

# The Current

Spring 2023

VILLAGE OF  
**Menomonee**  
Falls

Volunteer Spotlight:

## Menomonee River Cleanup

Join us on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls! Learn more on page 4

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Pictured: Menomonee Falls Reef geological site along the Menomonee River, Lime Kiln Park

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[menomonee-falls.org](http://menomonee-falls.org)



## VILLAGE HALL

W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-3140

262-532-4200

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

## Offices Closed

Memorial Day

5/29/23

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## Signs of Spring (Coming Soon)

The beauty of spring time is just around the corner! It can be hard to picture in March, but melting snow, longer days, spring flowers, green grass, and chirping birds are once again on the way to Menomonee Falls. We know spring in Wisconsin arrives in fits and starts through March and even April, but won't that make us all more appreciative once the warm weather is here?

2023 is expected to be a great year for residents to get out and connect with neighbors and friends across the Village! Menomonee Falls will come alive this spring with incredible community programs throughout downtown, at Village Park, Menomonee Park, Old Falls Village, the Library, and the Community Center. This spring also offers the first full season to enjoy the all-children's play area at Village Park.

Projects underway and planned for 2023 include new residential subdivisions, senior housing/apartments, business expansions, road/infrastructure improvements, park developments (Village Park splash pad is expected to open in May!), and new restaurants.

We hope you will join us in embracing spring as a season of transition and an opportunity for the Village to make a fresh start! Consider volunteering for the Menomonee River Cleanup, sprucing up yards/properties, and doing your part support the well-being of friends and neighbors.



The beer garden and farmers market  
at Village Park will open on June 7<sup>th</sup>

# Election Information & Reminders for Spring 2023

## Voting Information

### 2023 Spring Election

- April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) 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](mailto:vote@menomonee-falls.org) to learn more.

For more information, follow the links below.

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

## Park Shelter Reservations

Park reservations are limited to Menomonee Falls residents and must be made in person at Village Hall. For further information, please call 262-532-4201 or visit [menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations](http://menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations)

## Dog Licenses

2022 dog licenses expired December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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<sup>st</sup>, fees increase to \$15 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$20 for unneutered/unspayed dogs.

## Polls are Open From 7 am to 8 pm

<u>Ward #</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
1, 2, 3, 4 & 25	Good Shepherd Church N88 W17658 Christman Road
5, 6 & 7	Menomonee Falls Public Library W156 N8436 Pilgrim Road
8, 9 & 26	Menomonee Falls Fire Station #3 W140 N7501 Lilly Rd
10, 11 & 12	Holy Cross Lutheran Church W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road
13 & 14	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church W156 N7149 Pilgrim Road
15, 16, 17 & 18	Davian's Banquet and Conf. Center N56 W16300 Silver Spring Drive
19, 20, 21 & 22	St. James Catholic Church W220 N6588 Town Line Road
23 & 24	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church W180 N7863 Town Hall Road



Picnic shelter at Willowood Park

# Spring Cleaning & Service Reminders

from the Public Works Department



Spring is the perfect time of the year to clean up the yard, organize the garage, and dispose of unwanted items. The following pages include reminders about programs you can utilize to keep your property looking great in 2023. We have also included information about Village initiatives and services that support spring cleaning for the community at-large. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community clean and well-maintained!

## Bulk Item Collection

Waste Management will be conducting a bulk trash collection week again in 2023. Bulk trash includes items that don't fit in the garbage cart, exceed four feet in length, or exceed 60 pounds in weight. This collection includes up to two bulk items placed at the curbside for pickup free of charge. This will occur the first full week of May (week of May 1<sup>st</sup>). Residents looking to utilize this service need to notify Waste Management between April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> about their items for pick-up by calling 262-251-4000. Residents will be required to have their bulk item(s) placed at the curb by 6 am on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, as the items may not be collected on your usual trash collection day. All items must be able to be loaded by two (2) people. This bulk collection does not include hazardous waste, yard waste, tires, or electronics. A complete list of acceptable items can be found at [menomonee-falls.org/bulkitems](http://menomonee-falls.org/bulkitems)

## Brush Collection

The Menomonee Falls Public Works Department will begin picking up brush on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

**The deadline for residents to put out brush for pickup is Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

# Spring Cleaning Continued...

## **Yard Waste Permits**

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

2023 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
- 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

## **Recycling & Disposal Requirements**

Chemicals, electronics, and appliances cannot be disposed of using your curbside collection service, so residents are encouraged to utilize the following resources to determine the most appropriate way to dispose of these types of items. A listing of various household items and instructions for disposal can be found on pages 16-19 of the [Public Works Department Resident Guide](#).

Waukesha County has also compiled information on how to dispose of various electronics, and that information can be found at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/ewaste](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/ewaste). Additionally, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has created a Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Resources which provides state-wide information about landfill diversion opportunities for various items. The directory can be accessed at [www.uwgb.edu/solid-hazardous-waste-education-center/](http://www.uwgb.edu/solid-hazardous-waste-education-center/). Any additional questions about recycling and disposal can be directed to the Public Works Department via email at [pw@menomonee-falls.org](mailto:pw@menomonee-falls.org) or via phone at 262-532-4700.

