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The Current

Fall 2020

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A Word of Encouragement

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well as you continue to navigate a challenging 2020. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic continues to present major challenges to our physical and mental health, economic upheaval has seemingly become the norm, and a racial justice movement has brought attention to the continued need for equality in our society. For many of us, the events of 2020 have contributed to general feelings of uncertainty around what will come next for our families, schools, and businesses.

The Village of Menomonee Falls remains committed to providing high quality services to meet the needs of our community. The Village has sustained (and will continue to sustain) emergency services, essential public infrastructure, and a safe and secure election process. Village staff continue to review projects, process permits, staff public meetings, maintain Village parks, and respond to resident inquiries. Our goal moving forward is to consistently meet your needs regardless of the ever changing circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Our community has displayed remarkable resilience despite a difficult year. This issue of *The Current* newsletter will provide updates on how services have adapted, projects are taking shape, the community has grown, and how residents and organizations have evolved to keep our Village strong. We recognize that our greatest strength is in the people of Menomonee Falls, and we encourage all readers to do what they can to check in on neighbors and support one another in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for all you do to help make our community a great place to live and work.



Purple coneflowers at Farrenkopf Plaza between Village Hall and Menomonee Falls Public Library

A Fall 2020 Village Services Update



Safety measures in place at the Clerk Services Department

All Village services are being provided in-person and precautions are being taken to ensure the health and safety of the public and Village staff.

Village Hall remains open to the public from 8 am – 4:30 pm. All staff are wearing masks and service counters have been outfitted with protective plexiglass shields. Public meetings are being held in-person as scheduled with seating spaced to allow for social distancing between attendants. Live streaming video is available at menomoneefallswi.swagit.com/live/ for meetings held in the Village Board room.

Although walk-in services are available at the Clerk Services, Engineering & Development, Assessing, and Municipal Court service counters, the Village is encouraging residents to contact Village Hall at 262-532-4200 when possible. Building project applications may be submitted via the [online permit portal](#). Municipal Court has resumed in-person hearings. To ensure the health and safety of everyone that enters the court room, face masks are required and other precautions are in place.

Village parks, trails, shelters and restrooms are open for public use. To promote community health, we recommend that visitors maintain social distance and wear masks when keeping safe distance is not practical.

The Menomonee Falls Police and Fire Departments continue to provide responsive emergency services to protect Village residents and businesses, while maintaining a variety of precautionary measures to protect personnel and the public. COVID-19 protocols include guidance on personal protective equipment (PPE), vehicle sanitation, and a temporary reprieve on public education/outreach.

