

# The Current

Fall 2021

VILLAGE OF  
**Menomonee**  
Falls

The Falls Sunset Concert Series  
at Village Park



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## **Stay Current with *The Current* Newsletter**

With leaves changing, crisp morning air, and school buses back on local streets, there's no denying it... autumn has arrived in Wisconsin! As we turn the page from summer to fall, this issue of *The Current* newsletter reflects on the community happenings of the last few months and highlights some of the great things we have to look forward to in Menomonee Falls from September through November.

As always, this newsletter provides seasonal information about Village services, updates on public projects, and stories from several Village departments and partner organizations. We've also included development updates, safety reminders, and photos of community events, activities, and destinations.

We acknowledge that public health and economic disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic persist, but we remain committed to providing effective and efficient public services to residents and businesses. To learn more about the topics covered in *The Current* and for further information about all things Menomonee Falls, visit [www.menomonee-falls.org](http://www.menomonee-falls.org) or call us at 262-532-4200. Sign up for our [Newsletter Notify Me](#) to receive email links to all Village e-newsletters.



# Take a Fall 2021 Tour of Menomonee Falls

Fall is the perfect time of the year to explore the Village! There is a full calendar of community events, scenic beauty on display, and fall flavors to enjoy. Here is a short list of fun ideas for fall activities in the Falls:

- **Visit Downtown** – Shops and restaurants come alive every autumn with seasonal specials, harvest décor, and Halloween fun! Mark your calendar for the Downtown Trick or Treat on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Parade on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Support our Fall Sports Teams** – High school sports are back on schedule in 2021, so join us in cheering on our local student athletes! Fall sports include football, soccer, golf, tennis, volleyball, swimming, and cross country.
- **Check out Old Falls Village** – There is a great lineup of programs on the Old Falls Village Park grounds this fall! A car show will be held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Depot Beer Garden is hosting an Octoberfest event on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Old Falls' Halloween Family Fun Nights are on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Enjoy Village Park in the Fall** – 2021 has been a busy year for events at Village Park and fall is no exception! Events this fall include concerts, farmers markets, beer gardens, and more. Come down for an event and take a short walk to support nearby local businesses.
- **Go For a Hike or a Ride** – Fall is the ideal time to see the changing foliage while taking a walk or a bicycle ride on trails in local parks and natural areas. Check out the Fit in the Parks Sunset Candlelight Hike on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Menomonee Park. [Register for this FREE event here](#)
- **Enjoy the Harvest** – Take a family outing to pick up pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks and more from Village farmers, roadside stands, the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market, and grocery stores to take your home to the next level of fall decor.

Keep up with all the fall events happening across the community at [menomonee-falls.org/calendar](http://menomonee-falls.org/calendar)



**Walk Past Historic Sites** – The Village has 21 sites on the [National Register of Historic Places](#). Over half of these are in downtown Menomonee Falls, including the 1850s era Greek Revival Hoos-Rowell House on Water Street (pictured above).



The Depot Beer Garden at Old Falls Village Park will be open on Saturdays through October 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Seasonal Reminders & Service Updates

## Leaf Disposal

The Department of Public Works conducts an annual leaf collection on **streets containing concrete curb and gutter and storm sewer systems**. This leaf collection is provided by the Village in order to prevent nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, from going into the stormwater sewer system and local bodies of water. If you wish to participate in this collection, leaves should be raked onto the street pavement along curbs so that Public Works crews can come through and collect them.

**The deadline to place leaves out for collection is Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Any leaves placed curbside after Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> will not be collected, and it will be the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of them. This program is for leaves only; no other yard waste or debris will be collected. **If your street does not have curb and gutter, the Village will not collect leaves in your area.** If your leaves are not collected and you would like to remove them from your property, you can utilize your Yard Waste Permit to dispose of leaves at the Waste Management Facility located at W124 N9355 Boundary Road in Menomonee Falls for no cost.

**Leaf burning and yard waste fires** are permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 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, please visit [menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning](http://menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning)

Another option to manage yard waste in the fall is mulching the leaves in place. Leaves are rich in nutrients

needed by plants, and your yard can benefit greatly by mowing leaves along with grass and letting the small leaf pieces filter down to the soil through the grass blades.

For more information about our Leaf Collection Program, please visit [menomonee-falls.org/870/Leaf-Collection](http://menomonee-falls.org/870/Leaf-Collection) or contact the Department of Public Works at 262-532-4700.



