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Our Year-Round Commitment to Service

Winter in Wisconsin inevitably brings brisk winds, cold temperatures, ice, and snow. Fortunately, the Village of Menomonee Falls has lots of experience with these weather conditions, and we are dedicated to providing a high level of municipal services during the coldest months of the year.

Just as residents prepare for winter with shovels, salt, and snow blowers, the Village annually outfits heavy equipment for winter operations and stocks the necessary amount of road salt, brine, and cold patch asphalt for pothole and crack filling. Each year, 30+ Public Works and Utilities operators clear snow and apply road treatments including an estimated 6,500 tons of salt to keep nearly 250 miles of local streets safe. Learn more by reading our [Winter Operations/Snowy Season Reminders](#) on page 3.

Our commitment to Menomonee Falls residents and businesses starts with safe roads, but is much more comprehensive. Village staff provide wide-ranging services including maintenance of essential utilities, development reviews, building permit approvals, municipal court proceedings, park shelter reservations, voter information, and more. The Village's first responders are steadfast in their commitment to preserving public safety and to protect property whether the temperature is comfortable or below zero.

As always, this edition of *The Current* newsletter will provide seasonal information about Village services, give updates on development projects, and include stories and safety reminders from the Police Department and Fire Department. It will also highlight community organizations, events, opportunities to stay engaged and volunteer this winter. Thank you for taking some time to learn about what is happening in Menomonee Falls. Stay warm and be well!

Village Park All Children's Play Area



A Few Ways to Welcome Winter in the Falls

Winter can be a hard time of the year to stay active and connect with neighbors and friends. To help you embrace the cooler air, we hope you will consider this short list of ideas for making the most of the winter months:

- **Enjoy the Christkindl Market**

Everything German and Christmas awaits you on the corner of Main and Appleton starting at 10 am on **Saturday, December 10th**! This event features indoor and outdoor vendors, German food, live music, dancing, Glühwein, carriage rides, a beer stein lift contest and more. Learn more at the [Menomonee Falls Downtown Facebook page](#)

- **Visit Village Park All Children's Play Area**

A new [12,000+ square foot accessible play area](#) opened at Village Park in November! The play area was constructed with the support of a \$1 million+ fundraising campaign led by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls. It features a HUGE play structure, an accessible merry-go-round and swing, a net climber, and a play hill. The splash pad is scheduled to open in May of 2023.

- **Check out the Chocolate Walk and Beer Crawl**

Indulge your sweet tooth and support downtown businesses with the inaugural Chocolate Walk event on February 10th and 11th! Visit again for the Menomonee Falls Downtown Beer Crawl on February 25th to enjoy beer specials at local bars and restaurants. For more information visit [menomoneefallsdowntown.com/events](#)

- **Explore Parks & Trails Across Menomonee Falls**

As the snow flies, local parks are transformed into winter playgrounds! Winter is a great time to check out some of the dozens of public parks and trails in Menomonee Falls. Get around by hiking, biking (fat tires help), and sledding. An ice skating rink will be available at Riverside Park as conditions allow. Need a race to jump start your 2023 fitness routine? [Sign up for the Flannel 5k / 10k](#) on February 18th in Menomonee Park.

- **Volunteer for Neighbors in Need**

Winter weather creates extra challenges for seniors and adults with disabilities. Consider signing up with [Eras Senior Network](#) to help reduce social isolation and provide transportation for medical appointments, food pantries, and other essential services. The Village also encourages all residents to support older neighbors this winter by checking in and shoveling snow following storm events.



2022 Tree Lighting Ceremony

Take in the Christmas Spirit in Downtown

Main Street and Appleton Avenue are adorned with wreaths, lights, garland, and tons of holiday decor. Stroll the sidewalks, window shop, and stop by the Centennial Plaza Christmas tree! Visit local businesses to buy gifts and warm up with food, drinks, and hospitality.

MENOMONEE FALLS DOWNTOWN
Chocolate Walk
February 10th & 11th

For more information on these events visit our website [menomoneefallsdowntown.com](#)

MENOMONEE FALLS DOWNTOWN
BEER CRAWL
FEBRUARY 25TH • 12PM-6PM

AGES 21+ ONLY

As winter approaches, we know residents might have some questions about how the Village responds to snow and ice events. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to our Public Works Department at pw@menomonee-falls.org or 262-532-4700.



Report a missed snow removal or damage at menomonee-falls.org/report

Winter Operations - Reminders for the Snowy Season

When does Public Works come out to plow?

We have over 30 Public Works and Utilities operators that work long hours throughout the winter to ensure that our streets are plowed and treated as efficiently as possible.

Snow and ice operations begin when any of the following conditions are met:

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

What is the goal of snow and ice operations?

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

Will winter weather affect waste and recycling collection?

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

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

It is the owner's responsibility to clear the concrete sidewalk in front of the property and treat with salt or sand if ice has formed. The Village clears sidewalks in front of Village property, as well as some parts of the downtown area. Asphalt trails are not considered sidewalks, so snow clearance is not required.

What else do I need to know about Winter Operations?

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

Election Information & New Year Reminders for 2023

Voting Information

2023 Election Schedule

- February 21, 2023 - Spring Primary Election (if required)
- April 4, 2023 - Spring Election

For all of your voting needs, visit myvote.wi.gov, which allows you to:



- Register to vote
- Request an absentee ballot
- Track your ballot
- Find your polling location
- See what is on your ballot & much more!

Become a Poll Worker

We are always looking for dependable individuals to serve at the polls! Call 262-532-4201 or email vote@menomonee-falls.org for more information.