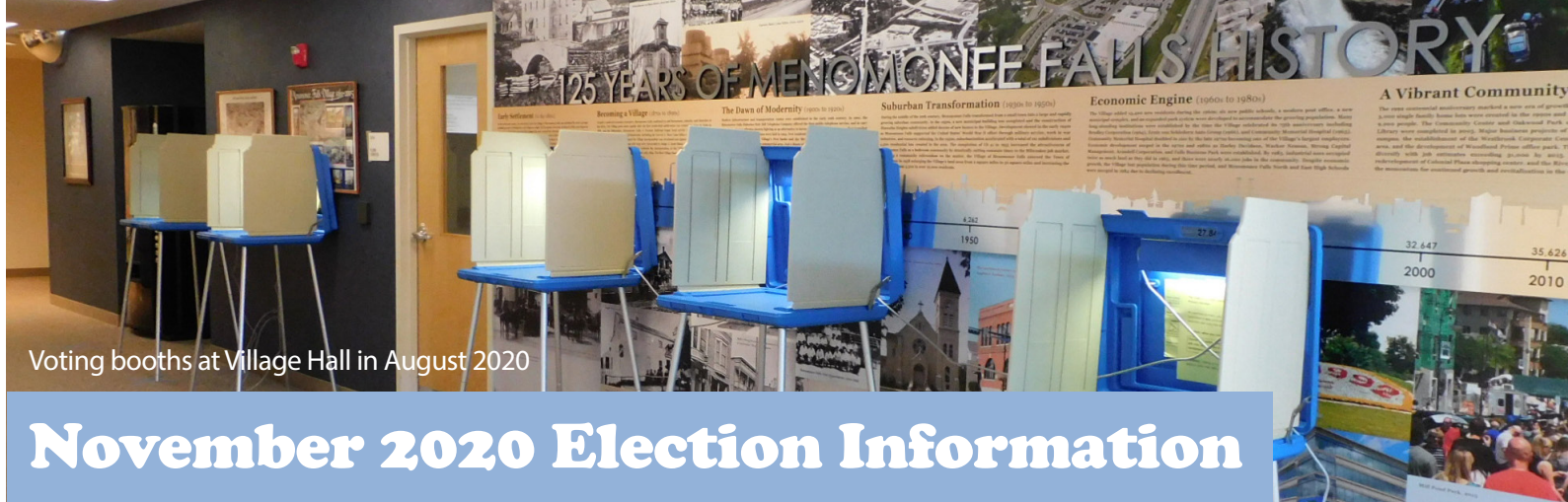
Introducing *The Rapid E-Newsletter*

With the rapidly changing circumstances of 2020, the Village has had more website traffic and increased demand for updates on Village projects and services. In response to the growing demand for information, the Village began publishing *The Rapid* newsletter. This weekly at-a-glance e-newsletter offers highlights about Village services, public projects, local initiatives, and community events and programs. The format provides simple updates with links for more information.

View all editions of *The Rapid* and subscribe to a weekly email notification for Village newsletters at www.menomonee-falls.org/therapid



Plexiglass at the Engineering & Development service counter



Voting booths at Village Hall in August 2020

November 2020 Election Information

Combined Polling Place(s)

For the most up to date election-related information visit our website at menomonee-falls.org/1140/Elections-Voting.

For the November 3rd General Election, all wards will vote at Davian's Banquet & Conference Center at N56 W16300 Silver Spring Drive and a yet to be approved second location.

Polls are open from 7 am – 8 pm.

Registration and Absentee Ballots

How can I Apply? The safest means to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot includes the following:

1. Online at myvote.wi.gov
2. By mail
3. In-person at the Clerk Services Department open Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm
4. In-person at your assigned polling location on Election Day



Voter registration requires acceptable proof of residency. [For examples, click here.](#) To apply for an absentee ballot, a copy of your photo ID is required. [For examples, click here.](#)

Voter Registration Drives

Voter registration drives have been increasing this year. 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.



We are Recruiting Poll Workers

With November right around the corner, the Village is looking for help on Election Day. This is one of the most rewarding ways for citizens to become involved in the election process.



Contact us at 262-532-4200 or email vote@menomonee-falls.org to sign up today!

Seasonal Information & Reminders

Leaf Disposal

The Public Works Department provides a **leaf collection** service 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 124th Street.

Leaf burning and yard waste fires are permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am – 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

Fire Hydrant Flushing

We flush 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. We recommend using the bathtub or an outside faucet. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water.

Reserve a Park Shelter/Athletic Facility

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



Picnic shelter at Oakwood Park

COVID-19 Safety Information

The number of positive coronavirus tests in Waukesha County increased in the second half of the summer and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services continues to classify Waukesha County and our neighboring counties as High Activity level for disease spread.

How to protect yourself and others

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Monitor your health daily

For details visit the [Centers For Disease Control website](https://www.cdc.gov) and for the latest information and guidance about COVID-19 from the Waukesha County Public Health Department visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

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Cans



Aluminum and Steel Cans
empty and rinse



Cartons



Food and Beverage Cartons
empty and replace cap



Glass



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse



Paper



Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazines & Mail, Flattened Cardboard, and Paper Tubes



Plastic



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers
empty and replace cap
(#1△, #2△, #5△)

DO NOT RECYCLE THESE CURBSIDE:

Scrap Metal



No car parts or scrap metal

Plastic Bags



Do not bag recyclables; return plastic bags and wrap to retail stores

Hazards



No flammables, compressed cylinders, batteries, electronics, or sharps

Garbage



Empty all containers, no food, liquids, diapers, or garbage

Tanglers



No hoses, wires, or chains

Find your recycling schedule: menomonee-falls.org/130/Garbage-Recycling

Unacceptable Materials

These items cannot be recycled in the curbside program.