## Bulk Item Drop Off

The Village of Menomonee Falls, in conjunction with Waste Management, will be conducting the Annual Bulk Item Drop-off Event on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 am until 12 pm (noon). Bulk items are items that do not fit into your garbage cart or exceed four feet in length and/or 60 pounds in weight. This event will occur at the Waste Management Hauling Facility located at W124 N8925 Boundary Road in Menomonee Falls. Residents can dispose of up to four bulk items at no cost during this event. If you wish to participate, please bring an ID or utility bill to show proof of residency. For more information and to determine which items are acceptable, please visit [menomonee-falls.org/650/Bulk-Trash](http://menomonee-falls.org/650/Bulk-Trash)

## Open House & Electronic Recycling Event

The Department of Public Works is hosting an Electronic Recycling Event this fall for residents to dispose of certain household electronics and appliances! This event will take place on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am until 12 pm (noon) at the Menomonee Falls Public Works Facility located at N72 W15900 Good Hope Road. For a list of acceptable items and disposal fees, please visit [menomonee-falls.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1262](http://menomonee-falls.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1262)



During the Electronic Recycling Event, the Public Works Department will also be hosting an Open House for residents to tour our facility and get a behind-the-scenes look at the tools and equipment required to maintain parks and streets in Menomonee Falls. Trucks and equipment will be out for display, refreshments will be provided, and residents will have the ability to interact with our staff. The event is free and a great way for the public to learn more about the services we provide and explore the facility!

## Fire Hydrant Flushing

We flush fire hydrants 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, and 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.



### Was your garbage or recycling collection missed?

If so, please contact Waste Management directly at 788-915-7735. This number will lead you through a few prompts to get the correct information to Waste Management quickly and efficiently. You can also report a missed pickup online at [www.wm.com/us/en/support/missed-service](http://www.wm.com/us/en/support/missed-service)

## COVID-19 Safety Information

The number of positive COVID-19 tests in Waukesha County has increased in recent weeks and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services continues to classify Waukesha County and our neighboring counties at a high or very high case activity level for disease spread.

### How to protect yourself and others

- Get vaccinated
- Wear a mask
- Stay six feet away from others
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often
- 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/covid-19) and for the latest information and guidance about COVID-19 from the Waukesha County Public Health Department visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19)

# The Village is Redistricting!

## What is Redistricting?

The process of adjusting ward map boundaries is referred to as redistricting. Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts all residents and provides that data to municipalities. The Village uses the data to review the existing ward map boundaries and will adjust based on information provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. State law requires that all municipalities with a population of 1,000 or more must establish wards every 10 years.

During the month of September, Village staff will be working on creating a new ward map. Once the new ward map is created, it will be sent to the Village Board in October for consideration and approval. The new ward map will then be used at the first election in 2022.

Please note: The Village does not draw boundaries used for candidates for Federal, State, County, and School District offices.

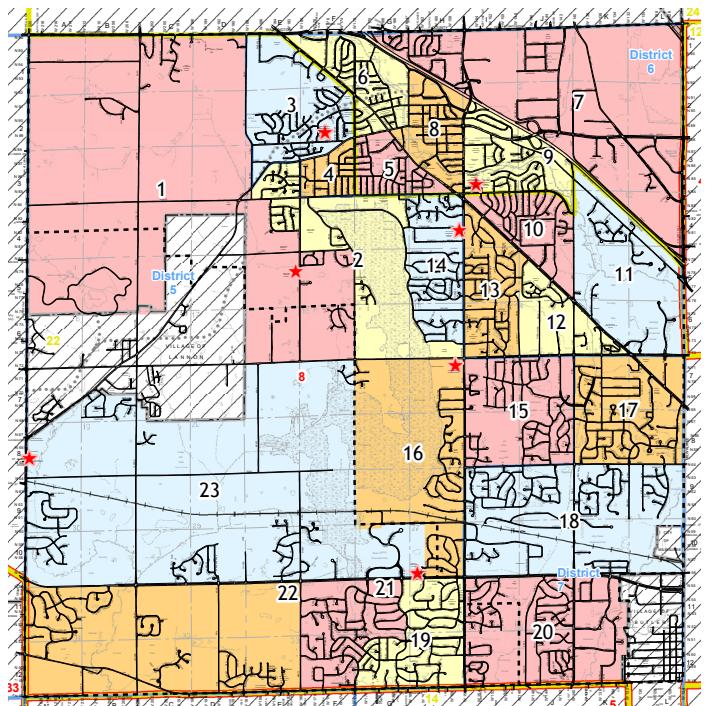
## 2022 Election Schedule

- February 15, 2022 - Spring Primary (if required)
- April 5, 2022 - Spring Election
- August 9, 2022 - Partisan Primary
- November 8, 2022 - General Election

For more election information follow these links!

- Wisconsin Election Commission:  
[elections.wi.gov](http://elections.wi.gov)
- Menomonee Falls election and voting page:  
[menomonee-falls.org/1140/Elections-Voting](http://menomonee-falls.org/1140/Elections-Voting)

The Existing Supervisory District & Voting Ward Map (shown below) will be updated in 2021.



