

# The Current

Winter 2021 - 2022

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**Menomonee Falls**



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12/31/2021

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## Sustaining Village Well-being During the Winter Months

As we approach the coldest months of the year, the Village of Menomonee Falls remains committed to providing residents with the highest quality municipal services. Whether clearing snow, maintaining essential utilities, assisting with construction projects, upholding local regulations, or responding to emergencies, Village staff are ready to meet the needs of the public all winter long.

Despite our best efforts, we recognize that the winter season provides extra challenges for staying safe, being active, and maintaining mental health. Inclement weather, ice, shorter days, and ongoing public health concerns make it harder for many people to stay engaged in regular activities or to connect with family and friends.

Along with seasonal reminders and service updates, this edition of *The Current* highlights efforts that support the well-being of Village residents, and opportunities for everyone to stay involved this winter. To learn more about work being done across the community to improve health outcomes, see the article about [Menomonee Falls' Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation on page 2](#).

Community-wide programs to support well-being are just a small part of what keeps our Village healthy and flourishing. You can help this winter by looking out for others, volunteering time and energy with service organizations, donating for those in need, and reaching out to seniors. Stay active, be well, and let's bring on winter...together!



Asphalt trail at Silver Spring Estates subdivision



# Menomonee Falls Recognized as Silver Level Wisconsin Healthy Community

For an overview of the Village's recognition visit [wihealthycommunities.org/menomonee-falls](http://wihealthycommunities.org/menomonee-falls)



The Village works on a regular basis with community partners to support the health and well-being of residents. In October, these efforts were recognized when Menomonee Falls was designated as a **Silver Level Wisconsin Healthy Community** by the UW Population Health Institute.

This recognition is awarded annually to encourage achievements in health improvement in Wisconsin communities, and to promote cooperation across multiple sectors. The Village applied for and received the healthy communities designation on behalf of **Menomonee Falls Collective Impact**. Collective Impact is a partnership of local organizations and volunteers (founded in 2016) who coordinate resources to improve the well-being of Village residents.

The designation recognizes the work of the Village of Menomonee Falls, the School District of Menomonee Falls, Menomonee Falls Police Department, Community Education & Recreation, and other community partners in promoting health in our community. Noteworthy local efforts include the Fit in the Parks program, 4k and early literacy initiatives, mental health clinics at schools, the Neighborhood Watch program, Dementia Friendly Menomonee Falls, Senior Center activities, and the development of trails and walkable neighborhoods.

The Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation program is designed to be accessible to communities of all shapes and sizes, both rural and urban. The program uses a three-tiered approach – gold, silver and bronze – which are meant to serve as a guide for communities as they continue to strive toward better health.

Menomonee Falls' Silver Level Healthy Communities Designation shows that Menomonee Falls Collective Impact has established strong partnerships to improve health outcomes, but that there is still work to be done in setting goals and tracking measurable results for community programs. **Menomonee Falls is the only community in Waukesha County to receive a Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation** and is one of seven in southeast Wisconsin. Learn more at [www.wihealthycommunities.org](http://www.wihealthycommunities.org)

## A Few of the (many) Ways Our Community Promotes Health



The Senior Enrichment Fair is one of many offerings keeping seniors connected and active in the Falls



Early literacy and 4k programs support long-term success for children



Walkable neighborhoods promote physical activity & social connection



# Stay Active this Winter: Visit Local Parks & Trails



## Explore Village Parks & Trails

As the snow flies, local parks are transformed into winter playgrounds! Winter is a great time to check out some of the dozens of public parks and trails in Menomonee Falls. There are over 30 miles of trails in our community including the eastern extent of the 16 mile Bugline Recreation Trail and the Menomonee River Parkway Trail which links downtown and Rotary Park.

Hundreds of acres of parkland offer natural beauty, rolling topography (including some great sledding hills), and more. For a glimpse into Village history, stop by the Mill Pond, Garwin Mace Lime Kilns, or Old Falls Village. Visit [Old Falls Village.com](http://OldFallsVillage.com) to learn more.

Many parks are conveniently located near restaurants and coffee shops, so it works well to enjoy a winter park visit and then warm up at a local business. For a complete inventory of public parks and trails in the Village, see [menomonee-falls.org/parks](http://menomonee-falls.org/parks)



Snowshoe rentals are available at Retzer Nature Center in Waukesha

## Winter in Waukesha County Parks

There are a host of winter activities offered in Waukesha County Parks. Get outside and play!