- ✗ Appliances
- ✗ Bagged Recyclables
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Car Parts (Brake Rotors, etc.)
- ✗ Ceramics
- ✗ Chains
- ✗ Christmas Trees or Lights
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Construction Debris
- ✗ Cords
- ✗ Cups (Paper or Styrofoam)
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Drinking Glasses or Mugs
- ✗ Food

- ✗ Garbage
- ✗ Garden Pots or Trays
- ✗ Hangers
- ✗ Hard Cover Books
- ✗ Helium Cylinders or Tanks
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Light Bulbs
- ✗ Loose Caps and Lids
- ✗ Medical Waste & Medication
- ✗ Motor Oil Bottles
- ✗ Needles, Sharps, Syringes
- ✗ Paint or Paint Cans
- ✗ Paper Ice Cream Containers

- ✗ Paper Plates or Cups
- ✗ Plastic Bags, Wrap, Film
- ✗ Plastic Utensils
- ✗ Propane Cylinders or Tanks
- ✗ Scrap Metal
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Take Out Packaging or Containers
- ✗ Tires
- ✗ Tissue Paper
- ✗ Toys
- ✗ Window Glass or Mirrors
- ✗ Wires
- ✗ Wood
- ✗ Yard Waste or Compost

Frequently Asked Questions



Why can't we include scrap metal, plastic bags, hazards, garbage, and tanglers in the recycling bin?

These items damage equipment or cause serious fires. These materials can also risk recycling haulers' and facility workers' safety which can result in serious injury. Lastly, items that don't belong in the cart are costly to dispose of and can make other recyclables less valuable. For more information about proper disposal of these unacceptable materials, please [visit our website](https://menomonee-falls.org/130/Garbage-Recycling).



How do I dispose of paint?

Latex paint should be dried and thrown in the trash. Oil based paints are hazardous waste and should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection site for safe disposal. [visit our website](https://menomonee-falls.org/130/Garbage-Recycling) for locations.



Who do I call with questions about my collection service?

Contact Menomonee Falls Public Works with questions about collection service: (262) 532-4700.



MENOMONEE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

Promoting • Advancing • Cultivating Business Since 1940

Add Your Event to the 2021 Chamber Calendar



The Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce is starting to plan for 2021, and we would like to share your events with the community and beyond via our website, social media, and free event listings in the *MDK Events Guide*. Annually, this publication features the events of over 16 communities in Southeast Wisconsin as well as the large venue events in downtown Milwaukee and the lakefront.

We realize the current health crisis has put many up-coming events in jeopardy. We would still like to help promote your

proposed 2021 community events, recognizing dates may be fluid and subject to change as needed.

How do I submit my organization's events?

Have a member of your organization contact Jess Goniou at the Chamber office by Friday, September 25, 2020. Be prepared to provide your event names, dates, and contact information and we will be sure to get them included on the master list for 2021. You can reach Jess at 262-251-2430 or membershipdirector@fallschamber.com



Annual Bulk Item Drop-Off Event



Phone: 262-251-4000

Email: wmeservice@wm.com

Live Chat: www.wm.com

What?

The Village of Menomonee Falls, in coordination with Waste Management, is conducting an Annual Bulk Item Drop-Off Event at no charge to residents. Bulk items are items that do not fit into a garbage cart or exceed four (4) feet in length and/or 60 lbs. in weight.

Where?

Waste Management's Hauling Facility located at:
W124N8925 Boundary Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

When?

October 3rd, 8 a.m. – Noon

How does this work?

- ❖ Residents will need to show proof of residency by providing an ID and/or a utility bill.
 - ❖ Residents will be limited to four (4) bulk items per Village residential address
 - ❖ This Annual Bulk Item Drop-Off Event will be at no additional charge to the resident
 - ❖ Acceptable items include general household bulk items excluding yard waste, tires and electronics.
- For your reference, please follow this link menomonee-falls.org/Bulkitems for a list of acceptable items or call Waste Management at 262-251-4000.



Mural Program

Transforms Downtown



Anat Rosen working on her mural
Sweet Dreams/Eat Your Vegetables in June

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Downtown BID put out a call for artists
- Total of 9 new murals in summer 2020
- 6 professional artists
- 3 community artists
- Major regional media exposure
- Increased foot traffic (estimated + 75%)
- Enthusiasm for more to come