## **Menomonee River Spring Cleanup**

Join us this spring on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls! Every year since 2008, around Earth Day in April, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. We will be following protocols again this year to keep all participants healthy and safe. Please visit [menomoneefalls.org/rivercleanup](http://menomoneefalls.org/rivercleanup) for more information and to reserve your spot for the cleanup!



2019 Menomonee River Cleanup

Lilly Creek Parkway is one of dozens of locations for the annual Menomonee River Cleanup



## **Fire Hydrant Flushing**

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

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# Construction & Development Projects



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## 2022 Year in Review

2022 was a strong year for new development and redevelopment projects in Menomonee Falls. The Village issued a total of 736 building permits, and the total estimated construction value of projects in Menomonee Falls was nearly \$165 million. Single family home construction/remodeling (\$55 million) and multifamily/senior housing projects (\$63 million) contributed the most to overall value.

Menomonee Falls ranked third among Milwaukee Area communities with 86 new single family/duplex homes constructed in 2022. The Village had the second highest new construction value in Waukesha County in 2022, and construction moved forward on major business projects for JAX Incorporated, Cintas, Tailored Label Products, SpringHill Suites hotel, and Amato Hyundai.

### Residential

- 86 new single family home and duplex units
- 204 new apartment units
- 561 residential renovations/additions



### Commercial

- 2 new buildings
- 46 commercial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$17.8 million**



### Institutional

- 2 new buildings
- 19 institutional renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$28.5 million**



### Industrial

- 1 new building
- 23 industrial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$24.9 million**



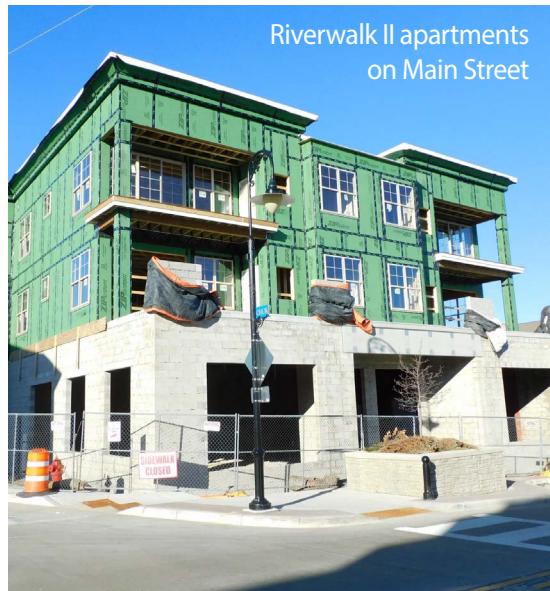
- **New construction value of nearly \$165 million**
- **Highest non-residential construction value ever \$109.6 million**
- **78 single family homes** and 8 duplex units were approved
- **103 lots for single family homes** were approved in Final Plats
- **Highlands at Aero Park Project \$23.5 million** in estimated construction value
- Completion of all-children's play area at **Village Park Phase II**

The Village of Menomonee Falls issued more building permits for single and two family homes in 2022 than Brookfield, Lannon, and Germantown combined

To view the entire 2022 Development Report visit [menomonee-falls.org/106](http://menomonee-falls.org/106)

## Ongoing Projects

(selected projects as seen in early 2023)



Riverwalk II apartments  
on Main Street



Construction proceeded on the Amato Hyundai dealership along Leon Road throughout 2022



Building Permits were issued for the construction of 120 town home-style apartments in the High Bluff at Creekwood Crossing development in 2022



Recently constructed homes in the Evergreen Fields subdivision



Homes under construction in the Edgewood Preserve subdivision



Projects for Froedtert have an estimated construction value of \$3.3 million in 2022

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



# 2023 Events Calendar



MENOMONEE FALLS  
DOWNTOWN  
where main & appleton meet



Flowers at the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market in 2022

## Upcoming Downtown Events

3/16 Ladies' Night - Celebrate the Shamrock

4/8 Easter Bunny & Friends

5/19 Falls Family Movie Night - *Toy Story*

5/27 Falls Memorial Fest

5/28 Memorial Fest Veterans Concert

5/30 Picnic at the Plaza - Season Opening

6/7 Beer Garden - Season Opening

            Farmers Market - Season Opening

6/8 Sunset Concert Series #1

6/22 Sunset Concert Series #2

6/23-25 Falls Festival of the Arts

7/10-14 Lavender Days

7/13 Sunset Concert Series #3

7/15 Lavender Festival

7/21 Falls Family Movie Night - *Elf*

7/27 Sunset Concert Series #4

**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR UPCOMING EVENTS**



Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls  
Popcorn Wagon at Village Park  
6pm-9pm Daily  
Memorial Day-Labor Day



**BEER GARDEN**  
Wednesday Nights  
Village Park  
5pm-9pm  
June 7- September 13



WEDNESDAYS 2pm-6pm  
June 7- October 11  
SUNDAYS 10am-1pm  
July 9-September 23



TUESDAYS 1-4  
Mill Pond Park  
May 30-September 26



## Farmers Market Opens June 7<sup>th</sup>

### Your Local Farmers Market - 2023 Schedule

Preparations are under way for the Menomonee Falls 2023 Farmers Market. We have lined up several new vendors for this year along with a lot of your returning favorites.

