

The Current

Summer 2022

VILLAGE OF
**Menomonee
Falls**

Welcome Home!

The Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors included Menomonee Falls among their 10 Hottest Housing Communities in the Greater Milwaukee Area in 2022. See [page 1](#) for a few reasons why the Falls is such a desired community.

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Labor Day 9/5/22

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Menomonee Falls is a community of choice in the region and welcomes hundreds of new residents every year. This year, the Village was the only community in the area with over 20,000 residents to make the list of Metro Milwaukee's Hottest Housing Communities (based on home appreciation, average days on the market, and total number of sales). This edition of *The Current* newsletter will open by highlighting some of the reasons why Menomonee Falls continues to be such a highly desired community. The remainder of the newsletter will provide summer event previews, project updates, stories from local partners, and important information on the Village services that you rely on.

Why Menomonee Falls?

There are a lot of factors to consider when deciding where to live. Fortunately, our Village checks the boxes for savvy home buyers who are looking for great quality of life and a good investment. Here is **a short list of reasons why Menomonee Falls is a great place to put down roots.**

- **Neighborhoods** – The Village offers a wide variety of neighborhoods and housing types at a mix of price points that make moving to the Falls a good fit for people of all ages. The Falls offers charming historic blocks near downtown, mid-century neighborhoods with ranch and split level homes, and recently constructed subdivisions with brand new homes.
- **Schools** – Menomonee Falls is served by two high performing public school districts which consistently rank among the top 25 in the state for proficiency tests and ACT scores. The Village is also home to several respected private and parochial schools.
- **Services** – The Village is committed to responsive and effective government services including public safety, library, public works, community development, and parks. Menomonee Falls consistently ranks among the safest communities in the state and is home to the award winning Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital.

Village Park – A new plaza, great lawn, and amphitheater were constructed in 2020 (splash pad and inclusive play area to come in 2022) making Village Park a popular destination for community events and festivals



Some of the Many Reasons Why Menomonee Falls is a Great Place to Call Home

- Value** – The Milwaukee region is affordable when compared to adjacent major cities in the Midwest and Menomonee Falls is an affordable place to live within the region. A \$50,000 salary here goes as far as a \$55,377 salary in Madison, a \$54,757 salary in Minneapolis, or a \$63,030 salary in Chicago (nerdwallet.com). Costs for housing, property taxes, and transportation in the Village are relatively low compared to many neighboring communities.



Selected Cost of Living Indicators

	Median Home Value	Median Gross Property Taxes*	Mean Commute Time	Median Gross Rent
Village of Menomonee Falls	\$347,297	\$5,543	20.5 min	\$1,129
City of Brookfield	\$421,582	\$7,407	21.8 min	\$1,495
City of Franklin	\$356,483	\$7,864	25.1 min	\$1,095
Village of Germantown	\$375,532	\$6,823	21.4 min	\$1,061
City of New Berlin	\$371,330	\$5,756	23.3 min	\$1,265
Village of Sussex	\$412,617	\$6,540	24.2 min	\$1,012
Oak Creek	\$336,332	\$7,544	23.4 min	\$1,012
Waukesha County	\$381,440	NA	24.0 min	\$1,046

Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey, Wisconsin Public Policy Forum
 * Property tax estimates apply 2021 gross tax rates to April 2022 Zillow Home Value Index

- Vibrant Setting** – Menomonee Falls offers the perfect balance of energy and small-town feel. The Village’s downtown has dozens of places to eat, drink, shop and explore within a setting that includes historic architecture, the Mill Pond, waterfalls and the historic and naturally beautiful Lime Kiln Park. 2,500+ acres of public open space and over 30 miles of trails throughout the community provide beautiful spaces for passive and active recreation.
- Convenient Location** – Falls residents benefit from convenient access to everything the Milwaukee region has to offer with tens of thousands of jobs (over 33,000 are located within Menomonee Falls alone) nearby, major cultural and entertainment venues in Milwaukee less than a half hour away, and the beauty of Lake Country, the Kettle Moraine and Lake Michigan even closer.





Seasonal Reminders & Service Updates

Park Basics

Menomonee Falls maintains [16 public parks](#) which provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. Park users should abide by the following rules:

- Hours 6 am to a half hour after sunset, unless otherwise posted
- Dogs allowed in Menomonee Falls park system on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length. Owners are responsible for picking up after dogs
- No alcohol consumption without permit
- No alcohol in athletic field areas
- No littering, removal of vegetation, disorderly conduct, or amplified broadcast beyond 20 feet
- Fires permitted in grills only. Grills are provided in Rotary Park and Mill Pond Park only. Charcoal must be properly disposed of
- Tents may be erected only with the prior approval of the Village (and may require a permit)
- No moonwalks, bounce houses, inflatable structures, or slip & slides
- Power strips and extension cords are prohibited within picnic shelters

Park Shelter Reservations

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



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

Welcome New Village Residents!

Menomonee Falls is a growing community and is now home to over 39,000 people. Summer is moving season, and we know that hundreds of people move into the Village each year. Whether you own or rent we would like to help you become familiar with the local services, resources, and organizations that new residents most frequently ask about. Visit menomoneefalls.org/newresident for more information.



The Village's population has grown by approximately 300 people per year since the year 2000

Seasonal Reminders Continued...

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. Email questions to vote@menomonee-falls.org.