For more voting information, follow the links below.

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

Tax Information

To view, print, pay, or verify payment of a tax bill, please visit tax.waukeshacounty.gov

For additional tax bill information, [view the 2023 tax bill insert](#)

Park Shelter Reservations

Park reservations resume on January 3, 2023 and must be made in-person at Village Hall. Please note that some Village Park reservations are made through [Menomonee Falls Downtown](#) and Old Falls Village Park reservations are made through the [Menomonee Falls Historical Society](#).

For further information, please call 262-532-4201 or visit menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations

2023 Dog Licenses

2022 dog licenses expire December 31, 2022. To license your dog, submit a completed [application for dog license](#) and a \$10 fee per dog (\$15 for unneutered/unspayed dogs) to the Clerk Services Department. After March 31, fees increase to \$15 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$20 for unneutered/ unspayed dogs.

Public Works Resident Guide

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

Christmas Tree Disposal

The deadline for all natural Christmas trees to be set out by the road is the second Sunday in January. Trees will automatically be picked up as time permits – no appointments are necessary. Discarded natural Christmas trees must be clean of all decorations, lights, stands, tinsel, garland, wire, plastic bags, etc. Discarded Christmas wreaths must be disposed of in the garbage along with regular trash.

Winter 2022-2023

Construction & Development Projects



Highlands at Aero Park senior housing

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Public Projects

Capital projects which improved public spaces, streets, and infrastructure in 2022 included Village Park Phase II, replacement of the Lilly Road Bridge, reconstruction of Jacobson Drive and Chippewa Drive, construction of a water booster station reservoir near Town Line Road, and several utility projects.



The Lilly Road Bridge replacement project was completed in Fall 2022

Village Park Phase II

This project included a 12,000+ square foot inclusive play area, splash pad, pickleball/tennis courts, picnic shelter, trails, and an interior parking area. The project was funded with the support of a \$1 million+ fundraising campaign led by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls. The play area opened to the public in November, and the splash pad will operate starting in May of 2023.



Village Park All Children's Play Area



Overview of 2022 Infrastructure Projects

- Lilly Road Bridge reconstruction
- 1.3 miles of new streets in five residential subdivisions
- 0.4 miles of reconstructed streets and 2.8 miles of asphalt repaving
- 2.2 miles of water main and 0.9 miles of sanitary sewer
- 0.4 miles of new asphalt trails at Village Park and near new residential subdivisions

The Village Park Phase II project supports a vision for the park to be a gathering place and community destination for residents and visitors of all ages.

Private Sector Projects

Both the residential and commercial development sectors remained strong in Menomonee Falls in 2022 with dozens of major projects adding homes, value, and new jobs to the Village.

Some of the 32 new homes constructed in the Evergreen Fields subdivision in 2022



Amato Hyundai



Springhill Suites by Marriott Hotel



JAX Incorporated



Riverwalk II Apartments



High Bluff at Creekwood Crossings apartments



Marian Milwaukee building addition



2022 Year in Review



Menomonee Falls remained among the regional leaders for home construction in 2022. At the end of the third quarter, the Village had issued permits for 12 percent of the new housing units constructed in the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area.

- **20 new buildings** are under construction in the High Bluff at Creekwood Crossings apartments site
- Projects by JAX Inc., Tailored Label Products, Springhill Suites, Marian Milwaukee, and Amato Hyundai will add hundreds of jobs to the Village
- **76 single family homes** 8 duplex units, and 61 senior housing units have been approved through November of 2022
- **New construction value will exceed \$150 million** for the 2nd time in Village History



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



2023 General Operating Budget Overview

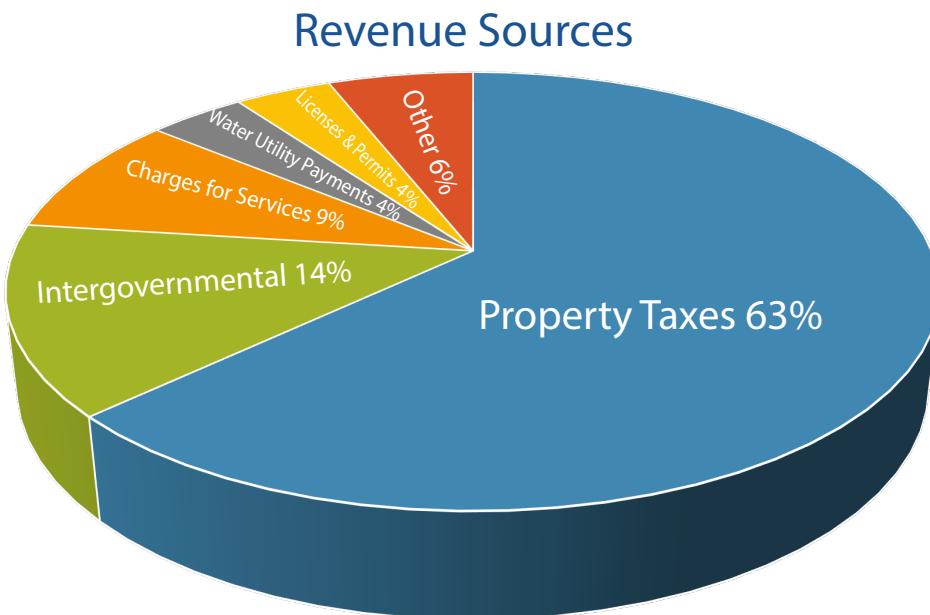
Key Budget Details

- Mill rate maintained at \$5.20 per \$1,000 assessed value
- 3.6% General Operating Budget increase
- No change in Village tax levy
- Health insurance decrease of 1.57%
- Garbage & Recycling fee increase of \$4.80
- 3% Sewer and Water rate increase (2nd quarter of 2023)