We will also have live music at the majority of the Wednesday markets. So, come and buy some delicious vegetables, fresh bakery, snacks, prepared food and drinks and have a relaxing time at the Market! We are looking forward to another successful year at our beautiful Village Park.

The Farmer's Market is managed and run by volunteers. We are seeking individuals and organizations to lend a hand for setup and take down of the market this summer.

If you're interested in volunteering at the Market, please reach out to Dana Newman, Market Manager at 262-327-4756 or email [mffarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:mffarmersmarket@gmail.com)

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[facebook.com/GMFF.FarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/GMFF.FarmersMarket) or  
visit our website at [fallsfarmersmarket.org](http://fallsfarmersmarket.org)

Wednesday 2 pm – 6 pm  
June 7<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 10 am – 1 pm  
July 9<sup>th</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>



Menomonee Falls Farmers Market volunteers were on hand to assist dozens of vendors and hundreds of visitors in 2022



# Library Corner



## Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library

### If These Walls Could Talk: The Story of Notre Dame Cathedral

Church historian Dr. Lorrie Wenzel will be at the Library on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. She will discuss the history of the famed Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, including what lies in store for the future of the building after the devastating fire in 2019.

## Spring Programs & Events

### NEW! Blast from the Past Book Club

Revisit those great books from your younger years! Join us for a discussion and some tasty refreshments provided by the Library Friends.

- Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm (*Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Blume)
- Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm (*Double Love: Sweet Valley High* by Francine Pascal)
- Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm (*A Time to Die* by Lurlene McDaniel)

### Genealogy Classes

Researching your family tree? Get some helpful tips by attending one of our classes.

- Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 pm: Getting Started
- Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm: City Directories
- Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm: Newspapers

### Maximize Your Medicare Benefits

Learn more about your Medicare options! This program will provide an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D as well as supplemental insurance and an explanation of how they all fit together. This presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 pm.

## 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

Check it out! The Library has a new Strategic Plan for 2023-2027. Learn about the Library's mission, values, and objectives for the next five years at [www.menomoneefallslibrary.org/about/strategic-plan/](http://www.menomoneefallslibrary.org/about/strategic-plan/)



### 2023 – 2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

Approved by the Menomonee Falls Public Library Board of Trustees on October 19, 2022



To register for any of our programs, please visit [menomoneefallslibrary.org/events](http://menomoneefallslibrary.org/events), or call us at (262) 532-8920.

# Spring Library Youth Programs

## Programs for Everyone!

There's something for everyone this spring at World Investigators, LEGO Club, Read Together Book Club, STEAM Club, and Read to Bailey! Check [MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org](http://MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org) for more information about these exciting program series, just for kids ages 5-12!

## Books and Bento Buddies

Join us after school on Thursdays, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm to create frushi, try favorite snack foods, discover books, and learn about Japanese culture! Kids ages 8-12 and their teen Bento Buddies will join forces to learn about Japanese cuisine and popular kids' culture through food, media, and friends! [Registration](#) is required.

This program is graciously made possible with grant funding from UW-Madison's Center for East Asian Studies.

## Sushi Rolling Demonstration!

Roll with it! Chef Jenny Lee, owner of Perilla Kitchen and Kiuda Korean American, is coming to the Library to show us the art of rolling sushi! Catch her demonstration at 5 pm on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. [Registration](#) is required. This event is for ages 10 to 18.

This program is graciously made possible with grant funding from UW-Madison's Center for East Asian Studies.