## Reserve a Park Shelter or Athletic Facility

Park shelter and athletic facility reservations are still available through October, dependent on the weather. All park reservations are limited to Menomonee Falls residents and must be made in person at Village Hall. For further information please call 262-532-4200 or visit [menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations](http://menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations)



# Eagle Scout Project Improves Accessibility in Park System

Local Eagle Scout Candidate Raises Money for Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Tables

If you visit Kiwanis, Rotary, or Oakwood Park this fall, you may notice new picnic tables. These picnic tables will be accessible by those who use wheelchairs, and they are the result of the hard work of Menomonee Falls resident Ben Nelson. Ben is an Eagle Scout candidate, and as a part of a service project, he chose to raise money to purchase these accessible tables to add to a few of our parks in Menomonee Falls. The Village is extremely grateful to Ben for helping us provide these accessible picnic tables. We asked Ben why he chose Menomonee Falls to be the beneficiary of his service project and why he chose picnic tables to donate. He provided the following answers:

## Why Menomonee Falls?

"I was born with a neurodegenerative disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy or SMA for short, and I use a power wheelchair every day to carry out my daily activities. My family and I have needed to scout out every activity, establishment, and place to make sure that it was accessible and that I could do whatever it was. I have also lived in Menomonee Falls my entire life, and I have used almost all of the public facilities that it has to offer. Menomonee Falls is mostly accessible, but there are a couple aspects that are not; picnic tables are one of those things. I also know that Menomonee Falls has a high elderly population and many people with disabilities. I want to be able to make a difference in my hometown for the people who need help here. I thought that the best way for me to make a difference would be to create something that I know is a need, from personal experience, and that I know other people like me need, too. I know that problems like this one exist in many communities not only throughout Wisconsin, but throughout the rest of the country, too, but I need to start somewhere, and this is the best place that I know to start."

## Why Picnic Tables?

"When using a regular picnic table, wheelchair and/or scooter users must sit at the end of the table. This is because the panels that you sit on prevent disabled people from coming up to the table. This means that the only other place for them to go is at the end of the table. There are metal bars that prevent the wheelchair or scooter from getting close to the table top at the

The project added accessible picnic tables in three village parks



end because those bars hit the front of the wheelchair/scooter and prevent it from going any further forward. This prevents people from getting to what's on the table whether it be food, a game, or something else. This is a lose-lose situation for the disabled person because there is nowhere that they can sit where they are close to everyone else, and it creates a different, negative experience for that disabled person. For example, instead of being able to feed yourself a picnic lunch that your family has packed, you must be fed by someone else because you're not able to reach it. Or you must watch a board game instead of participating because you can't get to the game pieces.

I picked this project of creating accessible picnic tables because I want to create a solution to this problem. This may seem like a small issue, but the little things matter. A small inconvenience every time you try to do something fun will make a big difference over time. If we can make a little fix, and solve the problem, then the big issue down the road can be totally avoided. Allowing all people to have the same, positive experience, no matter their ability, will make this world a better place."

Additionally, Ben said, "People with disabilities face many challenges throughout their lives. This is only one of those challenges. We need to come together not only as a country, but as a world because there are people with disabilities everywhere. People with disabilities are people too, it's just that they have a different perspective than everyone else. It will never be perfect, but if we work together to change the way that we think about people with disabilities the problems that people like me face will become insignificant."

# Construction & Development Projects

Chick-fil-A is expected to open in September 2021

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## Public Projects

### Main Street Reconstruction

Construction on Main Street between Grand Avenue and Appleton Avenue began in July and will be completed this fall. This project is replacing deteriorated concrete, striping parking spaces, improving pedestrian crossings, and adding street trees. Traffic impacts during the project include temporary lane closures and a detour. This is the final phase of the Main Street reconstruction project which began in 2017.

### Appleton Avenue & Woosencraft Drive Intersection

This summer, traffic signals were replaced and pedestrian crossings were improved at the intersection of Appleton Avenue and Woosencraft Drive. The project is intended to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety at this intersection near Menomonee Falls High School.

### Lead Water Service Lateral Replacement Program

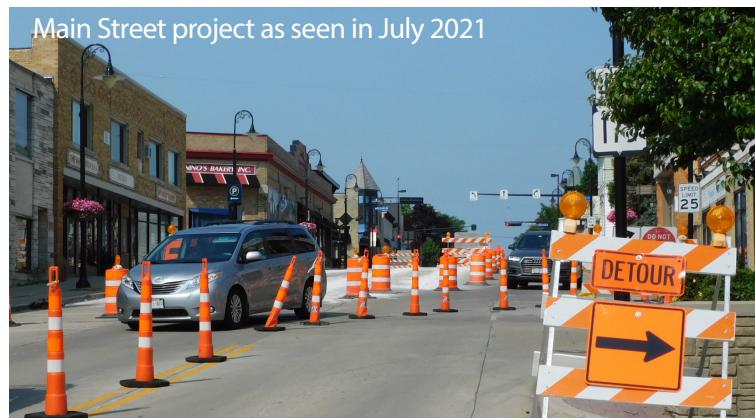
The Village is utilizing funds from the Wisconsin DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan program to remove and replace lead piping from over 200 private laterals in 2021. To date, the program has replaced approximately 85 lead laterals, and the project is expected to be completed later this fall.

