

# The Current

Summer 2023

VILLAGE OF  
**Menomonee Falls**

## It's Summer in the Falls!

Summer is finally here which means it is both time to work hard and play hard for the Village of Menomonee Falls! Learn more on [page 1](#)

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

## Offices Closed

Fourth of July 7/4/23  
Labor Day 9/4/23

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## Working Hard & Playing Hard this Summer

Without a doubt, summer is a wonderful season in Menomonee Falls! This is the perfect time of the year to get out and enjoy the yard, explore the natural beauty of our area, and check out all of the community events in downtown, Old Falls Village Park, and at Menomonee Park. With the splash pad and play area at Village Park officially open, we also get to enjoy another wonderful location to gather and play!

Summer of 2023 will also be a busy time for the Village with construction season in full swing and several key initiatives in the works to ensure that we can maintain high levels of service for residents and businesses for years to come. Specifically, the Village is conducting a community-wide revaluation of all properties in Menomonee Falls, we are hiring 14 additional firefighters with the support of a \$5.5 million SAFER grant, and we are instituting some changes to the Independence Day Parade and Fireworks to ensure a safe celebration for everyone.

This issue of *The Current* newsletter includes information on these topics as well as seasonal service updates, construction project updates, and reminders about the many community events happening across Menomonee Falls this summer. We've also included program previews and stories from local partners including Menomonee Falls Downtown, Community Ed & Recreation, the Library, and Waukesha County Parks.

We know summer is BUSY in Wisconsin, so thank you for taking a few minutes to read about what is happening in the Village Menomonee Falls. To receive email reminders for each issue of *The Current* and *The Rapid* (our weekly at-a-glance newsletter) visit the Notify Me sign up page at [menomonee-falls.org/list.aspx](https://menomonee-falls.org/list.aspx)

Falls Family Movie Night at  
Village Park in May 2023



# Village of Menomonee Falls

## 2023 Revaluation in Progress

The Assessor's Office is conducting a revaluation of all properties in Menomonee Falls for the assessment year of 2023. The goal of the revaluation is to ensure that taxes are distributed equitably and uniformly, as well as to comply with State Statutes.

### What is a Revaluation, and Why is it Happening Now?

A revaluation is a review of all property assessments. During a revaluation, all assessments are updated using information gathered from recently sold properties. The last Village-wide revaluation occurred in 2010 and was based on sales that occurred in 2008 and 2009. Since the 2010 revaluation, the general level of assessment, also known as the assessment ratio, fell to 73.6% of market value.

Without conducting the 2023 revaluation, that level would have fallen to approximately 66%. Wisconsin Statute 70.05 requires a jurisdiction to assess within 10% of full market value at least once in a five year period and 2023 would be the fourth year that the village fell outside of 10%. We were originally scheduled to do a revaluation in 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced a delay to this year.

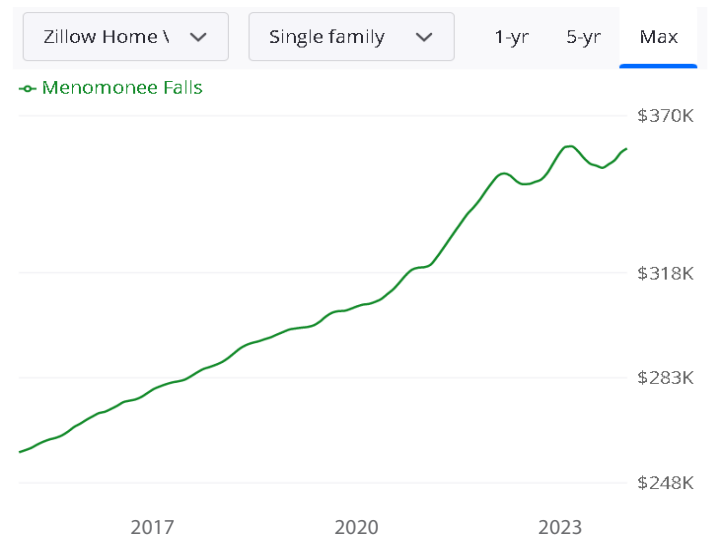
### The Revaluation Process

The Assessing Office will be using sales of property that occurred in 2022 to arrive at a fair market value of each property as of January 1, 2023. The fair market value is defined as the amount a typical, well-informed purchaser would be willing to pay for a property.

**Property owners are being mailed assessment notices starting in June.**

The notice will contain the previous assessment and the proposed new assessment for 2023.

#### Menomonee Falls Zillow Home Value Index 2015 - 2023



Residential real estate values are estimated to have increased 23 percent over the last five years which has contributed to our lagging assessment ratio.