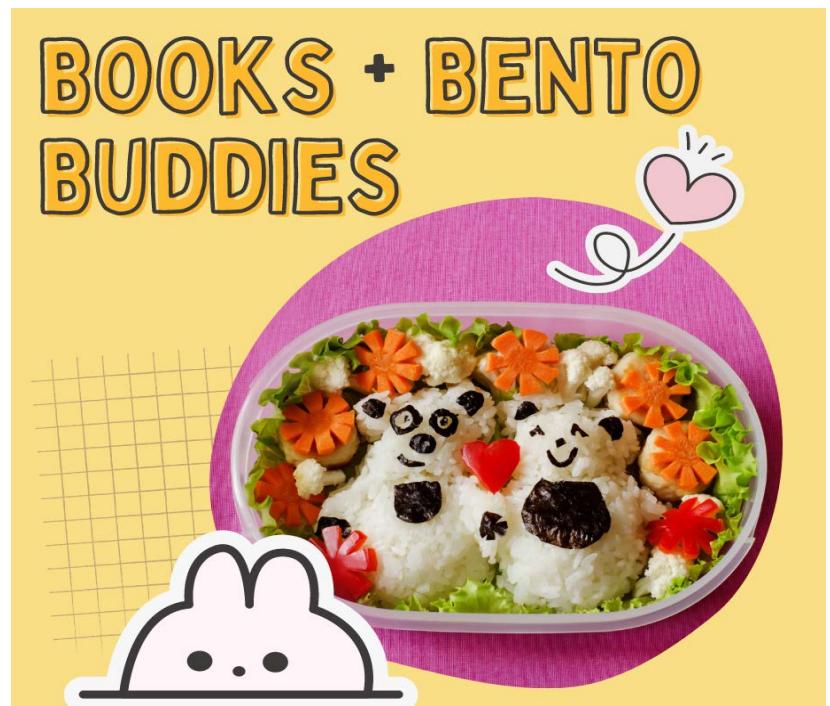


## Unbirthday Party

Welcome to the Unbirthday Party, where it's nobody's birthday but we're having a celebration anyway! Enjoy playing party games, winning prizes, and party treats while celebrating everyone's unbirthday! Don't miss the celebration on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 pm. This event is for ages 13-18.

## Sensory Storytime

Children and caregivers are invited to Sensory Storytime on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. This monthly storytime is specifically designed for children of all abilities. Enjoy traditional storytime elements, like stories and music, with free play and extra supports to enhance the experience. Best suited for children ages 3 to 6. [Registration](#) is required.



## Between Lock In

Introducing after hours events for kids ages 10-12! Enjoy games, snacks, and squishy, slimy crafts on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Tween events are made possible by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

## Minecraft Lock In

Mine, explore, and build with other fans in our Minecraft Realm! Kids ages 10-12 are invited to the Minecraft Lock In on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Spring Updates From Old Falls Village Park

## Themed R.M.S Titanic First Class Dinner Fundraiser

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, The Preserve at Silver Spring on Silver Spring Dr. will be transformed into a unique evening experience remaking a first-class dinner marking the 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unsinkable Titanic. This Titanic Themed "First-Class For the Park" fundraiser is to help raise funds for the operation and improvements to Old Falls Village Park.



There will be a silent auction and entertainment throughout the evening while enjoying a six-course meal similarly served on the Titanic's first-class dining hall. Attend in formal black tie or period appropriate attire for this immersion themed fundraiser to benefit the Friends of Old Falls Village, Inc and Old Falls Village Park.

Friends of Old Falls Village, Inc. has filed for their 501(c)(3) tax exemption status as a non-profit charity. Their status is pending and once qualified by the IRS, all contributions and donations during this time period will be retroactively tax-deductible. Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/522234656917](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/522234656917)

## Depot Beer Gardens at Old Falls Village Park start May 13<sup>th</sup>

Free, outdoor, and held every Saturday during the summer. The Depot Beer Gardens are from 3 pm until 9 pm, however, if there is an event that weekend, the beer garden opens earlier. Check the schedule for exact times. Old Falls Village Park is a great family destination! There is plenty of room for the children to run and play while there is entertainment on the Depot platform. Live music. Activities for the kids. Cold beer and soda available. All the proceeds go to support the Park. This is a family-focused event. Come visit Old Falls Village Park on the corner of Pilgrim Road and Highway Q. Beer Gardens and events are weather permitting. Parking is always free and admission happens only with special events occurring in the park.

## Recreation

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



Photo from 2022 R.M.S. Titanic Dinner Fundraiser

## Save the Date! Old Falls Village Events

Revolutionary War Days  
May 20-21

Radio Rosies Concert  
June 16 at 6 pm, FREE

WWII Days  
June 17-18

USO-themed Concert with  
Command Performance Big Band  
June 17 at 6 pm, FREE

Civil War Encampment  
July 15-16 at 10 am

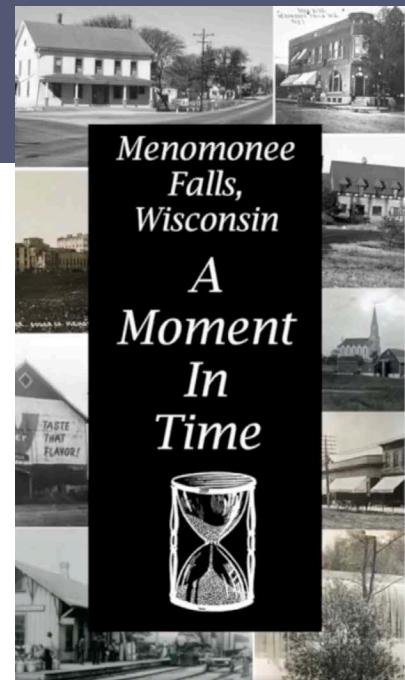
For more information, contact  
[info@oldfallsvillagepark.com](mailto:info@oldfallsvillagepark.com) or go to  
[www.OldFallsVillagePark.com](http://www.OldFallsVillagePark.com)

# Falls Cable Access Remembers Menomonee Falls

As a spin-off of Falls Cable Access' successful monthly Facebook series, Talk of the Town, the channel's social outreach goes in a new direction with *A Moment in Time*. This new weekly series showcases the work of research historian, Jill Schmidt, producer Sean McGibany and historical support from staff at the Library's Maude Shunk History Room and creates a weekly 60 second 'moment' highlighting a 100 year old article from the Menomonee Falls News. Different from Talk of the Town, social media coordinator, Robert Freyer is taking the new series beyond Facebook to enthusiastic audiences on YouTube and other social media platforms.

