

The Current

Fall 2022

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Menomonee
Falls

Custer Lane - Photo courtesy of Nancy Greifenhagen

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In Wisconsin, we have the privilege of experiencing four distinct seasons a year. With cool air, harvest time, football weekends, and spectacular colors, – no offense to the other seasons – fall is hard to beat! We also can't overlook the return to school for kids and families in need of some routine after a busy summer.

This edition of *The Current* celebrates the season and provides ideas for making the most of September through November in the Village. Thanks to our community partners, there are a lot of great programs and events to look forward to this fall! In addition, we've included Village service reminders, election information, project updates, community stories, and photos from across Menomonee Falls.

We are thankful for your interest in what is happening in our community and for your continued support in making Menomonee Falls a great place to call home. To learn more about the topics covered in *The Current* and for further information about all things Menomonee Falls, visit www.menomonee-falls.org or call us at 262-532-4200. Sign up for our [Newsletter Notify Me](#) to receive email links to all Village e-newsletters.

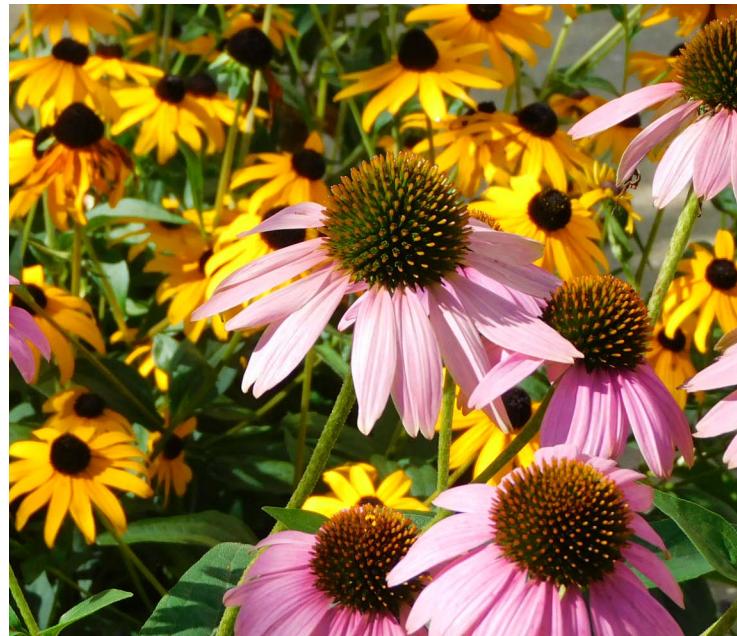


Fall in the Falls is Fantastic

See below for some fun ways to enjoy everything our community has to offer this autumn

- **Downtown** – Check out seasonal specials at downtown shops and restaurants, enjoy harvest décor, and come by for some Halloween fun! Mark your calendar for the Harvest Festival (October 10th), Downtown Trick or Treat (October 27th), and Small Business Saturday (November 26th).
- **Village Park** – Events this fall include concerts, farmers markets, beer gardens, and more! Save the date for Operation Rock the House - The 5 Card Studs (September 16th) and the final Farmers Market and Village Park beer garden of the year (October 12th). Stay tuned for the grand opening date for the Village Park Phase II project. For the latest photos visit the [Village Park project page](#)
- **Old Falls Village** – Stop by Old Falls Village Park this fall for the Car Show and 1950s Beer Garden (September 17th), the Octoberfest Beer Garden (October 8th), and Old Falls' Halloween Family Fun Nights (October 21st and 22nd).
- **Fall High School Sports** – Join us this season in cheering on our local student athletes! Fall sports at Menomonee Falls and Hamilton include football, soccer, golf, tennis, volleyball, swimming, and cross country.
- **Hiking & Biking** – Fall is the ideal time to see the changing foliage while taking a walk or going for a bicycle ride on trails in local parks and natural areas. Check out the Fit in the Parks Sunset Candlelight Hike on October 7th in Menomonee Park. [Register for this FREE event here](#)
- **Enjoy the Harvest** – Take a family outing to pick apples, pumpkins, gourds and more! Even if you don't make it to Basse's Taste of Country, you can find fall produce on roadside stands, in the grocery store, and at the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market.

Keep up with all the fall events happening across the community at menomonee-falls.org/calendar



Menomonee Park Beach





November 2022 Election Information

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.

General Election

- Tuesday, November 8th, 2022

Get ready for November by finding your polling location below. Visit myvote.wi.gov to find your voting ward.

For more election information follow these links!