### Other Public Projects

Construction is moving forward on several street, water main, and sewer projects across Menomonee Falls in 2021. Areas impacted by these construction projects include:

- Sheridan Drive
- Menomonee Manor Subdivision
- Crossroads Shopping Center (County Line Road)
- Blackfoot Drive
- Jacobson Drive
- Stonefield Road

Main Street project as seen in July 2021



Woosencraft Drive & Appleton Avenue

Sheridan Drive & Menomonee Avenue



## Private Projects

(selected projects as viewed in summer of 2021)

Plans were recently approved for Tailored Label Products Corporate Headquarters at a site near the intersection of Good Hope Road and 124<sup>th</sup> Street



Milwaukee Tool Technology Center



Sephora at Kohl's



Johnstone Supply HVAC distribution facility



The Village issued permits for 83 single family and duplex residential units in the first eight months of 2021



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



# Your Farmers Market Offers the Best in Local Farm & Artisan Foods

The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market has been very well attended on both Wednesdays and Sundays. Our new location at Village Park has proven to be a fun and exciting place to bring together farmers, artisans, and the community.

There are more than 60 vendors spread between the two market days. The generous amount of new vendors interested in our market has brought about discussions of future growth. The 2022 vendor application will be available in early September on our website.

Our focus this year was to solidify the vendor layout and traffic pattern to best utilize the space in the Plaza. The market manager has also worked hard to continue to attract a wide-variety of farmers and producers. In addition to the fresh, locally grown produce, market visitors will find fresh eggs, poultry, cheeses, olive oils, honey, meats, fish, soaps and lotions, bakery, hemp products, dog treats, kettle corn, dips, spices, and prepared foods such as BBQ and egg rolls.

Volunteers are always appreciated with setting up and taking down the vendor booths. If you or your organization is interested in learning more, please reach out to Dana at 262-327-4756.

The Wednesday market is open from 2 pm – 6 pm through October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday Market is open from 10 am – 1 pm through September 12<sup>th</sup>. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website at [fallsfarmersmarket.org](http://fallsfarmersmarket.org)



# CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

## Fall Program Update

As we close the 2020-2021 fiscal year, we wanted to take an opportunity to share some of the many celebrations that took place during the year.

- Employee engagement remains high
- Customer satisfaction remains high
- Participation in programming rebounded nicely throughout the year
- Senior trips have resumed, and seniors are excited to return to the senior center
- Successfully ran the first annual Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt family event with 250 registered
- 111 community members participated on Team Menomonee Falls in the first statewide community fitness challenge
- JR Soccer had 192 youths registered, highest participation since the program started
- Fall 2021 JR Football program has 238 registered, highest participation since the program started
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade flag rugby team won four tournaments this summer

Registration for fall programs is currently taking place at [fallsrec.org](http://fallsrec.org). [Register today!](#)

### Community Walking Challenge

Compete against your friends, family, and neighbors as Germantown Park & Rec joins Menomonee Falls CE & Rec in challenging everyone to go the distance to see who can log the most miles from Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Registered participants will submit a mileage log each week, and weekly standings will be posted. Tracking is completed on an honor system, using a mileage form which will be emailed to participants. There will be separate age brackets with prizes in each for the top walker. Registration fee includes a t-shirt. [Register today!](#)



### Sunset/Candlelight Hike

Join us on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm for a self-guided walk around Menomonee Park, a perfect end to our FIT in the Parks and Live Well Waukesha County programs for the season. 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. [Register today!](#)

### Senior Enrichment Fair

Grab a friend and register for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Enrichment Fair on October 15<sup>th</sup>! Enjoy demonstrations, vendors, informational classes, lunch, door prizes and musical entertainment. Informational classes include Holiday Cooking, Tips for Safety and Independence at Home, Brain Health, and more! The fee is only \$6. [Register today!](#)

### Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking

The 2021 senior leaf raking will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and running through Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.



