

The Current

Spring 2022

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**Menomonee
Falls**

Coming Soon!

A second phase of improvements at Village Park has been approved for 2022 including an inclusive play area (pictured), splash pad, and more! Learn more on [page 3](#)

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5/30/22

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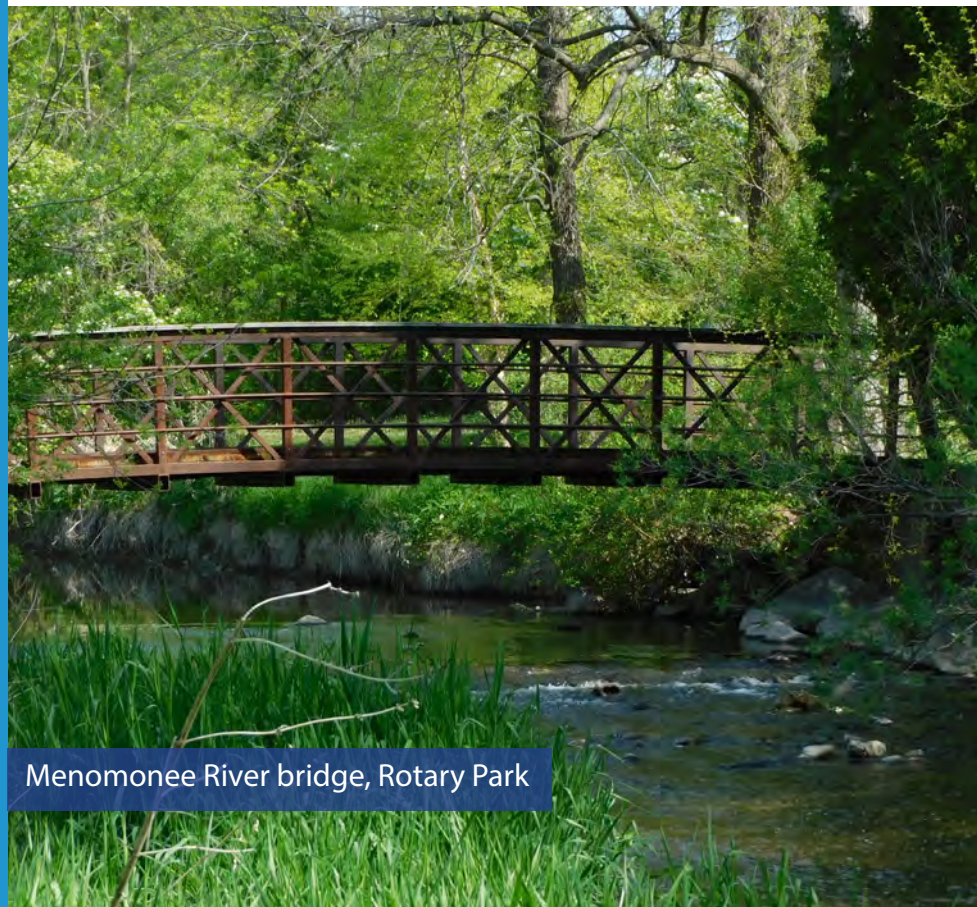
Enjoy Springtime in the Falls

The thaw is on (at least it is pending), and warm weather is finally on the horizon! We know Wisconsin winters can be challenging, but that makes us even more appreciative of the first signs of spring. On that note, enjoy the longer days, melting snow, hints of green vegetation, and the first 2022 edition of *The Current* newsletter!

This newsletter includes seasonal service reminders, department updates, and details about a variety of upcoming community activities. Page through and follow the embedded links to learn about downtown and Village Park events, CE & Recreation programs, Waukesha County Parks' offerings, the 2022 Old Falls Village calendar, and more.

Because spring marks the unofficial start of construction season, there are a lot of projects getting underway across the Village. Read on for details about the planned improvements at Village Park, major ongoing residential and business developments, and an overview of projects that were approved for construction across the Village in 2021.

It feels like a long time since trees had leaves, flowers bloomed, and we (comforatbly) enjoyed outdoor events and activities. In this issue of *The Current* we've intentionally included spring and summer scenery from across the Village as a reminder of what's just around the corner. Enjoy, and have a great spring season!



Menomonee River bridge, Rotary Park



2022 Elections & Other Spring Reminders

Elections

Make sure you are registered and ready to vote by visiting 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

- April 5th, 2022 Spring Election
- August 9th, 2022 Partisan Primary Election
- November 8th, 2022 General Election

For more information, follow the links below.

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

Park Shelter Reservations

All park reservations must be made in person at Village Hall. For further information please call 262-532-4200 or visit menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations

Dog Licenses

2021 dog licenses expired 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.

Polls are Open From 7 am to 8 pm

<u>Ward #</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
1, 2, 3 & 4	Good Shepherd Church N88 W17658 Christman Road
5, 6 & 7	Menomonee Falls Public Library W156 N8436 Pilgrim Road
8 & 9	Menomonee Falls Fire Station #3 W140 N7501 Lilly Rd
10, 11 & 12	Holy Cross Lutheran Church W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road
13 & 14	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church W156 N7149 Pilgrim Road
15, 16, 17 & 18	Davian's Banquet and Conf. Center N56 W16300 Silver Spring Drive
19, 20, 21 & 22	St. James Catholic Church W220 N6588 Town Line Road
23 & 24	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church W180 N7863 Town Hall Road



Picnic Shelter at Rotary Park

Village Park Phase II

Coming Fall of 2022!