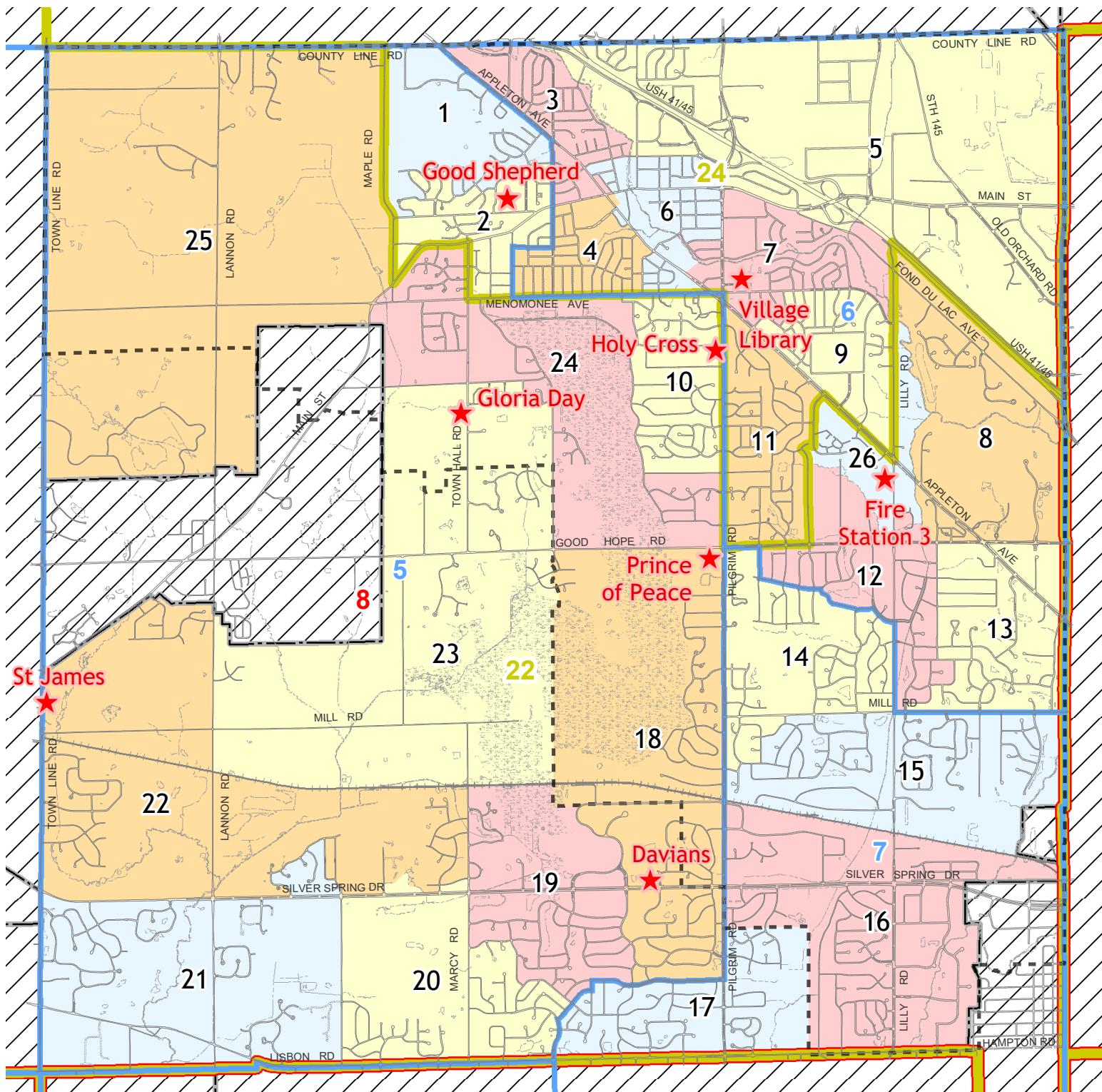
- Wisconsin Election Commission:
elections.wi.gov
- Menomonee Falls election and voting page:
menomonee-falls.org/1140/Elections-Voting

Polls are Open from 7 am to 8 pm

<u>Ward #</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Address</u>
1, 2, 3, 4 & 25	Good Shepherd Church	N88 W17658 Christman Road
5, 6 & 7	Menomonee Falls Public Library	W156 N8436 Pilgrim Road
8, 9 & 26	Fire Station #3	W140 N7501 Lilly Road
10, 11 & 12	Holy Cross Church	W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road
13 & 14	The Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace	W156 N7149 Pilgrim Road
15, 16, 17 & 18	Davian's Banquet and Conference Center	N56 W16300 Silver Spring Drive
19, 20, 21 & 22	St. James Catholic Church	W220 N5688 Town Line Road
23 & 24	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	W180 N7863 Town Hall Road

* See the map on page 4 for voting ward boundaries and polling places in Menomonee Falls.

Voting Ward & Polling Place Map



Reserve a Park Shelter or Athletic Facility

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



Above: Bellevue Boulevard in October, 2015

Leaf Disposal in the Falls

The easiest and most effective way to dispose of leaves in your yard is by **mulching them in place with your lawn mower**. We encourage residents to mow over leaves to chop them up into small pieces that easily pass through the grass to the soil below. Taking one or more passes over the leaves with your lawn mower is simpler and easier than raking leaves and the small leaf pieces will practically disappear into your lawn. In addition, leaves are rich in essential nutrients needed by plants and your yard will benefit by mowing (mulching) the leaves into your lawn.

The Department of Public Works conducts an annual leaf collection on **streets containing concrete curb and gutter storm sewer systems**. Leaf collection is provided by the Village as a proactive way to prevent leaves from collecting in and obstructing the storm water drainage systems causing potential flooding. Additionally, leaf collection prevents nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, from going into the stormwater sewer system and the local water bodies. If you wish to participate in this collection, leaves should be raked to the grass area adjacent to the street pavement so that Public Works crews can come through and collect them. **The deadline to place leaves out for collection is Sunday, November 20th.**

Any leaves placed curbside after Sunday, November 20th will not be collected, and it will be the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of them. This program is for leaves only; no other yard waste or debris will be collected. If your street does not have concrete curb and gutter, the Village will not collect leaves in your area. If your leaves are not collected and you would like to remove them from your property, you can utilize your Yard Waste Permit to dispose of leaves at the Waste Management Facility located at W124 N9355 Boundary Road in Menomonee Falls for no cost.

In a typical leaf collection season, the Public Works Department assigns four leaf collection crews. Some crews use rear loader garbage trucks outfitted with custom-built loading ramps to push leaves into the trucks for compaction and transport to the disposal site. One crew uses a trailer mounted leaf vacuum system. Trucks for leaf collection are in short supply this year, so it is likely that only one vehicle will be available this year versus three in most prior years. Our garbage truck leasing provider has notified the Public Works Department that due to supply chain shortages and unusual delays in receiving new garbage truck orders, they are unable to supply the Public Works Department with our normal order of three garbage trucks for our Fall leaf collection operation.