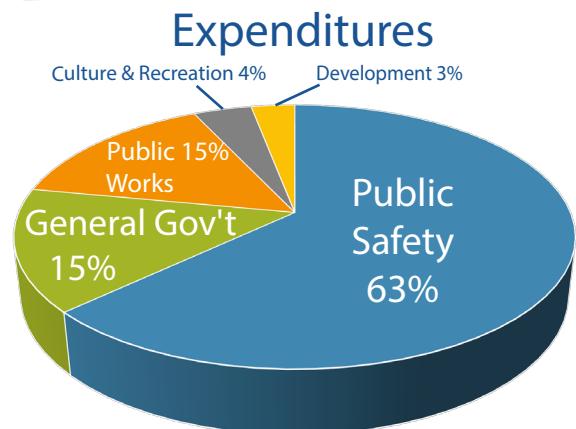
View the 2023 Operating Budget at menomonee-falls.org/budgets

Summary

The 2023 General Operating Budget was adopted on November 21st, 2022 with total revenues and expenditures of \$30,961,800, which is a 3.6% increase from 2022. The budget reflects the Village's mission to provide the highest quality municipal services consistent with the changing needs and desires of the community and a realistic assessment of resources



available. The primary source of financing for the General Operating Budget (63%) comes from property taxes. Village spending for operations includes general government, police, fire, public works, development and parks operations.



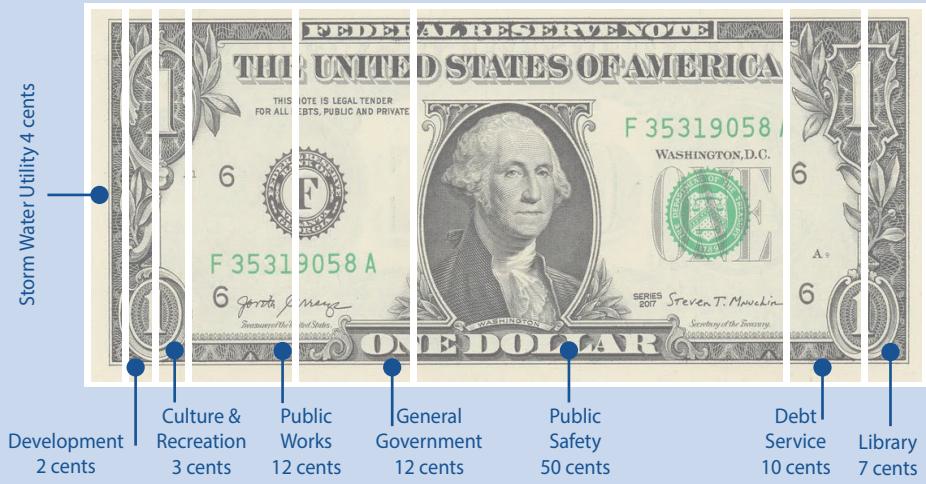
2023 Village Tax Levy

The Village Board adopted a mill rate of \$5.20 and a tax levy of \$25,046,000. Both the mill rate and the tax levy are unchanged from 2022.

For a typical Menomonee Falls home valued at \$350,000, the owner will pay \$1,820 in Village property taxes in 2023. At a monthly cost of under \$152 for Village services, a typical property owner receives a good value compared to other common household monthly costs.



How is My Property Tax Dollar Spent?





Meet the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation

Established in 1991



The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market in full bloom in summer 2022

The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation (GMFF) is your homegrown, hometown opportunity to spread your charitable giving across our community. Organized in 1991 by visionary leaders to provide a long-term financial resource for meeting community needs, the Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of civic-minded citizens. As a tax-exempt public trust, the GMFF offers donors an easy and cost-effective way to invest in the community through current donations or their estates. Earnings from its endowment fund are distributed annually through a grant program supporting safety, health, education, cultural and environmental non-profit groups that work to keep the Village strong and vibrant.

Since its inception, more than fifty local non-profit groups have benefited from the annual grant program. Over the past ten years, \$200,000 in grants have been disbursed. The roster of grants awarded in 2022 includes: Accompany of Kids, Association for the Rights of Citizens with Handicaps (ARCh), GPS Education Partners, Variety Children's Charity of Wisconsin, Community League Civic Families Committee, HOPE Network for Single Mothers, The Women's Center Emergency Shelter, Menomonee Falls Farmers Market, and the Menomonee Falls Historical Society. From microphones to adaptive bicycles, and domestic violence survivors to the restoration of a historic site, the grants make a difference for these organizations and the community services they provide.

Learn more about the grant program on our website: www.fallsfoundation.org/

From its beginning, the Foundation has partnered with the community. Early on it served as a repository for funds raised for Village Christmas decorations and holiday parades. Its most recent venture was the revival and enhancement of the popular Farmers Market. When its original sponsors backed away, the GMFF stepped up—managed the market and oversaw its transition to a self-supporting entity with an independent board of directors. Everyone benefits from the fresh, local foods and services, including the Falls Food Pantry that receives the leftover produce.