- Cross-Country Skiing
- Sledding
- Snowshoeing
- Snowmobiling
- Hiking



Learn more at [waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/winter-activities/](http://waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/winter-activities/)

## Learn About Our Natural World!

Check out all the great environment education opportunities in Waukesha County! There is so much to do all winter long – stay tuned for the new guide in January too. [View the Activity Guide](#)

## BE a GOOD Owner!

Leash up your dog when outside of designated dog exercise areas for the enjoyment of all! Pick up pet waste, bag and dispose of it properly to keep our green spaces and waterways clean!

[Review the Waukesha County Park System Rules](#)

## Camping Reservations Open January 1<sup>st</sup>

2022 Waukesha County Parks campground reservations will open on January 1, 2022. Plan your family camping adventure in Waukesha County's great campgrounds in Menomonee, Mukwonago, Muskego or Naga-Waukee Parks! [Learn More About Camping](#)





Report a missed snow removal or damage at  
[menomonee-falls.org/report](https://menomonee-falls.org/report)

## Winter Operations Reminders

Snow should not be shoveled  
or blown into the street

### When does Public Works come out to plow?

We have over 30 Public Works and Utilities operators that work long hours throughout the winter to ensure that our streets are plowed and treated as efficiently as possible. Snow and ice operations begin when any of the following conditions are met:

- Snow accumulation of 2" and more snow is expected
- Drifting snow is causing hazardous travel conditions
- Icy conditions are adversely affecting travel
- Time of snowfall is affecting peak travel times

### What is the goal of snow and ice operations?

The immediate objective of snow and ice control operations is to maintain reasonably safe driving conditions during and following storm events. This does not, however, mean that bare pavement should be expected by motorists, nor does this mean that all streets will be free of snow and ice. Motorists and pedestrians are expected to take necessary precautions and to observe safe winter driving habits. Keep in mind that our snow and ice operations focus on the heavily-traveled roadways in Menomonee Falls, such as Main Street, Appleton Avenue, and Menomonee Avenue. All subdivisions will be plowed, but will only be salted on hills, curves, and intersections due to lower speed limits and less travel on these streets.

### Will my waste and recycling collection be affected by winter weather?

Please be aware that freezing temperatures may delay waste and recycling pickup services from Waste Management. Severe temperatures can cause equipment issues which can lead to delays. Please note that waste and recycling receptacles should be placed at least 3 feet away from each other and other objects. During the winter, please use your driveway or clear an area along the side of your driveway to place your carts.

### Do I have to clear the sidewalk in front of my house?

It is the owner's responsibility to clear the concrete sidewalk in front of the property and treat with salt or sand if ice has formed. The Village clears sidewalks in front of Village

property, as well as some parts of the downtown area. Asphalt trails are not considered sidewalks, so snow clearance is not required.

### What else do I need to know about Winter Operations?

- Snow should not be shoveled or blown into the street
- Do not pull up behind snow plows when they are equipped and engaged for snow removal
- Snow plows may cause damage to turf adjacent to streets and sidewalks. Turf that has been damaged and reported will be repaired in the spring. The Village will not be responsible for damage as a result of the use of sand or de-icing chemicals or for damage to landscaping, sprinkler systems, or any other private items located in the public right-of-way.
- The Village encourages residents to clear the snow from any fire hydrants near your house
- Residents are asked to check the condition of their mailbox and post – in most cases, a strong post and secure mailbox will withstand the impact of snow coming off of a plow

### Snow in Driveways

While removing snow from the street, some of that snow gets deposited at the ends of driveways. We recognize that this is an inconvenience, but it is unfortunately part of the snow removal process. The Public Works Department would like residents to be aware that it is illegal to push or deposit snow onto the street. To reduce the amount of snow that may end up at the end of the driveway, snow should be piled to the right side of the driveway (as you face the street).



Refer to our website for more information about snow events at [menomonee-falls.org/asthesnowfalls](https://menomonee-falls.org/asthesnowfalls)



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# Construction & Development Projects

New roadway at  
Pilgrim's Landing  
Condominiums

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## Public Projects

Capital projects which improved public spaces, streets, and infrastructure in 2021 included the reconstruction of Main Street between Grand Avenue and Appleton Avenue, traffic signal replacement and crossing improvements at the intersection of Woosencraft Drive and Appleton Avenue, and several utility projects.