Leaf Disposal Continued...



We have been in contact with several other potential garbage truck suppliers for the past few months, however, there are no trucks available for lease by the Village. The Village was able to purchase one used truck this year, and that will be used as much as possible.

Prior to 2013, the Village collected leaves with front-end loaders and dump trucks. Since the Public Works Department is unable to rent garbage trucks for leaf collection this year, it will be necessary to return to collecting leaves with our front end loaders and dump trucks for 2022. This method of leaf collection is much less efficient, and as a result, we expect some delay in collection and fewer rounds of collection to be completed by the Public Works Department prior to the deadline for residents to place leaves in the street.

Leaf burning and yard waste fires are permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am – 6:30 pm. Yard waste fires must be at least 50 feet away from any structure, in a pile no larger than five feet in diameter and three feet in height, or in a metal container no larger than 55 gallons. Fires shall also be attended by a competent person of legal age with a garden hose connected to water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment. Outdoor fires will be prohibited when conditions such as high winds or drought make outdoor burning hazardous. For more information, please visit menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning

For more information about our Leaf Collection program, please visit menomonee-falls.org/870/Leaf-Collection or contact the Department of Public Works at 262-532-4700.

Bulk Item Drop Off

The Village of Menomonee Falls, in conjunction with Waste Management, will be conducting the Annual Bulk Item Drop-off Event on Saturday, October 1st from 8 am until 12 pm (noon). Bulk items are items that do not fit into your garbage cart or exceed four feet in length and/or 60 pounds in weight. This event will occur at the Waste Management Hauling Facility located at N96 W13073 County Line Road in Menomonee Falls. Residents can dispose of up to four bulk items at no cost during this event. If you wish to participate, please bring an ID or utility bill to show proof of residency. For more information and to determine which items are acceptable, please visit menomonee-falls.org/650/Bulk-Trash



Fall 2022

Construction & Development Projects

Village Park Phase II is expected to open in October 2022



Public Projects

Village Park Phase II

Noteworthy progress has been made on the inclusive play area, splash pad, sport courts, trails, and new parking area at Village Park. Work on the hard scape, play equipment, shade structures, picnic shelter and court facilities is now nearly complete! Landscape features, seating, and other site furnishings will be installed on the site prior to a planned opening this fall.

This project supports the vision of the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (COR) Plan, and the play area and splash pad 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.

Oakwood Park Pickleball & Tennis Courts

The courts at Oakwood Park were resurfaced in August and reconfigured with permanent nets and fencing to divide the pickleball courts. This project updated surfaces that were originally constructed in the 1990s. Two additional dedicated pickleball courts will be constructed as part of the Village Park Phase II project.

Lilly Road Bridge

Construction is nearly complete on a new bridge across the Menomonee River at Lilly Road. This bridge is replacing one that was built in 1937 with a wider structure which will include 12 foot travel lanes and accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians. The new bridge is expected to open before the end of September.

For more information about public projects, visit menomonee-falls.org/1144/Public-Projects

Kohl's Splash Pad as seen in August 2022



Oakwood Park Tennis & Pickleball facility



Lilly Road Bridge in early 2022



Private Projects

(selected projects as viewed in summer of 2022)

Tailored Label Products Corporate HQ and manufacturing facility located at Good Hope Road and Flint Drive



JAX Incorporated office and production facility



Riverwalk on the Falls II Apartments



Johnstone Supply HVAC distribution facility



The Village issued permits for 79 single family and duplex residential units in the first eight months of 2022



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

Biking the Falls

Bugline Trail

Menomonee Falls

Section

The backstory and basics about one of the Village's most loved trails

History

The Bugline Recreational Trail was built in 1983 on the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The railroad line was built in 1890 and carried 300 passengers a day to Menomonee Falls along with transporting freight such as sugar beets and stone. The ride on the railroad was described early on in its history as "just like a bug following a grapevine." Over time, the name was shortened to the Bugline Trail according to Village of Sussex historian, Fred Keller.

Eighty-eight years later, the last railroad run took place in 1978 and the transformation to a recreational trail began. The Train Depot, which was originally located on Water Street (where the Bugline Trail begins), was moved to Old Falls Village in 1980. The Bugline Recreational Trail is now an asphalt trail, after being improved from a gravel surface a few years ago. Enjoy biking and walking the trails of the Bugline through the countryside today just as our early area residents enjoyed the scenery riding the rails along its winding path to the Village of Merton and back.

Bugline Mileage 17 miles Total

Menomonee Falls.....	4 miles
Lannon.....	1 mile
Sussex	5 miles
Lisbon	2.5 miles
Merton to North Lake	4.5 miles

Trailheads and Extensions

- Near Costco on Water Street
- Near the Chamber of Commerce on Appleton Ave. and Shady Lane
- Village Bowl
- Menomonee Park trail extension
- Old Falls Village Park with water street bridge extension

Trail Details

Surface: Paved asphalt except for 230 feet of gravel between Shady Lane and Appleton Avenue

Fees: FREE to ride – Menomonee County Park requires a daily or annual sticker for vehicle access

For more information see
[Wauk. County Bugline Trail Map](#)
[Milwaukee County Bike Map](#)
[Old Falls Village 13 Mile Route](#)
[Old Falls Village 30 Mile Route](#)



Cornerstone of the former Fire
Station No. 1 / Village Hall
(now Hot House Tavern)

Downtown Events & Programs Fall 2022

Fall is the perfect time to come downtown and support our local business community. Shops and restaurants come alive with pumpkin spiced everything and beautiful harvest décor. Special events continue at Village Park through September and the Farmers Market and the Beer Garden continue through October 12th. We are also hosting our annual Trick or Treat on October 27th and a host of Christmas in the Falls events to bring the holiday cheer. Read on for details!