In February, the Village Board approved a contract for construction of a second phase of improvements at Village Park. The centerpiece of the Phase II project is a **12,000+ square foot inclusive play area** (pictured above). This project complements the 2020 redevelopment of the eastern end of the park which added an amphitheater, multi-purpose plaza, and great lawn, and it supports the goal of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for Village Park to become a destination park and event space.

This project will create the park system's first fully accessible play space, splash pad, and dedicated pickleball courts. It also includes shade structures and a reservable picnic shelter adjacent to the new features. These improvements contribute to the transformation of Village Park into community gathering space.

The play area and splash feature are expected to be among the most utilized features in the Village's park system. This project is supported by a \$1 million fundraising campaign being led by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls. Construction on the Phase II is expected to begin this April and continue through the Fall.

Phase II Includes:

- A fully inclusive destination play area for kids of all ages and abilities
- A refreshing splash feature – Menomonee Falls' first splash pad – designed with LED lighting to enhance the experience
- New pickleball and tennis courts
- Improved park access – picnic areas, parking, trails, and lighting

What's Next at Village Park

For more details visit menomonee-falls.org/villagepark



A variety of new features will make Village Park a special destination for children and families in Menomonee Falls.

- 1 An at-grade splash pad will include large vertical fountains and smaller spray fountains in a circular design
- 2 The We-Go Swing is one of several features designed for children and families of all abilities
- 3 The splash pad will be outfitted with LED lights to create an exciting and aesthetically interesting look – the lights can be programed for different color combinations throughout the year
- 4 Dedicated pickleball and tennis courts with pickleball lines will be constructed to the southwest of the play area



Spring 2022

Construction & Development Projects



2021 Year in Review

2021 was a strong year for new development and redevelopment projects in Menomonee Falls. The Village issued a total of 879 building permits, and the total estimated construction value of projects in Menomonee Falls was over \$114 million. Single family home construction/remodeling (\$64 million) and industrial projects (\$29 million) contributed the most to overall value.

Menomonee Falls led all communities in southeastern Wisconsin with 98 new single family homes constructed in 2021. The Village had the second highest new construction value in Waukesha County in 2021, and construction moved forward on major business expansion projects from Milwaukee Tool, Tailored Label Products, RJ Schinner, and Amato Hyundai.

Residential

- 116 new single family home and duplex units
- 72 new apartment units
- 653 residential renovations/additions



- New construction value of over **\$114.2 million**
- 5th greatest number of building permits ever issued **879 permits**

Commercial

- 2 new buildings
- 43 commercial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$10.3 million**



- **98** single family homes and 18 duplex units were approved
- **103** lots for single family homes were approved in Final Plats

Institutional

- 2 new buildings
- 11 institutional renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$3.5 million**



- Industrial projects totaling **\$29.2 million** (the highest value in the last decade)
- Activation of the event spaces at **Village Park**

Industrial

- 3 new buildings
- 30 industrial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$29.2 million**



The Village of Menomonee Falls issued more building permits for single and two family homes in 2021 than Brookfield and Germantown combined

To view the entire 2021 Development Report visit menomonee-falls.org/79

Ongoing Projects

(selected projects as seen in early 2022)

Construction began on an Amato Hyundai dealership along Leon Road (near Woodman's) in late 2021



Walk up apartments in the Tamarack Springs Development



Building Permits have been issued for the construction of 16 single family homes in the Tamarind subdivision since the start of 2021



A new home under construction in the Sanctuary at Good Hope subdivision



Tailored Label Products



Homes under construction in the Evergreen Fields subdivision



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

Spring Cleaning Reminders

from the Public Works Department



A Public Works crew clearing a terrace area during the annual brush collection week

We recognize that spring is a great time to clean up the yard, organize the garage, and dispose of unwanted items. The following pages include reminders about programs you can utilize to keep your property looking good in 2022. We have also included information about Village initiatives and services that support spring cleaning for the community at-large. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community clean and well-maintained!

Bulk Item Collection

Waste Management will be conducting a bulk trash collection week again in 2022. Bulk trash includes items that don't fit in the garbage cart, exceed four feet in length, or 60 pounds in weight. This collection includes up to two bulk items placed at the curbside for pickup free of charge. This will occur the first full week of May (week of May 2nd). Residents looking to utilize this service need to notify Waste Management between April 11th and April 25th about their items for pick-up by calling 262-251-4000. Residents will be required to have their bulk item(s) placed at the curb by 6 am on Monday, May 2nd, as the items may not be collected on your usual trash collection day. All items must be able to be loaded by two (2) people. This bulk collection does not include hazardous waste, yard waste, tires, or electronics. A complete list of acceptable items can be found at [menomonee-falls.org/bulkitems](https://www.menomonee-falls.org/bulkitems)

Brush Collection Week

The Menomonee Falls Public Works Department will begin picking up brush on Monday, May 9th.

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

The deadline for residents to put out brush for pickup is Sunday, May 8th.

