early 2020)

Waukesha State Bank (project rendering)



The Learning Experience daycare



Grace Commons



Rotary Park restroom update



Village Park site preparation  
is likely to begin in early spring



For a list of all of the Village's 2020 public projects [see page 15](#)

Milwaukee Tool office renovation



### Milwaukee Tool

Power tool and hand tool manufacturer Milwaukee Electric Tool committed in late 2019 to create a multi-million dollar corporate campus in the Woodland Prime office park in eastern Menomonee Falls. The approved expansion of Milwaukee Tool (based in Brookfield) will increase their capacity and create approximately 870 new jobs in Menomonee Falls by 2025.



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



# CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

## Spring & Summer Program Preview



Fit in the Parks yoga, summer 2019

Community Education & Recreation (CE & Rec) staff are busy planning for a great summer of programs and activities for youth and adults of all ages. We have you covered with swim lessons, Summer Kids INC, Falls Summer Academy, adult athletics, youth sports, and Fit in the Parks just to name a few. We also offer a variety of trips for older adults, and our Senior Center operates year round!

Register for summer programs online at [fallsrec.org](https://fallsrec.org) or in person at the CE & Rec Office (located in the Menomonee Falls Community Center). The CE & Rec Summer Activity Guide will be available online towards the end of March with guides being mailed to homes in early April.

- Online resident registration begins at 9pm on Sunday, April 19
- In-person resident registration begins at 8am on Monday, April 20
- Online non-resident registration begins at 9pm on Thursday, April 23
- Online non-resident registration begins at 8am on Friday, April 24



Fit in the Parks walking club, summer 2019

### Fit in the Parks

This health and wellness series is brought to you by Village of Menomonee Falls community partners as a part of the Live Well Waukesha County initiative.

#### Summer 2019

- 9 community partners
- 16 FREE fitness programs
- 845 participants

#### Looking ahead to 2020

- 15 community partners
- **50 FREE programs** (all ages)

Help us kick off this year's Fit in the Park series at our Sunset/Candlelight Hike on Friday, May 1, 2020, from 7–9pm at Menomonee Park. Candles will be available to light the way after dusk, or come early and enjoy the park's natural beauty at sunset. Free admission to the park for all participants.

### Falls Summer Academy

This summer school program for the School District of Menomonee Falls provides enrichment, academic support, and credit recovery. Opportunities are available for students entering 4K through high school. Get Set for 4K, Chemistry and Cooking, Lego Robotics, Tween Cuisine, and Manufacturing and Robotics are samples of the programs offered. Look for more information in the Summer Activity Guide.

### Swim Year Round in Menomonee Falls

The North Middle School Pool serves as the community pool and is the location for adult lap swim, family open swim, swimming lessons, water exercise, and synchronized swim. It is a great facility for lessons and water exercise due to 25 yards of shallow water and the bleacher viewing area. Visit the aquatics page at [fallsrec.org](https://fallsrec.org) for more information.



## Menomonee Falls Senior Center

The Senior Center, located in the Community Center, is open Monday – Friday from 8am – 4:30pm. The center is open to all residents and non-residents ages 55+. No membership required. Programs consist of a variety of services and activities in areas such as education, creative arts, recreation, health and nutrition, leisure, and entertainment. A variety of trips and special events are planned throughout the year.

- Johnson Bus service is available for adults ages 60+ and adults with developmental disabilities, Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm.
- A senior lunch program takes place at the Community Center Monday – Friday at noon. All older adults 60+ are welcome to enjoy a delicious lunch. Registration for the meal is required one day in advance. Register through the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County by calling (262) 251-3406 between 9:30am and 12:30pm.

Visit the [Senior Center page at fallsrec.org](https://fallsrec.org) for more information.



## Presenting the New Village Flag & Logo

At the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Village Board meeting, Village officials presented Harvey Neu with a flag displaying the new Village of Menomonee Falls logo. Harvey has maintained a flag display (including a Village of Menomonee Falls flag) for nearly 20 years at the northwest corner of the River Court Shopping Center along Falls Parkway.