# CE & Rec Programs Continued...

## The Search for the Great Pumpkin

Join in the Menomonee Falls "Great Pumpkin Hunt!" Participants will be emailed a list of all Menomonee Falls parks that will display a laminated pumpkin with a number on it somewhere in the park. These pumpkins will be displayed from October 11<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. Collect all the numbers and add them together to get a grand total. Email your total and family name to [cerd@sdmfschools.org](mailto:cerd@sdmfschools.org) by October 28<sup>th</sup>. All correct answers will be put in a drawing to win one of five prize baskets provided by Grace Commons. [Register today!](#)

## Annual Veterans' Salute

Join us on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 pm – 2:30 pm in the Community Center Gym to honor our Veterans. The School District of Menomonee Falls would like to thank and honor our Veterans who have served or are serving the United States. The program will include an Honor Guard, National Anthem, and musical entertainment provided by students at Riverside Elementary School.

## Parent's Holiday Drop & Shop

Would you like someone to take care of your children while you spend time holiday shopping and running errands? The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls, in partnership with the CE & Rec Department, is hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Drop & Shop on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am – 2 pm. Children will enjoy arts and crafts, movies, story time, pictures with Santa, lunch and more. Free, but registration is required. [Register today!](#)

## We're Hiring!

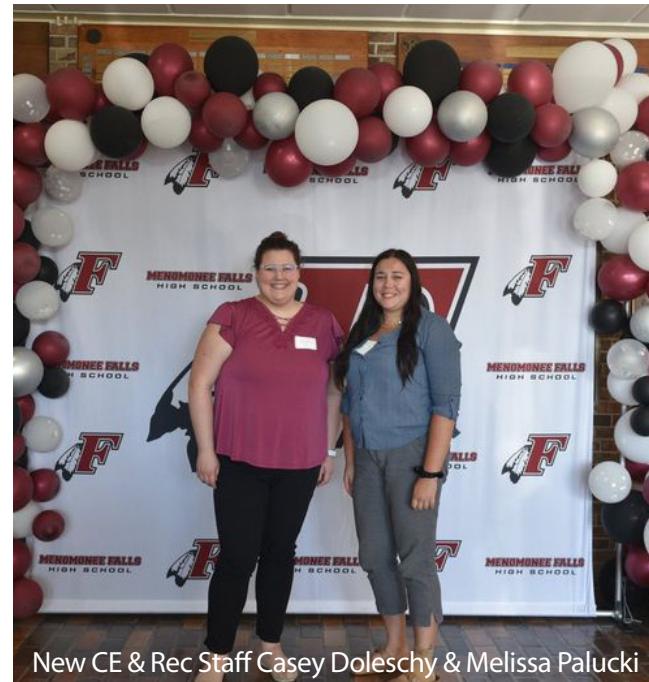
CE & Rec is hiring lifeguards and swim instructors for fall and winter! With many of our staff leaving after this summer and a nationwide shortage of lifeguards, staffing for the fall and beyond will be a challenge. Swimming is such an important skill, and being able to provide swim lessons year round is critical in preventing unnecessary drownings. In addition, we are hiring Kids INC site supervisors, 4K wrap around leaders, before and after school care program leaders, preschool instructors, and youth sports instructors. Contact the CE & Rec office for more information at (262) 255-8460.

## Winter Activity Guide – Save the Dates

The Winter Activity Guide will be available online in mid-November and delivered to homes at the end of November.

- Resident registration begins at 9 pm on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Non-resident registration begins at 9 pm on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

## The Search for the Great Pumpkin 2021



# Library Corner

## Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



### September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and MFPL is joining in on the fun. Everyone who registers for a Library Card in the month of September will be entered to win gift cards from some fantastic local businesses.



### September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

"A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you to make change and experience new stories."

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Already have a Library Card? Pick up a Bingo card in September, complete the various Library-themed challenges, and enter for the chance to win some vintage, limited edition Maude Shunk Public Library swag from 1996!

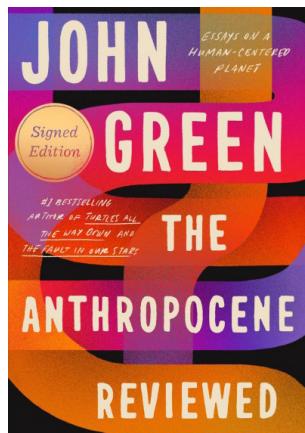
### Non-fiction Book Club...In Person!

Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 pm

Location/Room: Children's Program Room, Zoom if necessary

Join us to discuss *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green! This collection explores and rates aspects of the current age of humanity we live in, with aspects ranging from "Our capacity for Wonder" (3.5 stars) to Diet Dr. Pepper (4 stars). Registration is required to reserve your spot at this in-person event. Register:

[tinyurl.com/anthropocenegreen](https://tinyurl.com/anthropocenegreen)



\* As we continue to navigate the ongoing public health situation, we may need to transition this in-person program to a virtual offering. Please check your email for notifications of any changes regarding how this program is held. Otherwise, we are looking forward to seeing you at the Library!