Spring Cleaning Continued...

Yard Waste Permits

Yard Waste Permits were mailed in February to each Menomonee Falls property owner. The permit allows residents to dispose of yard waste 35 times in a season (April – December) for no fee at the Orchard Ridge composting facility. Please note: Village residents must provide identification showing proof of Menomonee Falls residency. Have your ID ready to show the scale house attendant upon arrival. If you do not arrive with a permit, all fees will be charged. All businesses are excluded from this program.

2022 Orchard Ridge Composting Facility Program
Located at W124N9355 Boundary Road

- Acceptable forms of payment include credit card or check – cash no longer accepted
- Residents will be allowed one free visit per day
After the free visit, additional yard waste will be charged at a rate of \$0.015 per pound, minimum of \$3.00.
- Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:30 am – 4 pm & Saturday 7 am – 11:45 am
- No large stumps or logs over 6" will be accepted



Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Village flushes fire hydrants in the spring and fall of each year, and throughout the year if necessary. Hydrant flushing improves water quality, exercises hydrants so they are in good order when needed for an emergency, removes sediment that may cause discolored water, and allows us to inspect each hydrant for defects. If you experience discoloration in your water, we recommend running the cold water for several minutes to help clear the water before use.

Menomonee River Cleanup

Join us this spring on April 23rd to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls! Every year since 2008, around Earth Day in April, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. We will be following protocols again this year to keep all participants healthy and safe. Please visit menomoneefalls.org/rivercleanup for more information and to reserve your spot for the cleanup!



WATER QUALITY

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

2022 Updates & Events Preview



MENOMONEE FALLS
DOWNTOWN
wheremain&appletonmeet



We are looking forward to a great 2022 outdoor season in Menomonee Falls Downtown! Ladies Night was hosted by downtown businesses on March 10th and offered promotions, downtown bingo, and prizes. Easter Bunny & Friends on April 16th will be a great family friendly event with local businesses and an opportunity to get out and enjoy the spring air.

Falls Memorial Fest and the Lucky Ducky Derby officially kick off the summer with a great weekend of remembrance, honoring, and celebration of those who have served and continue to serve our nation. Please see the great [article by the Knights of Columbus](#) on the following page for details. June brings back the amazing Farmers Market, launches beer garden season, begins the Sunset Concert Series, and the 2nd annual Art Walk! Great music and art, amazing community, we're celebrating all things Menomonee Falls Downtown!

The Beer Garden presented by Grace Commons is back in 2022! Beer garden season will start on Wednesday, June 1st and end on Wednesday, October 12th! This year's beer garden will feature 20 live music acts ranging from vibrant trio's, to solo acoustic artists, to up and coming local musicians! The beer gardens will start each Wednesday at 5 pm, which allows for guests to check out the local Farmer's Market (open from 2 pm - 6 pm). Beer choices will range from classic domestic beers, to local Wisconsin crafts, hard seltzers and Pepsi products. Other than the weekly scheduled entertainment, we are planning other events such as a 5K Run with Silver Circle Events.

Do you want to be more involved with downtown events? We'd love to work with you! Scan this QR code to tell us more! Stay up to date with news and announcements for downtown by visiting our website menomoneefallsdowntown.com and following us on Facebook and Instagram.



SHOP | EAT | DRINK | PLAY

EVENTS

2022

2/26 Beer Crawl	 Optimist Popcorn Wagon
3/10 Ladies' Night - Bingo!	
4/16 Easter Bunny & Friends	
5/28 Memorial Fest	
5/28 Lucky Ducky Derby	 Memorial Day through Labor Day
6/1 Farmers Market (season begins)	
6/1 Beer Garden (season begins)	
6/9 Sunset Concert Series	
6/19 Grace Church Services	 Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation Farmer's Market
6/23 Sunset Concert Series	
6/24 Art Walk	
6/30 Milwaukee Philharmonic	
7/14 Sunset Concert Series	 Wednesdays & Sundays
7/16 ARISE Milwaukee	
7/17 Grace Church Services	
7/19-22 Lavender Week	
7/21 Operation Rock the House	 Beer Garden
7/23 Lavender Fest & Concert	
7/28 Sunset Concert Series	
8/2 National Night Out	
8/11 Sunset Concert Series	 Wednesday Nights at Village Park
8/12-13 Maxwell Street Days	
8/18 Operation Rock the House	
8/21 Grace Church Services	
8/28 Art in the Park	
9/16 Operation Rock the House	
9/22 Ladies' Night - Passport	
10/22 Oktoberfest/Harvest Fest	
10/27 Downtown Trick or Treat	
11/26 Christmas Market	
12/10 Christkindl Market	

Falls Memorial Fest 2022

Saturday, May 28th

Thousands of people visited street vendors on Main Street during Falls Memorial Fest, 2021

Mark your calendars for Saturday May 28th for the **6th annual Falls Memorial Fest!**

Once again, we will honor our fallen veterans on Memorial Day Weekend with this community event which starts with the 10 am Remembrance Ceremony at Village Park. The Menomonee Falls Legion will honor the Gold Star families of Menomonee Falls at this ceremony by reading names of veterans that have fallen in battle for freedom. This ceremony will be followed by a parade at 10:45 am which will proceed from Village Park, down Main Street, to the east end Main Stage for the Memorial Fest opening ceremonies. There will be more remembrance and tributes to veterans, and the Village will be represented by the Police and Fire Chiefs and the Village President. After the ceremony, the festival will begin with events continuing throughout the day until 10 pm. This is a great event to kick off your summer!