Falls Family Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night – presented by Elm Grove Travel on Friday, September 9th at Village Park. Come early for the “Previews” – Food, Music and Beer Garden will open at 6 pm. The FREE movie will start at 8 pm – “Finding Nemo”. This event was coordinated in partnership with the Community Education & Recreation Department.

Operation Rock the House Concert

Operation Finally Home is proud to present a FREE concert featuring the 5 Card Studs to celebrate the builders, sponsors, and supporters that allow us to honor our military heroes and first responders with homes and home modifications in Wisconsin. Donations welcome! Concert starts at 5 pm on September 16th in Village Park.

Ladies Night - Around the World!

Grab your girlfriends and join us for Ladies Night – Around the World on Thursday, September 22nd from 4 pm - 8pm. Dozens of businesses are participating with product and service specials. Stop by Centennial Plaza for flyers and raffle tickets... grand prize is a weekend getaway!

Harvest Festival

Save the date! Harvest Fest 2022 will be held in Mill Pond Park Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am -5 pm. There will be a number of family friendly activities from pumpkin painting, wagon rides, pet costume contest and much more! Join us in celebrating fall season in the Falls!



Christmas in the Falls

Small Business SATURDAY

** Event Formerly known as Christmas Market

November 26th

Celebrate our downtown small businesses as we pull out all the stops. Shop local and enjoy Christmas fun Downtown!

- Visit with Santa at the Henrizi Schneider Legion Post
- Entertainment at Centennial Plaza
- Wagon Rides
- Carolers
- Tree Lighting Ceremony

St. Nick SATURDAY

December 3rd

Everything stocking stuffers will be waiting for you at our downtown shops. Make sure to bring your COOKIE CRAWL box that you purchased at Small Business Saturday. Participating stores will be handing out Christmas cookies to put into your box.



December 10th

Everything German and Christmas awaits you on the corner of Main and Appleton.



- Indoor & Outdoor Vendors
- German Food and Music
- German Dancing
- Photos in Santa's Workshop
- Carriage Rides
- Beer Stein Lift Contest
- **Gluhwein!**

Holiday Helpers SATURDAY

December 17th

The Downtown will be ready to help with those last minute gifts. Special elf helpers will be at the doors to greet you at participating businesses. There will also be FREE wrapping at the Henrizi Schneider Legion Post. Just bring in your receipt from the purchases made downtown with the day's date.



Menomoneefallsdowntown.com
@menomoneefallsdowntown

CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

Fall 2022 Program Update

Fall is right around the corner and registration for CE & Rec programs is underway. With over 20 new programs, and all the traditional favorites, there is something for everyone! For more information, or to register, visit fallsrec.org

We're Hiring

Like many businesses throughout the area and across the country, staffing in certain program areas continues to be challenging. As a result, we have had to close registration and start waiting lists for some programs including swim lessons and Kids INC. We will continue to hire and open additional spaces, when possible. Visit WECAN to see what positions are available in Community Recreation, or contact the CE & Rec office for more information at (262) 255-8460.

FREE Programs offered in Partnership with the Menomonee Falls Fire Department

Firefighters and You

See where Menomonee Falls Firefighters work, what they wear and what they drive. Firefighters have to eat too! What do they eat and where do they eat it? Where do firefighters sleep? See your Menomonee Falls Firefighters "home" while on shift. This program is for children ages 3-5 with an adult. Classes are currently full – watch for additional class offerings.

Campus / Dorm Safety

Come one come all! Future college students and your parent, Campus/Dorm Safety Night applies to you. Aimed at making college students (and parents) aware of dangers and/or hazards you may encounter when living on your own for the first time. [Register today!](#)

Heartsaver CPR & AED

This three hour course will teach lifesaving skills taught by American Heart Association instructors who are also members of the MFFD. [Register today!](#)

Senior Adult Home Safety

This two hour class taught by a member of the MFFD will assist the senior adult with home safety tips. Topics include learning how to use a fire extinguisher, cooking and kitchen safety, bathroom safety, smoke and CO detectors, fall prevention, and the importance of a Life File. [Register today!](#)

Other Great Fall Programs

Traveling Made Easy

Menomonee Falls CE & Rec partners with Collette to provide travel opportunities for adults. Come to a special travel presentation on Thursday, September 29th at 5:30 pm, located at the Menomonee Falls Community Center. Learn more about what's available in 2023 and 2024. Travel packages include trips to Boston, South Dakota, and Ireland.

Sunset/Candlelight Hike

Join us on October 7th from 6 – 8 pm for a self-guided walk around Menomonee Park, a perfect end to our FIT in the Parks programs for the season. Candles will be available to light the way after dusk, or come early and enjoy the park's natural beauty at sunset. Free admission to the park for all participants. [Register today!](#)



Menomonee Park at sunset, fall 2021

CE & Rec Programs Continued...

The Search for the Great Pumpkin

Join in the Menomonee Falls "Great Pumpkin Hunt"! Participants will be emailed a list of all Menomonee Falls parks that will display a laminated pumpkin with a number on it somewhere in the park. These pumpkins will be displayed from October 10 - 24. Collect all the numbers and add them together to get a grand total. Email your total and family name to cerd@sdmfschools.org by October 26th. All correct answers will be put in a drawing to win one of five prize baskets provided by Grace Commons.