The team is currently in production for March's offerings. If you love the rich history of our Village, look for *A Moment In Time* on your favorite social media platform.

Access all new and archived Falls Cable Access content at  
<https://fcactv.com/>



**Save  
THE  
Date**



**Ladies' Night**

**"Celebrate the Shamrock"**

**March 16th 4-8pm**



**Join us for a fun  
filled evening  
shopping, playing  
bingo and enter to  
win raffle prizes!**

## EASTER BUNNY & Friends

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH  
11AM - 3 PM  
CENTENNIAL PLAZA

Face Painting • Cotton Candy • Kettle Corn

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FURRY FRIENDS AND TAKE YOUR OWN PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!



Don't forget  
your cameras!



# CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

## Spring & Summer Program Preview



It's amazing how quickly summer is approaching! Community Education & Recreation (CE & Rec) staff are busy planning for a great summer of programs and activities for youth and adults of all ages.

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

- Online resident registration begins at 9 pm - Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>
- In-person resident registration begins at 8 am - Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Online non-resident registration begins at 9 pm - Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- In-person non-resident registration begins at 8 am - Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

### Looking for a Summer Job?

Joining the CE & Rec team is a great way to give back to your community while engaging in activities that interest you. Summer Kids INC, Swim Lessons, Lifeguarding, Youth Sports, and Fitness are just a few of the programs than you can get involved with. Time commitments vary depending on the positions, and training opportunities are available. Visit [WECAN](http://WECAN) for all current openings.

Consider participating in our lifeguard training from March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>.

[Lifeguard Training](#) provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, respond to aquatic emergencies, and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries, and sudden illness.



### Family Movie Nights Return in 2023

Falls Family Movie Nights at Village Park is expanding, thanks to our partnership with Menomonee Falls Downtown and our presenting sponsor Chick-fil-A! Movies start at dusk with "previews" starting at 6 pm. "Previews" include live music, beer garden, food trucks, popcorn wagon, and more.

A promotional poster for Falls Family Movie Night. The top half features a large movie camera with the text "FALLS Family MOVIE NIGHT" overlaid. The bottom half is a marquee board with the text "Village Park SHOWTIME - DUSK" and a list of movie dates: "MAY 19th: Toy Story", "JULY 21st: Elf 'Christmas in July'", and "SEPT 8th: Sing". Below the marquee, it says "Previews start at 6PM" and lists "LIVE MUSIC", "BEER GARDEN", "FOOD TRUCKS", and "POPCORN WAGON". The poster also includes the CE&amp;Rec logo and the School District of Menomonee Falls logo.

# More CE & Rec. Programs & Updates

## Fit in the Parks – Sunset / Candlelight Hike

Fit in the Parks is a health and wellness series brought to you by the Village of Menomonee Falls community partners as a part of the Live Well Waukesha County initiative. This summer there are 25+ FREE programs planned to help you stay active, and explore the wonderful parks within Menomonee Falls.

Help us kick off this year's Fit in the Park series at our Sunset / Candlelight Hike on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Menomonee Park from 7 – 9 pm. Candles will be available to light the way after dusk or come early and enjoy the park's natural beauty at sunset. Free admission to the park for all participants.

[Register now](#)

## Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt

Join our Menomonee Falls EGG-CELLENT Egg Hunt! You will be emailed a list of all the participating Falls businesses that will display a colorful egg in their front window with a letter on it. Between March 20<sup>th</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>, hunt around Menomonee Falls and decode the hidden phrase. Email your family name and answer to [cerd@sdmfschools.org](mailto:cerd@sdmfschools.org) by April 4<sup>th</sup>.

All correct answers will be put in a drawing to win a basket filled with fabulous prizes from participating businesses. Free, but registration is required. [Register now](#)



2022 FIT in the Parks - Sunset / Candlelight Hike participants



2022 Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt participant

## Respect Our Waters: Reduce Stormwater Pollution

Spring brings rain showers (and snow melt) which contribute to stormwater run off. The Village encourages residents to do their part to keep stormwater free from contaminants that can end up in our rivers and lakes. Learn about stormwater pollution and some simple actions you can take to keep waterways clean at [respectourwaters.org](http://respectourwaters.org)



## WATER QUALITY

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



## Waukesha County Park System

# Spring Event & Service Update

### Earth Week in the Parks!

Enjoy fun events, activities, programs and volunteer opportunities in Waukesha County Parks! [waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek](http://waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek)

- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - Earth Day Outdoor Classroom: Nature Exploration - "5-Finger Pledge" Retzer Nature Center - \$4/person [Register here!](#)
- Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm - Earth Week Sunset Meditation Planetarium Show & Peaceful Night Hike Retzer Nature Center - \$10/student
- Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - A Mindful Walk in Nature Retzer Nature Center. Free - No registration is necessary. Meet at the Discovery Trail entrance
- Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 am - Morning Bird Hike with the Benjamin Goss Bird Club. Retzer Nature Center - Free - No registration is necessary. [www.gossbirdclub.org](http://www.gossbirdclub.org)

### Waukesha County Parks Volunteer Clean Up Workday

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am - 1 pm at various county parks Free admission with registration and participation.