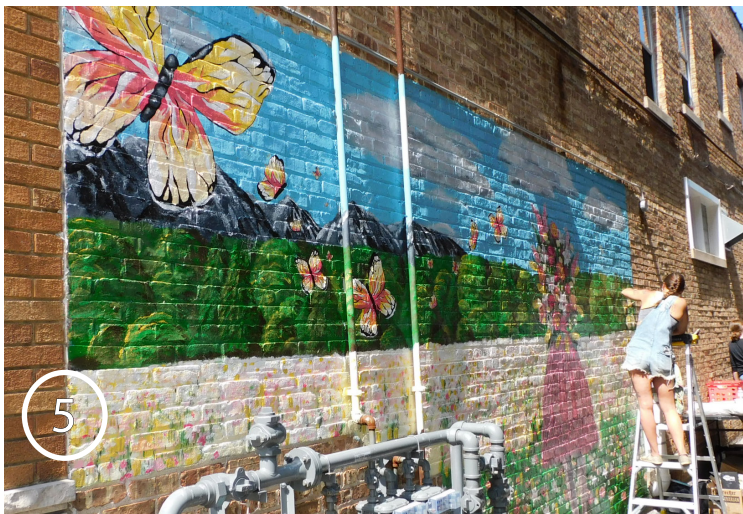
Over the summer, a total of **nine new murals** were painted on various walls and buildings in downtown Menomonee Falls. The murals were installed over the course of three months and they range widely with regard to size, subject, and color. The Menomonee Falls Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) organized the mural program with the support of many downtown businesses and property owners.

The mural program has added interest and excitement to the downtown area in a challenging year, and the reaction of the community has been overwhelmingly positive. The artwork is all in walking distance from the heart of downtown, so visitors can enjoy all of the murals in one trip. Participating artists were selected from across the region, state, and nation with one artist traveling from Houston, Texas. For the latest updates on the mural program visit www.facebook.com/fallsdowntown/



Local artist
Kathleen Murphy Willer
working on *Joy* in August

2020 Downtown Mural Gallery



Artists have been working on murals in downtown since June, and the final murals are expected to be finished in September.

1 Taylor Berman – *Hunter's Prayer*

2 Madelyn Mascotti – *Powerlines*

3 Vivian Johnson – *Hope Floats*

*pictured with MFPD Officer Matthew Lawson

4 Fred Kaems – *Beyond Your Wildest Dreams*

5 Liz Hoover – *Althea*

Fall 2020

Construction & Development Projects

New homes in southwest
Menomonee Falls
in August 2020

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Village Park Nears Completion

The project to transform Village Park into a destination for community events is expected to be completed by late October. The plaza and new buildings will be open to the public this fall, and the landscaping will be established by spring of 2021. For the latest progress on the Village Park project see menomonee-falls.org/villagepark



Pilgrim & Appleton Intersection

Reconstruction of the Pilgrim Road and Appleton Avenue intersection is proceeding on schedule with completion expected on September 9th. The project will improve traffic flow and crossing safety for pedestrians. To view project details visit: projects.511wi.gov/175menom/



Other Public Projects

Capital improvement projects across the Village in 2020 include street, stormwater, and sewer reconstructions, a sidewalk replacement program, and a repaving program. In addition, these unique projects were completed to improve community safety and quality of life:

- Severe weather siren replacement across the Village to ensure safety of those who may not receive mobile phone alerts
- Repaving and restriping of the downtown parking area behind Nino's Italian Bakery – adding dozens of new public parking spaces
- Replacement of outdated scoreboards at Oakwood Park and Willowood Park softball diamonds

For details about 2020 public projects visit menomonee-falls.org/publicprojects

Private Projects

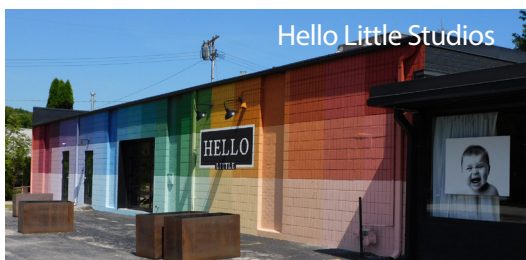
(selected projects as viewed in August)



Residential Development Update

Menomonee Falls continues to be a regional leader in new home construction. So far in 2020, the Village has issued/approved:

- Building permits for 73 single family homes
- Building permits for 44 multifamily housing units
- Plan Commission recommendation for the approval of 21 new single family lots in the Weyerhaven subdivision



For more information on these and other development projects, see menomonee-falls.org/development



Regional radar image from August 10, 2020

Severe Weather Siren Updates & Public Safety



Severe weather siren replacement in July 2020

The Village of Menomonee Falls recently upgraded the severe weather sirens to ensure the safety of our residents, particularly with consideration for all the outdoor recreational areas the Village has to offer. This project was started in July 2020 and the new sirens are scheduled to be fully operational in early September. The public may still see two sirens at each location as the older decommissioned sirens and poles need to be removed and will be done so through fall of 2020.

