

The Current

Fall 2023

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Falls

More to Explore in Fall 2023

Fall is a great season to get out and enjoy everything the Village has to offer! For details, see **page 2**

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8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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Thanksgiving
11/23/23 & 11/24/23

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Like no other time of the year, fall in Menomonee Falls checks all of the boxes for outdoor fun. Beautiful weather and spectacular colors (check), tons of great community events (check), and lots of local opportunities to celebrate this season of harvest and Halloween fun (check)!

This edition of *The Current* highlights the many ways to enjoy fall with program updates from Menomonee Falls Downtown, Old Falls Village, Community Education and Recreation, Menomonee Falls Public Library, Waukesha County Parks, and the Farmers Market. We've also included a detailed overview of the proposed changes to the Village's Storm Water Utility fee, fall service updates, a construction and development overview, volunteer opportunities, and important public safety reminders and updates from our Police and Fire Departments.

As we enter this season of change, we wish you all the best with kids heading back to school, pumpkin flavored everything, and football season underway! We are grateful for the many residents and community partners that keep our community strong, and we are hopeful for a wonderful end to 2023 calendar year. Take it all in and make the most of fall in the Falls!

To learn more about the topics covered in *The Current* and for further information about all things Menomonee Falls, visit www.menomonee-falls.org or call us at 262-532-4200. Sign up for our [Newsletter Notify Me](#) to receive email links to all Village e-newsletters.



Fish sculptures and flowers at Village Park in early September 2023

A Few Ways to Explore the Falls in Fall 2023

Our short list of great opportunities to enjoy the Village of Menomonee Falls this autumn!

- **Old Falls Village** – Stop by Old Falls Village Park this fall for the Car Show and 1950s Beer Garden (September 16th), the Oktoberfest Beer Garden (October 14th), and Old Falls' Halloween Family Fun Nights (October 20th and 21st).
- **Downtown** – Check out seasonal specials at downtown shops and restaurants, enjoy harvest décor, and come by for some Halloween fun! Mark your calendar for the Harvest Festival (October 21st), Downtown Trick or Treat (October 26th), and Small Business Saturday (November 25th).
- **Harvest Season** – Take a family outing to pick apples, pumpkins, gourds and more! Even if you don't make it to an apple orchard or pumpkin patch, you can find fall produce on roadside stands and at the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market.
- **Village Park** – Events this fall include movies, concerts, farmers markets, beer gardens, and more! Village Park programs include Falls Family Movie Night - featuring *Sing* (September 8th), the Oktoberfest Beer Garden (September 13th), and the final farmers market of the year (October 11th). The Village Park All-Children's Play Area is open year round, but the splash pad will close in September (date TBD).
- **Fall High School Sports** – Join us this season in cheering on our local student athletes! Fall sports at Menomonee Falls High School and Hamilton High School include football, soccer, golf, tennis, volleyball, swimming, and cross country.
- **Hiking & Biking** – Fall is the ideal time to see the changing foliage while taking a walk or going for a bicycle ride on trails in local parks and natural areas. Check out the Fit in the Parks Sunset Candlelight Hike on October 6th in Menomonee Park. [Register for this FREE event here](#)
The Tap Yard Beer Garden will be open in Menomonee Park until 9 pm into October.

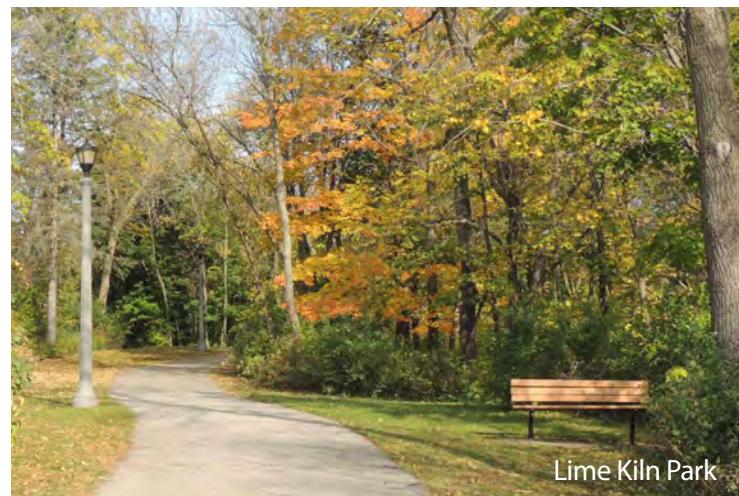
Keep up with all the fall events happening across the community at menomonee-falls.org/calendar



Pet Costume Contest participant - Harvest Festival 2022



Falls Family Movie Night 2022



Lime Kiln Park



Proposed Storm Water Utility Fee Explained

In recent years, storm water management has placed a growing financial burden on communities across the region. To pay for increasing costs, many municipalities in Wisconsin have implemented user fees for storm water management services. These new charges are called storm water fees or **storm water utility fees** because they are modeled after the way municipalities have historically billed residents for other utility services like water and sewer. Storm water fees provide local governments with a stable source of revenue to pay for their growing storm water management costs.