The reconstruction of Main Street was completed in November



## Overview of 2021 Infrastructure Projects

- Main Street reconstruction project - final phase
- 2.0 miles of new streets in five residential subdivisions
- 0.5 miles of reconstructed streets and 2.5 miles of asphalt repaving
- 3.4 miles of water main and 1.6 miles of sanitary sewer
- 0.5 miles of new asphalt trails near new subdivisions

## Village Park Phase II

Plans were presented at the October 4<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting for a second phase of improvements at Village Park to include a large-scale inclusive play area, splash pad, pickleball/tennis courts, picnic shelter, trails, and interior parking area. The project will go out to bid in early 2022 and will be funded through a combination of public dollars and a private fundraising campaign. Construction is planned for spring of 2022.

[View the October 4<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting](#) to learn more about the Phase II plans for Village Park.

### Phase II Plan Overview



Rendering of the inclusive play area

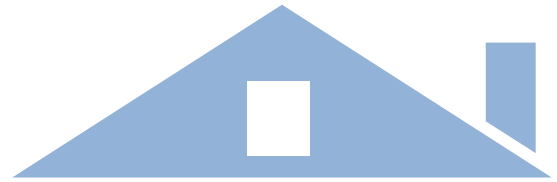


## Private Sector Projects

Both the residential and commercial development sectors remained strong in Menomonee Falls in 2021 with dozens of major projects adding homes, value, and new jobs to the Village.



One of 21 new homes constructed in the Weyerhaven subdivision in 2021



Menomonee Falls remained among the regional leaders for home construction in 2021. As of the end of the third quarter, the Village had issued permits for 7 percent of the new housing units constructed in the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area.



The Highlands at Aeropark



Johnstone Supply



Tamarack Springs



Silver Spring Estates

- **13** new buildings are under construction in the Tamarack Springs townhouse apartment development
- Projects by Milwaukee Tool, Tailored Label Products, MTE Corporation, and Johnstone Supply will add hundreds of jobs to the Village.
- **91** single family homes and 16 duplex units, and 16 senior housing units have been approved through November of 2021
- New construction value will exceed **\$100 million** for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row



RJ Schinner is completing a 52,000 square foot addition



Milwaukee Tool Technology Center



Site preparations are underway for Tailored Label Products' new facility

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



# 2022 General Operating Budget Overview

## Key Budget Details

- Mill rate maintained at \$5.20 per \$1,000 assessed value
- 3.8% General Operating Budget increase (includes hiring three additional police officers and one firefighter)
- Village tax levy increase of 1.1%
- Garbage & recycling fee increase of \$4.68
- No sewer rate increase

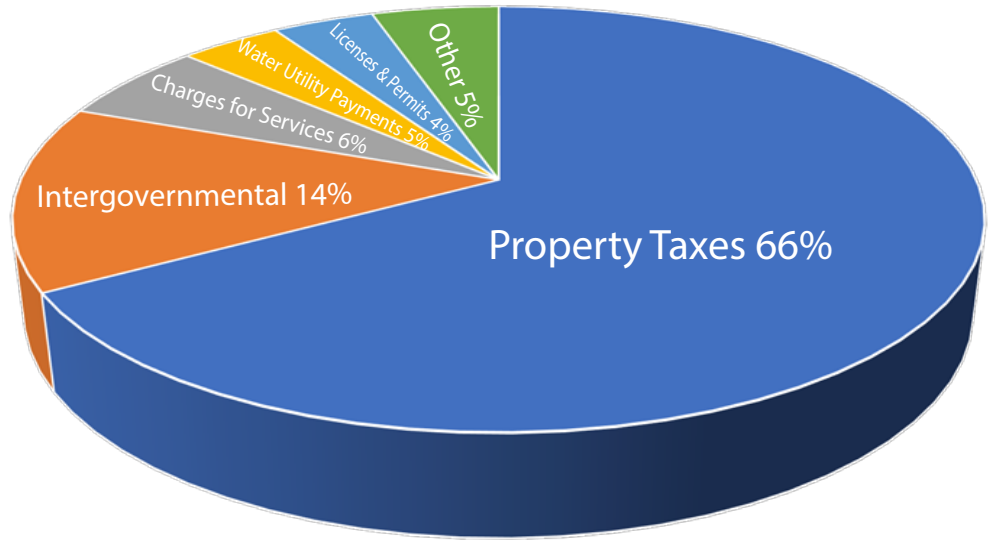
View the 2022 Operating Budget at [menomonee-falls.org/budgets](http://menomonee-falls.org/budgets)