Property owners should review the proposed assessment and consider whether their home / property could be sold for the 2023 assessed value. This can be done by looking at area sales, contacting appraisers, and comparing assessments of similar homes. Recent area sales are generally available to the public on various internet websites. If a property owner feels the new assessed value is accurate, no further action is needed.



# 2023 Revaluation Continued...

## Appealing an Assessment

If a property owner feels the new assessed value is inaccurate, it is highly recommended that they meet with the Assessor during the June 8<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> Open Book session to discuss their assessment.

During the Open Book session, property owners can review the current year's assessment roll to compare their property assessment to similar properties in the community.

Minor errors and misunderstandings can often be corrected by meeting with the Village Assessor without initiating a formal appeal. **Meeting with the assessor also gives property owners an opportunity to view property records and hear an explain of how the assessment was determined.**

## Board of Review

Property owners who want to initiate a formal appeal of their assessment to the Board of Review should contact the Village Clerk at 262-532-4201 or by email at [CS@menomonee-falls.org](mailto:CS@menomonee-falls.org) at least 48 hours prior to the start of the Board of Review.

The first two hour meeting of the Board of Review is anticipated to be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

State law puts the burden of proof on property owners to show the Board of Review that the assessment is incorrect. The evidence must be strong enough to prove that the Assessor's value is incorrect. The best evidence for this would be a recent sale of the property or the sale prices for similar properties in the same neighborhood.

## How Will the Revaluation Affect My Taxes?

Revaluation redistributes the existing property tax burden so that all property owners pay their fair share based on the market value of their property.

**The total amount of taxes levied is completely independent of the overall assessment.** An overall tax levy increase is proposed, however, to support the hiring of additional Menomonee Falls firefighters and police officers. See the [SAFER grant basics and impacts article on page 15](#) for further details.



The 2023 Revaluation represents the first Village-wide re-assessment since 2010

## For More Information

For answers to frequently asked questions, visit the [2023 Menomonee Falls Revaluation web page](#). Village staff will update this web page as new information becomes available.

If you have additional questions about the revaluation process, contact the Assessor's Office directly at 262-532-4220 (Tuesday - Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm) or via email at [assess@menomonee-falls.org](mailto:assess@menomonee-falls.org).





# Summer Reminders & Service Updates

## 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 N 96W13073 County Line Road

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

## Dogs in Parks

Dogs are permitted in parks if they are on leashes no longer than 6 feet. The Village has 16 pet waste disposal systems in parks which include bags to pick up pet waste. It is the dog owner's responsibility to clean up after pets. Menomonee Park, which is operated by Waukesha County, has a fully fenced dog exercise area. Learn more about this area at [waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system](http://waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system)



## Free Mulch

The Village manages a brush grinding operation which produces shredded wood mulch for residents. The mulch is FREE, clean, and good quality. Menomonee Falls residents can help themselves to mulch at the end of MacArthur Drive through October. See [menomonee-falls.org/freemulch](http://menomonee-falls.org/freemulch) for a map of the pickup location.



## Welcome New Village Residents!

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



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



# More Seasonal Reminders & Updates

## 2023 Special Election

- July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Special Election for vacated seat of Dan Knodl due to his election to the State Senate
- Assembly District 24  
Wards 1- 7, 9 and 11

For all your voting needs, visit [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) which allows you to:

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



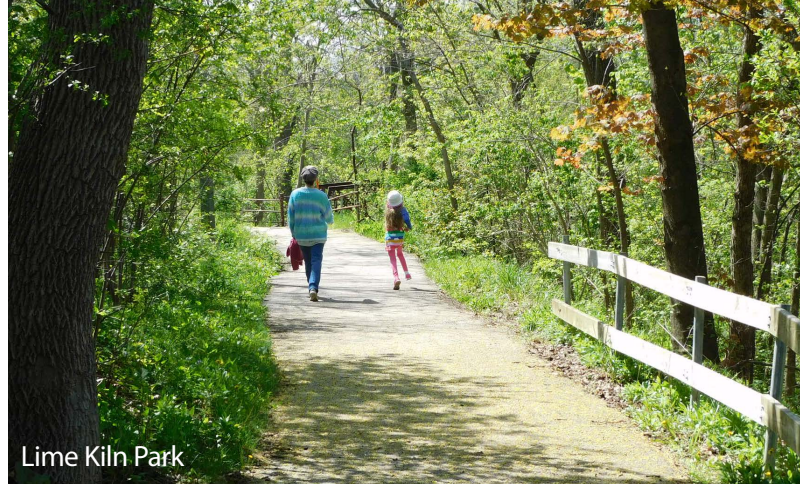
## Park Basics

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

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

## Park Shelter Reservations

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



Lime Kiln Park

## Explore Village Parks & Trails

With the longer days and warmer temperatures, now is a great time to check out some of the dozens of public parks and trails in Menomonee Falls. There are over 30 miles of trails in our community including the eastern extent of the 16 mile Bugline Recreation Trail and the Menomonee River Parkway Trail which links downtown and Rotary Park.