Storm water is simply the precipitation – either rain, snow or ice – that drains as surface water instead of soaking into the ground. When Wisconsin was undeveloped there was very little storm water. Today, of course, it's a different story. Large areas of the state that were once spongy forest have been replaced by croplands, growing suburban developments, and densely populated cities. Developed land generates tremendous amounts of storm water that causes property damage and water pollution if it's not managed properly. On an acre-per-acre basis, developed areas generate more storm water runoff than rural areas because they contain more hard structures like rooftops, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks and roads. These hard surfaces are called impervious, because they prevent precipitation from soaking into the ground.

Why does storm water management cost money?

To manage excess storm water that's generated, Menomonee Falls has built a storm water management system consisting of ditches, catch basins, inlets, underground pipes, and other interconnected structures designed to move storm water out of inhabited areas. These water transportation networks are technically called municipal separate storm sewer systems, or **MS4s**, because they are "separate" from the sanitary sewer systems municipalities also build and maintain. The storm water system is easy to overlook because it is largely underground, but it functions to keep the neighborhoods and commercial areas dry where we live and work.

The storm water systems most of us take for granted are getting more expensive to design, construct, and maintain. Many MS4s contain aging structures that need repair or retrofitting to meet modern engineering standards. Other

infrastructure needs to be expanded to handle increased storm water loads from new development and more frequently occurring large rainstorms. Finally, an increasing number of urban municipalities are now

required to obtain storm water discharge permits from the DNR to comply with state and federal laws. These "permitted communities" must develop storm water management programs and implement best management practices, including public education, to reduce pollution levels in the storm water they discharge into local waterways. Meeting these discharge permit requirements adds significant cost.



Storm Water Utility Fee Continued...

Communities have traditionally used a mix of funding sources to pay for storm water management including general tax revenue, grants, and bonds. This piecemeal funding approach still works for unpermitted municipalities, but is proving insufficient to meet the more rapidly increasing costs that communities with storm water permits face. These municipalities require additional revenue from stable sources which basically leaves two options: raising taxes or implementing fees. New fees are the preference because compared to new tax dollars, fee revenue is easier to:

1. Apply to all properties that generate storm water runoff, and
2. Calculate in a fair and equitable manner.

Storm water fees are considered enterprise or dedicated funds. This means the money from the fees can only go toward storm water management related activities. Tax money on the other hand, is subject to competition from other municipal programs. Fee programs apply to everyone who uses the billed service. So, under a user fee program, all storm water producing properties, even those owned by tax exempt organizations like public schools, universities, churches, and other nonprofits, must still pay the fee. Finally, storm water rates are easier to calculate fairly using a fee structure instead of relying on tax criteria like assessed property values, which don't correlate well to the actual amount of storm water a property generates.

How are storm water fees calculated?

Storm water fees in Wisconsin are based on the amount of impervious cover a property contains. Roofs, driveways, patios, and parking lots all usually count towards the total, but public sidewalks and roadways are not factored in. Properties with more impervious cover generate more storm water runoff which puts a greater demand on the municipal storm water system, compared to properties with less impervious cover. Because properties with lots of impervious surface require more storm water service, they pay larger storm water fees.

Municipalities use different approaches to estimate the impervious cover on each of the residential, commercial and institutional properties their MS4 serves. In some instances, property measurements are taken in

STORM WATER FAQs

Learn more about why storm water matters, what the Village does to address storm water issues, and see further details on the proposed storm water utility by viewing our [Storm Water Utility Fee web page](#)

the field but, more often, they use aerial imagery and computer software to calculate coverages from the office. Municipalities often calculate a representative value to project the runoff from their residential properties. This is done by carefully measuring the impervious cover from a sample of typical single-family residential parcels to determine a median area measured in square feet. This value is called an ERU, short for **Equivalent Residential Unit**.

The ERU essentially represents a base billing unit. Properties with lots of impervious cover may be charged multiple ERUs, and all single family properties will be counted as one ERU. Many factors were considered when setting the base ERU billing rate, but the basic process involves two steps:

1. Add up the impervious cover totals all the properties in the Village and divide this number by the ERU size calculated earlier to determine the total number of ERUs in the service area.
2. Then divide the estimated annual storm water budget by the total number of ERUs to reveal what the ERU fee would be to cover annual storm water costs. State law prohibits communities from charging more than this amount. Storm water fees for residential properties in the area currently range between \$2 and \$11 monthly.