## Summary

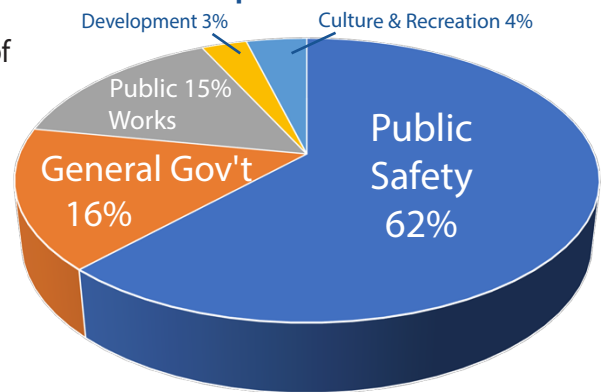
The 2022 General Operating Budget was adopted on November 15, 2021 with total revenues and expenditures of \$29,881,096, which is a 3.8% increase from 2021. The budget reflects the Village's mission to provide the highest quality municipal services consistent with the changing needs and desires of the community and a realistic assessment of resources

available. The primary source of financing for the General Operating Budget (66%) comes from property taxes. Village spending for operations includes general government, police, fire, public works, development and parks operations.

## Revenue Sources



## Expenditures



## 2022 Village Tax Levy

The Village Board adopted a mill rate of \$5.20 and a tax levy of \$25,046,000. This represents an additional investment of \$271,000 from 2021.


For a typical Menomonee Falls home valued at \$300,000, the owner will pay \$1,560 in Village property taxes in 2022. At a monthly cost of \$130 for Village services, a typical property owner receives a good value compared to other common household monthly costs.



## How is My Property Tax Dollar Spent?







# Election Information & Reminders for 2022

## Voting Information

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 an absentee ballot, find a polling place, and see what is on the ballot.

### 2022 Election Schedule

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

For more information, follow the links below.

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

## Tax Information

To view, print, pay, or verify payment of a tax bill, please visit [tax.waukeshacounty.gov](https://tax.waukeshacounty.gov)

For additional tax bill information,  
[view the 2021 tax bill insert](#)

## Park Shelter Reservations

Park reservations resume on January 3, 2021 and 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).

## Dog Licenses

2021 dog licenses expire December 31, 2021. 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.

## Redistricting

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the Menomonee Falls Village Board approved a new ward map, which will be in effect for the first election in 2022. About a month before the first 2022 election, all Menomonee Falls registered voters will be mailed their new ward and polling place information. Many voters will continue going to the same polling place but some will change as we have added a new polling place - Fire Station #3 on Lilly Road. Please watch for a mailing from the Village.

Registered voters can also find their ward and polling place information by visiting [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov).

Now that you know the Village has approved a new ward map through the redistricting process, you may ask what is redistricting? It is the process of adjusting ward map boundaries. How often do we redistrict? Every 10 years as required by state law. The U.S. Census Bureau information is provided to municipalities, which is used by the Village to review the existing ward map boundaries and adjust the ward map.

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



# Keep Your New Year's Resolutions in 2022 with **CE&Rec**

Community Education & Recreation



As 2021 comes to an end, many are setting goals for 2022. Common resolutions include exercising more and losing weight, learning a new skill or hobby, spending less money, traveling, and reading more. We have you covered! Vinyasa Yoga, Middle Eastern Dance, Cutting the Cord: Controlling Cable and Internet Costs, Moon, Stars and Sun Catchers Trip, and Books are Us are just a few of the many great programs you'll find as a part of our winter and spring program offerings.

Registration is taking place at [fallsrec.org](https://fallsrec.org). If you haven't received a copy of the Winter Activity Guide, copies are available at the CE & Rec Office, Village Hall, Menomonee Falls Public Library, and Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to seeing you this winter!

## Consider Being a Part of the CE & Rec Team

Joining the CE & Rec team is a great way to give back to your community while engaging in activities that interest you. Kids INC, Preschool, 4K Wrap Around, Youth Sports, and Swim Lessons are just a few of the programs than you can get involved with. Time commitments vary depending on the positions, and training opportunities are available.

Consider participating in our lifeguard training from December 27 through December 29. [Lifeguard training](#) provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, respond to aquatic emergencies, and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries, and sudden illness. We are always looking for new and exciting programs and classes to add to our catalog. Complete a course proposal form and submit it to [cerd@sdmfschools.org](mailto:cerd@sdmfschools.org) and a supervisor will reach out to discuss your proposal.