2022 Election Schedule

- 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)

Voter Registration & Absentee Drives

Voter registration drives have been increasing this year. While most organizations promoting voter registration are legitimate, they are not affiliated with the Village of Menomonee Falls. Be mindful that registration drives provide an area of opportunity for scammers since voter registration requires personal information such as your date of birth and driver's license. Never give personal information to anyone you don't know and trust.

How Can I Apply?

The safest means to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot includes the following:

1. Online at myvote.wi.gov
2. By mail
3. In-person at the Clerk Services Department
Open Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm
4. In-person at your assigned polling location on election day 7 am - 8 pm (voter registration only)

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



Falls Fest Plaza
at Village Park

Explore Village Parks & Trails

With the longer days and warmer temperatures, now 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.

Our hundreds of acres of parkland offer natural beauty, athletic facilities, picnic areas, and more. For a glimpse into Village history, stroll down Main Street, stop by the Mill Pond, visit the Garwin Mace Lime Kilns, or head north to Old Falls Village Park. Old Falls Village Park is accessible for pedestrians and bicycles via the Water Street Pedestrian Bridge. Visit [Old Falls Village.com](https://OldFallsVillage.com) to plan your visit.

For a complete inventory of public parks and trails in the Village see menomonee-falls.org/parks.



Bugline Trail



Centennial Plaza



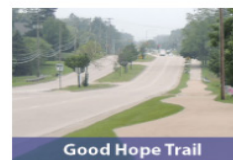
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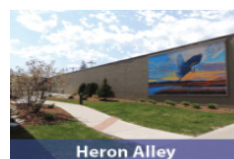
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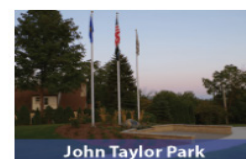
Fond du Lac Trail



Good Hope Trail



Heron Alley



John Taylor Park



Kiwanis Park

Summer 2022

Building Permits have been issued for this JAX Incorporated office and warehouse facility on Manhardt Drive

Construction & Development Projects

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Village Park Update

2022 is expected to be a busy year for Village Park as the space will double as a community event venue and major construction site. Work began on the Phase II improvements for the park this spring, and the new inclusive play/splash area, sport courts, and shelters are expected to be completed in October. Special events (some pictured below) kicked off in late May.



Falls Memorial Fest Car Show



Village Park Beer Garden Updates in May



Grading work for Village Park Phase II as seen in May

Other Public Projects

Street Reconstruction & Infrastructure

In 2022, the Village is reconstructing portions of Chippewa Drive and Jacobson Drive. Water mains are being replaced on Stonefield Road, St. Francis Drive, Laurel Lane, and Grand Avenue. The Village is also paving and sealing several roads, installing a new water booster station, and replacing the Lilly Road bridge.

For more information about ongoing and planned public projects, visit [menomonee-falls.org/ 1144/ Public-Projects](https://menomonee-falls.org/1144/Public-Projects)

Aero Park

This summer the Village is moving forward on the first phase of improvements for a new community park located on 80 acres of land east of Lannon Road and north of Lisbon Road in southwest Menomonee Falls. 2022 improvements include:

- Grading and site preparation
- Prairie/wetland restoration
- Trails and boardwalk segments

View the park plan at menomonee-falls.org/aeropark

Private Projects

(selected projects as planned or viewed in spring of 2022)

Building permits have been issued for a four story 103 room hotel to be constructed on the west side of Falls Parkway next to the existing Home 2 Suites hotel



The Village issued permits for 56 single family and duplex residential units in the first five months of 2022



Construction of the new Johnstone Supply facility on Manhardt Drive is nearly complete



Business Expansion Update

- The JAX Incorporated's 130,899 square foot building will provide space for 35 employees and complete the build out of the Manhardt Drive industrial development.
- Amato Hyundai is building a 27,055 square foot auto dealership and service building along the north side of Leon Road west of 124th Street (adjacent to the Aldi store)
- Construction is moving forward on an 82,000 square foot corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility for Tailored Label Products Inc. on Good Hope Road.
- Occupancy was issued for Milwaukee Tool's new Technology Center in May of 2022 for research and marketing operations.

Construction is proceeding on a 52,020 square foot addition for RJ Schinner Company



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

Tips for Keeping Local Waterways Clean in 2022

Courtesy of



RESPECT OUR WATERS



Volunteers at the 2022 Milwaukee Riverkeeper Spring Cleanup

Lawn Care

This growing season keep your lawn healthy and stormwater-friendly!

While lawns allow more rain to soak into the soil than pavement, they don't absorb as much water as the natural landscape. Fortunately, proper lawn maintenance can help increase its ability to capture rainwater while also reducing your need for herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers. This helps prevent flooding and runoff pollution.

Check out these Turf Tips and visit www.respectourwaters.org/residential-lawn-care to learn how to maintain a healthy lawn while also protecting the Village's watershed!

Rainwater Collection

Did you know that one inch of rainfall across all of Menomonee Falls equals roughly 570 million gallons of water? If you poured all that stormwater onto an NBA basketball court, it would take Milwaukee Bucks superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo standing on his own head 2,353 times to reach the surface!