As a continuation of the logo roll out that began with the 2019 website update, the Village is replacing worn Village flags with those containing the new Village of Menomonee Falls logo. Outdoor locations displaying the new flags include Village Hall, Menomonee Falls Public Library, and John Taylor Park along with River Court Shopping Center.



## Wisconsin's Largest Village

According to the Wisconsin Department of Administration's 2019 population estimates, Menomonee Falls continues to have the largest population of any Village in the state. At **38,999 people**, the Falls has an estimated 12,000+ more residents than the Village of Mount Pleasant (2<sup>nd</sup> on the list). Menomonee Falls is also home to an estimated 33,659 jobs, making the Village a major economic center in the region.



# A Fresh New Look for the Farmers Market



## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020

- New location: **Village Park** tennis court parking area
- New hours: **2pm – 6pm**
- New sponsorship: The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation
- Live entertainment
- Increased number of vendors

The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market is under new sponsorship. The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation has taken over the running of the market, and the Foundation has hired a manager to oversee and run the market. You can find out more by visiting [fallsfoundation.org](https://fallsfoundation.org). Applications for vendors can also be found there.

The Farmers Market has many exciting changes happening for the 2020 season! First, the market is moving to Village Park on Garfield Street. It will be held in the tennis court parking lot (west end of park). By popular request, the hours are being changed to 2pm – 6pm. We are hoping this will accommodate the working population in the area. Currently, we are busy lining up vendors for the 2020 season. Several new vendors have already agreed to be a part of the market.

A calendar of events and entertainment is being worked on and will be released in the coming months. Stay tuned for details!

The market opens Wednesday, June 3. For up to date information like our Facebook page: [Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation Farmers Market](#).







## This Season at Old Falls Village

Old Falls Village Park has another exciting spring and summer season planned this year! The grounds are open to the public year-round, and the park comes alive with a variety of weekly and annual events.

### In Touch with History

The season opens with In Touch with History on May 30 and May 31. The event will have exhibits following the development of several common household items from their inception to their current state. In addition to viewing the items, you will be able to touch and operate several historical artifacts displayed in the park.

### Save the Date: 2020 Calendar

- Depot Beer Garden **May 30 - October 3**  
beer, music, food, and kid's games 3-9 pm
- In Touch with History **May 30 & 31**  
historic vendors, displays, demonstrations
- WWII Days **June 20 & 21**  
battle reenactment, skits, presentations
- Civil War Encampment **July 18 & 19**  
battle reenactment, demonstrations
- Halloween Family Fun Night **Oct. 23 & 24**  
hayride, trick or treating, pumpkins

### Depot Beer Garden

The Depot Beer Garden will be open every Saturday evening from May 30 through October 3. The Depot Beer Garden offers a great family atmosphere, and pets are welcome. On site parking is ample and free. The Beer Garden will offer a variety of craft beers from several breweries and a selection of snacks, including grilled brats, hot dogs, and pizza. The Beer Garden is moving to the area in front of the stage to better enjoy the live music planned for every Saturday. New shade umbrellas and a permanent pavilion will enhance your enjoyment of the cold beer and great entertainment.



The Depot Beer Garden on the beautiful Old Falls Village grounds

### In the Works...

Additional benches will be installed throughout the park starting this year. Fences, hitching posts, and new gardens are planned for some of the houses to give the grounds more of a community feel. Planning is also underway for a historic blacksmith shop to be built across from the school. Completion is expected in 2021.



# Library Corner

## Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library

### Spring Means Art at the Library

Visit the Library to enjoy artwork from our community's talented artists.

#### Youth Art Month Exhibit March 5 - 28

See selected pieces from all School District of Menomonee Falls schools, grades 1-12. Reception and awards ceremony on Thursday, March 5, 6:30 – 8pm.