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

For a complete inventory of public parks and trails in the Village see [menomonee-falls.org/parks](https://menomonee-falls.org/parks).



Bugline Trail



Centennial Plaza



Dolphin Drive Trail



Farrenkopf Plaza



Fond du Lac Trail



Good Hope Trail



Heron Alley



John Taylor Park



Kiwanis Park



Summer 2023

Village Park Play Area  
& Splash Pad

# Construction & Development Projects

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**Menomonee Falls**

## Village Park Grand Opening

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, a Grand Opening program was held at Village Park to celebrate the completion of the accessible play area / splash pad and the donors who contributed to the **\$1.1 million fundraising campaign** for the project. The fundraising effort was led by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls with major donations accepted from Milwaukee Tool, Froedtert & MCW, and Kohl's.



## Other Public Projects

### Street Reconstruction & Infrastructure

In 2023, the Village is reconstructing portions of Ridgeview Drive and Roman Drive. Water mains are being replaced on Pilgrim Road, St. Stevens Drive, St. Thomas Drive, and Highland Court. The Village is also replacing sidewalks, paving / sealing several roads, and reconstructing cul-de-sacs.

For more information about ongoing and planned public projects, visit

[menomonee-falls.org/publicprojects](https://menomonee-falls.org/publicprojects)

### Aero Park

This summer the Village is moving forward on the first phase of improvements for a new community park located on 80 acres of land east of Lannon Road and north of Lisbon Road in southwest Menomonee Falls. 2023 improvements include:

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

View the park plan at [menomonee-falls.org/aeropark](https://menomonee-falls.org/aeropark)



## Private Projects

(selected projects as planned or viewed in spring of 2023)

Jax Incorporated's new office, warehouse, and production facility on Manhardt Drive



The Village issued permits for 28 single family and duplex residential units in the first five months of 2023



Springhill Suites Hotel



Duet Apartments on Main Street



Tailored Label Products corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility



This former bank site in the Silver Spring corporate park is being redeveloped as a daycare center



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



# Menomonee Falls Downtown Summer 2023 Events



## Sunset Concert Series

The Falls Sunset Concert Series- Presented by Interstate Music, is a premier, FREE, family friendly, live music event held on Thursday nights during the summer. Each concert begins at 6 pm at the Milwaukee Tool Stage at Village Park. Food will be available for purchase from local food vendors. Beverages available for purchase at the Beer Garden. Please help support live music and the Menomonee Falls Downtown District, and come catch a sunset!

## Beer Garden

Come experience our Beer Garden at Village Park! Open Wednesdays June 7<sup>th</sup> to September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 5 - 8 pm, the Garden offers the perfect place to unwind. Take in the live entertainment, play yard games, and sip on ice-cold beer while enjoying the beautiful outdoors. Don't miss out on this opportunity for a relaxing evening in the Beer Garden at Village Park! Please note: No carry-ins are allowed.

## Falls Festival of the Arts

Our Annual Falls Art Walk is turning into a three day Festival of the Arts, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023! Planned activities include:

- Mural Tours
- Chalk Art & Plein Air Art Competition
- Live Music & Performances
- Food Trucks, Art Fair & more!



## Lavender Fest

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Falls Lavender Festival takes place on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Enjoy the scent, color, flavor and decorating influence of everything Lavender! Shop and dine downtown and enjoy a sea of vendor booths at Village Park. The Village Park Beer Garden will be open!

## Picnic at the Plaza

Join us for Picnic at the Plaza every Tuesday at Mill Pond Plaza! From 1 pm - 4 pm you can enjoy refreshments and live music by the Waterfall. May 30<sup>th</sup>- September 26<sup>th</sup>.