## Programs Promote Village Parks and Businesses

Thank you to all who participated in our Search for the Great Pumpkin! Families found all of the Great Pumpkin signs across Menomonee Falls parks, added the numbers on them together, and submitted an answer to be entered for a chance to win a prize basket. Five families won baskets full of goodies, including gift certificates to Pop's Custard, Pink Lemonade Salon, Spa & Boutique, Hot House Tavern, Fiddleheads Coffee Roasters, Menomonee Falls Downtown, some CE & Rec swag, and of course tons of CANDY! Thank you to [Grace Commons](#) and [Fast Signs of Menomonee Falls](#) for sponsoring this event.



Families are encouraged to join our Menomonee Falls [EGG-CELLENT Egg Hunt](#) March 28 – April 8, 2022. Hunt around Menomonee Falls businesses searching for a colorful egg with a letter on it. Collect all the letters and decode the hidden phrase. All correct answers will be put into a drawing to win a basket filled with fabulous prizes from the participating businesses. Register online at [fallsrec.org](https://fallsrec.org).



# More CE & Rec Program Updates

## Donate Blood – Save a Life

CE & Rec is proud to partner with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin to host a number of blood drives throughout the year. Giving blood is a quick, simple way to give back to your community, and possibly save a life. The donation process from the time you arrive to the time you leave is only about an hour. CE & Rec is hosting drives on Tuesday, January 4 and Tuesday, May 31 from 2 pm – 7 pm. Schedule your appointment now.



Learn more about giving blood at [versiti.org/ways-to-give/our-communities/wisconsin](https://www.versiti.org/ways-to-give/our-communities/wisconsin)



## Senior Dining Resumes

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County reopened in-person senior dining on November 15 at the Community Center. Precautions are being taken to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all diners. Please contact the CE & Rec dining center at 262-251-3406 if you would like to attend or for more information. Senior dining participants are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when attending the center. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Resident Information Guide

View our Public Works Resident Guide online at [menomonee-falls.org/residentguide](https://menomonee-falls.org/residentguide) for helpful information regarding garbage & recycling services, disposal of various household items, yard waste, parks, winter operations, and more. Our Resident Guide is a great resource for both new residents and current residents of the Village.



Hard copies of the Resident Guide are available by request.

## COVID-19 Safety Information

The number of positive coronavirus tests in Waukesha County increased since November and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services continues to classify Waukesha County and our neighboring counties at a Very High activity level for disease spread.

### How to protect yourself and others

- Get vaccinated
- Wear a mask as recommended by the CDC
- Avoid close contact and crowded indoor spaces
- Wash 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) and for the latest information and guidance about COVID-19 from the Waukesha County Public Health Department, visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19](https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19)



# Library Corner

## Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



### Children's Programs

#### Storytime

- In-person indoor storytime is back! Check out [MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org](https://www.menomoneefallslibrary.org) for information about the latest storytime offerings and registration.

#### LEGO Club

- Wednesday December 1, January 5, February 2 from 3:30 – 5 pm in Children's Program Room
- Calling all LEGO enthusiasts! Drop in for some creative building time. We'll have suggested challenges for you to try, or you can build your own creation. Projects will be on display for the following month.

#### Family Fun Day

- Saturday December 11, January 15, February 12 from 10 am – 2 pm in Children's Program Room
- The whole family is invited to drop by the Library to complete crafts and activities based around a theme. Check the website calendar closer to each date to see that month's theme.
- New in 2022! A totally tween library experience. Stay tuned for programming specially curated for tweens ages 10-12.

### Teen Programs (13-18)

#### Anime Club

- Wednesday December 8, January 12, February 9 from 3pm – 4:30 pm in Teen Space
- Every month we'll watch a couple episodes of anime, chat, have some snacks, and vote on what to watch next time!

#### What the Craft?!

- Wednesday December 15, January 26, and February 23 from 3 pm – 4 pm in The Forge
- Let's get crafty! Each month we'll create a craft/project for you to keep.

### Adult Programs

#### Historic Fussville

- Monday, January 10 at 6:30 pm
- What is Fussville? Is it a magical place like Brigadoon or Camelot? No! It used to be a separate community southeast of Menomonee Falls, before it was annexed by the Village in 1958. Carole McGibany, a local historian and author of *Glimpses* and *A Second Glimpse*, will speak about the founding, growth, and eventual demise of this once thriving community.

#### The Streets of Old Menomonee Falls

- Monday, February 7 at 6:30 pm
- Years ago, Menomonee Falls was a little town, just outside of Milwaukee, with quaint taverns, a few little shops, and lime kilns. Local historian Jill Schmidt will speak about the first buildings in the Village and what happened to the people who lived and worked in those earlier times.