A monthly storm water fee of \$5.74 per ERU is currently being considered at the September 18th Village Board meeting for implementation starting the first quarter of 2024. Two public information meetings were held this summer to discuss the proposed fee.

More information on municipal storm water fees can be found at: extension.psu.edu/what-is-a-municipal-stormwater-fee



Leaf Disposal in the Falls

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

The Department of Public Works conducts an annual leaf collection on streets containing concrete curb and gutter storm sewer systems. Leaf collection is provided by the Village as a proactive way to prevent leaves from collecting in and obstructing the storm water drainage systems causing potential flooding. Additionally, leaf collection prevents nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, from going into the storm water sewer system and the local water bodies. If you wish to participate in this collection, leaves should be raked to the grass area adjacent to the street pavement so that Public Works crews can come through and collect them. **The deadline to place leaves out for collection is Sunday, November 19th.**

Any leaves placed curbside after Sunday, November 19th will not be collected, and it will be the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of them. This program is for leaves only; no other yard waste or debris will be collected. If your street does not have concrete curb and gutter, the Village will not collect leaves in your area. If your leaves are not collected and you would like to remove them from your property, you can utilize your Yard Waste Permit to dispose of leaves at the Waste Management Facility located at N96W13073 County Line Road in Menomonee Falls for no cost.

Leaves on Valley View Drive in central Menomonee Falls



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



For more information, please visit menomonee-falls.org/253/Outdoor-Burning. For more information about our Leaf Collection program, please visit menomonee-falls.org/870/Leaf-Collection or contact the Department of Public Works at 262-532-4700.

Fall Seasonal Service Reminders

Bulk Item Drop Off

The Village of Menomonee Falls, in conjunction with Waste Management, will be conducting the Annual Bulk Item Drop-off Event on Saturday, October 7th from 8 am until 12 pm (noon). Bulk items are items that do not fit into your garbage cart or exceed four feet in length and/or 60 pounds in weight. This event will occur at the Waste Management Hauling Facility located at N96W13073 County Line Road in Germantown. Residents can dispose of up to four bulk items at no cost during this event. If you wish to participate, please bring an ID or utility bill to show proof of residency. For more information and to determine which items are acceptable, please visit menomonee-falls.org/650/Bulk-Trash



Fire Hydrant Flushing

We flush fire hydrants twice each year in spring and fall. Additional flushing may occur throughout the year, if necessary. Hydrant flushing improves water quality, exercises hydrants so they are in good functioning order when needed for an emergency, removes sediment that may cause discolored water, and allows us to inspect each hydrant for defects. If you do experience discoloration in your water, we recommend running the cold water for several minutes to help clear the discoloration before using it for drinking or laundry. We recommend using the bathtub or an outside faucet. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water.



Reserve a Park Shelter or Athletic Facility

Park shelter and athletic facility reservations are still available through October, dependent on the weather. All park reservations are limited to Menomonee Falls residents and must be made in person at Village Hall. For further information please call 262-532-4201 or visit menomonee-falls.org/parkreservations



Village Park Bandstand is one of 13 reservable shelters in the Menomonee Falls Park system

Fall 2023

Construction & Development Projects



Public Projects

Aero Park

Construction is well underway on the first phase of improvements for the Village's newest community park which is located on Lannon Road east of Wanaki Golf Course in southwest Menomonee Falls. Site grading and asphalt trail construction are nearly complete, and boardwalk construction, prairie restoration, and tree planting will continue into the fall. Future phases of the Aero Park project will include a parking area, playground, shelters, storm water features, basketball court, tennis/pickleball courts, and restrooms.



Aero Park as seen in late August 2023

Townline Road Water Booster Station

The Village recently completed a 400,000 gallon water storage facility at the corner of Legacy Trail and Pebble Beach Way in southwest Menomonee Falls. This booster station will provide redundancy for existing storage facilities and meet the water needs anticipated with future development in this area of the Village.

Street Reconstruction and Water Main Projects

Construction is moving forward on major street and water infrastructure projects along the following Village streets:

- Pilgrim Road
- Ridgeview Drive
- St. Stevens Drive / Court
- St. Thomas Drive
- Roman Drive

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



For updates from the Wisconsin DOT on the Appleton Avenue bridge project and the County Line Road project visit projects.511wi.gov/region/southeast/

Private Projects

(selected projects as viewed in summer of 2023)



Guidepost Montessori under construction on Ridgewood Drive



High Bluff at Creekwood Crossing Apartments



Riverwalk II Apartments on Main Street



The Village issued permits for 56 single family and duplex residential units in the first eight months of 2023



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

2024 Election Schedule

- February 20, 2024 - Spring Primary (if required)
- April 2, 2024 - Spring Election & Presidential Preference Vote
- August 13, 2024 - Partisan Primary
- November 5, 2024 - General Election

For more election information, follow these links!