[**Register today!**](#)



Annual Veterans' Salute

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



Parent's Holiday Drop & Shop

Would you like someone to take care of your children while you spend time holiday shopping and running errands? The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls, in partnership with the CE & Rec Department, is hosting its 12th Annual Holiday Drop & Shop on Saturday, December 3rd, from 10 am – 2 pm. Children will enjoy arts and crafts, movies, story time, pictures with Santa, lunch and more. Free, but registration is required. [**Register today!**](#)



Senior Enrichment Fair

Grab a friend and register for the 13th Annual Senior Enrichment Fair on October 21st! Enjoy demonstrations, vendors, informational classes, lunch, door prizes and musical entertainment. Informational classes include Vaccines for the Elderly, Keeping the Brain Vibrant, Safety, Health Risks of Social Isolation, Basics of Medicare, and Advance Directives! The fee is only \$10. [**Register today!**](#)

Winter Activity Guide – Save the Dates

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

- Resident registration begins at 9 pm on Sunday, December 11th
- Non-resident registration begins at 9 pm on Thursday, December 15th

Library Corner

Program Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



Children's and Family Programs

Looking for story time? The Library is the place to go! Visit MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/events for a complete listing of our story time offerings for ages 0 and up.

Family Fort Night

Saturday, October 8th 4:30 – 6 pm – Community Room

Gather your flashlights and fort-making supplies, and join us for an evening of stories, snacks, and fort-building! Registration is required. (40 seats)

How to Register: Library website, or call the Children's Desk at (262) 532-8916 (registration opens Saturday, September 10th and closes Friday, October 7th)



Family Improv Night

Thursday, October 13th 6 pm – Community Room

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of guided theatre games and activities! We will work in small groups and as a large group to play games, build scenes, and enjoy being silly. No theatre experience is necessary. This program is best suited for kids ages 5-12, caregivers are welcome and invited to participate.

Creative Kids

Friday, October 21st & Friday, November 4th

10 – 11:30 am – Children's Program Room

No school today? Stop by the Library and get creative! Each session we'll have a different craft, project, or challenge for you to complete. Check the website calendar closer to each date to see that session's activity.



Ozbot Racing

Wednesday, November 16th – Children's Program Room

Explore, create, and innovate! Discover an amazing new topic every month through hands-on projects and challenges. Registration is required.

How to Register: Library website, or call the Children's Desk at (262) 532-8916

STEAM Club

Wednesday, September 21st – Color Lab!

Wednesday, October 19th – Rock-tober!

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

Tween & Teen Library Programs

Do you have a tween (ages 10-12) in your life? The Library has oodles of programming just for them. Join us at the Library the second Tuesday of each month to game, craft, and hang out with friends.

Does your tween love Minecraft? Join us on September 27th, October 25th, and November 29th from 6 – 7 pm to mine, explore, and build with other fans. Registration is required. Visit MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org/events to register.

Teen Animation Workshop

Thursday, September 29th 7 – 8:30 pm

Learn the history of animation, how animation works, different tools that are available to get started, and some basic animation skills from the Library's own Maggie Davis!

How to Register: Library's Website or call the Adult/Teen Desk at (262) 532-8920

Teen Fright Night

Friday, October 21st 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

This spooky season, it's the return of the Library Lock-In! Join us for an after-hours party with hide-and-seek in the dark, caramel apples, Ultimate Werewolf, and more! Registration by permission slip required.

How to Register: Permission form required, available at Reference Desks and online in late September.

Adult Library Programs

Connect to Care, Engage in Health for Open Enrollment 2023

Wednesday, October 19th 6:30 pm - Community Room
Open enrollment for 2023 Marketplace health insurance starts November 1st. Join representatives from Covering Wisconsin and learn how to navigate the health insurance process. Covering Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization that helps people in Wisconsin find and use health insurance. Their Health Insurance Navigators provide free help at any time. Contact a Navigator in the Milwaukee area by calling 414-400-9489 or schedule online.

How to Register: Library Website or call the Adult Desk at (262) 532-8920



Wisconsin's Most Haunted Locations with Chad Lewis

Thursday, October 27th 6:30 pm - Community Room

Join author, lecturer, and researcher Chad Lewis for a spooky night at the Library. This presentation takes the audience on a ghostly journey to some of the most haunted places in the state. It covers the entire state, from wandering ghosts in the North Woods, to a haunted B&B in Milwaukee. From phantom creatures prowling the woods to graveyard apparitions located in your own backyard, no place in WI is without its own hauntings. Open to teens and adults. This program was generously made possible by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

How to Register: Library website or call the Adult Desk at (262) 532-8920

Old Falls Village Fall Event Guide



The Old Falls Village Caboose
painted in Chicago & NW livery

Depot Beer Garden

Open every Saturday now through October 8th. Check oldfallsvillage.com for a schedule of entertainment and food. Beer choices change often. Family and dog friendly event. FREE to attend.

Wine Tasting

Saturday, September 10th from 1 - 3 pm

Exclusive five wines and food pairing event. \$40 per ticket to reserve your spot. Must be 21 years old to attend. Show ID at the door. See www.artloungewi.com/event-details/wine-food-tasting-at-old-falls-village-beer-garden-2 for more information.

Classic Car Show and Beer Garden

Saturday, September 17th from 10 am - 2 pm

\$10 entry fee for all vintage cars. Spectators are FREE. Contest for Best Car in the show. Door Prizes. Beer Garden Noon til 8 pm.

Oktoberfest Beer Garden

October 8th from 12 pm - 9 pm. Half-Off Beer

Halloween Family Fun Nights

October 21st and 22nd from 6 pm - 9 pm

A great non-scary event for younger children with a passport to go trick or treating at the historical houses, make smores over a campfire, take home a pumpkin, drum on drums, and have a fun evening while dressing up in their Halloween Costumes. Pick up your passport at the west entrance to the park.