Every little bit of that water that you can collect at home helps us to prevent stormwater pollution! Check out these Respect Our Waters Rain Recommendations for ideas! Learn more at www.respectourwaters.org/facts-at-home

Keeping Pollution out of Storm Drains

Storm drains in the Village of Menomonee Falls are along the gutters on your street disappears down the storm drains. Stenciling "No Waste-Drains To River" near the storm drains within Menomonee Falls is a great reminder that storm water often drains

directly to the rivers and waterways. Pollutants such as oil or paint illegally dumped into the storm drain can kill aquatic life and degrade our water system. For more information on storm stenciling, follow this link: menomonee-falls.org/stormstenciling



Consider planting trees to absorb stormwater, stabilize soils, reduce runoff, and protect water quality across the Village

The Subcontinental Divide

Did you know your neighborhood waterway is linked to either Lake Michigan or the Mississippi River? When it rains, precipitation that isn't absorbed by the soil flows into either the Menomonee River watershed or the Fox River watershed. The ridge of land that divides these watersheds is known as the **subcontinental divide**. Water that falls to the west of the divide ultimately joins the Mississippi River and flows into the Gulf of Mexico, and water that falls to the east of the divide makes its way to Lake Michigan and the St. Lawrence Seaway in Canada.



DISCOVER VILLAGE PARK

A Great Place to Gather



Capital Campaign for a 12,000+ Square Foot Inclusive Play Area

Campaign Overview

A second phase of new features is now under construction at Village Park! At the center of these improvements is a 12,000+ square foot inclusive play area. Accessible play structures for toddlers and big kids will promote positive and healthy outdoor activities for families of all ages and abilities.

The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls is leading the Discover Village Park fundraising campaign to raise \$1.15 million in donations to fund the inclusive play area.

The Optimist Club recognizes the accessible play area at Village Park as a once in a generation opportunity to support children and families in our community. Located next to the new amphitheater, this play area will be a destination for families—one of only a few like it in our state—and establish Village Park as a gem of our region.

Lead donors have already pledged over three quarters of the goal, and construction on the phase two improvements will proceed until fall of 2022.

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Learn more and contribute to the campaign at:
falloptimistclub.org/about-us/discover-village-park-campaign/

Scan the QR Code and make your gift today!

The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization

Invest in the future of the Village by donating to the park system's first all-children's play area!



Donor Recognition Opportunities:

- Plaza Shelter
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- Picnic Shelter
- Park Drive Name
- Imagination Play Area
- Plaza Circle Area
- Seating Areas
- Bicycle Corrals
- Benches
- Lamp Posts
- Play Hill

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CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

Fit in the Parks & Other Summer Programs

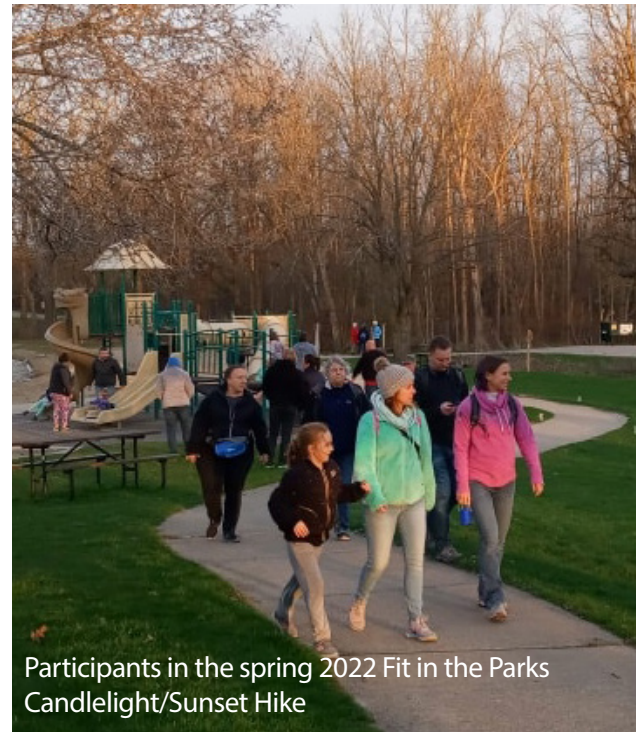
Community Education & Recreation (CE & Rec) staff have a great summer of programs and activities planned for youth and adults of all ages! Registration is ongoing and available online at www.fallsrec.org, or in person at the CE & Rec Office, which is located in the Menomonee Falls Community Center.

Fit in the Parks

On Friday, May 6th, over 270 community members enjoyed a self-guided walk around Menomonee



County Park to kick off the 2022 Fit in the Parks programming. Fit in the Parks is a health and wellness series brought to you by the Village of Menomonee Falls community partners. This summer there are 30+ programs planned to help you stay active, and explore the wonderful parks within Menomonee Falls. Programs are FREE, but registration is required. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows. [Register now or click here for more information](#)



Participants in the spring 2022 Fit in the Parks Candlelight/Sunset Hike

Cool Down This Summer at the North Middle School Pool

Family Open Swim is a designated time for families and friends to enjoy the pool. Life jackets, swim toys, and swim equipment is available. Summer hours are Monday – Saturday from 1 to 3 pm. Adult Lap Swim is designed for all kinds of aquatic fitness! Lap lanes are available for swimming and walking. The deep end of the pool is available for treading water and deep water jogging. A shallow area is also available for stretching and resistance training. Equipment is available upon request.

Summer hours are Monday – Thursday, Saturday from 8 to 9:30 am, and Monday and Wednesday from 4 – 6 pm. Watch for additional information regarding special events, including Swimapalooza (6/14-6/16) and Christmas in July (7/5-7/7). [Visit the CE & Rec Aquatics Page for more information](#)

A promotional graphic for 'Summer Open Swim'. It features four circular photos of children swimming. Text includes: 'Pay with cash or check at the pool!', 'Held at the North Middle School Pool', 'CE & Rec', and 'Summer Open Swim'. At the bottom, it lists prices: 'Child (3-17) \$3 • Adult 18+ \$4'.