For more information about Downtown events visit [menomoneefallsdowntown.com/events](https://menomoneefallsdowntown.com/events)



# Summer Events



MENOMONEE FALLS  
**DOWNTOWN**  
wheremain&appletonmeet

- 5/30 Picnic at the Plaza- Opening of Season**
- 6/7 Beer Garden - Opening of Season**
- 6/8 Falls Sunset Concert Series** Milwaukee Tool Shed Band
- 6/22 Falls Sunset Concert Series** Chicken Wire Empire
- 6/23 Operation Finally Home Concert** Rebel Grace
- 6/23-25 Falls Festival of the Arts**
- 7/10-14 Lavender Days**
- 7/13 Falls Sunset Concert Series** Southern Accents
- 7/15 Lavender Festival**
- 7/21 Falls Family Movie Night**
- 7/27 Falls Sunset Concert Series** Will Hoge
- 8/1 National Night Out**
- 8/10 Falls Sunset Concert Series** Trippin' Billies
- 8/11 Operation Finally Home Concert** Love Monkeys
- 8/11-12 Maxwell Street Days**
- 8/12 Falls Kids Festival**
- 8/24 Falls Sunset Concert Series** The Britins
- 8/27 Art in the Park**



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



MENOMONEE FALLS  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
FRESH EATS • LOCAL TREATS  
Wednesdays 2pm-6pm  
June 7- October 11  
Sundays 10am-1pm  
July 9-September 10



MENOMONEE FALLS  
**DOWNTOWN**  
**PICNIC**  
at the Plaza  
Tuesdays 1-4  
Mill Pond Park  
May 30-September 26



*Shop • Eat • Drink • Play*



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@MenomoneeFallsDowntown



# CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

## Summer Programs for All Ages



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

### Fit in the Parks

This season of Fit in the Parks programming kicked off with a Sunset/Candlelight Hike at Menomonee Park on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Fit in the Parks is a health and wellness series brought to you by the Village of Menomonee Falls community partners. This summer there are approximately 25 programs planned to help you stay active, and explore the wonderful parks within Menomonee Falls. Programs are FREE, but registration is required. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows. Thanks to Bally Sports Wisconsin for running a story on Fit in the Parks.

[Register now](#) or [click here for more information](#)



### Cool Down This Summer at the North Middle School Pool

Family Open Swim hours are Monday – Friday from 12 pm to 3 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm. Adult Lap Swim hours are Monday – Thursday & Saturday from 8 am to 10 am and Monday – Friday from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. Other programs at the pool include youth and adult swim lessons, junior lifeguard clinic, lifeguard certification, and lifeguard review classes. Visit the [CE & Rec Aquatics Page](#) for more information.



### Falls Family Movie Nights 2023

The First Falls Family Movie night of the season on May 19<sup>th</sup> was a success! Falls Family Movie Nights at Village Park are FREE 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 truck, popcorn wagon, and more. This is a great family event! Click on the dates below for more information.



[Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>](#)  
[Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>](#)

*Elf* “Christmas in July”  
*Sing*



# More Community Ed & Recreation Summer Programs & Updates

## Senior Summer Bash

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

Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 – 1:30 pm  
Community Center Gym  
[Register Now](#)

## Community Playground Challenge

This family event will let you explore the numerous playgrounds around Menomonee Falls and challenge you to play at them all! You will be emailed a list of participating playgrounds. During the month of July, check off each one you visited. Once you complete your sheet - email your family name and two pictures of your family enjoying those playgrounds to [cerd@sdmfschools.org](mailto:cerd@sdmfschools.org) by August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Entries will be put in a drawing to win prizes. Winners will be announced on August 7<sup>th</sup>.  
[Register for the Community Playground Challenge](#)

## Get Creative - Join us for Chalk it Up

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

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
6 – 7 pm  
North Middle School Sidewalk (Garfield Drive)  
[Register Now](#)



## Falls Kids Festival

We are thrilled to be a part of Falls Kids Festival at Village Park on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 5 pm. Activities will include bounce houses, food trucks, root beer garden, t-shirt decorating, stage performances and more! The day will conclude with a free concert by children's recording artist Laurie Berkner.

Visit the [Falls Kids Festival event Facebook page](#) for more information.







# The Farmers Market is Open for 2023!



## Are you ready for a beautiful summer of shopping at the Farmers Market?

We have a great line-up for you this season. We have the fan favorites: Cheese Curds, popcorn, breads, jams, jellies, honey, beef, eggs, soap, lotions, canned goods, cookies and other treats, prepared foods and beverages, jewelry, art and so much more! Plus, it wouldn't be a Farmers Market without the wonderful vegetables and beautiful flowers. So stop on by and have fun shopping, relaxing and listening to some music.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at 262-327-4756 or email [mffarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:mffarmersmarket@gmail.com) and Follow us on Facebook [@FallsFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/FallsFarmersMarket) or visit our website at [fallsfarmersmarket.org](https://fallsfarmersmarket.org)