Silver Tea and Christmas Cookie & Bake Sale

Sunday December 4th from 12 pm to 4 pm. Have Tea and cookies in the Historic Miller-Davidson House, purchase cookies to take home in the Public House, and see Santa Claus.

Rent the Park

For rental opportunities at Old Falls Village, visit www.OldFallsVillage.com, call (262) 250-3901, or view our brochure with descriptions of all the areas that are available to rent.



The historic Miller-Davidson house



Old Falls Village Continued...

About the Menomonee Falls Historical Society

The Historical Society is entering its 56th year, obtaining their Charter from the Wisconsin State Historical Society in 1966. Since then, the grounds have changed greatly from a farm and orchard to a bustling park. The original buildings that were included in the Miller-Davidson estate was the Main House which was considered as a summer home and the Barn and Caretakers building. Throughout the years, several additional historical buildings have been added. Most recently were the Sparrow Cabin and the Steichen House. The Carriage House is being transformed into a Fire House, and it was recently adorned with a beer garden mural (visible from Pilgrim Road). The Fire House is now home to our two antique Menomonee Falls Fire Engines. One has been renovated, and the second one is under renovation.

The Historical Society has made several improvements in the last few years including a stage on the south side of the Depot, the Reis Pavilion, The Depot Beer Garden Pavilion and the creation of the Depot Grill Concessions. The Depot is currently being renovated to look like an original train depot with a ticket booth and bench seating. The grounds are available to be rented all year and you will find a beer garden operating every Saturday from May to October with food, beverages, beer and entertainment.

In addition to physical improvements to the park, the programming has increased significantly offering so many more opportunities to enjoy the park. This year we created three new events as well as mini events for each weekend beer garden. Check out the schedule for all the details at oldfallsvillage.com/events/

All these great activities and improvements at the park are made possible through the dedicated volunteers, members, and board members of the Historical Society. To become a member, visit oldfallsvillage.com/get-involved/ to find the membership form. To become a volunteer, just call our office at 262-250-3901 or email us at mfhistory@yahoo.com.



Carriage House / Fire House



Depot Beer Garden Pavilion

A Legacy of Preservation & Innovation

Old Falls Village Historical Park is one of the hidden gems of Menomonee Falls. This park preserves the Village's past and invites the community to gather and celebrate the present. Ongoing improvements are transforming the park into a community destination. Come on out and see all that is NEW. The second mural has been painted on the Carriage House depicting a beer garden scene that is facing Pilgrim Road. The artist is Stacie Estrada of the Art Lounge in downtown Menomonee Falls.

What Else is New?

Check out our new Depot Beer Garden Bar Pavilion. Next to the pavilion we have a new gravel path that connects the bar to the sitting pavilion. It is even easier now to get a beer and grab a hamburger from the Depot Grill. There is also a planned asphalt path that will be installed from the railroad crossing to the pavilion completing an improvement phase to the beer garden this year.

Farmers Market Fall Update

Village Park has hosted a great variety of events for the community this summer, and the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market continues to be a popular destination. The Sunday Farmers Market will continue through September 11th, with the Wednesday market continuing weekly through October 12th from 2 pm until 6 pm.

Our farmers are bringing all your late summer favorites, such as sweet corn, tomatoes, squash and melon. Expect to see a few new pop-in vendors over the next few weeks: The Sensory Spa Collection, Flip's Mini Donuts, Finnis Finest and Mind & Neurology.

The Farmers Market organization and vendors are appreciative of your support and patronage. Customer Appreciation Day will be celebrated on September 21st and offer giveaways, vendor specials and prize drawings from vendors.

For more about the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market and to view a list of vendors, visit www.fallsfarmersmarket.org. Vendor applications for the 2023 season will be accepted starting in November.

Wednesday
Farmers Market
Open through October 12th



A Community Affair Arts and Crafts Show

The Community League's 39th "A Community Affair", an arts, crafts, and antique show with over 80 indoor exhibits, will be held Saturday, October 15th at Menomonee Falls High School, N80 W14350 Titan Dr. The event will run from 9 am to 3 pm. The fair will include basket raffles, a cafe, and a bake sale. Admission is \$4. All proceeds will go to charity. Stroller and handicap accessible. A parking lot shuttle bus will be available from 9 am - 2 pm. For more information, call 414-581-0352, email cleague@communityleague.com, or visit www.communityleague.com/





Waukesha County Park System

Fall Event & Service Update



Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Apple Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 17th 9 am - 4 pm

Retzer Nature Center \$10/carload, cash only

Come enjoy Waukesha's favorite family-friendly autumn celebration!

Featuring:

- The Apple Market
- Delafield Brewhaus Beer Garden
- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Scarecrow Lane
- Children's Activities in The Pines
- The Friend's Silent Auction
- Waukesha Reads Book Giveaway
- Self-Guided Story Hike
- Self-Guided Oak Hike
- Sweet Treats
- Planetarium Shows
- Live Music by JC Ayer

waukeshacounty.gov/appleharvestfestival



Scarecrow Lane self-guided hike at Retzer Nature Center

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Scarecrow Lane

September 15th - October 31th Open Daily

Head to Retzer Nature Center for a FREE self-guided walk along the Blue Trail to enjoy the unique scarecrow displays and changing colors of autumn.

waukeshacounty.gov/scarecrow



Menomonee Park Swimming Beach

Closes for the season on Monday, September 26th

waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/swimming/

Menomonee Park Campgrounds

Closes for the season on Monday, October 31st

waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/camping/

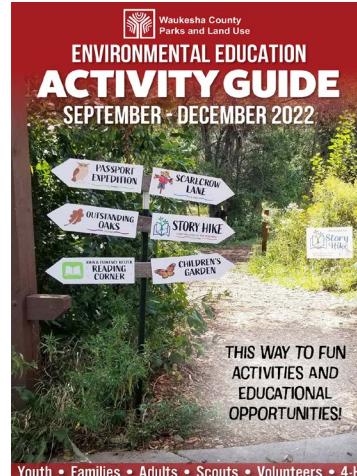
New Environmental Education Activity Guide is Out

September – December 2022

Check out the newest edition of Waukesha County's online Environmental Education Activity Guide!