More Community Ed & Recreation Programs & Updates

Senior Summer Bash

Join us for a fun time dancing or just listening to the music of Randy Walker. He will perform a mixture of summer favorites from the 50s and 60s. Light Snacks and refreshments may be served. FREE, but registration is required.

Tuesday, June 21st
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Community Center Gym

[Register Now](#)



Dance floor at the Senior Summer Bash

Community Playground Challenge

Get out and play! This family event will let you explore the numerous playgrounds around Menomonee Falls and challenge you to play at them all! You will be emailed a list of 12 playgrounds. During the month of July, check off each one you visited. Once you complete your sheet - email your family name and two pictures of your family enjoying those playgrounds to cerd@sdmfschools.org by August 5th.

Entries will be put in a drawing to win a basket filled with fabulous prizes from participating businesses. Winners will be announced on August 8. [Register for the Community Playground Challenge](#)

Get Creative - Join us for Chalk it Up

Celebrate National Recreation and Parks Month with our FREE Chalk it Up event. Participants will work individually or in small groups to create their own chalk masterpiece. Participants will receive a free one week swim pass to open swim at the North Middle School. Express your Picasso without spending any Monet!

Monday, July 11th
6 – 7 pm
North Middle School Sidewalk (Garfield Drive)
[Register Now](#)



Community Playground Challenge

July 1-31



GET OUT AND PLAY!

This family event will let you explore the numerous playgrounds around Menomonee Falls and challenge you to play at them all! Participate for a chance to win awesome prizes!



chalk it up!
July 11th, 6 PM

Menomonee Falls Downtown Event Season in Full Swing



Sunset Concert Series

After a very successful inaugural 2021 season, and despite challenging times, The Falls Sunset Concert Series is returning with an expanded [six concert date line-up](#) in 2022. The SCS prides itself on bringing in some of the area's best talent with something for everyone. All of the concerts are held on Thursdays and start promptly at 6 pm. Food and beverages are available for purchase at the park, so bring a blanket or your favorite chair and enjoy!

Beer Garden

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 Farmers 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.



Lavender Fest

Join us on Saturday, July 23rd for Falls Lavender Fest! The family-friendly event features 100+ vendors, live music, a fashion show, chainsaw carving, food trucks, and Community Corner. Kidzone is bigger than ever with a bounce house, face painting, and more! Stay for our evening concert featuring bluegrass music by Bourbon Aristocracy!

Art Walk

The streets of Menomonee Falls Downtown will be filled with musical, performance and visual artists on Friday, June 24th. Art activities, artists booths, mural tours and open galleries. Stop at our Downtown businesses to shop, dine and sip!





Farmers Markets: Why Same Time Same Place is Important

Why is the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market important to local food economies? Our market was established in 1993 and has seen much growth over the years, most significantly since moving to the spacious plaza in Village Park.

The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market is sponsored by the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation and is organized as a non-profit corporation to “support small, local farms by providing a viable, vibrant marketplace for them to sell their farm-fresh products directly to consumers and providing an event for residents that nourishes and fosters community.”

Did you realize that according to the Farmers Market Coalition, “Farmers markets are important for many reasons. Foremost, they are important because they are the critical component in rebuilding local food economies. By providing a cost-effective, retail sales opportunity for local food producers, farmers markets help make farming profitable. By making farming profitable, we preserve farmland and farmers and have encouraged a new generation to take-up farming.”

Farmers markets bring communities together around sustainably-grown vegetables, fruits, meats, cheese, honey and hemp products, in addition to providing an opportunity for local artisans and makers to showcase their treasures. Farmers’ markets are cost-effective for farmers/makers because they provide short periods of intense retail sales at a low, fixed cost. Unlike a retail store, farmers ask their customers to come at the same time which minimizes the retail labor cost for the vendors.

The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market season is open Through October 12th, the market will be open from 2 – 6 pm on Wednesdays at Village Park and will offer an opportunity for local musicians to entertain for tips.

The Sunday market is open July 10th through September 11th from 10 am – 1 pm. New Sunday vendors include Laurentide Farm & Co, Miltown Eats, Moleta Artisanal Sharpening, Embrace Shoelace Designs and Fiddlesticks Kettlecorn. Take a look at our vendor line-up for both markets at fallsfarmersmarket.org.

The market provides fresh, local, wholesome goods and services directly from our vendors to you. Our farmers bring a nice selection of fresh, locally grown vegetables, fruits, bedding plants, flowers, hemp products, eggs, and meats. Vendors also sell enticing bakery, cheese curds, canned goods, dip mixes, soaps, lotions, handmade jewelry, and art. Several vendors serve prepared foods and beverages, so there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Follow our Facebook page for updates and highlights at www.facebook.com/FallsFarmersMarket/ or take a look at our vendor line-up and other related information on our website fallsfarmersmarket.org

Library Corner

Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

June 13 - August 13

Summer Library Program: Oceans of Possibilities

Please join us at the Menomonee Falls Public Library this summer for reading challenges, events, and activities for all ages. The Library has something for everyone! We will use Beanstack to run our reading challenges. Beanstack is an online platform that allows you to log your minutes read, complete activities, and write reviews to earn digital badges, prizes, and tickets for prize drawings. Visit MenomoneeFallsLibrary.Beanstack.org or download the Beanstack Tracker app to your mobile device to get started! Paper reading logs will also be available. The program will run June 13th - August 13th. Preregistration opened on June 1st.