Falls Memorial Fest Activities

- Street vendors , food , live music on two stages until 9 pm, beer , wine and other refreshments along Main Street. Downtown businesses also open for your enjoyment.
- 6th annual 5k for Operation Finally Home Race registration at 8 am , Race start 9 am , Post-race party until 10:30 am. All held at Mill Pond Park Pavilion.
- The Knights of Columbus Lucky Ducky Derby will be held at Mill Pond park from 11am – 4 pm. Food and live music at the Pavilion until 3 pm. At 3 pm, 4,000 rubber ducks will be dropped into the pond for a swim down the pond. Winners announced at beer tent on Main Street by 5 pm.



Main Street Main Stage

- Kids area at Village Park by YMCA. 11 am – 4 pm. The YMCA will once again provide a wonderful kid's area with bounce house, face painting, games and other activities. Family friendly entertainment on the main stage, food and refreshments will be available at Village Park.
- Main Street Muscle Car Production Show at Village Park. 11 am – 4 pm. Entry fee \$10. Contact Doug at 262-388-3570 or check out the show's facebook page [@MainStreetMuscleCarProductions](https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetMuscleCarProductions)

Family fun the entire day, so come out and chase the winter blues away!

Farmers Market Opens June 1st



• GREATER MENOMONEE FALLS FOUNDATION •

FARMERS MARKET

2022 Schedule

Wednesday 2 pm – 6 pm
June 1st through October 12th

Sunday 10 am – 1 pm
July 10th through September 11th

The 2022 Farmers Market season in Menomonee Falls will offer even more of the good things you enjoyed the past year. The Wednesday market will open the season on June 1st, and a Sunday market will begin in July during the height of the growing season. A long list of your favorite vendors has already committed to 2022, and new farmers, vendors and artisans continue to join in at our popular Village Park location. Watch our Facebook page and website in May for all of the updates.

Some of the newest vendors include Miltown Eats (bringing locally-sourced meal kits) and Fiddlesticks Kettle Corn & Lemonade on Sundays. The market will continue to offer a unique blend of farmers, local producers and artisans, as well as restaurants offering prepared foods and drinks.

Follow us on Facebook
facebook.com/GMFFFarmersMarket or
visit our website at fallsfarmersmarket.org



Able to Lend a Hand?

We are seeking individuals and organizations to lend a hand for set up and take down of the market this summer. The Farmers Market is actively seeking volunteers (high school age and older) to sign up for particular days to help our vendors more quickly set up and take down vendor booths. If you or your organization, team or group, are interested in supporting this vital community opportunity, please reach out to Dana Newman, Market Manager at 262-327-4756 or email mffarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Library Corner

Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



Warrior Ink Veterans Exhibit Opening Night

Check out the brand new photographic exhibit of local Veterans and their meaningful military tattoos after hours at the Library on April 8th at 5:30 pm. Enjoy refreshments from the Menomonee Falls Library Friends as you peruse the exhibit.

Veterans Resource Fair

Meet with representatives from area organizations to learn more about the resources and support they provide Veterans and their families.

Bonus! Veterans Prize Drawing

If you are a Veteran and attend the event, you will be eligible to win one of many prize baskets of awesome goodies donated from Veteran-owned businesses throughout the country.

Your RSVP is appreciated. Please visit [MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/events](https://menomoneefallslibrary.org/events) or call (262) 532-8920.



Spring Programs & Events

Container Gardening with an Expert

Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm

Flower gardening can take a lot of talent and effort. But if you are starting out as a gardener or experimenting with container gardening, this program is for you! Ann Wied from the Horticulture and Community Development Outreach at the UW Extension in Waukesha County will present a class on container gardening.

What the Craft?!

For Teens 13-18

Wednesday, March 23rd

Wednesday April 20th

Let's get crafty! Join us from 3 - 4:30 pm in The Forge to complete a craft project.

Between

Tuesday, April 12th

Tuesday, May 10th

New program alert!



Attention tweens ages 10-12. Join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm for crafting and gaming programs at Between. Check the [website calendar](#) closer to each date to see that month's activity.

Family Fun Day

Saturday, April 9th

Saturday, May 14th

The whole family is invited to drop by the Library from 10 am – 2 pm to complete crafts and activities based around a theme. Check the website calendar closer to each date to see that month's theme.

For more information on library programs, services or resources, please call 262-532-8900, stop in, or visit the library website at menomoneefallslibrary.org.

New in 2022 at Old Falls Village



Guess who is 50 years old this year? In 1972, Old Falls Village was officially named a park and will be 50 years old. Come celebrate this great milestone with the Menomonee Falls Historical Society all this year by checking out the newest events and see the renovated Train Depot!