## 2023 Schedule

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

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



## PICNIC at the Plaza

REFRESHMENTS & LIVE MUSIC

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm at Mill Pond Plaza



### May 30th

Music: Jesse Voelker  
Refreshments: Latitude LLC

### June 6th

Music: Ben Harold  
Refreshments: Bubble Tea Bar

### June 13th

Music: Patrick Van Bibber  
Snacks: Pete's Pops

### June 20th

Music: Ben Harold  
Snacks: Kona Ice Lake Country

### June 27th

Music: Jesse Voelker  
Snacks: Tundra Treats

### July 11th

Music: Patrick Van Bibber  
Snacks: Pete's Pops

### July 18th

Music: Andy Braun  
Snacks: Flips Mini Donuts

### July 25th

Music: Jesse Voelker  
Snacks: Pete's Pops

### August 1st

Music: Ben Harold  
Snacks: Flips Mini Donuts

### August 8th

Music: Patrick Van Bibber  
Snacks: Kona Ice Lake Country

### August 15th

Music: Andy Braun  
Snacks: Flips Mini Donuts

### August 22nd

Music: Andy Braun  
Snacks: Kona Ice Lake Country

### August 29th

Music: Jesse Voelker  
Refreshments: Bubble Tea Bar

### September 5th

Music: Ben Harold  
Refreshments: Bubble Tea Bar

### September 12th

Music: Patrick Van Bibber  
Refreshments: Latitude LLC



For more information  
visit the [Picnic at the Plaza web page](https://fallsfarmersmarket.org)

### September 19th

Music: Ben Harold  
Refreshments: Latitude LLC

### September 26th

Music: Andy Braun  
Refreshments: Bubble Tea Bar



# Library Corner

## Summer Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library



### Children's Programs

#### Ryan Meisel's World Sound Explorations

Ryan will perform and demonstrate a collection of Native American and other indigenous flutes and woodwinds on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm. Participants will learn about world music, how to play music creatively, and share and build relationships with members of their library community. All ages welcome. Sponsored by Bridges Library System.

#### Magic Morgan & Liliana's Amazing Magic Show

Back by popular demand, two-time recipient of the World Deaf Magician Award Matthew "Magic" Morgan and Liliana truly keep the audience at the heart of the show by inviting kids and parents onstage to be a part of the magic. Come and be amazed on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm, as this husband and wife act combines magic, miming and comedy while communicating in the universal language of fun! Sponsored by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

#### GEE Funny Farm

Cultivate your critter I.Q. with GEE Funny Farm Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm! Learn about some of the amazing animals that live at GEE Funny Farm through presentation and hands-on experiences. This petting zoo style educational program is perfect for families, kids, and teens. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls.

#### Truck Day

Calling all truck enthusiasts! Take a tour of different trucks and vehicles used by community workers here in Menomonee Falls on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in the parking lot behind the Library.

#### All Together Now! Community Storytime

Join us for a themed storytime highlighting a community helper in Menomonee Falls! We'll sing songs, move and groove, and read a book with our special guest. Best suited for children ages 3 and up.

- Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am, Kwanza Devlin, M.D., Family Medicine Physician at Froedtert Town Hall Health Center
- Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am  
MFFD Fire Chief Gerard Washington

#### Mathnasium Math Night (Afternoon Library Edition)

What better way to give children (and parents) a positive experience with math than to do it in a way that is both educational and fun? Local math education experts, Mathnasium of Menomonee Falls, have a program to do just that. It's called Math Night. See what Math Night is all about during this daytime opportunity at the Library on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm.



#### NERF Lock-Ins!

Enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and NERF! Bring your own NERF and we will provide the darts. Registration by permission slip required.

- Ages 13 – 18, Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 5 – 8 pm
- Ages 10 – 12, Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 8 pm



### **Sushi Rolling Demonstration with Jenny Lee**

Roll your way to something delicious at this sushi rolling demonstration with Chef Jenny Lee, owner of Perilla Kitchen and Kiuda Korean American on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm! For ages 10 - 18. Registration required. Sponsored by Bridges Library System.

### **Murder at the Grand Gatsby Lock-In**

Dress to the nines, solve a murder, and have a roaring good time at this 1920s themed murder mystery on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 5 - 8 pm! Registration by permission form required. Intended for ages 13 - 18.

## **Adult Library Programs**

### **De-cluttering and Downsizing**

Having too much stuff can impede people from relocating or getting health care into their homes. On Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm, a trained AARP representative will share some practical tips to get started with de-cluttering and downsizing.

### **Narcan/Naloxone Training**

Join us for this potentially lifesaving training about opioids, the signs of an overdose, and how to administer Narcan. Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. Everyone is welcome to attend, and everyone in attendance will receive a FREE Narcan kit! Training will take place on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm.