For children... Monday afternoon shows, Truck Day, craft programs, movies, scavenger hunts, book clubs, LEGO clubs, storytimes, and so much more! Check out [our website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to see a full listing of all events and activities the Library has planned for kids this summer.

For teens... Human Battleship, a manga workshop, taste testing, crafting, anime club...oh my! This summer is jam-packed with events for teens. Visit [our website](#) to register for these very fun teen programs.

For adults... Wisconsin lighthouses, Indian cooking, the history of Old Menomonee Falls, the legend of Death's Door, veterans programs, crafting, movies, book clubs, and more!

Healthful Indian Flavors with Alamelu

Join cooking show host and cookbook author Alamelu Vairavan for a tasty and educational experience! Through cooking demonstrations, she will inspire and motivate participants to prepare fresh, vibrant vegetable and rice dishes with flavor. Alamelu will be with us on Monday, June 6th at 11 am and on Monday, June 27th at 6 pm. Her presentation is made possible with grant funding from UW-Madison's Center for South Asian Studies. Please register in advance for this program.

Streets of Old Menomonee Falls (Part One)

On Tuesday, August 2, at 6:30 PM, local historian Jill Schmidt will take us back in time and up Appleton Avenue to learn about prominent Menomonee Falls families and businessmen such as William Hesk, George Neu, and Fredrick Nehs. Please register in advance for this program.

Truck Day!

On Friday, July 29th, from 10 am to noon, please join us in the Library parking lot to take a tour of different trucks and vehicles used by community workers in Menomonee Falls.

Jim Gill's Sing-a-thon of Celebrated Songs

Please join us at the Village Park Amphitheater on Monday, August 8th, at 6:30 pm, for this very special event. Get ready to sing, clap, dance and spin along during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill. Jim Gill's distinctive music play creates the spirit of a family room in the concert hall and is an invitation to children, parents and grandparents to sing and play together! This event is made possible by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.





Summer 2022 Events at Old Falls Village Park

Depot Beer Garden

Open every Saturday through October 8th from 3 pm – 9 pm

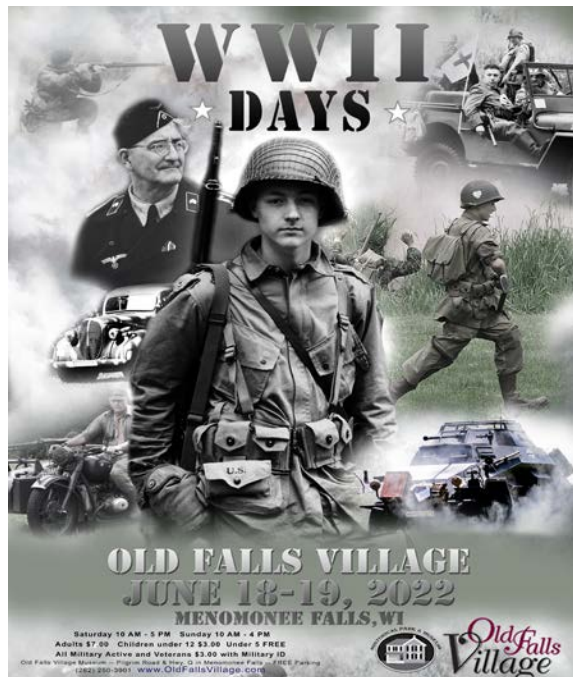
Live music, craft beers on tap, soft drinks, root beer floats, hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, pizza, large pretzels with cheese. Admission is FREE.

WWII Days and Warrior Ink Exhibit

Saturday, June 18th from 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday, June 19th from 10 am – 4 pm

We will have several new presentations and skits throughout the day. Don't miss the battle at 2 pm each day! We will have the traveling display of Warrior Ink panels that was a grant given to the Menomonee Falls Library. See the tattoos of several Wisconsin Veterans on display and read about their stories about their tattoos. Watch the parade of vehicles showcased at our event. Great event for the family!



Civil War Encampment

Join us for our 30th annual Civil War Encampment at Old Falls Village on July 16th & 17th, starting both days at 10 am. There will be infantry and artillery drills by Union and Confederate soldiers, a battle re-enactment, field hospital demonstrations, sutlers, book and gun displays, and children's games. President Lincoln will be there and will give the Gettysburg address post battle. Mrs. Lincoln will also be there and will be a speaker both days (portrayed by Jessica Michna). And, joining us, will be General Grant. Learn about Wisconsin's role in the Iron Brigade. Have a tin-type photograph taken in period clothing. The Regimental Volunteer Band of WI will be playing period music on Sunday with a sing along.

Food will be available and the beer garden will open at noon. Stay Saturday night at the beer garden when Rogues for Craythur will play Celtic/Irish music, provided by a few of our re-enactors.

SCI-FI Family Day

Join us for this year's first Sci-Fi Family day at Old Falls Village Historical Park with the Beer Garden starting at Noon. The Sci-fi events will begin at 2 pm and go to 6 pm. Great time for kids' games and activities. Don't forget to have dinner with the Tusken Raiders of Tatooine at 5 pm and see the fashion show at 3 pm.