### Semi-Annual Book Sale

Get your Menomonee Falls Library Friends tote bags ready (if you don't have one, you can buy them for only \$12 at the circulation desk!) because the semi-annual book sale is coming! The price-it-yourself sale runs the following days and times:

Wednesday and Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9 am-9 pm

Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>: 9 am-5 pm

Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>: 9 am-2 pm

Yes, Friends members get early access! Pick up an application at the Library to join today. Yes, we accept donations of most items in good condition! Drop them off anytime the Library is open. Call us at (262) 532-8900 with any questions.

### Library Unveils Quiet Room for Children and Their Caregivers

The Library is pleased to introduce its new multi-purpose Quiet Room, located in the Children's Department. Formerly known as the Mother's Room, this space has been redesigned to function as both a sensory room and a family space.

The Quiet Room can be used by families with children who are feeling overwhelmed and need a sensory break. The small room features calming blue paint and light filters that reduce the glare and flicker of fluorescent lights, creating a calm blue hue.

## Fall Library Programs

**Looking into Our Grandparents' Eyes:  
Photographic Images of Early Immigrant Families**  
Join us on Zoom Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm and peer into the faces presented in these outstanding photographs and see the early ethnic flavor of Wisconsin jump out at you. Thomas Ramstack is a retired special education teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools. He has had a long fascination with that unique aspect of Wisconsin's history which focuses on the ethnic history of our state Register online or call the Library at (262) 532-8920.

### Outdoor Storytime

Weekday storytimes are back! Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am outside near Municipal Park. Bring your chairs or blankets and join Ms. Amanda and Ms. Lisbeth for storytime outside on the grassy area near the Library parking lot. Weather permitting. Best suited for kids ages 2 – 5.

### Pirate Party

Ahoy, mateys! Landlubbers and pirates alike are welcome to stop by the Library to complete fun crafts and activities on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2 pm. Fun for the whole family!

### Hobbit Day for Teens

#### *Teen Space*

Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 pm

One program to rule them all! Join us in celebrating International Hobbit Day with crafts, games, and trivia!

### Paranormal Investigators for Teens

#### *Community Room*

Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Believe in ghosts or spirits? Skeptical about the paranormal? The Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee will discuss types of hauntings, the ways they as a team investigate claims of the paranormal along with information on how to be an investigator. Evidence will also be showcased from prior PIM investigations. Come with questions. Leave with answers.

## Live Well Waukesha County Fall Hike Series

Join us for FREE Sunset/Candlelight Hikes offered in cooperation with the Live Well Waukesha County (LWWC) health initiative! Candles will light your way through the self-guided trail route (approximately one mile in length), or arrive earlier to enjoy the sunset as you hike. Events will be held rain or shine, so dress for weather conditions. If weather forecast is severe and includes thunder/lightening/high winds, call (262) 896-8074 for an update on status. For more information on additional LWWC programs and events, visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/LiveWell](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/LiveWell)



Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

6 pm to 8 pm.

Menomonee County Park

W220 N7884 Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Register at [apm.activecommunities.com/fallsrec/](http://apm.activecommunities.com/fallsrec/)

Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:30 pm to 8 pm

Mukwonago County Park

S100 W31900 County Hwy LO, Mukwonago, WI 53149

No pre-registration necessary

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:30 pm to 8 pm

Fox River County Park

W264 S4500 River Road, Waukesha, WI 53189

No pre-registration necessary

\*Dogs are welcome for the hikes as long as they are controlled on a 6 foot leash.



# ***Breaking Through History at Old Falls Village***

Mural by Stacie Estrada as  
seen in late August 2021

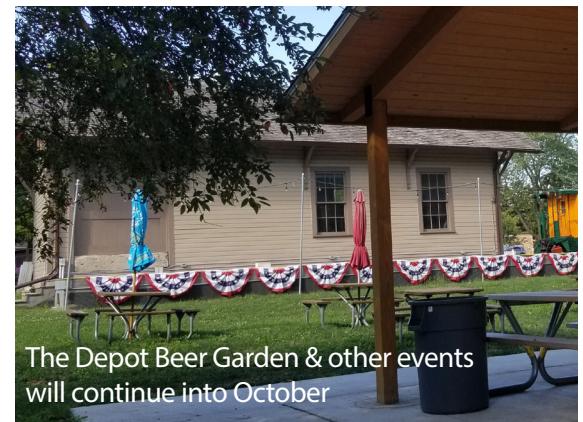
In August, Old Falls Village Park announced its participation in the very successful collection of outdoor murals that have been blossoming recently in Menomonee Falls. Richard Burgess, Historical Society President, said they have selected a local artist, Stacie Estrada of Art Lounge to paint a custom mural in the park called *Breaking Through History*. He said the mural will appear on the East side of the park's barn providing a grand view to park guests and passers-by. Ms. Estrada began work in August, and the mural is now well under way. Interested viewers will soon be able to see what the finished mural looks like.