Program registration:  
Please register online  
in advance at

[menomoneefallslibrary.org/events](https://menomoneefallslibrary.org/events)



### **Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality**

Mr. Abraham Lincoln (as portrayed by Kevin Wood) shares his ever-evolving perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality. He gives a brief summary of the long history of slavery in North America, focusing especially on the great debates and compromises over slavery at the time of the formation of the United States and during the subsequent 80 years. This program will take place on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

### **A Visit with Romance Author Brittainy Cherry**

On Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, please join esteemed Wisconsin romance author Brittainy Cherry for an evening discussing all things romance, writing, and happily ever afters. She will have selected titles available for purchase at this event.

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## **2023 River Cleanup Recap**

The Milwaukee Riverkeeper Spring Cleanup at Menomonee Falls occurred on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and it was a huge success! Over 100 volunteers cleaned up 75 bags of trash across the Village. Thank you to all who volunteered!





# What is SAFER and What Does it Mean for Menomonee Falls?

## Grant Basics & Impacts

### What is SAFER and Who is the NFPA?

SAFER is the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant program and NFPA is the National Fire Protection Association.

### What will they do for Menomonee Falls?

Menomonee Falls Fire Department received a \$5.53 million SAFER grant to assist with the recruitment, hiring and training of 14 new full time firefighters. That will bring our full-time number to 35 and we will complement that with 80 part-time firefighters. This will allow us to staff our three fire apparatus with four firefighters on each and have three ambulances with two personnel on each. NFPA standards have four personnel on a fire apparatus, up from our current level of two per fire apparatus. MFFD currently staffs our apparatus with two firefighters and our ambulances with two personnel.

NFPA has set standards of an 80 second turn-out time and four minute travel time for the initial fire apparatus to arrive, with a second apparatus arriving within six minutes to arrive on scene. The goal is for 17 personnel to arrive within nine minutes and 40 seconds over 90 percent of the time to an alarm for a residential structure fire. We currently rely heavily on mutual aid to meet the minimum numbers above.

Expanding our staffing in this model also allows a member to go with an ambulance while transporting to the hospital without taking a fire apparatus out of service. It can be used to deliver training aimed at whole-community preparedness.

The SAFER grant is not to be used for payroll of existing firefighters, apparatus or fire stations.



### SAFER Grant Impacts

- Funding will cover wages and benefits for 14 full-time fire fighters over the next three years
- No cost share requirement under the FY21 award
- Period of performance: 8/8/2023 – 8/7/2026
- Funds disbursed on a reimbursement basis
- Programmatic performance progress reports and federal financial reports required every six months
- Tax levy dollars will be used in order to sustain the staffing levels once the grant period has ended.
- 2023 estimated assessed value after revaluation is expected to increase 50%. The proposed tax increase supporting the additional firefighters and also three police officers is projected at 9.4% for a property owner for the Village-only portion of the tax bill mailed in 2023. The Village portion of your tax bill is approximately 31% of your total tax bill.



Read more about the NFPA standards at [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org) and more about SAFER grants at [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov)





# Independence Day Parade and Fireworks Changes

Some say change is inevitable, others say it is necessary. What is important is to understand the reasons why changes are made. This year, after many years of the traditional staking of viewing areas for the Independence Day Parade and Fireworks, some changes have been enacted by the Village of Menomonee Falls.

First and foremost, **there will be no staking or placing items down in the public right-of-ways to reserve viewing areas prior to July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.** This means that any ropes, stakes, tape or any other items used to reserve an area will be immediately removed prior to this date and time. The public right-of-ways include the center median, the sidewalks and the grassy area between the street curb and the sidewalk. It is important to know that this will be closely monitored as this is the first year this change is being implemented. Historically, the public was allowed to place items down to reserve these areas 24 hours in advance. Starting this year on the day of the event, the roadways will be closed at 4:30 p.m. to allow people ample time to occupy their viewing areas.

Recent local and national events with safety concerns revolving around large public gatherings, particularly parades, have occurred in the last few years. These safety concerns are always paramount for any law enforcement agency. Additionally, the resources that have been needed in recent years to facilitate reserving of parade viewing areas on July 2<sup>nd</sup> have caused us to look at how we plan, organize and staff this event. Ultimately, the safety of the participants and the public come first. It is for these reasons the Village of Menomonee Falls is making these changes.

We hope everyone understands and realizes these changes are necessary. We hope everyone has a fun and safe time and we look forward to seeing everyone at this event.







## Summer 2023 Update

Bugline Trail  
near Custer Lane



### Beaches Open for 2023

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

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

### [More Beach Information](#)

### Bugline Trail

Summer is a great time to check out the 16 mile Bugline Trail! This paved multi-use trail extends from Appleton Avenue to the west end of North Lake in the Town of Merton. There is also a 0.4 mile segment between Water Street and Apple Tree Court. This paved trail owes its existence to the quarries near Lannon as it follows the route of a train line which was established to haul limestone.