Leadership Awards

Annually the Foundation hosts Ovation, a recognition event that applauds community leaders who have volunteered countless hours for the betterment of the community. This year's event recognized Jerry Mislang (Lifetime Achievement), Jill Schmidt (Shining Star), Cecelia Valentine (Unsung Hero), and Wally Kangas (Patriotism). Find information on awards and how to nominate a candidate for 2023 under leadership awards online.



Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association (WASA) has been a past grant recipient

Winter 2023-2023 Programs

CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation



The Winter 2023 Activity Guide is Here

Our gift to you this holiday season is the [Winter 2023 Activity Guide](#). You should have received a copy in the mail but if you haven't, additional copies are available at the CE & Rec Office, Village Hall, Menomonee Falls Public Library, and Chamber of Commerce. Resident online registration for winter programs begins on Sunday, December 11th at 9 am. For additional information, visit fallsrec.org.

Elf Hunt – Coming in December

Help us name our mischievous friend and let us know where he's been spotted in Menomonee Falls. Watch our [Facebook page](#) for more information on our upcoming Elf Hunt.

Winter Break Camps and Clinics

Deck the halls with basketballs and stay active during the holidays with **Milwaukee Bucks Holiday Camps**. Camp runs December 27th & 28th from 1 – 4 pm and is designed for youth ages 7 – 14. Each participant will receive a basketball, performance t-shirt, and ticket to a 2022-23 Bucks home game. [Register today!](#)

Our **Flag Rugby Winter Break Clinic** will teach basic skills, rules, and game concepts to new or veteran players. Flag Rugby is a fast-moving, non-contact sport with lots of running, passing and scoring. Clinics take place December 27th & 28th and are open to students in grades 2 – 8. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

Community Fitness Challenge

Cities and towns across Wisconsin are again hosting the Community Fitness Challenge! The 'Be Active Wisconsin' Community Challenge invites all community members to participate in a virtual challenge during the month of March to promote active lifestyles, connect people to the outdoors by encouraging use of our parks/trail systems, and engage Wisconsin communities in a friendly competition.

All active minutes count (not just running/walking), so let's get moving Menomonee Falls! The winning community will receive a trophy, and all participants receive a T-shirt. [Register today!](#)



More Community Ed & Recreation Programs & Updates

Donate Blood – Save a Life

CE & Rec is proud to partner with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin to host a number of blood drives throughout the year. Giving blood is a quick, simple way to give back to your community, and possibly save a life. The donation process from the time you arrive to the time you leave is only about an hour. CE & Rec is hosting its next drive on Tuesday, January 3rd from 2 – 7 pm. [Schedule your appointment now](#)

Blood Drive

January 3, 2023

2:00-7:00 PM

Scan code to make an appointment



There is a high demand for non-caucasian donors. Please consider donating if able.

Beat the Winter Blues Bash – Friday, March 3rd at 1 pm
Adults ages 55+ are invited to join us for a fun time dancing or just listening to the music of Downtown Harrison. Enjoy his talented voice as he impersonates Sinatra, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond, and James Brown. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. This program is free, but registration is required. [Register today!](#)



Older Adult & Volunteer Supervisor Lori Oertel, Named Professional of the Year

Lori Oertel was recently recognized as the Professional of the Year through the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC). The award, which was presented at the WASC Fall Conference, is the highest yearly award given by the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers. The Professional of the Year Award recognizes achievements by a Director of a Senior Center that are above and beyond the ordinary.

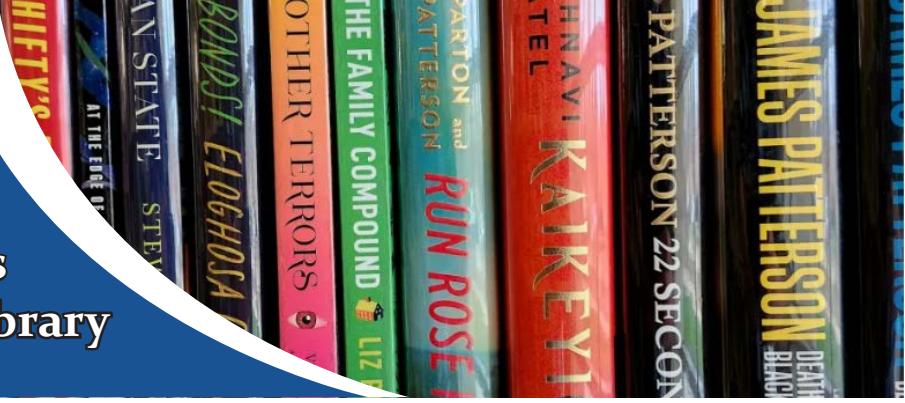
Lori's commitment to providing quality programs and services for seniors 55+ is remarkable. Not only do her efforts have a significant impact on seniors in Menomonee Falls, but she is an advocate for seniors throughout Wisconsin. Lori was instrumental in the re-accreditation of the Menomonee Falls Senior Center through WASC in 2017. She understands the positive impact senior programming and services have on combating loneliness and mental health. Join us in congratulating Lori on this great achievement!



Older Adult & Volunteer Supervisor Lori Oertel

Library Corner

Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



Children's Programs

Noon Year's Eve Party

Ring in 2023 at noon with games, crafts, music, and activities for the whole family! The fun starts at 11 am on Saturday, December 31st.

Evening Storytime

Join us on Wednesday, December 14th, at 6:15 pm to unwind together with a special evening storytime! Share favorite stories, songs, and gentle activities to end the day. Best suited for ages 2 to school age and their caregivers.