Featuring programs, special events, and activities for kids, adults, scouts, 4-H, families, and volunteers.

waukeshacounty.gov/publicactivityguide



Learn more about everything that the Waukesha County Park system has to offer this fall by checking out waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/ or by visiting the Waukesha County Parks [Facebook page](#).

MFPD and Schools: A Collaboration in Safety

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

With the start of the new school year, the Menomonee Falls Police Department (MFPD) will again partner with the Menomonee Falls School District, Hamilton School District and many private and parochial schools in the Village to do everything possible to keep students safe.

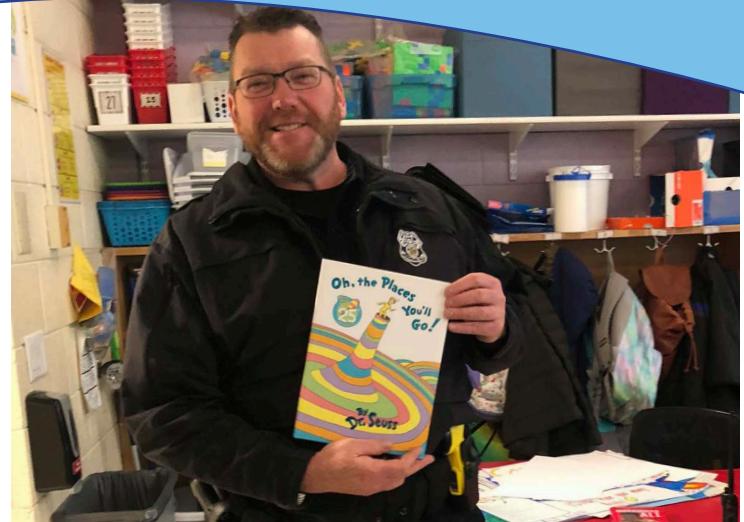
School Resource Officer Program

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program has been in existence for over 30 years and dedicates a specially trained officer daily to the Menomonee Falls High School and North Middle School, as well as the ability of those officers to respond to any need at an elementary school. SROs provide a security presence during the school day and at extracurricular events on school property, and investigate any reports of law violations on campus. SROs act as a resource for school administrators. They also teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) to fifth grade students in SDMF schools and participating private schools.

The department maintains a close relationship with the Hamilton School District and the Waukesha County Sheriff Department (WCSD) which makes an SRO available to those schools located in Menomonee Falls. The communication between school administrators, WCSD and the MFPD promotes the security of Hamilton students.

Rescue Task Force

While hoping that the tragedy of a school shooting never occurs in our Village, the MFPD and Menomonee Falls Fire Department (MFFD) jointly train its members in Rescue Task Force deployments. This concept of responding to an on-going threat allows officers and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel to enter a facility not yet secured (referred to as a "warm zone") to begin emergency medical treatment of those injured. Police officers provide security and EMS provides triage and immediate medical care. Together, the injured are quickly removed from the scene to be taken to a medical facility. While hopeful that we never have to use it, we plan for the worst.



School Bus Safety

School bus violations are taken very seriously by members of the Department. Such a violation is immediately addressed, usually by an officer with a higher level of training in traffic matters, and the alleged violator is contacted. If there is credible information that a violation occurred, a traffic citation is issued. In some cases, state law allows for a citation to be issued to the registered owner if the operator cannot be identified. The department works closely with several bus companies that operate in the Village.

MFPD/School Collaboration Continued...

School Crossing Guards

The Menomonee Falls Police Department recently assumed oversight of school crossing guards after many years of reliance on a contract service. The department coordinates the assignment of guards to strategic locations to assist children walking to or from school. These dedicated people are on their posts whenever school is in session and regardless of the weather. When the contracted company ceased operations unexpectedly last year, many guards still reported for duty without promise of pay. The department was happy to take those people on as employees. In the event a guard is unable to perform their job, a Police Officer or Police Aid is assigned.

Students and school campuses are at the forefront of the department's safety planning. Members of the department look forward to joining with school officials and other protective agencies across the village to see that the 2022-2023 school year is as safe as it can be for students and faculty.



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

A Word from Menomonee Falls Fire Department



Grilling Safety

The summer is winding down but this is Wisconsin and we are still grilling things! It is time to give your grill some attention to prevent problems.

Make sure the seasonal growth hasn't gotten too close to your grill. Avoid a fire or damage to the plants and grill by keeping the area clear of foliage.

If you haven't cleaned out your grill NOW is the time to do it. A dirty grill is an invitation for a problem!

Other grilling safety tips from the NFPA can be found at: www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Grilling

2022 OPEN HOUSES *Free!*

Station 1 N84 W18989 Menomonee Ave
Aug. 20 9 a.m. - noon

Station 5 N56 W19350 Silver Spring Dr
Sept. 10 9 a.m. - noon

Station 3 W140 N7501 Lilly Rd
Oct. 8 9 a.m. - noon

2022 MFFD Open Houses

Learn about the Menomonee Falls Fire Department by attending the Station #5 Open House on Saturday, September 10th or the Station #3 Open House on Saturday, October 8th.