Old Falls Village Park is a 17 acre park located on the Southwest corner of Hwy Q and Pilgrim Road in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. It has a number of buildings dating from the 1840s containing historical artifacts displayed by the Menomonee Falls Historical Society.

[www.oldfallsvillage.com](http://www.oldfallsvillage.com)

Stacie Estrada is the owner of Art Lounge. Stacie and artists working with her have painted a number of outdoor murals including two in the Menomonee Falls collection. Art Lounge is located on Main Street in Menomonee Falls Downtown and is a place artists and art lovers gather to paint, sip wine and relax in the environment of an art gallery. [www.artloungewi.com](http://www.artloungewi.com)

For more information visit [www.oldfallsvillage.com](http://www.oldfallsvillage.com)  
or [www.facebook.com/OldFallsVillage](http://www.facebook.com/OldFallsVillage)



The Depot Beer Garden & other events  
will continue into October



The Old Falls Village Caboose  
is being repainted this fall

# MFFD Citizen's Fire Academy & Seasonal Safety Reminders



Menomonee Falls Fire Department has an academy especially for the citizens of the Village to see the inner workings of your fire department. The eight week course covers the basic operations of the fire department including Emergency Medical Services. No, you won't be a state certified Firefighter but you will be American Heart Association certified in CPR!

Classes start September 14<sup>th</sup> and go from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. With the exception of the CPR class, the schedule is flexible. Try on gear, learn about fire and EMS equipment and practice extrication techniques on real cars!

For more information and to register Contact Kevin Porter at: [kporter@menomonee-falls.org](mailto:kporter@menomonee-falls.org)

## Burning Yard Waste

Football season has started and pretty soon the leaves will be falling. Please be careful with leaf disposal. The Village does offer disposal options, but many residents choose to burn their leaves and branches. The DNR website has Waukesha County at a low fire hazard but its wise to check before you burn.

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp)

## Village Yard Waste Fire Regulations

- You do not need to call for permission any longer
- Be at least 50 feet away from any structure
- Burning shall occur on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday (excluding legal holidays).
- Burning shall occur between 10 am and 6:30 pm
- Be 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
- Be attended by a competent person of legal age with a garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment available
- Any complaint regarding burning is responded to by the Menomonee Falls Fire Department. Please be wise if you burn.

See the Village website for complete regulations at [menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning](http://menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning)



# Is it Back to School Already?

Programs and Reminders from the Menomonee Falls Police Department to Ensure a Safe and Successful School Year



## SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

- *Safety is Everyone's Responsibility*
- *Remind children to look both ways and listen to crossing guards*
- *Slow down & put the phone down, especially in school zones*
- *Give buses plenty of space*
- *Partner with school resource officers*

It can be a bittersweet time for some and others a welcomed change of pace, but regardless, it is the highly anticipated back to school time.

Here at the Menomonee Falls Police Department, preparations are already underway to ensure a safe and successful school year. We are finalizing the crossing guard schedule, planning for DARE classes at the elementary and parochial schools, preparing our school resource officers and reminding our patrol officers about crosswalk and school bus violation enforcement. We would like to stress the importance of safety to our residents and visitors alike. Safety is everyone's responsibility and is best taught at an early age. However, you are never too old to be reminded about safety.

Crosswalks and school zones require all drivers to slow down and be aware of their surroundings. Many times,

the excitement and flurry of activity in the first few weeks of school can be distracting for the students and the parents or guardians dropping the students off. If your children walk to school, parents and guardians should remind their children to look both ways before crossing at crosswalks and listen to the crossing guards when they are present.

Although State Law under Statute 346.57 requires a maximum speed limit of 15 mph around school zones when children are in the area, a slower speed may be necessary when there is heavy traffic or inclement weather. Our students and crossing guards need to feel safe around the motoring public. Please slow down, look around, and set your phone down!

For many other students, they will be taking the bus to school. Often times we see drivers running late,

## Back to School Continued...

distracted, on the phone, drinking coffee or otherwise unaware of children waiting to be picked up by the bus.

It is important to watch out in your neighborhoods for the children who may be waiting at these bus stops. Please give the buses plenty of space when they are in the process of picking up or dropping off students. State law requires drivers to stop on the street or highway 20 feet or more from any school bus that has stopped and is flashing red warning lights.

A vehicle owner can be issued a ticket when the driver passes a school bus illegally. A law enforcement officer does not need to witness this violation if the school bus driver reports it to the law enforcement agency within 24 hours. Fines can be quite high for illegally passing a school bus, but the risk of hitting a child is even higher.

The last topic of safety is for when your kids are at school. While the school staff plays a huge role in teaching and helping students, we also have dedicated school resource officers at the Menomonee Falls High School and North Middle School. We also have a dedicated DARE officer who teaches and makes frequent trips to most other schools. The officers are there as a resource and truly are there to help.