Book clubs, movie showings, genealogy classes, documentary screenings, winter reading challenges, and more! For more information and to register for these events, visit [MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org](https://www.menomoneefallslibrary.org) or call (262) 532-8920.





## Keeping Local History Alive

Those who knew the late Carol Lynden understood her passion for the history of Menomonee Falls. As a volunteer at the library, she was an advocate for knowledge and learning. After passing away in 2021, Carol's family came together with an innovative way to honor her. Through their donation to the Maude Shunk Local History Room (located on the second floor of the Library) MFPL was able to purchase two scanners for patrons to use to digitize their family history as part of the new Memory Lab, made possible in part by the Community League. The Memory Lab contains equipment to scan photographs, slides, negatives, scrapbooks, and documents.



The Lynden family in the Maude Shunk Local History Room with a plaque honoring Carol

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# Falls Cable Access Connecting the Community



"Focus on the Falls" host John Mercure

2021 has been a huge year of growth for Falls Cable Access – Menomonee Falls' local cable channel. Under the direction of Chris Forston, the channel moved its headquarters to Village Hall, incorporated new live-streaming technology, built partnerships with local organizations and establishments, and covered as many local events as possible. Throughout all of this, the mission of the channel stayed consistent: to amplify local voices in Menomonee Falls and tell the Village's stories.

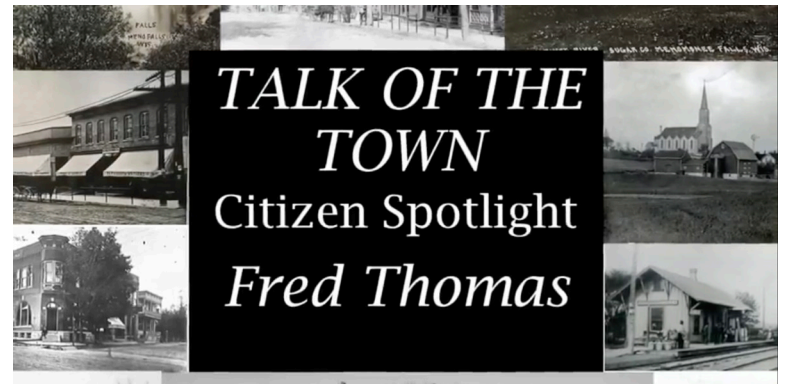
A big step forward in covering those live events and sharing those stories came with streamlining the channel's live-streaming capabilities. After experimenting with a few different systems, FCAC settled on using OBS software as its primary live-streaming platform. Forston had already been pushing the channel's operations towards being tighter and more mobile, and the free software has allowed FCAC to broadcast live from virtually any location using only a laptop and phone.

FCAC used this new system to cover more local sporting events than ever before, from baseball to soccer to football to even tennis matches – a brand-new sport to be featured on the channel! This proved to be very popular among Menomonee Falls residents, who could easily watch local games in real time on YouTube, with the live-streams being uploaded to FCAC's website and broadcast on the cable channel later.

Forston and the FCAC team plan to continue developing the feature possibilities of the OBS system. Employee Robert Freyer says that "instant replays, player profiles, intro screens, and [camera] transitions" are all in the works. The team is eager to try out these new features during the upcoming high school basketball season, where Menomonee Falls looks to have one of the best teams in the state.

They encourage all Falls residents to subscribe to the FCAC YouTube channel to catch all the action: [youtube.com/channel/UC7NHwEYTckbMpeSCQLJUgbw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7NHwEYTckbMpeSCQLJUgbw) (search "Falls Cable Access TV")

Looking further ahead, with COVID restrictions easing and large events returning, Forston is excited about what the channel can accomplish in 2022. "We're looking forward to live-streaming parades and more outdoor events."



View "Talk of the Town" and other original local content on demand at [www.fallscableaccess.com](http://www.fallscableaccess.com)

Along with those live events, original FCAC content will continue, including new episodes of "Focus on the Falls" with WTMJ's John Mercure, and new episodes of the Falls history web series "Talk of the Town."

In the long term, Forston wants to keep the channel's focus on the people of Menomonee Falls. "We want to bring awareness to all the great people doing great things in our Village," Forston says. With its advancements in technology, ever-expanding list of partners, and commitment to the community, Falls Cable Access is more the prepared to do just that!