The severe weather sirens are generally activated through Waukesha County Communications (WCC). WCC is where in-coming citizen and 911 calls are received and dispatched to our Police and Fire Departments. WCC also handles in-coming calls and emergency dispatch services for most of the county and are aware and monitor weather events on a continual basis. In addition, the Police and Fire Departments have trained weather spotters who are able to relay first-hand observations from the field when severe weather occurs. In order to have a back-up and redundancy for this system, the 24-hour staffed Police Business Office has the access and ability to activate the severe weather sirens. It is for this reason that the primary responsibility of the

sirens functionality and maintenance is coordinated by the Police Department.

The purpose is to activate the sirens when there is active or imminent weather that has a high probability of causing injury to persons or severe damage to property. The activation of the sirens can be the result of first-hand observations reported by trained weather spotters of funnel clouds, alerts or information obtained by the National Weather Service or the NOAA of confirmed winds speeds in excess of 80 mph, an identified tornado or a tornado warning issued, significant size hail, or similar type events.

Fast moving weather and sudden changes often create questions from the public as to why the sirens may have been activated when they are looking at clear skies through their window. As with any warning system, there are limitations and what could be occurring on the south side of the Village may not necessarily impact the northern portion. The siren activations occur Village-wide based on the system limitations coupled with the understanding of unpredictable weather patterns while balancing the need for timely notification in allowing the public enough time to seek shelter.

As a reminder, severe weather events can occur throughout the year, so always plan outdoor activities with the weather forecast in mind.



New Pierce Enforcer fire engine at Fire Station No. 2

A New Chief & New Equipment for MFFD

Gerard Washington was sworn in as Fire Chief for Menomonee Falls on June 15th. Chief Washington retired in 2019 from the Milwaukee Fire Department as Assistant Chief after a 28 year career. He was Assistant Chief in Milwaukee from 2010-19, and previously served as Battalion Chief, Fire Captain, Lieutenant and firefighter. He has a master's degree in management from Cardinal Stritch University.



Fire Chief Gerard Washington

Chief Washington, his wife, Renee and son Aiden live about three minutes from Menomonee Falls Fire Station No. 3. "You don't know you have a gem until you dust it off," Washington said. "It is an amazing department. There is talent. I want to meet with the public so they understand what a gem it is."

Department members are excited to welcome him to Menomonee Falls Fire Department and look forward to working together to continue to provide excellent service to our residents.

Earlier this year the Department took delivery of a 2020 Pierce Enforcer fire engine. Currently assigned to Fire Station No. 2 on Silver Spring Drive, Engine 2762 holds 1,000 gallons of water and has a 2,000 gallon per minute pump. Engine 2762 is the only vehicle equipped with a light tower. This allows for elevated scene lighting and enhanced safety for our crews. In addition to fire fighting equipment, the engine also carries first response medical gear and rescue equipment for car accidents.

In the next 60 days, the Department will take delivery of a new Pierce Arrow XT aerial platform truck (see model pictured below). The truck is equipped with a 100 foot aerial platform and elevated waterway. The truck will hold 300 gallons of water and has a 1,500 gallon per minute pump. After arrival, outfitting with equipment and training the truck will go in service.



A Pierce Arrow XT aerial platform truck

Library Corner

Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



The Library is open and offering in-person services

The Library is Open for Business

The Library is open for business! Our entire collection is open for browsing, and many of our study rooms are available on a first come, first served basis, in addition to all the other services we have offered during the pandemic.

What can I do at the Library?

- Pick up your holds inside the Library – if you would rather not enter the building, our [Curbside Hold Pickup Service](#) is still available
- Return materials inside the Library, or at our drive-through book drop
- Get a new library card or renew an old one
- Use the computers on the 2nd floor by appointment or by just dropping in – Call 262-532-8920 to schedule an appointment
- Use our Wi-Fi
- Pay fines over \$2 by check. Pay fines or fees over \$5 by check or online with a credit/debit card – cash is not accepted at this time
- Browse our entire collection
- Use a study room – maximum of two occupants