#### Art Lives in Me Exhibit April 6 - 28

Celebrate the student artists from Menomonee Falls parochial schools including Bethlehem Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Pilgrim Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, and St. Mary's Parish School. Reception and awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 28, 6 – 7:30pm.

#### Art in Action Exhibit May 2 - 26

The Art Guild of Menomonee Falls proudly presents their 12<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Membership show, featuring dozens of artworks by local artists, including pottery, paintings, and photography. Vote for your favorites to determine the People's Choice Award.

#### Community Art Exhibition June dates to be announced

The Menomonee Falls Community Education & Recreation Department will display drawing, watercolor painting, and oil painting artwork created by talented adults participating in Recreation Department classes.



### 2019 at Your Library A Year in Numbers

Visitors:	180,750
Card Holders:	17,703
Items Checked Out: (print, audio, video)	365,556
Digital Items Checked Out: (eBooks, eAudio, eVideo):	46,953
Programs for Kids:	350
Programs for Teens:	64
Total Programs Offered:	598
Total Program Attendees:	15,901
Public Computer Uses:	14,815
Wi-Fi Sessions:	23,312



### Explore, Learn, Grow, and Connect at the Library!

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



# Backyard Project Basics

Helpful information and reminders as you plan for your outdoor improvements

With spring coming up, many homeowners are ready to move forward on projects to enhance the enjoyment and functionality of their outdoor spaces. While major projects (garages, home additions, and decks connected to homes with footings) require a building permit, many backyard projects can be completed after obtaining a [Zoning Permit](#). A Zoning Permit ensures the location and dimensions of all proposed projects meet the requirements of the Municipal Code.

## Common backyard projects requiring a Zoning Permit

- Fences over 4.5 feet tall
- Sheds – Storage structures under 200 square feet
- Pools – Including in-ground and above ground
- Gazebos/Pergolas

Installation of landscaping including trees, shrubs, planting beds, rain gardens etc. does not require a permit. Homeowners should keep in mind that landscaping should only be installed on their property (not in the public right of way/terrace area) and that planting of trees and shrubs should not interfere with traffic visibility on corner lots. For all backyard projects involving digging, call [Diggers Hotline](#) at 800-242-8511.

Installation of a parking slab or other hardscape is also allowed without permit in Menomonee Falls. In most residential zoning districts, driveways and parking areas must be set back at least three feet from property lines. A [Driveway Permit](#) is required for all projects involving work in the public right of way.

For questions about your backyard project, contact the Engineering and Development Department at 262-532-4400.

## What is the difference between a storage shed and a detached garage?

### Shed

- Under 200 square ft.
- Requires a Zoning Permit
- Must be located in the rear yard
- May be located 5 ft. off side/rear lot lines if under 120 square ft.

### Garage

- Over 200 square ft.
- Requires a Building Permit
- Must be located in the rear yard
- Must meet minimum accessory structure setbacks

## Drainage Complaints

On occasion, projects large and small, (including backyard projects and changes in landscaping) may alter the way that stormwater moves across residential properties. One of the responsibilities of the Engineering Department is to respond to citizen complaints regarding drainage problems. Drainage problems range in nature from property flooding to home flooding and include such concerns as erosion and problems associated with sump pump discharges.

If you are experiencing drainage problems, please complete the Drainage Complaint form and someone from the Engineering Department will contact you to set up a meeting to investigate the situation. For your convenience, the [Drainage Complaint Form](#) may be submitted online.

## The Purple Tube Project

To ensure that residents living on their own with dementia receive the best care possible from first responders, the Menomonee Falls Police Department is partnering with ERAS Senior Network to place purple tubes containing useful patient information in home freezers in Menomonee Falls. The tubes will contain medical histories, instructions for patient interaction, power of attorney information, and a photo if the person is known to wander. Dispatch will alert first responders that they are in purple tube home.