# 29 Seasons of the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market and it Keeps Getting Better

Visitors and vendors alike were delighted with the Farmers Market location in Village Park this summer. The expansive plaza proved to be an outstanding location for the weekly Farmers Market held throughout the summer. The Wednesday market was held for 20 weeks, and the resurrected Sunday market for 10 weeks, welcoming dozens of new vendors and hundreds of new visitors this past summer. Momentum will only continue to grow, and the 2022 season planning is underway.

## Vendor Application Now Available

Farmers and producers interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmers Market next year can review the market rules and regulations, and download an application on the vendors page at [fallsfarmersmarket.org](https://fallsfarmersmarket.org). More vendor space has been made available in 2022 so Menomonee Falls can continue to attract unique and diverse vendors.

## Calling All Volunteers

We could use a hand! Volunteers are always appreciated with setting up and taking down the vendor booths. If you, or your organization, are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunity for next season (June through October) on a Wednesday or Sunday, please reach out to Dana at 262-327-4756.

## 2022 Farmers Market Schedule

- Wednesdays 2 pm – 6 pm, June 1 through October 12 (20 weeks)
- Sundays 10 am – 1 pm, July 10- September 11 (10 weeks)



Follow us on Facebook ([@GMFF.FarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/GMFFFarmersMarket)) and watch for important announcements and news prior to the start of the season.





# Our Mission and Commitment

## Menomonee Falls Police Department

Throughout the year, we receive praise, thank you notes, food drop-offs and general words of appreciation and recognition from the public. However less frequent, we also receive citizen complaints that are thoroughly reviewed and investigated. Final dispositions of those investigations are provided to the citizens. Regardless of whether we receive praise or criticism our mission remains the same:

***The mission of the Menomonee Falls Police Department is to preserve the public peace, protect persons and property, and provide services for the betterment of the community.***

Our mission statement is our commitment to the public. We understand the fundamental desire and need for people to feel safe and secure in their homes, at work or when they are just out and about in the public. We understand that desire and make it our daily effort to preserve safety through our community contacts, patrol efforts and our engagement with the public on a day to day basis. We have programs and partnerships that allow us to develop these relationships. We are dedicated to our Neighborhood Watch and participate in events throughout the year. We take time to converse with the public through our 'Coffee with a Cop' events. Our Community Camera Co-Op was created specifically to partner with our citizens to enhance our ability to develop suspect information and to make our neighborhoods and businesses safer.

As our agency reflects on our mission, we are often reminded of the past events of 2020 that have occurred in the United States. Unfortunately, officers are called to the scenes of tragic, difficult, and sometimes life changing events for the citizens and officers involved. As difficult as it is for those involved, we must remember as officers to police with humanity and compassion. It is this humanity and compassion that is often times called into question when officers are involved with use of force. It is our agency's responsibility to reassure our community of our commitment to our mission and to share information for the betterment of the community.

This past August, Wisconsin enacted Act 75 which created a new statute to govern the use of force by Wisconsin law enforcement officers. This law becomes effective on January 1, 2022. It was enacted to address four areas: 1) Use of force, including the use of deadly force; 2) Duty to report noncompliant use of force; 3) Duty to intervene; and 4) Whistleblower protections.

At the very core of Act 75, the emphasis is on the sanctity of human life. As stated earlier, our bond in humanity is paramount. Many of the other requirements of Act 75 were previously addressed and trained within the Menomonee Falls Police Department. Some of the additional requirements are being incorporated into our policy. It is our hope to share this information so that our citizens are aware of these changes and we want to ensure our community trusts us and holds us accountable not only when we do things wrong, but when we do things right.

From our family to yours, we wish you Happy Holidays!





# Winter Safety Tips from Menomonee Falls Fire Department

## Winter Driving

- Keep your gas tank full to avoid unexpected breakdowns
- Make sure your windshield wipers are in good shape and the fluid reservoir is full
- Check your tires regularly to ensure adequate tread to provide traction

## Indoor Safety

- Have furnaces checked by a professional for proper operation.
- Fireplaces should be checked by a professional as well. Burn only seasoned wood to avoid build up. Learn more about chimney fire prevention, recognition, and response at: [www.firerescue1.com/chimney-fire/articles](http://www.firerescue1.com/chimney-fire/articles)
- Use space heaters with caution. Follow directions regarding cords on electric heaters and ventilation on fuel powered heaters.
- Ensure CO (carbon monoxide) detectors are present and functioning. They do have an end of useful life date on the back – make sure it is current. Call 911 for help in locating the source and clearing an accumulation of carbon monoxide. Even small amounts can have harmful effects.
- Use extension cords with caution when decorating. Make sure they are properly rated and are for temporary use only.