Library Safety Guidelines

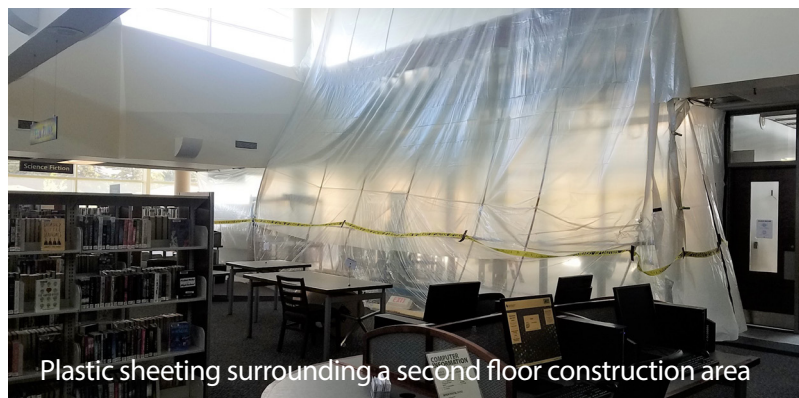
To help keep the Library safe, we are encouraging guests to limit visits to no more than one hour and we have implemented the following safety protocols:

- Everyone over the age of two is required to wear a mask while in the Library.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about two arms' length) from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.

To ensure everyone's safety, we have also installed acrylic sneeze guards at all service desks, visual reminders related to social distancing, and all Library staff will be wearing face coverings.

Excuse our Dust!

Construction is going strong on MFPL's new teen center and makerspace. Both areas are expected to be completed by October of 2020. The makerspace, aptly named *The Forge*, will include a state-of-the-art lab for 3D printing, sewing, creating, and more! The teen area will allow for collaborative workspaces, gaming, and camaraderie.



Plastic sheeting surrounding a second floor construction area

September is Overdue Forgiveness Month

In September, we are forgiving all overdue charges on patron's accounts who ask us to. Just stop in, call, email, or message us on social media. This does not include charges for lost items. We will begin charging overdue fees on items again on October 1st, so get your overdue materials in before then!

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.





Update from the GMFF Farmers Market



The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation Farmers Market is open every Wednesday from 2 pm – 6 pm at Village Park, through the month of October.

- The market has been extremely well received! At the early August markets, we counted nearly 1,000 visitors.
- We have added new vendors until we couldn't fit any more! We are now up to 40 vendors which include a wide variety of fresh vegetables, flowers, honey, Alaskan fish, bakery, small batch cheese and cheese curds, canned goods, dip mixes, soaps, lotions and fresh lavender, CBD products, handmade jewelry, art and face masks, home baked dog treats, and dairy delivery.
- The market also features several vendors who serve prepared food to go – tamales, Wisconsin barbecue, Asian fusion, and kettle corn.
- Other services represented at the market include home improvement contractors and health & wellness practitioners.

Vendor list and details can be found at www.fallsfarmersmarket.org

Market to Move to Village Park Plaza

With construction on track to be completed in the next couple of months, the Farmers Market plans to open its 2021 season with vendors setting up along the new plaza at Village Park. The new space will provide increased visibility, electric access, new restrooms, seating areas, lighting, and more space for the market to grow. In addition to the plaza itself, vendors may line the planned pathway around the Great Lawn or portions of Mill Road which will be closed during events.



2020 Project Highlights



Old Falls Village



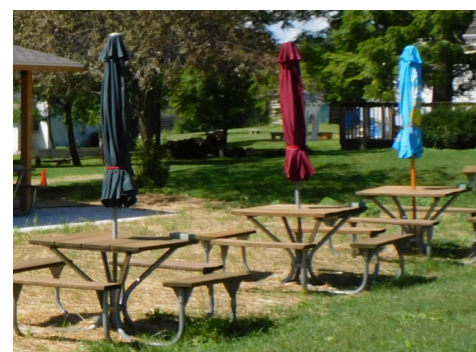
This year has seen several exciting additions to Old Falls Village Park. The first project was the construction of a new 24 foot x 40 foot **pavilion** south of the historic Menomonee Falls Railroad Depot. The pavilion is a kit that came precut and stained from Pennsylvania. The foundation and floor were poured in advance and when the kit arrived, the structure was erected. A water spigot, electrical lights, and outlets were added later.

The pavilion was placed to offer a great view of the park and the stage behind the Depot. After completion of the project, the site of the beer garden was moved to the east of the Public House and between the pavilion and the stage. The pavilion serves as additional seating for the beer garden. The funding for the purchase and construction of the pavilion was provided by a generous gift from the Reis family of Menomonee Falls.