The roll out of the Purple Tube Project is expected to begin in May of 2020. If you are a caregiver or concerned family member of a resident living with dementia and are interested in participating in the Purple Tube Project, contact Chief Anna Ruzinski at [aruzinski@menomonee-falls.org](mailto:aruzinski@menomonee-falls.org). To learn more and to discuss the project with representatives from ERAS Senior network and the MFPD, visit the 10 Signs of Alzheimers program at 7pm on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Menomonee Falls Public Library. See [menomoneefalls.org/dementiafriendly](http://menomoneefalls.org/dementiafriendly) for more information and resources related to this project.



Chief Anna Ruzinski  
\*Photo courtesy of Menomonee Falls Express News

## 2020 Public Projects

Construction will move forward on a number of significant public projects in 2020. Project timelines and details are still to be determined. Major projects include:

- Appleton Avenue/Pilgrim Road/Menomonee Avenue intersection reconstruction
- Village Park plaza, restrooms, amphitheater, and great lawn
- Crossroads Shopping Center sanitary sewer, water main, and private water main conversion
- Cheyenne Drive/Blackfoot Drive water main and reconstruction
- Hiawatha Avenue/Jacobson Drive/Dardis Place/Dardis Avenue storm sewer, water main, and reconstruction
- Manhattan Drive water main
- Roger Avenue water main
- Roosevelt Drive water main
- Sheridan Drive storm sewer, water main, and reconstruction
- Stonefield Road water main

For project information and updates see [menomonee-falls.org/publicprojects](http://menomonee-falls.org/publicprojects).

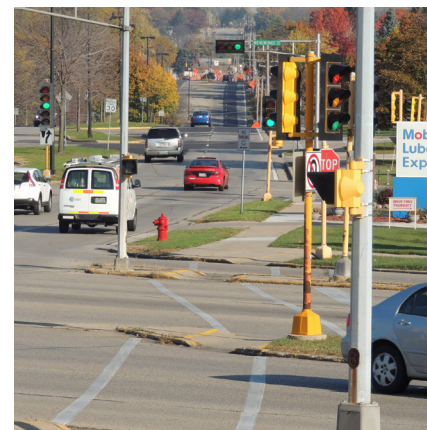
## Sprinkling Meters

Water used for lawns and outside use that does not directly enter the sanitary sewer can be exempted from a sewer charge. This process requires a separate meter installed to meter water used for outside use.

The main and sprinkling meters are read on a quarterly basis. During the billing process, the reading on the sprinkling meter is subtracted from the main meter; thus, avoiding a sewer charge. To install a sprinkling meter, the resident owning the home can do the plumbing themselves with the proper permits. More information about the meter size and rental charges, and an installation diagram can be found on the Village's website: [menomonee-falls.org/watermeters](http://menomonee-falls.org/watermeters).



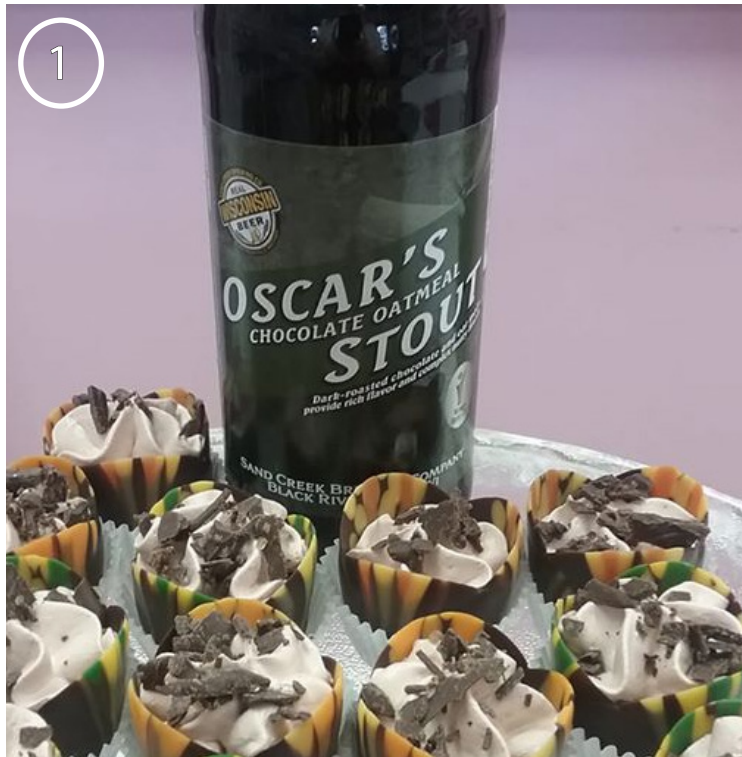
The planned project at the intersection of Appleton Avenue/Pilgrim Road/Menomonee Avenue will improve traffic flow and crossing safety in 2020