Events

Our season at Old Falls Village will begin on May 21st - 22nd with a new event: Old Falls Revolutionary War Days. May 21st is also the opening day of the fifth Beer Garden Season. Watch out for additional park improvements for the Beer Garden and other amenities throughout the summer. New in 2022, we are hosting Sci-Fi Family Day on August 13th. Dress up as your favorite Sci-Fi character while enjoying a cold beer! Activities for children as well as adults.

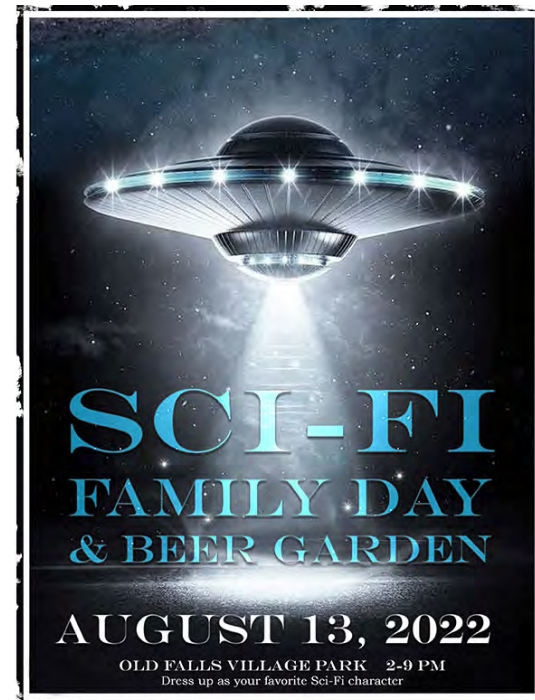
Train Depot

This year, the Menomonee Falls Train Depot will be 132 years old and it is getting a makeover. The Train Depot was moved to Old Falls Village in 1980. It was originally located on Water Street (near the Knights of Columbus building) built in 1890. The Train Depot will be transformed into a "working" Depot as it would have appeared originally with custom made benches and a ticket booth. There will also be museum displays located within the baggage area. This will pair nicely with the caboose that was added to the park recently. Next time you are out at Old Falls Village for an event, check out the newly renovated Train Depot. We want to thank our donor for such a wonderful gift to the Historical Society to renovate the Depot.

Saturday Depot Beer Gardens at Old Falls Village

Free. Outdoor, Held every Saturday from May 21st to October 8th. Most of the Depot Beer Gardens are from 3 pm, until 9 pm, however if there is an event that weekend, the beer garden opens earlier. Check the schedule for exact times. What a great family destination! There is plenty of room for the children to run and play while there is entertainment on the Depot platform. Live Music. Activities for the kids. Scrumptious food. Cold beer and soda available.

All the proceeds go to support the work of the Menomonee Falls Historical Society. This is a family-focused event. Come visit Old Falls Village Historical park on the corner of Pilgrim road and Highway Q. Beer Gardens and events are weather permitting. Parking is always free and admission happens only with special events.



Old Falls Village Continued...

Facility Rentals

Old Falls Village Historical Park now has several areas of the park to rent including the Public House, the caboose and the new pavilion. Contact the Menomonee Falls Historical Society for rental opportunities or check out our new brochure for details at www.OldFallsVillage.com
For rental availability contact 262-250-3901 or mfhhistory@yahoo.com.

OLD FALLS VILLAGE RENTAL AREAS					
WEST / NORTH			EAST / SOUTH		
AREA 1	Gazebo & Adjacent Lawn area with electricity	\$75 Flat Fee	AREA 5	Caboose	\$50 Flat Fee
AREA 2	Fire Pit	\$50 Flat Fee	AREA 6	Grassy area South of Caboose	\$50 Flat Fee
AREA 3	Public House & Lawn area with electricity	\$50/hour	AREA 7	Grassy area East of creek & North of bridge	\$50 Flat Fee
AREA 4	Pavilion, Stage, & Lawn area with electricity	\$125 Flat Fee *	AREA 8	Grassy area South of creek & West of bridge	\$50 Flat Fee

* \$50.00 if rented with Public House Area 3 Note: Use of the Public House restrooms is included in all rentals

Upcoming Events



R.M.S. Titanic Dinner Fundraiser

On April 28th, The Hot House on Appleton Ave will be transformed for a unique evening experience remaking a first-class dinner marking the 110th anniversary of the unsinkable Titanic. This Titanic themed "All Hands on Deck" fundraiser is to help raise funds for improvements at Old Falls Village Historical Park. There will be a silent auction, raffles, and entertainment throughout the evening while enjoying a six-course meal similarly served on the Titanic's first-class dining hall. Attend in optional formal black tie or period appropriate attire for this immersion themed fundraiser to benefit the Menomonee Falls Historical Society. Tickets are available for purchase at the Menomonee Falls Historical Society office, also at www.OldFallsVillage.com. For more information, contact 262-250-3901 or mfhhistory@yahoo.com.

Recreation

Come enjoy a day in the park anytime! Old Falls Village park is open all year from dawn to dusk for relaxation, walking, photography, and enjoying the rustic scenery. The park is free to roam at your leisure. Check ahead for special events happening within the park. Old Falls Village is a great parking location to use as a trail head for the Bugline Trail which begins just 1.1 miles to the south.