### Summer Environmental Education Activity Guide

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

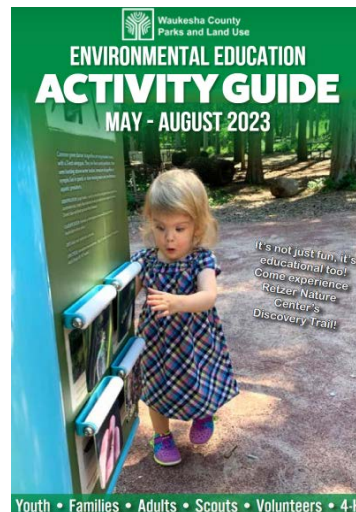
### [View the Summer Guide](#)

### The Tap Yard Beer Garden in Menomonee Park

Waukesha County Park System is proud to partner with local breweries to host a variety of beer gardens. Starting in May, The Tap Yard Beer Garden opened at the Menomonee Park Beach House offering a variety of drafts, cans, wine, seltzers, and a full concession of food offerings and ice cream options! The Tap Yard will be open from May to October:

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|----------------------|-----------|
| • Wednesday - Friday | 4 - 9 pm  |
| • Saturday           | 12 - 9 pm |
| • Sunday             | 12 - 7 pm |

For more information visit [facebook.com/thetapyardmenomoneefalls](https://facebook.com/thetapyardmenomoneefalls)







In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to venues all over the United States. The purpose of these events is to honor those officers that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



As National Police Week came to an end, some of you may have asked why the Menomonee Falls Police Department did not have their police memorial service as in years past. As you recall this memorial service honored officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to include our own officer, Patrolman John S. Taylor who was killed in the line of duty back on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1977. As discussed in the previous article, change is inevitable. After looking at our history of our memorial service we felt we could have a memorial service in conjunction with our National Night Out and create a memorable experience.



The thought was that combining these two events recognizes the sacrifices of all fallen officers while emphasizing the importance of the community support we truly welcome and appreciate. These two events will take place on the same evening, starting at John S. Taylor Park and then moving over to Village Park. Both these parks have received recent updating and improvements. The plan is to have our memorial service prior to National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Details will be forthcoming regarding times and schedule. Thank you as always for your support and we hope to see you there!





# Summer 2023 Events at Old Falls Village Park

This summer we have a full calendar of events scheduled at our beautiful park which is located on the corner of Pilgrim Road and County Line Road! **The Depot Beer Garden** will be open every Saturday from May 13<sup>th</sup> – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (weather permitting) from 3 to 9 pm with beer, music, kids games, and a variety of food options! Beer garden opens earlier on special event weekends. Learn more about all summer programs at [oldfallsvillage.com](http://oldfallsvillage.com) and [oldfallsvillagepark.com](http://oldfallsvillagepark.com)



**WWII DAYS**

**OLD FALLS VILLAGE PARK**  
JUNE 17-18, 2023  
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI

Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM  
Admission \$9.00 Children 11-5 yo \$4.00 Under 5 FREE  
All Military Active and Veterans \$4.00 with Military ID  
Old Falls Village Park -- Pilgrim Road & Hwy. Q in Menomonee Falls -- FREE Parking  
[Events@OldFallsVillagePark.com](mailto:Events@OldFallsVillagePark.com)  
[www.OldFallsVillagePark.com](http://www.OldFallsVillagePark.com)

EST. 1972  
Old Falls Village Park

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**WWII DAYS**

**MILITARY APPRECIATION CONCERT**

**JUNE 16, 6-9 PM**

**WWII DAYS**  
JUNE 17-18

**USO**

**Themed Dance**

Featuring Command Performance Band

**SWING DANCING AND MORE**

**FREE**  
JUNE 17  
6 PM - 9 PM  
SATURDAY NIGHT

1940'S  
PERIOD CLOTHES ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

EST. 1972  
Old Falls Village Park

Sponsored by GRACE COMMONS (Grace Commons Community)

EXPERIENCE HISTORY



# Old Falls Village



THE MENOMONEE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

## Civil War Encampment

**July 15th & July 16th**  
**Sat 10-5 & Sun 10-4**



- Battle Re-enactments
  - Weapon Drills/Displays
  - Demonstrations
  - Civil War Memorabilia
  - Tour Museum Grounds
  - Children's Activities
  - Depot Beer Garden
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Food Trucks
- \$7 Admission**  
**\$3 Ages 5-11,**  
**\$3 Vets (with ID)**  
**Under 5 free**
- Corner of Pilgrim Road and  
County Line Road  
Menomonee Falls, WI  
Look for the Caboose
- [www.OldFallsVillage.com](http://www.OldFallsVillage.com)  
[mflhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:mflhistory@yahoo.com)  
(262) 250-3901