The **beer garden** is sporting a brand new stainless steel dispensing cart that can accommodate up to 6 kinds of beer. With the relocation of the beer garden to the east of the Public House, the beer dispensing area was moved to the drive at the northeast corner of the Public House.

The beer garden picnic tables were moved for seating in front of the stage and modified to take patio umbrellas. The umbrellas were provided by Beer Capitol and an anonymous donor.

Our food service was changed to comply with the latest COVID-19 recommendations. Food is ordered at the east window of the Public House and picked up on the rear deck. Entry into the Public House is prohibited.



New pavilion and seating area



2020 Old Falls Village Projects continued...

Another big change to the park was the addition of a 40-foot ex **Chicago and Northwestern steel bay window caboose** to a new siding next to the Depot.

The search for a caboose began after a deal fell through for a well-used caboose available near 76th and Hampton in Milwaukee. After that, several cars were considered both locally and throughout the country.

A caboose was found in Boone, Iowa that offered the best advantage of price, condition, and location. An offer was made to the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the caboose owner, and was accepted on July 21st.

At the same time the tourist railroad and museum in Boone was moving a locomotive and passenger car as a new display to replace the caboose. Since the heavy equipment mover was already on the scene, we were able to negotiate a very favorable contract for moving the caboose to Old Falls Village Park. The caboose was transported via low boy trailer and rolled on to the siding in front of the Depot on Friday July 24th.

At that point, Old Falls Village contracted with Volkmann Railway Builders in Menomonee Falls to extend the siding 70 feet to the east to allow us to display the caboose without blocking the view of the Depot. A week after the arrival of the caboose, Volkmann had the track laid and the caboose moved to the final position.

The caboose will be repainted to freshen up the yellow and green colors and the original C & NW logo and markings applied. The interior of the caboose is original as built in 1956. The plan is to leave it as built to showcase the history of how and why cabooses were used by railroads.

A big thank you is due to Bill Schulz, one of the Society members for his leadership in negotiating the caboose purchase.

As part of future overall railroad themed displays, a grade crossing with signal light is planned over the siding between the caboose and the Depot. Plans are also being developed to restore the interior of the Depot to its original early 1900's configuration, and a train order semaphore will be added outside the station.



Visit oldfallsvillage.com for more information



CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

Fall Programming Update



Fall is right around the corner and registration for CE & Rec programs is underway. Due to the ever-changing COVID situation, the Fall Activity Guide was not mailed to homes, but is available online at fallsrec.org. This will allow our department to ensure the public has the most up to date information as possible. We encourage families to register online or use our outdoor drop box. In-person registration is also available, but is limited to one customer in the office at a time. Please review our [Return to Programming Plan](#) for information on the protocols and procedures that have been put into place to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your patience and support during the COVID-19 health emergency.

Senior Center Re-Opening September 1st

We realize many adults ages 55+ are eager to return to the Senior Center, and we are looking forward to seeing you. Many favorite drop-in programs such as Mah Jongg, Sheephead, Bingo, and Bridge are returning. Learn how easy it is to use your laptop, tablet or phone to see and connect with your family and friends in our Connecting Digitally series. Classes will cover the use of Facebook, and Facebook Live, along with video calling using Zoom.

According to the CDC, older adults, 65 years and older are at a higher risk for COVID-19. Everyone participating in a senior program will be required to:

- Wear a mask when entering the building and participating in a class
- Sign-in each time you come to the center
- Follow specific safety rules for the class or drop-in program you are attending
- Social distance when possible

Check out the [Return to Senior Programming Plan](#) for more information.

Adult Volleyball League

Leagues begin the week of October 5th. Women's leagues are offered on Monday, with coed leagues being offered on Tuesdays. Full and half season options are available. We are now accepting returning and new team contracts.

Adult Men's Basketball League

Leagues begin the week of November 9th. Available Wednesday or Thursday evenings with competitive and recreational divisions offered both nights. Returning team contracts are due September 30th, and new team contracts will be accepted starting October 2nd.



Swim Lessons Year Round in Menomonee Falls

The North Middle School Pool serves as the community pool and is the location for many of our aquatics programs, including swim lessons. It is a great facility for lessons with 25 yards of shallow water and a bleacher viewing area. Check out the latest [seasonal activity guide](#) for class dates, times, and prices.

Winter Activity Guide – Save the Dates

The Winter Guide will be available at the end of November.