For more information and updates visit facebook.com/OldFallsVillage



Community Education & Recreation

Spring & Summer Program Preview



Community Education & Recreation (CE & Rec) staff are busy planning for great spring and summer programs and activities for children and adults of all ages.

Register for summer programs online at www.fallsrec.org, or in person at the CE & Rec office which is located in the Menomonee Falls Community Center. The *CE & Rec Summer Activity Guide* will be available online towards the end of March, with guides being mailed to homes in early April.

- Online resident registration begins at 9 pm on Monday, April 18
- In-person resident registration begins at 8 am on Tuesday, April 19
- Online non-resident registration begins at 9 pm on Thursday, April 21
- In-person non-resident registration begins at 8 am on Friday, April 22

Looking for a Summer Job?

Joining the CE & Rec team is a great way to give back to your community while engaging in activities that interest you. Summer Kids INC, Swim Lessons, Lifeguarding, Youth Sports, and Fitness 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. Visit WECAN for all current openings.

Consider participating in our lifeguard training from March 22nd - 24th. 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.



Spring Break Fun

Looking to keep the kids busy during spring break? CE & Rec has you covered.

Rugby Clinic

This indoor clinic will teach basic skills, rules and game concepts to new or veteran players. Flag Rugby is a fast moving, non-contact sport with lots of running, passing and scoring.

March 21st & 22nd
North Middle School
Grades 2 – 5 | 1 – 2:15 pm
Grades 6 – 8 | 2:30 – 3:45 pm

For more information and to register, visit fallsrec.org.



Milwaukee Bucks Spring Break Basketball Camp

Keep the kids in your life active at Milwaukee Bucks Spring Break Camp. This program is designed for youth ages 7-14. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and a ticket to a future Bucks home game. \$160 per camper.

March 21st – 25th
9 am – Noon
North Middle School

For more information and to register, visit Bucks.com/YouthBasketball.



More Community Ed & Recreation Programs & Updates

Fit in the Parks – Sunset / Candlelight Hike

Fit in the Parks is a health and wellness series brought to you by the Village of Menomonee Falls community partners as a part of the Live Well Waukesha County initiative. This summer there are 35+ FREE programs planned to help you stay active, and explore the wonderful parks within Menomonee Falls.



Help us kick off this year's Fit in the Park series at our Sunset/ Candlelight Hike on Friday, May 6th, at Menomonee Park from 7 – 9 pm. 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 now](#)



Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt

Join our Menomonee Falls EGG-CELLENT Egg Hunt! You will be emailed a list of all the participating Falls businesses that will display a colorful egg in their front window with a letter on it. Between March 28th - April 8th, hunt around Menomonee Falls and decode the hidden phrase. Email your family name and answer to cerd@sdmfschools.org by April 11th. All correct answers will be put in a drawing to win a basket filled with fabulous prizes from participating businesses. Free, but registration is required. [Register now](#)



Family Swim

Bring the whole family for some fun at the North Middle School Pool! One lane will be available throughout for lap swim and water walking.

Fridays through May 20th
4 – 8 pm

Spring Break Family Swims
March 23rd & 24th
1 – 3 pm

Children \$3 | Adults \$4, payable at the pool.
No pre-registration required.

Did you know?

Menomonee Falls Community Education & Recreation programs serve approximately 7,000 unique customers each year!





Waukesha County Park System

Spring Event & Service Update

Story Hike

Daily, April 1st – 30th at Retzer Nature Center. Enjoy a free, self-guided hike while reading the children's book "Begin with a Bee" by Liza Ketchum. The Orange Trail is a mowed grass trail with some sloped terrain (approximately .75 mile). Story Hike is provided through a partnership with Retzer Nature Center and Bridges Library System.

waukeshacounty.gov/storyhike



Earth Week in the Parks!

Enjoy fun events, activities, programs and volunteer opportunities in Waukesha County Parks!

waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek

Mission: Possible Volunteer Workday

Saturday, April 23rd, 9 am - noon

We need you for a top-secret mission at one of these parks; Menomonee, Minooka, Mukwonago, Muskego or Retzer Nature Center. Join us to hand pull and bag Garlic Mustard in the parks. Recommended for ages 13+.

Free. Register by Wednesday, April 20th.

waukeshacounty.gov/MissionPossible

Habitat Restoration Volunteer Workday

Saturday, May 14th, 9 am – noon at Menomonee Park

Work with our staff and volunteer Site Stewards to remove invasive species from our natural areas. Our habitat restoration workdays have a particular focus on the globally imperiled oak ecosystems that occur within Waukesha County. Recommended for ages 13+. Free. Register by Friday, May 13. [Register now](#)

Learn more about everything that the Waukesha County Park system has to offer by visiting

waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/ or by visiting the Waukesha County Parks Facebook page at

facebook.com/WaukeshaCountyParks/



Menomonee Park Beach



Photo from the fall 2021 Story Hike



Camping Season Opens April 1st

Enjoy a night under the stars in Waukesha County Parks! Family and Group sites available at Menomonee, Mukwonago, Muskego and Naga-Waukee Parks.

waukeshacounty.gov/camping

Upcoming Events with THE CHAMBER

ADVOCATE | COLLABORATE | EDUCATE

of GREATER MENOMONEE FALLS & SUSSEX

Save the Date!