Old Falls Village Park is located at the southwest corner of County Line Road and Pilgrim Road. Old Falls Village events are sponsored by Menomonee Falls Historical Society. Call 262-250-3901 for more information or visit our website at www.oldfallsvillage.com



Waukesha County Park System

Summer Event & Service Update

Beaches Open for 2022

Waukesha County Parks beach swimming season opened with Swim at Your Own Risk (SAYOR) hours in late May. There will be **NO lifeguard staffed hours** this season due to the labor shortage. Beaches are open at the following locations:

- Fox Brook Park
- Menomonee Park
- Minooka Park
- Mukwonago Park
- Muskego Park
- Naga-Waukee Park

[More Beach Information](#)

Raised Grain Pop-up Beer Gardens

It's beer garden season in the park!

- June 24th & 25th: Muskego Park
- July 1st & 2nd: Mukwonago Park
- July 8th & 9th: Retzer Nature Center

[See the Pop-up Beer Garden Schedule](#)

Discovery Trail Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting

Wed., June 22nd, 4:30 pm - Retzer Nature Center
Waukesha County invites residents and visitors to celebrate the completion of Phase II of the Discovery Trail Project at Retzer Nature Center during National Pollinator Week. Discover all the fun features along the trail and learn about local pollinators, too!

- 4:30 pm: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 5 – 6 pm: Pollinator Garden Planting & Information Stations
- 6:30-7:30 pm: "Bee-utiful Planting for Pollinators" Program with Jennifer Lazewski – [Register Online](#)

Summer Environmental Education Activity Guide

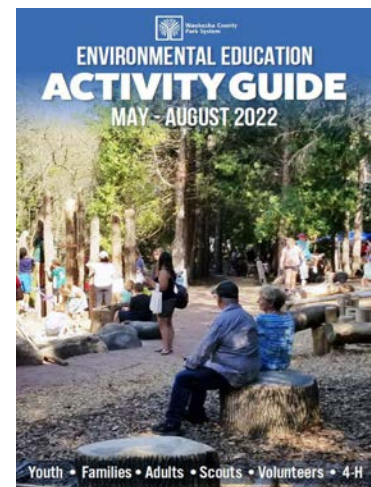
See all the great activities, events, and programs going on this summer in the newest edition of Waukesha County's online Environmental Education Activity Guide! There are fun choices for kids, adults, scout groups, 4-H groups, families, volunteers, and more.

[View the Summer Guide](#)

Menomonee Park Beach



Pop-up Beer Garden at Fox River Park in 2021



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/

THE CHAMBER

ADVOCATE | COLLABORATE | EDUCATE

of GREATER MENOMONEE FALLS & SUSSEX

Who We Are & What's New

The Chamber is a business membership organization dedicated to promoting economic growth through advocacy, collaboration, and education. In Fall 2021, the Sussex Area Chamber of Commerce and the Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce merged to form a new entity known as - The Chamber, Inc.

Our vision is to provide businesses and community organizations with resources such as leadership programming, ribbon cuttings, grant opportunities, networking and special events, and the general support necessary to positively grow and impact the community! We have a variety of events coming up this summer - check out all the details on our website:

www.gmfchamber.com

Upcoming Events Include:

Party in the Park - Food tasting, beer, music

- June 23rd: Sussex Village Park

Business After 5

- July 13th: Menomonee Falls Village Park Beer Garden

Business After 5

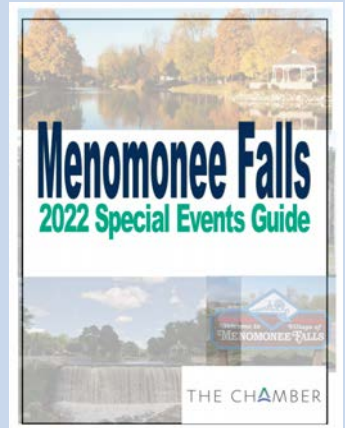
- August 4th: Menomonee Falls Village Park Beer Garden

Chamber Golf Outing

- August 16th: Ironwood Golf Course

Paint, Sip & Putt

- August 16th: Ironwood Golf Course Patio



[View The Chamber's 2022 Special Event Guide](#)

A Word from Menomonee Falls Fire Department



Fireworks Safety

Make this summer a safe one by leaving Independence Day fireworks celebrations to the professionals.

For 2018, the National Fire Protection Association reported that fireworks started 19,500 fires. 1,900 were structure fires, 500 were car fires, and 17,100 were outdoor fires, totaling 105 million dollars in damage. 9,100 injuries were attributed to fireworks and about half of those involved leg and arm/hands. 34 percent involved the eyes and/or head.

View a public service announcement from the NFPA at:

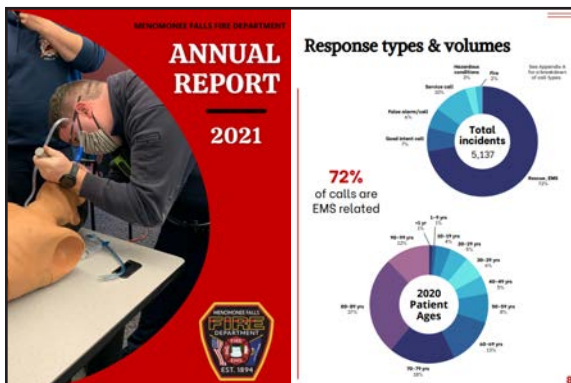
www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcFulEwbITA

Annual Report

Learn about the services that the Fire Department provided in 2021 by reading our [Annual Report](#).