We hope everyone has a successful and safe school year!



Obey posted 15 mph speed limits in school zones when children are present, and drive slower as conditions require.



Shady Lane Elementary school zone

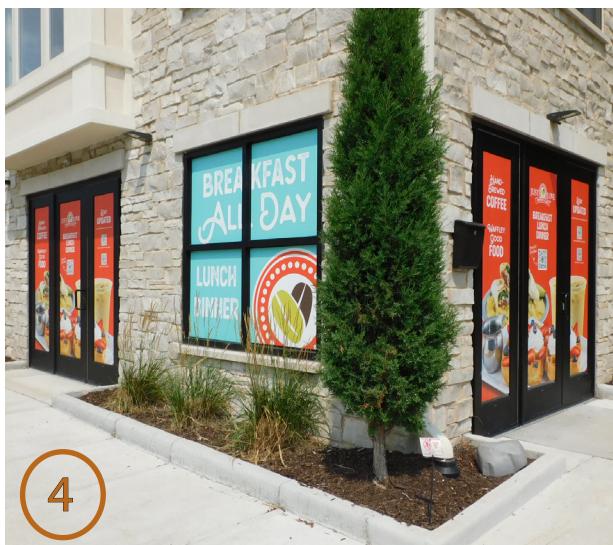
## Downtown Fall Events

Performances and events have drawn tens of thousands of visitors to downtown in 2021, and there are more on the schedule for this fall. Visit Menomonee Falls Downtown today to see what's new and support local businesses!

|       |            |   |
|-------|------------|---|
| Until | 9.6.2021   | Optimist Club Popcorn Wagon             |
| Until | 9.12.2021  | Sunday Farmers Market                   |
| Until | 10.13.2021 | Wednesday Farmers Market                |
| Until | 10.13.2021 | Wednesday Downtown Beer Garden          |
|       | 9.16.2021  | Sunset Concert Series #4                |
|       | 9.17.2021  | Operation Rock the House Concert Series |
|       | 9.23.2021  | Ladies' Night - Around the World!       |
|       | 10.28.2021 | Downtown Trick or Treat                 |
|       | 10.30.2021 | Halloween Pub Crawl                     |
|       | 11.27.2021 | Downtown Christmas Market               |
|       | 11.28.2021 | Christmas Parade                        |



# Out and About in Menomonee Falls Downtown



2021 has been a busy year for events and programs in Downtown with dozens of performances and markets in Village Park, Fit in the Parks programs, and a variety of business promotions. New projects and businesses are also keeping downtown fresh and inviting for visitors.

- 1 High demand at the Optimist Club popcorn wagon
- 2 The new *Timeless Walk in the Park* mural at Krueger's
- 3 Beer Garden at Village Park on a concert night
- 4 Just Love Coffee is preparing for a fall opening
- 5 Fit in the Parks Walking Club in Lime Kiln Park

# Fall 2021 Calendar



## Opportunities to Give Back

Fall marks the start of an important season of giving for non-profits across Menomonee Falls and our region. The Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County (CCC) coordinates giving to thousands of families in need via donations of toys and monetary donations. Village Hall once again will host a collection barrel for the CCC for their toy collection drive between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Optimist Club, along with youth organizations from the area, will be raking leaves for seniors (55+) on weekend mornings from November 6<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>. Donations in support of the local youth organizations will be accepted and matched by the Optimist Club. For more information, or to sign up, call the CE & Rec Office at (262) 255-8460 or visit [fallsoptimistclub.org](http://fallsoptimistclub.org)

## Weekly Events



*Saturdays 3 pm to 9 pm  
through October 3*



*The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation is hosting the 2021 Farmers Market at Village Park on Wednesdays 2 pm to 6 pm through October 13 and Sundays 10 am to 1 pm through September 12. [fallsfarmersmarket.org](http://fallsfarmersmarket.org)*

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 @ 10 am

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

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23 @ 4 pm

Ladies' Night - Around the World  
Promotions, tastings, and more  
Menomonee Falls Downtown

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13 @ 5 pm

Beer Garden - Empty the Cooler!  
Final Downtown Beer Garden  
Village Park

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 22 @ 6 pm

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 23 @ 6pm**  
Halloween Family Fun Night  
Trick or treat, hayride, crafts, cider  
Old Falls Village

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 28 @ 4 pm

Trick or Treat @ Downtown Businesses  
Treats, surprises, and performances  
Menomonee Falls Downtown

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30 pm

Village Trick or Treat  
Neighborhood trick or treating  
Community-wide

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 @ 4:30 pm

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

VILLAGE OF  
**Menomonee**  
*Falls*

Village of Menomonee Falls  
W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-3140