Petite Picassos

Little artists are invited to join us for an artsy storytime on Friday, January 13th at 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Petite Picassos ages 1 to 3 will enjoy a short storytime followed by an open-ended art project. Registration is required. The same program is offered back to back.

Programs for School-Age Kids

There's something for everyone this winter at Art Explorers, LEGO Club, Read Together Book Club, and STEAM Club! Check MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org for more information about these exciting program series, just for kids ages 5-12!

Tween Programs (13-18)

Between Lock In

Introducing after hours events for kids ages 10-12! Enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and test your luck in the Carnival of Souls Escape Room on Friday, December 16th from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Advance Registration by permission slip is required. Permission forms can be picked up at the Library Reference Desk. Space is limited.



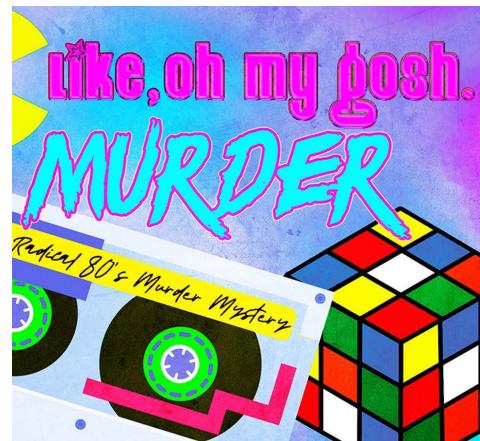
Teen Programs

Teen VR Lab

Experience Virtual Reality (VR) on Thursday, January 12th, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm! Explore our world and beyond, create virtual art, or game like never before. This program is for ages 13 to 18 only. VR Agreement and Waiver Form must be filled out before using the Oculus Quest 2 headsets. Forms are available at the Library Reference Desk.

Like, oh my gosh...murder!

Don't miss this radical 80's Murder Mystery for ages 13-18 on Saturday, February 25th, at 2:30 pm. You should totally hit the scene, follow the clues, and solve this murder in your most rad 80's fashion! Like, register in the Library or on the Library's website if you want a character assignment.



Adult Library Programs

Start the Year Off With Yoga!

On Wednesday, January 11th, at 6 pm, Diane Sutrick from Peace Yoga Studio & Wellness Center will be leading an all-level yoga class in our Community Room. We will explore breath work, balance, flexibility and strength in this basic class. This is a great introduction for anyone who has never tried yoga. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat. Registration required.

Getting Started with a Plant-Based Diet

Are you resolving to eat better in the New Year? Certified plant-based health coach and physical therapist Michele Stamm will share the whys and hows behind her own transition to a plant-based diet. This program will take place on Thursday, January 26th, at 6:30 pm, in the Community Room. Michele will detail tips and tricks for making this healthy way of eating fun, easy, and delicious.

Jessica Michna Presents:

Out of the Shadow, Mrs. Mary S. Logan

A devoted soldier's wife, Mary Logan would be an eyewitness to one of the greatest conflagrations of American history, the Civil War. Mrs. Logan was understandably proud of her husband's accomplishments, but she emerged from his shadow to become a prominent power in Washington. Jessica Michna portrays Mary S. Logan, wife of General and Senator John A. Logan, as she reminisces how she met and married the Illinois native. This performance will take place on Saturday, February 4th, at 2:30 pm, in the Community Room.

Civil Rights with Reverend Joseph Baring

The 1960s were troubling times for African Americans in Milwaukee. Reverend Joseph Baring will be discussing Civil Rights and the passage of the Fair Housing Act. Before being called to church ministry, Reverend Baring served as a Navy seaman in Vietnam, an ironworker, and a civil rights leader. He is currently the pastor at St. Paul AME Church in Madison. Please join us for his presentation on Thursday, February 16th, at 6:30 pm, in the Community Room.

Menomonee Falls Farmers Market - Looking Back and Looking Forward

The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market finished on a beautiful October day, and plans are already being made for the 2023 season which will open on June 7th, 2023 and run for 20 weeks. The Sunday Farmers Market will run July 9th – September 10th, 2023. Thank you to the community for your support and attendance.

2023 Vendor Application Now Available

Do you know of a farmer or a producer who may be a good fit for our market? The Vendor Application and Rules & Regulations are available on the Vendors at fallsfarmersmarket.org. We are always eager to maintain a good variety of vendors and offerings—new vendors are encouraged to apply.

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



Christmas in the Falls

Shop Falls First this Holiday Season



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

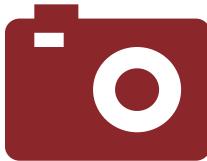
- Indoor & Outdoor Vendors
- German Food and Music
- German Dancing
- Carriage Rides
- Beer Stein Lift Contest
- **Gluhwein!**



December 10th
10am-5pm



Come visit Santa
in his workshop!
11am-4pm



Professional Photos
Offered!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Centennial Plaza

10:00-10:30am	Opening Ceremony
10:30-1:30pm	Blaskapelle Milwaukee
1:30-2:00pm	United Donauschwaben MKE Dancers
2:00-3:00pm	Games
2:00-5:00pm	The Waltzmeisters

By the Waterfall

12:00-3:00pm	Carriage Rides
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Waukesha County Park System

Seasonal Gift Ideas & Events



Purchase Your 2023 Annual Invisible* Sticker for Waukesha County Park and Lake Access Memberships

*DISCLAIMER: Invisible stickers don't really exist. You won't get a cute windshield sticker from us like in previous years. That's history! Now, your annual membership is verified by our neat license plate scanner when you enter. You can always tell your friends there's an invisible sticker on your windshield anyway. They'll be impressed.