# Out and About in the Falls: Crawling into Spring

selected photos from  
the February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
in Menomonee Falls Downtown



The inaugural Big MF Beer Crawl was a great success with lovely weather, 14 craft beers, beer themed products, souvenirs, and giveaways! Businesses reported new customers, double their typical Saturday sales, and great conversations with patrons.

- 1 One of the wonderful food and beer pairings offered at the event
- 2 Participants with painted beer crawl coasters at Just Kiln'Time
- 3 Beer infused soaps at Poppy & Thyme
- 4 A group of participants enjoying a toast at Chocolate Falls
- 5 Coasters, souvenir glasses, and backpacks with the downtown logo were created to mark the occasion





White Trillium at Rivers Edge Park

## Spring Calendar

**TUESDAY APRIL 7 @ 7am to 8pm**

Spring Election

Polling places throughout the Village

**SATURDAY APRIL 11 @ 11 am**

The Easter Bunny & Furry Friends

Dog-friendly event w/ cookie decorating

Centennial Plaza

**FRIDAY MAY 1 @ 6 pm**

Fit in the Parks Candlelight Hike

Sunset hike and a camp fire

Menomonee Park

**SATURDAY MAY 9 @ 9 am**

Optimist Kids Fishing Derby

Fishing instruction & catch/release

Mill Pond Park

**SATURDAY MAY 16 @ 9 am**

Public Works Facility Open House

A behind the scenes look at new

facility at N72W15900 Good Hope Rd

**SATURDAY MAY 23 @ 11 am**

Falls Memorial Fest

Downtown street party with food

vendors, shopping, & music

Main Street between Water & Appleton

**SATURDAY MAY 30 @ 10 am**

**SUNDAY JUNE 1 @ 10 am**

In Touch with History Days

Historic demonstrations & vendors

Old Falls Village

## Opportunities to Give Back

**Menomonee River Cleanup** – Come join us this spring on April 18<sup>th</sup> to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. Every year since 2008, around Earth Day in April, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. This event is organized by the Milwaukee Riverkeepers and sponsored by Waste Management. Visit [menomonee-falls.org/rivercleanup](http://menomonee-falls.org/rivercleanup) to learn more and to register for the 2020 Menomonee River Cleanup.

The School District of Menomonee Falls **Reach Out Resource Room** at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School is accepting donations of school supplies, clothing, and coats/outdoor apparel for students and families in need. If you are interested in donating resources or volunteering to staff the resource room call 262-946-2228.

## Events



*Saturdays from 3 pm to 9 pm through September*

## Points of Pride

[AreaVibes.com](http://AreaVibes.com) ranks Menomonee Falls as the 2<sup>nd</sup> safest community in Wisconsin with over 25,000 people

[Niche.com](http://Niche.com) ranks Hamilton and Menomonee Falls in the top 6% in its Best School Districts in America list

[Healthgrades.com](http://Healthgrades.com) includes Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital in its America's Best Hospitals for 2020 list



*The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Falls Memorial Fest starts with the **Operation Finally Home 5k** at 9am on Saturday, May 23, and it continues with a downtown street party on Main Street beginning at 11am*

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