Come out to one (or all) of the Waukesha County Parks to help pick up litter! Volunteer kits (safety vests and garbage bags) will be available for your group upon request.

[Register your family or group](#) online today!

### Spring Story Hike

Daily, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at Retzer Nature Center. Enjoy a self-guided hike while reading the children's book, *Finding Wild*, by Megan Wagner Lloyd. The Orange Trail is a mowed grass trail with some sloped terrain (approximately .75 mile). Story Hike is provided through a partnership with Retzer Nature Center and Bridges Library System. [waukeshacounty.gov/storyhike](http://waukeshacounty.gov/storyhike)



Menomonee Park in spring



### Spring Workshop Day

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – Noon

Retzer Nature Center

\$24/person

Support your backyard residents this spring at these expert-led seminars.

Learn how to help the song bird population and support Monarch Butterflies!



[Online registration](#) is required by noon on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Recommended for ages 15 and up.

[waukeshacounty.gov/springworkshops](http://waukeshacounty.gov/springworkshops)

### Did you know?

Wisconsin is home to over 300 species of birds, and dozens of species are regular visitors to backyards in Greater Milwaukee!

### Habitat Restoration Volunteer Workdays

Help out your parks! Work with our staff and volunteer Site Stewards to remove invasive species from our natural areas. Habitat restoration workdays have a particular focus on the globally imperiled oak ecosystems that occur within Waukesha County. Recommended for ages 13+.

[www.waukeshacounty.gov/HabitatRestorationWorkdays/](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/HabitatRestorationWorkdays/)

# More Spring 2023 Waukesha County Parks Updates

## Camping Season Opens April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

[waukeshacounty.gov/camping](http://waukeshacounty.gov/camping)

## Arbor Day Volunteer Tree Planting

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - Noon

Mukwonago Park

Plant trees with Waukesha County Parks by joining this annual volunteer tradition! Celebrate Arbor Day and make a difference in your community by planting native trees to enhance and preserve our natural areas. Together our actions go further!



## Arbor Day

VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING

Sponsored By



Recommended for ages 10+. Free. Register by Wednesday, April 26.

[waukeshacounty.gov/arborday](http://waukeshacounty.gov/arborday)



Menomonee Falls celebrated Arbor Day in 2022 with a tree planting in Kiwanis Park. Stay tuned for the location for this year's Arbor day planting!

## Now Hiring for ALL Seasonal Positions

Be part of an amazing team that delivers outstanding experiences to our customers, protects our natural resources, and thrives on unique challenges daily. Now offering opportunities to work in various areas within the Waukesha County Park System.



[www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkjobs](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkjobs)

## Save the Date! Falls Memorial Fest 2023

**SATURDAY MAY 27** DOWNTOWN ON MAIN STREET

**FALLS MEMORIAL FEST**

Presented by VILLAGE OF Menomonee Falls

**OPENING CEREMONY TRIBUTE TO VETERANS VILLAGE PARK WAR MEMORIAL** 10AM

**5K RUN/WALK** MILL POND PARK 8AM-10AM

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LUCKY DUCKY DERBY** MILL POND PARK DUCK DROP 3PM

**TRI-COUNTY YMCA KIDSFEST** VILLAGE PARK 11AM-4PM

**FOOD & DRINKS**

**CAR SHOW** VILLAGE PARK 10AM-4PM

**ART SHOW** GAZEBO PLAZA 11AM-5PM

**LIVE MUSIC** 11:30AM-9PM FINAL ACT 6PM - 9PM

**OTHER MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENTS:**

5/28: Memorial Fest Veterans Concert at Village Park 5-7PM  
5/29: Memorial Day Parade - Main Street 10AM

Menomoneefallsdowntown.com  
@menomoneefallsdowntown





## Menomonee Falls Police Department & Body-Worn Cameras

Oftentimes, the public may believe that all police departments are required to equip their officers with body-worn cameras. While many agencies do have body-worn cameras, many do not and there are no federal or state mandates requiring body worn cameras for most local law enforcement agencies.

The Menomonee Falls Police Department has had squad installed cameras since 2010. Our squad cameras have proven to be beneficial in many different aspects of policing. Video has been used as evidence in criminal arrests to include drunk driving offenses where recorded field sobriety tests are used during court proceedings. Additionally, suspects statements made during the investigation as well as evidence of traffic violations captured on squad camera have been powerful pieces of evidence in court proceedings.

The squad video recordings have also been helpful in recording citizen-police contacts. These recordings can be used to review and improve newly hired officers' interactions with the public. Furthermore, the videos have been reviewed for investigations when allegations are made against an officer for misconduct. It is this last category that often creates a strong demand of police accountability and transparency. This demand for body-worn cameras comes with a significant cost of time and money.

The Menomonee Falls Police Department is excited to announce that our agency has received a grant to assist with the purchase of body-worn cameras. This grant directly supports the Village of Menomonee Falls Body-Worn Camera Department Wide Deployment Program. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 our agency received a letter from Attorney General Joshua L. Kaul notifying us that our body-worn camera grant application was accepted and approved.