Enjoy easier access to your favorite Waukesha County park or lake for 365+ days with your "invisible" sticker! Memberships are valid from the date of purchase through December 31st, 2023. For more information visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkentry

Give the Gift of Waukesha County Golf

Get a FREE 9-Hole Voucher with \$100 Purchase in Golf Gift Cards or Pro Shop merchandise! Offer valid through December 23, 2022. Order online by Thursday, December 15th to have gift cards in the mail by Monday, December 19th. The free 9-hole golf voucher will be valid during the 2023 golf season. The \$100 purchase must be made on the same date. Buy online at activecommunities.com/waukeshacounty

Winter Break Public Ice Skating

At Eble Park or Naga-Wauke Park Ice Arenas
Looking for something fun to do during winter break with the family? Come ice skate indoors with us! Both figure and hockey skates are available to rent.

- Skating Admission: \$6 – with Skate Rental: \$9

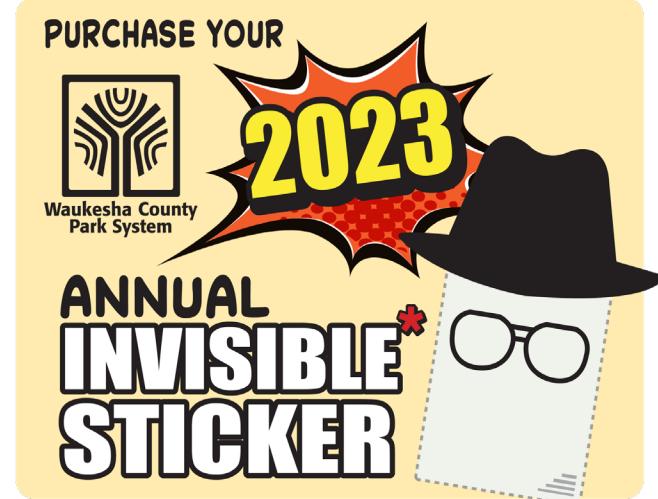
waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/ice-arenas/

Wild Winter Night Candlelight Hikes

- February 2nd, 2023 – Retzer Nature Center
- February 16th, 2023 – Fox Brook Park

Make the most of winter in the parks! Come explore the winding trails and quiet woods of Retzer Nature Center or Fox Brook Park by candlelight.

Learn more at waukeshacounty.gov/wildwinternight/



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Mental Health - Looking Out for Each Other During the Holiday Season & Beyond

The holiday season is meant to be a time to enjoy being with family, friends and to celebrate. Unfortunately, this is also a time where there can be increased stress or anxiety for a multitude of reasons. Employment instability, financial troubles, relationship issues, military deployments, serious medical diagnosis or drug or alcohol abuse can all add to the holiday stress. In addition, diagnosed and undiagnosed mental health conditions can compound existing issues and may be even more difficult to address and treat.

It is important to remember that we are not always aware of the struggles other people may be going through, particularly with regard to mental health issues. Part of the reason we misunderstand others challenges is the stigma associated with mental health conditions. These conditions are often dismissed as a temporary issue that someone should be able to "get over", and that is truly not the case. Mental health conditions also impact everyone close to the affected person who walk the difficult path of searching for a proper diagnosis and treatment plan. While we are not experts in mental health here at the Police Department, we deal with this issue on a day to day basis and have access to many resources.

The Menomonee Falls Police Department is called daily to assist when people are in crisis. Due to the prevalence of mental health related calls, the department decided several years ago to send all officers to **crisis intervention training (CIT)**. This forty-hour training is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI). CIT is a comprehensive five-day training session designed to assist law enforcement officers and other first responders in recognizing and understanding the signs and symptoms of mental health conditions including depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders, as well as other associated illnesses like developmental & cognitive disorders.



Officers who complete crisis intervention training learn:

- Various options to facilitate de-escalation of the mental health consumer in crisis.
- Resources in the community that are available to the individual and their families.
- Learn how interacting on a regular basis in this kind of outreach program reduces the potential for crisis and/or injury of the officer, consumer or others.

The skills taught in this course will be used by the officers throughout their life both personally and professionally. We want people to know that we care and understand that it takes a collective effort to try to seek help and provide access to resources for those in crisis. Remember we may not always know the struggles other face, so be kind. From our family to yours, we wish everyone a warm holiday season and a happy New Year.

Mental Health Resources

Menomonee Falls Police Department
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 262-446-5070

Waukesha County Mental Health Services

[Waukesha Co. - Mental Health Services webpage](#)

Phone: 211 or 262-547-3388

National Alliance on Mental Illness (Wisconsin)

[NAMI Wisconsin webpage](#) – A family-based, grassroots support and advocacy organization