- Resident registration begins at 9 pm on Sunday, December 6th
- Non-resident registration begins at 9 pm on Thursday, December 10th



Experience Menomonee Falls with these Outdoor Activities

Fit in the Parks Walking Club participants on the Menomonee River Parkway Trail

With the difficult year we've had, we know that many residents will be seeking authentic local experiences (especially outdoor activities) where they can enjoy the beauty of the fall season while keeping distance. Fortunately, Menomonee Falls offers a great variety of outdoor activities with lots of natural beauty, local history, recreational opportunities, shopping, and dining.


Discover downtown – Check out the progress at Village Park, visit the new murals, take in the historic architecture (the downtown area has 14 sites on the National Register of Historic Places), shop the GMFF Farmers Market, support local restaurants and businesses, and join in for the fun at the downtown Trick or Treat and Spooky Walk on October 29th.

Visit Old Falls Village – Check out the improvements (including the new caboose), historic buildings, and beautiful grounds at Old Falls Village. The Depot Beer Garden will continue to operate on Saturdays from 3 pm to 9 pm through October 3rd.

Enjoy the birds or shoot for a birdie – The Falls is a great place for bird watching! The Village is a designated [Bird City Wisconsin](#) community and has abundant natural areas and open spaces attracting cranes, geese, and migratory raptors and songbirds. The Village is also a great place to golf with two publicly accessible golf courses and proximity to many more. Although Waukesha County recently announced their sale of Wanaki Golf Course, course operations will continue under new ownership in 2021.

Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking

New for this year, the 2020 senior leaf raking will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 7th and running through Sunday, November 22nd. This approach reduces our reliance on good weather for a single date, while also adhering to COVID-19 guidelines to restrict large gatherings. Please note, if there are any safety or health issues related to the event, we will take appropriate steps, including cancellation, if necessary. Donations will be accepted and matched by the Optimist Club and given to the youth programs that help rake the leaves. Sign up by calling (262) 255-8460.



View of the new plaza at Village Park in August

Go for a hike or a ride – Fall is a great time to enjoy a walk or ride on the dozens of miles of trails across the Village. Take in the fall colors along the 16+ mile Bugline Trail, the Menomonee River Trail, and the trail networks at Menomonee Park and across [the Village's park system](#).

Celebrate the harvest – Visit local orchards and farms to pick apples, hunt for pumpkins, and to stock up on gourds, cornstalks, and other seasonal offerings.





Fall 2020 Calendar

* Scheduled events shown as of September 1st

Opportunities to Support Your Community

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in business lost, reduced wages, higher unemployment, and greater need across the Village. Below we've listed a few ideas for how to share your resources and energy in support of our community.

1. Practice Wisconsin DHS guidelines for social distancing, masks, and hand washing - see dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm
2. Donate to Menomonee Falls Food Pantry
3. Give blood - visit versiti.org to schedule an appointment
4. Support Village businesses: buy local
5. Check on your older neighbors and volunteer with ERAS Senior Network - see eras.org
6. Fill urgent community needs through United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County - see unitedwaygmwc.org/

Weekly Events



Saturdays 3 pm to 9 pm
through October 3

Points of Pride

[Safewise.com](https://www.safewise.com) ranks Menomonee Falls as the 2nd safest community with over 30,000 residents its 2020 Wisconsin's Safest Cities list.

2020 WDOA Population Estimates

indicate that the Village has added more residents (+3,322) than any community in SE Wisconsin since 2010, confirming that our community is a highly desired place to live.



The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation is hosting the 2020 Farmers Market in the Village Park tennis court parking lot on Wednesdays 2 pm to 6 pm through October - See fallsfarmersmarket.org for details

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19 @ 10 am

Old Falls Village Car Show
Dash plaques, door prizes, food/drink
Old Falls Village

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 @ 9 am

Cheery Cherry Fall Fair
Art @ **Canceled** music
Rotary Park

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23 @ 6 pm

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24 @ 6 pm

Halloween Family Fun Night
Trick or treat, hayrides, cider
Canceled
Old Falls Village

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29 @ 4 pm

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

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30 pm

Village Trick or Treat
Neighborhood trick or treating
Community-wide

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 @ 11 am

Christmas Market
Wagon rides, caroling and Santa Claus
Downtown

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29 @ 4:30 pm

Christmas Parade
Floats, animals, and Santa Claus
Main Street & Appleton Avenue

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