MFPD body-worn camera docking stations



## Body Worn Cameras Continued...

This monetary (50 percent match) grant award was approved by the Wisconsin Department of Justice pursuant to 2021 Wisconsin Act 185. This act was created for the specific purpose of creating funds to be awarded to law enforcement agencies to equip all law enforcement officers with body-worn cameras who have the primary duties involving traffic patrol, beat patrol, or responding to calls from the public requiring assistance. The award time frame covers

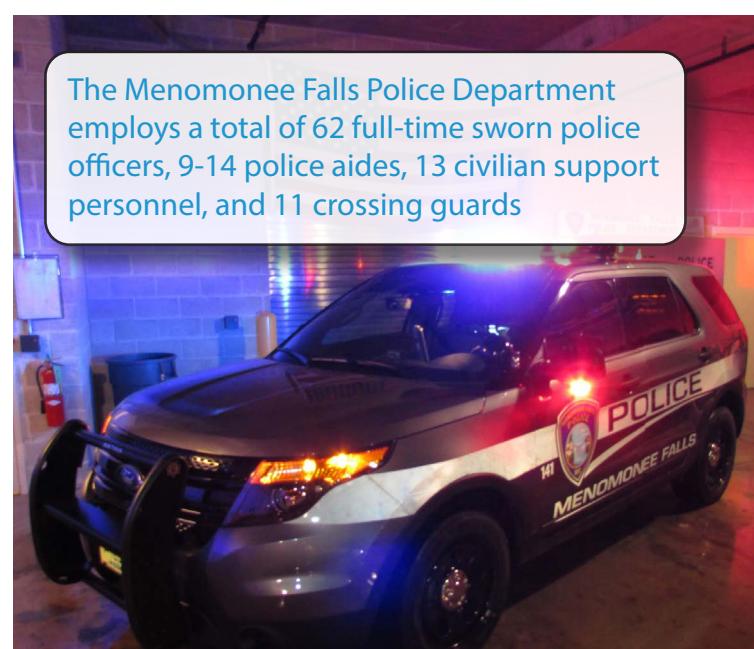
from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. In accepting this award our agency has committed to improve transparency and to document police-citizen contacts along with many of the same benefits our squad camera program has afforded us. This implementation will help us achieve and bolster our department values of service, respect, integrity, accountability, community, innovation, teamwork, and loyalty.

## Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Menomonee Falls Police Department had three assessors from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) arrive for a three-day assessment of our agency. This in-depth assessment was to determine our eligibility for WILEAG re-accreditation. This review process takes place over three days and requires the review of policies and actual proof that our agency abides by the 253 standards for the years of 2020 through 2022.

Accreditation is the most cost-effective and efficient way for an agency to assess the overall performance and service they provide to the public. The standards guide agencies to current best practices, but the process also allows agencies to identify problem areas, deficient policies, and potential areas of liability. Only about 8% of the 560 eligible law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin are fully accredited by WILEAG.

The accreditation process is no easy endeavor and requires a great deal of time, effort and commitment. The benefits of accreditation include a well-deserved sense of professionalism and pride by the agency, the agency's personnel, and the community that the agency serves. Communities gain security in the knowledge that their agencies are well managed and utilizing the best police practices in the State of Wisconsin. Prosecutors have the assurance that enforcement operations and personnel are consistently well directed. Finally, local officials know that there is an independent review and evaluation of agency operations.



# Updates from the Menomonee Falls Fire Department

## MFFD Citizens Academy

Join members of the MFFD to see and learn what it is like to be a Menomonee Falls Firefighter. You will wear the gear and safely go through evolutions just like the firefighters do. Everyone can finish the class with a CPR card!. Classes run April 5<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kevin Porter at [kporter@menomonee-falls.org](mailto:kporter@menomonee-falls.org) to register.



## A New Friend at Station #5

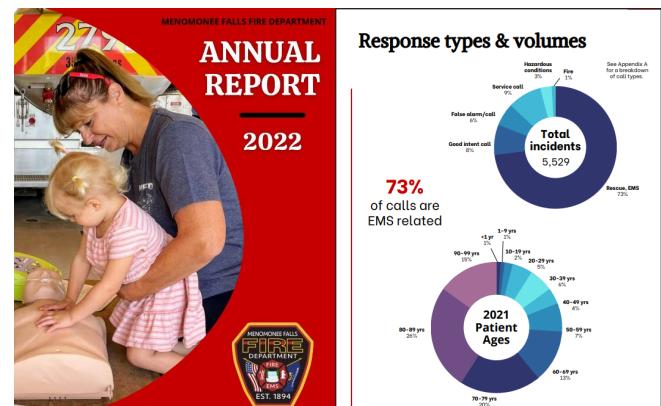
This is Rocket (see photo at right). He is the mascot of The Hero In You Foundation. The foundation's mission is to empower, educate, and inspire children and families with the tools they need to make better decisions in emergencies or dangerous situations to prevent injuries. Their programs teach youths safety and coping skills. There are even coloring books in the lending library that was installed when Rocket arrived! More information and additional materials can be found by visiting their website:

[TheHeroInYouFoundation.com](http://TheHeroInYouFoundation.com)



## MFFD 2022 Annual Report

Check out our annual report for a brief summary of the Fire Department's accomplishments, business practices, initiatives, and Fire and EMS response highlights from 2022. The annual report includes a department overview, service data, and highlights about some of the achievements of MFFD personnel and programs. View the current and past editions of the report at [menomonee-falls.org/1276/Annual-Report](http://menomonee-falls.org/1276/Annual-Report)



## Community League Spring Marketplace

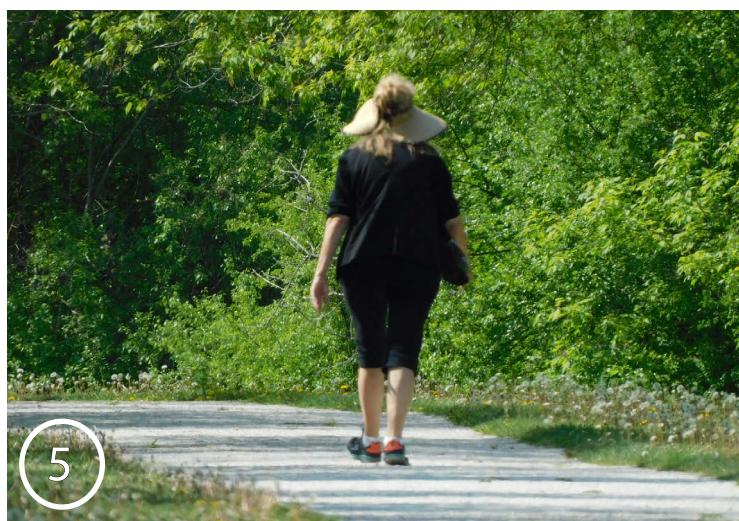
Save the date! **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** for the Community League Spring Marketplace at Menomonee Falls High School from 9 am to 2 pm. Admission \$3.

Featuring:

- Vendors
- Rummage Sale
- Jewelry
- Raffles
- Crafts
- Bake Sale

Learn more at [www.communityleague.com](http://www.communityleague.com)

# Signs of Spring - Parks & Trails



Spring is (almost) here and warmer weather is on the way! Exploring the Village's park and trail system is a great way to appreciate the beauty of the season. For a full inventory of Menomonee Falls' parks and trails, visit:

[menomonee-falls.org/parks](http://menomonee-falls.org/parks)

- 1 Menomonee Falls Farmers Market on Falls Fest Plaza
- 2 2022 Fit in the Parks yoga session at Village Park
- 3 Garwin Mace Lime Kilns in Lime Kiln Park
- 4 Tulips in bloom in downtown Menomonee Falls
- 5 A visitor walking the trail loop at Rivers Edge Park

# Spring 2023 Calendar



## TUESDAY APRIL 4 @ 7am to 8pm

Spring Election  
All polling places  
throughout the Village

## SATURDAY APRIL 15 @ 5 pm

Titanic Themed Dinner Fundraiser  
First class experience - proceeds  
support Old Falls Village Park  
The Preserve at Silver Spring

## FRIDAY MAY 5 @ 7 pm

Fit in the Parks Candlelight Hike  
Self-guided sunset hike  
Menomonee Park

## SATURDAY MAY 13 @ 9 am

Optimist Kids Fishing Derby  
Fishing instruction & catch/release  
Mill Pond Park

## FRIDAY MAY 19

Falls Family Movie Night  
Free Outdoor Movie - *Toy Story*  
& food/drink vendors at Village Park

## SATURDAY MAY 27 @ 11 am

Falls Memorial Fest  
Downtown street party with food  
vendors, shopping, & music  
Main Street between Water & Appleton

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 7 @ 2 pm

Menomonee Falls Farmers Market  
Fresh produce, hand-made products,  
& food/drink vendors at Village Park

## Opportunities to Give Back

**Menomonee River Cleanup** – Come join us this spring on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. Every year since 2008 (except 2020), around Earth Day, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. This event is organized by the Milwaukee Riverkeepers and sponsored by Waste Management. Visit [menomonee-falls.org/rivercleanup](http://menomonee-falls.org/rivercleanup) to learn more and to register for the 2023 Menomonee River Cleanup.

**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](mailto:ErasVolunteer@Eras.org)

## Events



Check out the inaugural  
Falls Festival of the Arts  
Downtown - June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>



## Points of Pride

[AreaVibes.com](http://AreaVibes.com) ranks Menomonee Falls as the 8<sup>th</sup> Best Place to live in Wisconsin for 2023

[Niche.com](http://Niche.com) ranks Hamilton and Menomonee Falls school districts in the top 15 in the state

[AreaVibes.com](http://AreaVibes.com) ranks Menomonee Falls as the Safest City in Wisconsin with more than 25,000 residents for 2023

*Back for 2023!*  
The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Falls Memorial Fest starts at 11 am on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and it continues all day long with vendors, food, and music on Main Street

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