The report includes incident response data and some great photos which illustrate the workings of the MFFD.

View the report at menomonee-falls.org/1276/Annual-Report



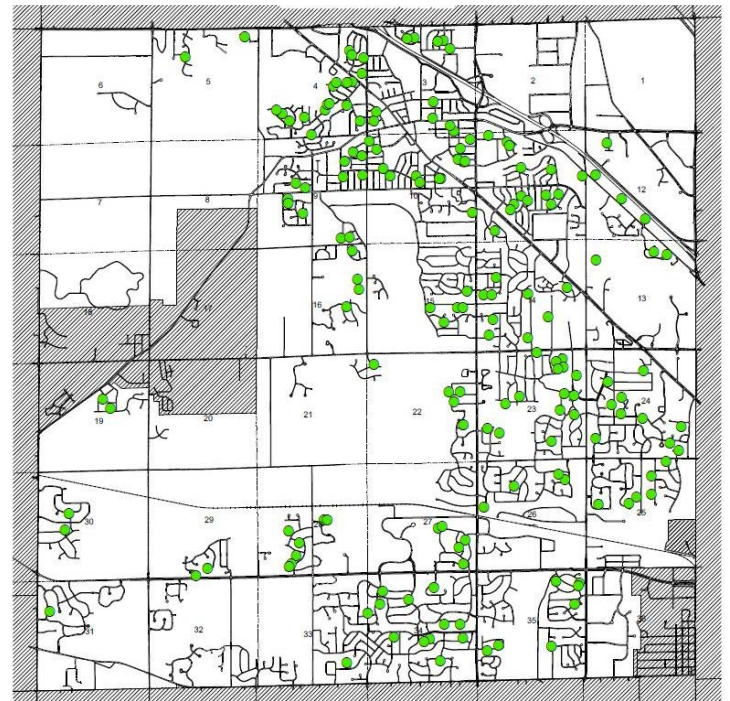


The Menomonee Falls Police Department and Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch (MFNW) have the common goal of keeping the Village a safe place to live, work and play. The two organizations have worked together since 1986 to educate the public on how they can keep themselves safe, how and when to notify the police of a problem, and to network with neighbor's to watch out for each other. In 2009, the MFNW was chosen by the National Neighborhood Watch, a Division of the National Sheriff's Association, for a Neighborhood Watch Award of Excellence. Since then, this effort has gained popularity and attracted interested communities as a model Neighborhood Watch program.

There are currently 175 Neighborhood Watch Groups in the Village. Each group has a captain and in some cases a co-captain. These volunteer captains serve as the leader of a small section of homes nearby. They (typically) establish a social media network with neighbors, share information about crime or suspicious circumstances occurring in the neighborhood or elsewhere in the Village, and encourage all to remain vigilant.

The time investment involves two hours every other month attending a MFNW Quarterly meeting (Jan, April, July, and Oct) in the Village Board Room. The group's business is conducted at these meetings, information is shared, and discussion is focused on creating safer neighborhoods. The captains work with our department to disseminate information out to the residents regarding crime trends and suspect information. There are guest speakers at these meetings including members of our own Police Department and many of our law enforcement partners in the community.

Neighborhood Watch Captains Map



Pictured above is a pin map showing our MFNW block watch captain neighborhood coverage





Neighborhood Watch Continued...

MFNW supports three fundraising events throughout the year: Spring (Fishing Derby), Summer (National Night Out), Fall (Downtown Trick or Treat). Monies raised are donated to community groups including the Menomonee Falls Police and Fire Departments for programs and equipment. A Winter fundraising event is being discussed currently with a possible ping pong and/or cribbage tournament in 2023. MFNW also participates and volunteers at our annual Police

Memorial and other MFPD events as well. We are appreciative of their ongoing efforts!

If you are interested in getting involved with Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch, please call Juvenile Officer Jay Weber at the Menomonee Falls Police Department at 262-532-8724, or email him at jweber@menomonee-falls.org



MENOMONEE FALLS BOOSTER CLUB

SILVER SPRING GOLF COURSE THE ISLAND

2022 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

www.facebook.com/MFHS.BoosterClub/

\$100 FOR 18 HOLES (1:00 PM)
-OR-
\$75 FOR 9 HOLES (3:00 PM)

19TH HOLE DINNER PARTY AT BOBBY'S (formerly Slim McGinn's) 6:30 PM

PRICE INCLUDES GOLF CART AND DINNER

SCAN to REGISTER or DONATE

SATURDAY
AUGUST
20TH

Or Visit <http://tinyurl.com/FallsGolf2022>

Out & About In the Falls

May flowers in bloom at Village Park

Revolutionary War Days re-enactors

The Current Summer 2022 18

Our Rich History of Parades

Story & photos courtesy of Menomonee Falls Parades
and the Village of Menomonee Falls



Menomonee Falls East High School
marching band circa 1980

Offering three parades a year for a community the size of Menomonee Falls is a rarity, yet Menomonee Falls has held a Memorial Day, a 4th of July, and Christmas Parade for many, many years. These parades have been supported by donations from community businesses and civic organizations and have been produced by volunteers. More than a procession of people, Menomonee Falls enjoys a tradition of celebrating our community and has plans to continuing the fun for years to come.

The Memorial Day Parade has been managed by Jim Schneider and the Knights of Columbus. Long- time resident Ray Etzel estimates that the KC's have been putting on the Memorial Day Parade for at least 45 years. How many of you remember the days when the parade traveled into the Neu's parking lot to connect with a carnival for all to enjoy?