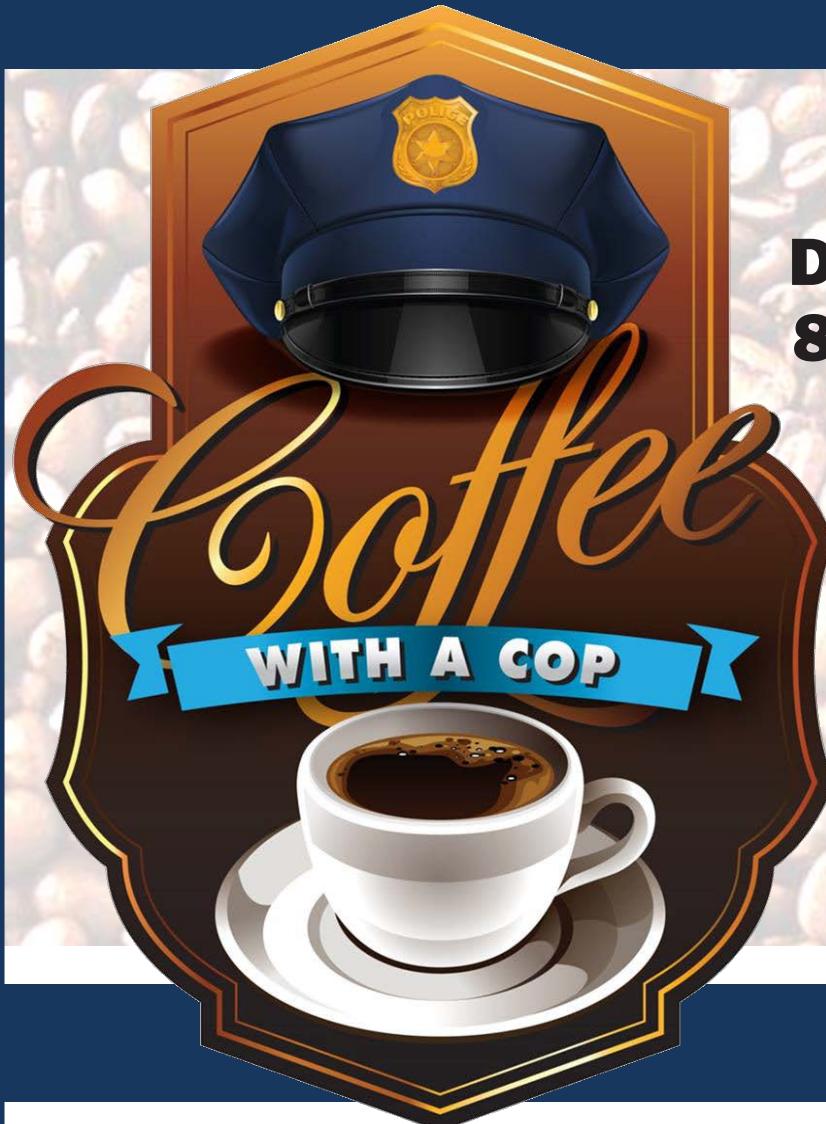
Crisis Resources for Waukesha County

[Waukesha County - NAMI Wisconsin webpage](#)

National Suicide Prevention & Crisis Lifeline

[988lifeline.org](#)

Call: 988 or Text: HOME to 741741



**December 7th, 2022
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**McDonald's
N83 W15515
Appleton Ave
Menomonee Falls**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

**No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice
concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!**

**Menomonee Falls
Police Department**



Menomonee Falls Remembers

Victor Herbert Perrin (1916 - 1989)



Old Falls
Village



The Menomonee Falls Historical Society is pleased to showcase one of our own who was born in Menomonee Falls and went on to Hollywood to become a movie star beginning in 1940.

A Menomonee Falls Resident Goes to Hollywood

Victor Perrin was born in Menomonee Falls in 1916 to Kathryn (née Mittlesteadt) and Milton A. Perrin, who was a traveling salesman. Victor graduated from Menomonee Falls High School in 1933. In 1940, Victor moved to California after graduating from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in the late 1930s.

Victor, a film, television, and radio actor, was best known for his radio voice over as the "Control Voice" in the original version of the television series *The Outer Limits* (1963–1965). His list of credits is impressively long and includes roles as a narrator in feature films at Walt Disney World Resort. He was the original voice narrator for Disney's Epcot Center attraction: *Spaceship Earth*.



Perrin early in his career

His career spanned forty-six years. His earlier television appearances and voice over work included *The Twilight Zone*, *Dragnet*, 1966, *Star Trek*, *Wonder Woman*, *Adam-12*, *Buck Rogers*, *Have Gun–Will Travel*, and *The Outer Limits*, *Julius Caesar*,

Gunsmoke, the narrator on *Spartacus*, *Gargoyles*, and *The Hindenburg* just to name a few.

Personal Life

He was married to Evelyn Held in 1963. Evelyn passed away in 1972 and they did not have any children.



Scene from "I am Nomad" *Star Trek* 1967

He then married Rita Singer in 1977 and had a son, George. He also had a stepson, Steven, from Rita's previous marriage. Perrin and Rita divorced in January 1979, however remarried again in September of the same year. Perrin died of cancer on July 4, 1989 in Los Angeles, California at the age of 73.

Menomonee Falls Fire Department Winter Safety Reminders



Aerial Platform Truck at Fire Station #3

Carbon Monoxide Safety

It is a good time of the year to check the "other detector" that you should have in your home : a carbon monoxide detector. Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill by binding with hemoglobin in your blood, preventing it from carrying oxygen to your cells.

CO results from the burning of fossil fuels, including but not limited to: oil furnaces, gas stoves and wood burning fire places. Electric powered appliances like an electric stove, microwave oven , toaster and electric lights do not create CO with their use.

While many detectors are found near the floor, that is due to the need to plug those models into an outlet. CO is slightly less dense than air and will rise. Ideal height of a detector is at eye level to avoid damage and be able to view a display if the model has one.

Typical life span of a CO detector is around seven years. Detectors at the end of their life span will have an intermittent chirp. Reaching the alarm threshold produces an alarm that is continuous. A rapid rise to a high level of a long exposure to an elevated level will cause an alarm. That is why some models are incorporating displays to show the level . Read and save the directions that come with the detector.