**Old Falls Village Park**  
EST. 1972

Dress up as your favorite Sci-Fi character  
Music, Food and Beverages  
Spotlight on Vic Perrin  
Vintage Sci-Fi Movies  
Children's Scavenger hunt  
Sleep in the park and  
Reserve your Campsite

# SCI-FI FAMILY DAY & CAMP-OVER

## AUGUST 12-13, 2023

# ROARING 20s

## Jazz Lawn Party

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY**  
**JULY 22-23, 2023**  
9:00 am - 4 pm both days

**Beer Garden**  
OPEN AT 11 AM

1920's Car Show  
Model A Club  
Model T Club

1920's Music  
Dancing  
Picnicking  
Polo Demo  
and Games

**SUFFRAGETTE MARCH,  
DANCE PRESENTATIONS,  
ANTI PROHIBITION MARCH**

Admission: \$8 Adults, Children 5-11 \$4, Under 5 FREE

events@OldFallsVillagePark.com  
[www.OLDFALLSVILLAGEPARK.COM](http://www.OLDFALLSVILLAGEPARK.COM)  
Old Falls Village Park -- Pilgrim Road & Hwy. Q in Menomonee Falls -- FREE Parking

JOIN US FOR

# FISH FRY-DAYS

FUNDRAISER FOR THE PARK

### Fridays

May 19  
June 2, 16 and 30  
July 14 and 21  
August 11 and 25  
September 8 and 22  
October 6

Beer, Beverages and  
Entertainment  
5-9 PM

Catered by

**Marko's  
PIZZA**

### MENU

**Fish Fry Meal \$12**  
3-piece fish fry  
fries or potato pancake,  
coleslaw and rye bread

**Kids Meal \$7**  
Mac and Cheese with fries  
or Hot dog with fries  
includes a treat

**Serving 5-7 PM**

Old Falls Village Park, Depot Pavilion  
N96W15791 County Line Rd.  
Menomonee Falls, WI  
[Events@oldfallsvillagepark.com](mailto:Events@oldfallsvillagepark.com)





The Independence Day fireworks will be held on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> after the parade

## Opportunities to Give Back

**ERAS Senior Network** is looking for volunteers to assist seniors with lawn mowing and to serve as drivers to take seniors to outdoor activities at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center in West Bend during the summer. Interested? Contact Shannon Fogle, Volunteer Coordinator, at (262) 522-2405 or [Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org](mailto:Shannon.Fogle@Eras.org)

**Falls Area Food Pantry** is kicking off their annual drive to gather school supplies for the 300+ students they serve. To contribute, purchase items from the [list of needed school supplies](#) and drop them off in the foyer at the Falls Food Pantry (N85W15382 Menomonee River Pkwy) at your convenience. You can also drop school supply donations off at the Falls Food Pantry tent at Village Park during the Farmers Market on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Weekly Events



Saturdays 3 pm to 9 pm  
through October 14<sup>th</sup>

## Points of Pride

[Wallethub.com](http://Wallethub.com) ranks Menomonee Falls as one of the top 50 small cities in America for 2023

[Mkewithkids.com](http://Mkewithkids.com) ranks the Village Park play area 6<sup>th</sup> on its list of 25 Must-Visit Playgrounds in the Milwaukee Area for 2023

Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital received an "A" grade from [The Leapfrog Group](#) in 2023



*The 2023 Menomonee Falls Farmers Market will be held at Village Park on Wednesdays 2 pm to 6 pm through October 12<sup>th</sup> and Sundays 10 am to 1 pm July 9<sup>th</sup> through Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> See [fallsfarmersmarket.org](http://fallsfarmersmarket.org) for details*

## Summer Calendar

### SAT & SUN JUNE 17 & 18 @ 9 am

World War II Days  
Reenactments, skits, and presentations  
Old Falls Village

### THURSDAYS @ 6 pm [see schedule](#)

Sunset Concert Series  
Live music, food, and drink  
Village Park

### FRI - SUN JUNE 23- 25

Falls Festival of the Arts  
Plein air artists, live music, artist booths  
Throughout Downtown

### MONDAY JULY 3 @ 7 pm

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

### SATURDAY JULY 15 @ 10 am

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

### SAT & SUN JULY 15 & 16 @ 10 am

Civil War Encampment  
Reenactments, drills, and presentations  
Old Falls Village

### FRIDAY JULY 21 @ 6 pm

Falls Family Movie Night  
FREE Outdoor Movie - *Elf*  
& food/drink vendors at Village Park

VILLAGE OF  
**Menomonee Falls**

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