## Outdoor Safety

- Dress appropriately for your activity. It is easier to try to cool off than warm yourself if dressed inappropriately.
- Be careful on ladders when hanging holiday decorations. Have a ladder that is tall enough to avoid over-reaching! Make sure the ladder is on a stable surface before climbing.
- Have an assistant to help with heavy items.
- Use extension cords that are properly rated to avoid overloads.



## Snow and Ice

Clear snow and ice from walks as soon as possible.

- Use caution to avoid over exertion during wet, heavy snow falls.
- If you have a hydrant in front of your property please clear a 3 foot circle around it to allow for easy access if needed.
- Shut a snowblower off before trying to clear a clog. Use the tool that came with the machine or a shovel handle to clear the clog – avoid using your hand.





# Silver Tea

at the  
Miller Davidson House

**Sunday, Dec. 5**  
**Noon–4 pm**

Decoration Theme: **“O Tannenbaum”**

**VISIT SANTA**  
**12–2 pm in the Public House**

**FREE ADMISSION ■ FREE REFRESHMENTS**



Come join us at Old Falls Village in the famous Miller-Davidson Home this Sunday! Take the kids to visit Santa from 12 pm – 2 pm in the Public House at Old Falls Village during the Silver Tea & Christmas Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Tour the festively decorated historic home and shop the Homemade Cookie Sale to support the Menomonee Falls Historical Society! Enjoy a nice cup of soothing tea in the parlor.

- 12 pm – 4 pm Silver Tea Tour the Miller Davidson House and enjoy complimentary cookies and beverages
- 12 pm – 4 pm Christmas Cookie Sale
- 12 pm – 2 pm Visit Santa in the Public House

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



If you can't make it on the 5<sup>th</sup>, take a tour of the decorated Miller-Davidson house between 1 and 4 pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December for only \$5. The Miller-Davidson Home was the summer house for the Davidson Family of the Harley-Davidson Motorcycles company. Come Enjoy an old-fashioned family Christmas tradition at Old Falls Village! For over 50 years, the Menomonee Falls Historical Society has been delighting families during the Silver Tea event. Purchase a wide selection of cookies for your Christmas festivities. This is a FREE event, donations are welcomed. See you there!



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

Shop Local & Support Your Community



- 1 The holiday spirit is on full display at Robin's Nest on Main Main Street in downtown Menomonee Falls
- 2 Window decorations at Pink Lemonade Salon & Spa add color and light along Appleton Avenue
- 3 Fiddleheads Coffee is among the many downtown businesses offering warm drinks and a cozy atmosphere this winter
- 4 The window display at Bank of Flowers is one of many adding a festive feel to downtown in December
- 5 The Centennial Plaza Christmas Tree
- 6 A sign of support for all of those affected by the recent Christmas parade tragedy in the City of Waukesha

Donate to the [Waukesha Community Foundation](#) to support impacted families.



Drop off unwrapped toys at these Village Hall donation bins through December 8<sup>th</sup>



## Opportunities to Give Back

The Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County (CCC) coordinates giving to thousands of families in need through the collection and distribution of donations. Drop off new unwrapped toys at Village Hall and other CCC toy donation locations throughout the county by December 8, 2021. Learn more at [christmasclearingcouncil.org](http://christmasclearingcouncil.org)

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

## Points of Pride

The School District of Menomonee Falls and the Hamilton School District ranked in the top 20 percent of all public K-12 districts in the state for **2020-2021 Overall Accountability Scores**

[Wallethub.com](http://Wallethub.com) ranked Menomonee Falls as one of the top 100 Best Small Cities to Live in America for 2021– the Falls was in the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile among cities with populations between 25,000 and 100,000 residents

## New for 2022



*Indoor winter markets will be held from 10 am to 2 pm two Saturdays per month at North Middle School*

## Support a Healthy Village

Practice Wisconsin DHS guidelines for social distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing - see [dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm)

Give blood - visit [versiti.org](http://versiti.org) to schedule an appointment

Support village businesses: **buy local**

Check on your older neighbors and volunteer with ERAS Senior Network - see [eras.org](http://eras.org)

## Winter Calendar

### FRIDAY – SUNDAY

**DECEMBER 3 - 5** (evening & matinee)  
Christmas Carol  
Winter show by Falls Patio Players  
North Middle School

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 5 @ 12 pm

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

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15

Spring Primary Election (if needed)  
For the location of your polling place visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or [menomonee-falls.org/1140](http://menomonee-falls.org/1140)

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

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



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