If you have an alarm activation, exit the structure and then call 911. Our equipment will help eliminate or pinpoint sources of CO. WE Energies may be called also to assist. More information can be found at

www.nfpa.org



Learn CPR Save a Life

For every minute a person goes without the circulation of oxygenated blood in their body, their chance of survival from cardiac arrest decreases by 10 percent. To enhance safety in the Village, the Menomonee Falls Fire Department is offering CPR certification classes for free. Training in the operation of **Automatic External Defibrillators**, or AEDs is part of the course. AEDs are found in schools, churches, stores and many public places.



Classes will be held at MFFD Station 3 on the following Mondays: December 19th, January 23rd and February 20th. Classes start at 6 pm and last 3 hours.

[Register online today through the Community Education & Department](#)

Fall 2022 MFFD Citizens Academy



Residents in the photo above participated in and completed the Fall 2022 MFFD Citizens Academy. Students learn about the history of the fire service and the Menomonee Falls Fire Department. Each is assigned gear and are shown fire and emergency medical service evolutions that our Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters face daily, including the functions of our different apparatus, equipment on the ambulance and learn CPR. If you have interest in participating, visit www.menomonee-falls.org/citizen-fire-academy or contact Kevin Porter for dates of future classes at kporter@menomonee-falls.org

Menomonee Falls At a Glance

Selected statistics about Menomonee Falls in 2022

(US Census - 2020 American Community Survey data unless noted)

Population



- Total Population 39,213 (WDOA)
- Growth Rate 8.1%
2010-2020
- Median Age 42.0
- Under 18 23.1%
- 65 & Older 19.6%

Housing



- Total Housing Units 15,982
- Single Family Units (including duplex) 73.2%
- Apartment Units 15.7%
- Senior Housing Units 11.0%
- Median Value (\$351,207)
(Zillow.com)

Economy

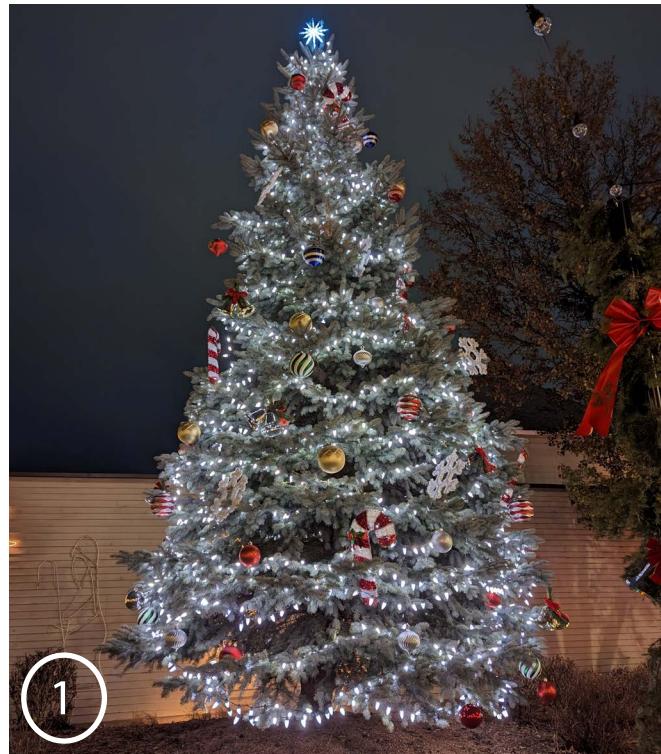


- Total Jobs 34,023
- Unemployment Rate (Sept. 2022) 2.6%
- Largest Employers
 - Kohl's Corporation 4,000
 - Froedtert & MCW 3,000
 - Harley Davidson 950



Out and About in the Falls: Signs of the Season

Shop Local & Support Your Community



- 1 The Centennial Plaza Christmas Tree all decked out for the holiday season
- 2 People gathered for Small Business Saturday at Centennial Plaza for the Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 3 The map side on one of ten pedestrian wayfinding signs installed around downtown in recent weeks
- 4 The *Toy Story*-themed Christmas display in the window at Hanson Soft Water
- 5 Wreaths on the Main Street lamp posts in early December
- 6 Rustic Rehabs' window display filled with Holiday decor and gifts



Centennial Plaza in early December

Opportunities to Give Back

The Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County (CCC) coordinates giving to thousands of families in need through the collection and distribution of donations. Drop off new unwrapped toys at Village Hall and other CCC toy donation locations throughout the county by December 14th, 2022. Learn more at christmasclearingcouncil.org

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

Points of Pride

[Areavibes.com](http://areavibes.com) ranks Menomonee Falls as the safest city in Wisconsin with over 25,000 residents in 2022.

[Wallethub.com](http://wallethub.com) ranked Menomonee Falls as one of the top 50 Best Small Cities to Live in America for 2022– the Falls was in the 97th percentile among cities with populations between 25,000 and 100,000 residents

Stay Active in 2023!



Back for 2023



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



Saturday, December 10th from 10 am - 5 pm

Winter Calendar



SATURDAY DECEMBER 10 @ 10 am

Christkindl Market
German food & drink, music, dancing, and indoor / outdoor vendor markets
Menomonee Falls Downtown

FRIDAY & SAT. FEBRUARY 10 & 11

Chocolate Walk
Chocolate related specials & activities at local shops & restaurants
Menomonee Falls Downtown

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25

Downtown Beer Crawl
Beer specials & activities at local bars & restaurants
Menomonee Falls Downtown

December 7th, 2022
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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