Steve Fleming of the Optimist Club directs the 4th of July Parade. Back in the 1980s, a July 4th bike parade gathered children who decorated their two- or three-wheelers and processed down Appleton Avenue, weaving into Village Park where volunteers were hosting an all-day July 4th picnic with games and fun for all. The Independence Day Parade is now held on July 3rd and is followed by the fireworks display at the high school.



Fourth of July Parade, 1980s

Continued...

Our Rich History of Parades

Learn more about our parades at fallsparades.org

The Christmas Parade has been a tradition held on the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend for many years, welcoming Santa Claus into town through the darkness of the evening on an illuminated float. You may thank Larry Hebbring and his crew of dedicated volunteers for keeping this parade going strong.

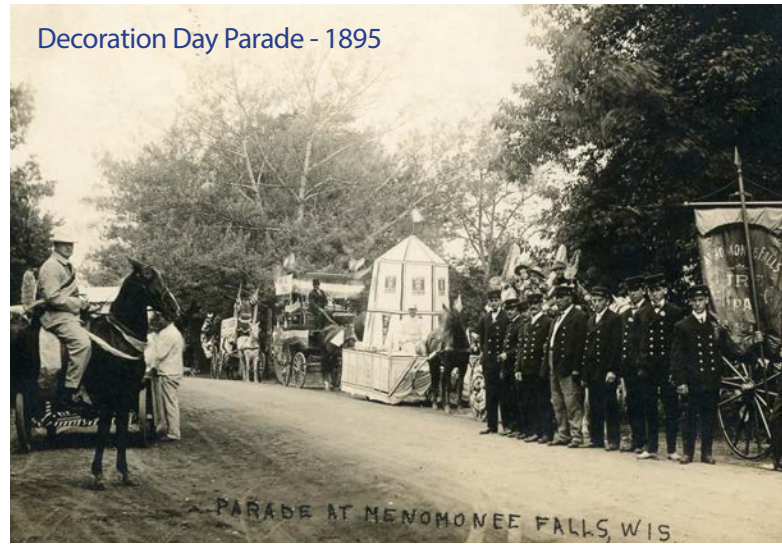
Jill Schmidt, local historian, shared the photo at right of the 1895 Decoration Day Parade in Menomonee Falls. Decoration Day became more commonly known as Memorial Day after World War II. Lined up are members of the MFFD in front of Frank Koehler's float (of the Koehler/Zahn House which is now Fiddleheads Coffee Roasters on Appleton at Garfield Drive). Frank had a farm implement business and the tall white structure was his float.

"As far as Decoration Day goes, years ago in the Village, there would be one cemetery picked, and all the school children would have to be in the parade and go to the cemetery and lay flowers on the graves of the vets. If they did not do this, they WOULD NOT be allowed to graduate to the next grade," remarked Jill.

If your organization is interested in marching in any of the parades in Menomonee Falls, the online parade application and details about the parades and how to get involved can be found at fallsparades.org or at facebook.com/MenomoneeFallsParades

March on, Menomonee Falls!

Decoration Day Parade - 1895



Fire trucks in a recent 4th of July Parade



Memorial Day Parade on Main Street passing in front of Held's Cafe in the 1930s





The Independence Day fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 3rd after the parade

Welcome to Menomonee Falls!

Menomonee Falls is a growing community and is now home to over 39,000 people. Whether you own or rent we would like to help you become familiar with the services, resources, and organizations that new residents most frequently ask about. Follow this link (and share with newcomers in your neighborhood) for information to help you settle in: menomonee-falls.org/newresident

Points of Pride

Wallethub.com ranks Menomonee Falls as one of the top 100 small cities in America for 2022

Elitepersonalfinance.com ranks Menomonee Falls as one the 3rd safest community in Wisconsin with greater than 30,000 residents

Weekly Events



Saturdays 3 pm to 9 pm
through October 8th

Volunteer Opportunities

ERAS Senior Network is looking for volunteers to assist seniors with yard clean up and lawn mowing during the summer months.

Specific requests include cleaning gutters, weeding flower beds, trimming bushes, raking leaves, and washing windows. Interested? Contact Shannon Fogle, Volunteer Coordinator, at (262) 522-2405 or

Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org



The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation is hosting the 2022 Farmers Market at Village Park on Wednesdays 2 pm to 6 pm through October 12th. See fallsfarmersmarket.org for details

Summer Calendar

SAT & SUN June 18 & 19 @ 10 am
World War II Days
Reenactments, skits, and presentations
Old Falls Village

THURSDAYS @ 6 pm [see schedule](#)
Sunset Concert Series
Live music, food, and drink
Village Park

FRIDAY June 24 @ 1 pm
Art Walk
Plein air artists, live music, artist booths
Throughout Downtown

SUNDAY JULY 3 @ 7 pm
Independence Day Parade & Fireworks
Appleton Avenue to Menomonee Falls
High School - Fireworks @ 9:30 pm

SATURDAY JULY 23
Lavender Fest
Vendors, food, and specialty items
Village Park & Centennial Plaza

SATURDAY August 3 @ 10 am
Wheeling and Heeling for Cancer
Ride, Walk, & Run in support of care for
patients @ Froedtert Men. Falls Hospital

SUNDAY AUGUST 28 @ 10 am
Art in the Park
Celebration of local artists & art
Village Park

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