You'll be able to tour the stations, meet first responders, view important safety demonstrations, and check out the Survive Alive trailer. Both events run from 9 am to 12 pm.

2022 National Night Out Recap & Appreciation

Event Held at Village Park
for First Time in August

On August 2nd, 2022 the Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch (MFNW) hosted the annual National Night Out. Traditionally, this event involves several large block parties in our community and a caravan of police and fire vehicles traveling to the different locations to share the plentiful food and enjoyable conversations with our citizens.

This year MFNW made a change to try something different and hosted National Night Out at Village Park. Many volunteer hours were put in for planning and running this event. The Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch, Menomonee Falls Police and Fire Departments, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department members, Downtown Business Improvement District, and Chamber of Commerce members were all in attendance.

There were special events throughout the evening including a police K9 demonstration, Waukesha Sheriff's Tactical Vehicle display, live music, fresh food and beverages, face painting, and bouncy houses for the children. The Fire Department's shower run was probably the most popular attraction due to the warm weather that night.

Most important, from our perspective, was the opportunity to get to know the citizens we serve and to emphasize our partnership with the community to create a safer environment. This event allowed MFPD officers to interact with the public in an informal environment and really show who we are as people. We will never pass up a chance to spend time talking with residents about common concerns and getting to know each other.

We thank Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch and all the citizens that came to talk with us. Hope to see you next year!





October 19 & 20, 2022

Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center



The mission of the Manufacturing and Trade Career Expo is to assist in the development of a future workforce by raising student and parent awareness of the businesses and career opportunities in the local manufacturing and trade industries and the educational pathways.

Hosted at Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center, this event will bring together local manufacturers, high school, and middle school students, as well as educators and parents, to raise awareness of the career opportunities available in the manufacturing industry. This year we are excited to add the trades to our Expo! With the addition of this new group of businesses, we decided to use this as an opportunity to update our logo to reflect the Expo going forward.

Since the Expo's beginning in 2009, we have welcomed over 6,500 students, educators and parents to the Expo. In coordination with the Menomonee Falls, Hamilton, and Germantown School Districts, as well as several area technical colleges, we anticipate participation by over 900 students this year. Invitations to attend have been sent to every school district in Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, and Milwaukee Counties, plus several local home school organizations.

To date, over \$60,000 has been raised for scholarships through this event as a portion of the proceeds from the MTCE are dedicated to funding education scholarships. These funds, along with corporate MTCE scholarship contributions, are distributed to graduating seniors from each of the chamber partnership school districts.



The Manufacturing and Trade Career Expo is produced in partnership by:

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of GREATER MENOMONEE FALLS & SUSSEX



For more information about the Expo contact the Chamber office at 262-251-2430 or email associateddirector@gmfschamber.com

Out and About in Menomonee Falls Downtown



2022 has been an exciting year for events and programs in downtown. Markets, concerts, festivals, and business promotions have energized Downtown like never before. With the Phase II improvements at Village Park nearly complete, the future looks bright for the heart of the Village!

- 1 A new mural by Emma Daisy Gertel at Fiddleheads Coffee
- 2 Welcome to Menomonee Falls mural on Main Street
- 3 Farmers Market patrons supporting a local grower
- 4 Visitors to one of the many 2022 Farmers Market vendors
- 5 Aerial Photo of Village Park Phase II in September



An October sunflower near the Four Corners

Opportunities to Give Back

ERAS Senior Network is looking for volunteers to place calls to local seniors and adults with disabilities on a weekly basis to help combat the feelings of loneliness. Currently, hundreds of seniors are on our waiting list to receive a weekly friendly phone call. Interested? Contact our volunteer office at (262) 549-3348 or ErasVolunteer@Eras.org

Menomonee Falls Collective Impact partnership has compiled a list of volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center, in the School District of Menomonee Falls, and at Froedtert's Community Outreach Health Clinic. The Collective Impact webpage also provides a platform to submit additional community volunteer opportunities. Learn more by clicking the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab at fallsschools.org/ourstory/collective-impact

Weekly Events



Saturdays 3 pm to 9 pm
through October 8th

Points of Pride

Niche.com ranks Menomonee Falls in the top 7% on its places in America with the Best Public Schools list.

The latest estimates from the US Census indicate that the nearly 14% of the jobs in Waukesha County are located in the Village and that the median annual earnings for workers in Menomonee Falls were over **\$5,000 higher than the county median.**



The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market will be held at Village Park on Wednesdays 2 pm to 6 pm through October 12th and Sundays 10 am to 1 pm through September 11th. fallsfarmersmarket.org

Fall 2022 Calendar



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 @ 10 am
Old Falls Village Car Show & Beer Garden
Dash plaques, door prizes, food/drink
Old Falls Village

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22 @ 4 pm
Ladies' Night - Around the World
Promotions, tastings, and more
Menomonee Falls Downtown

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12 @ 2 pm
FINAL Men. Falls Farmers Market &
Village Park Beer Garden
Village Park

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21 @ 6 pm
SATURDAY OCTOBER 22 @ 6pm
Halloween Family Fun Night
Trick or treat, hayride, crafts, cider
Old Falls Village

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22 @ 10 am
Harvest Festival
Pumpkin painting, wagon rides, pet
costume contest & more
Mill Pond Park

MONDAY OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30 pm
Village Trick or Treat
Neighborhood trick or treating
Community-wide

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27 @ 4:30 pm
Christmas Parade
Floats, animals, and Santa Claus
Main Street & Appleton Avenue

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