The Chamber awards banquet will be held Thursday March 31st, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn. The awards banquet is an opportunity to honor award recipients from 2021 – including Business of the Year, Hot House Tavern, and Larry Stewart Humanitarian, Mike Moore of Moore Construction Services.

The Chamber Clay Shoot will be at Waukesha Gun Club Friday May 13th, 2022.

Networking events include:

April 14th, 2022 – Brook Falls Pet Resort

May 19th, 2022 – ChiroWay of Menomonee Falls

More information can be found on the chamber website: www.gmfchamber.com



The Greater Menomonee Falls & Sussex Chamber serves a membership of 375 businesses and organizations. In total, these member businesses employ over 10,000 people.

WWII DAYS
JUNE 18-19

USO

Themed Dance

Featuring
Command Performance Band

EXPERIENCE HISTORY

SWING DANCING AND MORE

FREE
JUNE 18
6 PM -9 PM
SATURDAY NIGHT

1940'S
PERIOD CLOTHES ENCOURAGED,
BUT NOT REQUIRED

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NEW Pavilion

Old Falls Village

DEPUTY BEER GARDEN

Old Falls Village

SW CORNER OF PILGRIM RD AND COUNTY LINE Q
Old Falls Village Museum -- Pilgrim Road & Hwy. Q in Menomonee Falls -- FREE Parking
Contact us at (262) 250-3901 mhistory@yahoo.com www.OldFallsVillage.com

Old Falls Village

MENOMONEE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Save the Dates

Located on the SW corner of Pilgrim Rd and Hwy Q

2022 Events at Old Falls Village Park

April 28 Titanic Themed Dinner Fundraiser
at the Hot House, Tickets available for purchase

May 21-Oct. 8 Beer Garden every Saturday night
Food and Entertainment **3-9 PM**

May 21-22 Old Falls Revolutionary War
Two Battles Daily

June 18-19 WWII Days
Battle Reenactment at 2 PM both days
USO Themed Dance and Swng Band at 6 PM

Become a member of the Historical Society Today

www.OldFallsVillage.com

P.O. Box 91 Menomonee Falls, WI 53052
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Getting to Know the Village's Police Department



In last year's spring newsletter, we introduced Police Chief Mark Waters. This spring, we would like to introduce more members of our department by sharing some photographs of some of the officers and professional staff who serve the citizens and visitors to Menomonee Falls.

In order to properly serve the community, the day to day scheduling of our staff is varied over three different eight-hour shifts. These varying schedules make it close to impossible to take complete group photographs. However, we thought it was important to share the friendly faces you will see throughout the village.



Day Shift: (pictured above)

Often referred to first shift, is composed of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants and several officers. They handle a variety of calls and are generally the most veteran officers of the department and have a wide variety of skills, knowledge and experience. The call variety ranges greatly with a large volume of calls dealing with retail theft. This shift spends the greatest amount of time with community engagement.



Early Shift: (pictured above)

This shift name is often confused with first shift, but is actually our second shift. Early shift is similar in structure to our day shift, but handles the highest volume of calls. Early shift has the largest staffing for this reason. It provides an excellent opportunity for officers to be exposed to a large variety of calls. As a result, this shift contributes to well-rounded and experienced officers.

Late Shift: (pictured at right)

This is our third shift or graveyard shift. The staffing structure is the same as day and early shift. This shift's calls for service vary greatly, but many calls involve intoxicated subjects and drivers. There are other serious crimes that occur during these overnight hours such as burglaries. Some veteran officers choose to work this shift for family reasons. Regardless, serving during overnight hours can be quite challenging.



Getting to Know MFPD Continued...



Special Investigations Bureau (SIB): (pictured above)

This work group consists of a Lieutenant, Detectives and Juvenile Officers. SIB overlaps with the patrol shifts and is responsible to investigate the most serious crimes, assist in major incidents, and handle sensitive juvenile crimes. They are a valuable resource to help in investigations and mentor the junior officers.

Office of the Chief:

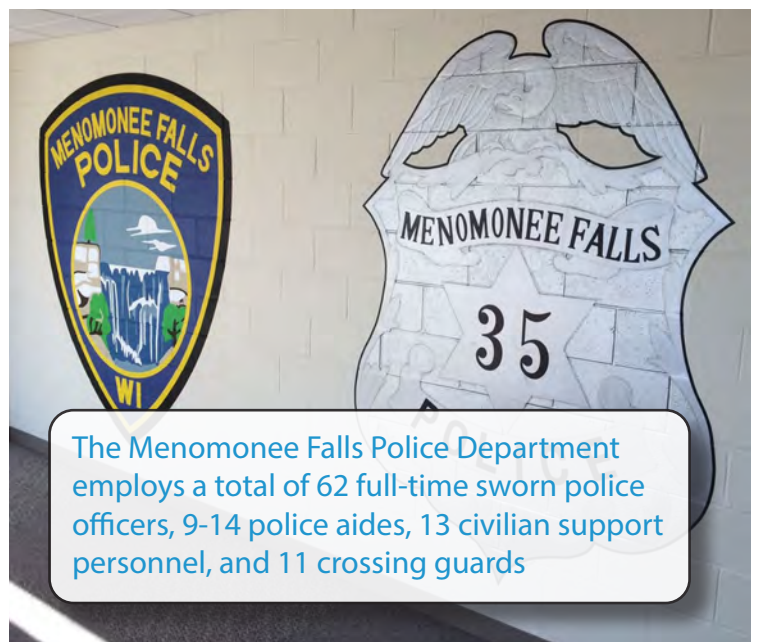
The Chief of Police, his administrative assistant and the two police Captains comprise the Office of the Chief. The Chief has overall authority for the department with tasks related to support of the department delegated to one Captain. The other Captain has oversight of the department's operations.



Police Support Specialists: (pictured above)

This work group is part of our professional staff. There is a civilian supervisor who oversees three shifts of support specialists. They are responsible for supporting the officers and handle several different tasks. Most importantly these are the friendly voices you hear on the phone or see in our front police lobby. The entry of a stolen auto or a missing person to helping an officer track down a vehicle or phone number for a suspect is just in a day's work. The list goes on and on.

Not pictured: Patrol Support Unit and the Services Unit



The Menomonee Falls Police Department employs a total of 62 full-time sworn police officers, 9-14 police aides, 13 civilian support personnel, and 11 crossing guards

Spring Service Updates From the Menomonee Falls Fire Department

Safety through Prevention

The Inspection Bureau

The Menomonee Falls Fire Department is responsible for a bi-annual inspection of all commercial properties in the Village. The COVID pandemic caused the department to drastically scale back the inspections while run volume continued to grow. The department is back to its original inspection schedule, and to accommodate this increase in volume, we have established a formal bureau with members whose only task is to perform inspections. This allows the inspections to proceed without being interrupted by runs which was becoming a common occurrence.

Grass Fire Review

The grass fire in the spring of 2021 was one of the largest events in Wisconsin to use MABAS, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. Follow the link below to view the newsletter where the incident is reviewed.

[MABAS-WI-Newsletter-Vol-12-Issue-4](#)

Training Academy

Our newest members had the opportunity to have the final session of their training academy at the Milwaukee Fire Department Bureau of Instruction and Training burn tower. The group was able to practice search and rescue, hose line advancement, ventilation, and building ladder techniques under live fire conditions with heat and smoke.

New Command Vehicle

The department put into service a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe. This replaces a 13 year old car that will be re-purposed. The new vehicle will be the Shift Commander's car, carrying the designation 2710. The cargo area is outfitted with a command console including remote radios to give the Incident Commander a desk to work at while on scene.

The car also includes a vented area to store firefighting gear while directing carcinogens or contaminants to the exterior.



Photo from January 2022 training academy session



Signs of Spring - Parks & Trails



Green grass, flowers, and warmer weather are on the way! Exploring the Village's park and trail system is a great way to appreciate the beauty of the season. For a full inventory of Menomonee Falls' parks and trails visit: menomonee-falls.org/parks.

- 1 Trees and daffodils in bloom at Mill Pond Park
- 2 A White Trillium at Rivers Edge Park
- 3 The intermittent stream flowing at Village Park
- 4 *Keeper of the Gift* sculpture by Charles A Kraus, Village Hall
- 5 Bicycle traffic on the Bugline Trail crossing at Main Street



Spring Calendar

TUESDAY APRIL 5 @ 7am to 8pm
Spring Election
All polling places
throughout the Village

SATURDAY APRIL 23 @ 9 am
Mission Possible Volunteer Work Day
Garlic mustard removal event
Menomonee Park

FRIDAY MAY 6 @ 7 pm
Fit in the Parks Candlelight Hike
Self-guided sunset hike
Menomonee Park

SATURDAY MAY 14 @ 9 am
Optimist Kids Fishing Derby
Fishing instruction & catch/release
Mill Pond Park

SAT. MAY 21, SUN. MAY 22 @ 10 am
Old Falls Revolutionary War Days
Battle reenactment, food, music & more
Old Falls Village Park

SATURDAY MAY 28 @ 11 am
Falls Memorial Fest
Downtown street party with food
vendors, shopping, & music
Main Street between Water & Appleton

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1 @ 2 pm
GMFF Farmers Market
Fresh produce, hand-made products,
and a variety of food/drink vendors
Village Park

VILLAGE OF
**Menomonee
Falls**

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

Opportunities to Give Back

Menomonee River Cleanup – Come join us this spring on April 23rd to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. Every year since 2008 (except 2020), around Earth Day, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. This event is organized by the Milwaukee Riverkeepers and sponsored by Waste Management. Visit menomonee-falls.org/rivercleanup to learn more and to register for the 2022 Menomonee River Cleanup.

Falls Area Food Pantry relies solely on donations and the time and talents of volunteers from the community. Consider getting involved this spring 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

Events



*Saturdays from 3 pm to
9 pm starting May 21st*

Points of Pride

AreaVibes.com ranks Menomonee Falls as the 8th Best Place to live in Wisconsin

USnews.com ranks Hamilton High and Menomonee Falls High in the top 25 high schools in the state

Niche.com ranks the Falls in the top 10% in its Best Places to Raise a Family in America list



The 6th edition of Falls Memorial Fest starts at 11 am on Saturday, May 28th, and it continues all day long with vendors, food, and music on Main Street