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



Voter Registration

2024 will be a busy election year. Make sure you are registered and ready to vote by visiting myvote.wi.gov. MyVote 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.

Mug for a Rug Program

Did you know?

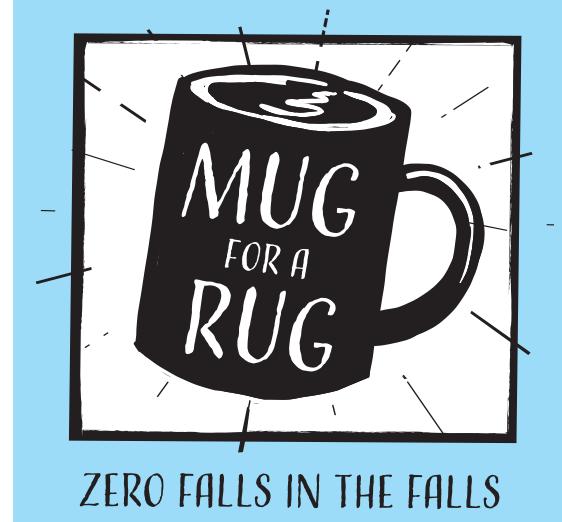
Falling is the leading cause of accidental death among Wisconsinites ages 65 and older, according to Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The good news: falling can be prevented.

Join us in National Fall Prevention Month, as the Menomonee Falls Collective Impact Team kicks off a "Mug for a Rug" Program on Saturday, September 9th from 12 - 5 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Block Party.

Bring your throw rugs (4' x 6' or smaller) to the block party to receive a traveler coffee mug. Additional fall prevention resources will be available for senior citizens and their caregivers.

Help us achieve Zero Falls in the Falls!



Another "Mug for a Rug" event will be held on October 26th from 10 am until 12 pm at Menomonee Falls Senior Center. Call the office at 262-255-8460 for more details.



Downtown Events & Programs Fall 2023

Falls Family Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Friday, September 8th at 6 pm presented by Chick-fil-A Menomonee Falls. Featuring: *Sing!* Movie begins at dusk.

- Live music by: Brett Gaertner
- Face Painting
- Beer Garden
- Food by: Art Lounge, Chick-fil-A Menomonee Falls Rise & Shine Food Bus, Cousins Subs, Flip's Mini Donuts, Tundra Treats, LLC, Bubble Tea Bar

This event is made possible through a partnership with Menomonee Falls Community Ed. & Recreation.

Ladies Night - 70's Disco!

September 21st from 4 - 7 pm in the heart of Menomonee Falls Downtown! Grab your groovy gals and join us for a night of shopping, 70's trivia, and enter to win raffle prizes! Participating shops and eateries will have specials/sales! Don't forget to wear your 70's swag! There might even be some dance fever going on.

Falls Harvest Festival

Save the date! Harvest Fest 2023 is a FREE family event which will be held in Mill Pond Park from 11 am - 5 pm on Saturday, October 21st.

- Vendor Marketplace
- Pet Costume Contest
- Pumpkin Painting
- Seasonal Beers
- Live Music
- Hay Rides

Downtown District Trick or Treat

Stop by downtown businesses for treats, surprises, and performances for the kids from 4 -7 pm on Thursday, October 26th! It's always a spooky good time!



Harvest Fest 2022 at Mill Pond Park

Save
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Upcoming Events



MENOMONEE FALLS
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
where main & appleton meet

LADIES NIGHT
70's Disco



September 21st • 4-7pm



October 21st • 11am-5pm

MENOMONEE FALLS DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
BUSINESS

TRICK
OR
TREAT

OCTOBER 26TH • 4-7PM

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MENOMONEE FALLS

CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

Fall 2023 Program Preview



Fall is right around the corner and registration for CE & Rec programs is underway. With over 30 new programs, and all the traditional favorites, there is something for everyone! For more information, or to register, visit fallsrec.org

Falls Kids Festival

The inaugural Falls Kids Festival (held in August) was amazing! We had so much fun seeing tons of families spend the day at Village Park. Free games and activities, inflatables, dance performances, root beer floats, food trucks and more were available. The evening concluded with a free concert by children's recording artist, Lori Berkner. This event would not be possible without Menomonee Falls Downtown and all amazing sponsors!



Crowd for the FREE concert at Falls Kids Festival

We're Hiring

Join the CE & Rec team for the 2023-2024 school year! Open positions include School-Age Program Supervisor, Before & After School Program (Kids INC) Site Supervisors, Before & After School (Kids INC) Leaders, 4K Wrap-Around Leaders, Youth Sports Staff, Basketball Scorekeepers, Lifeguards, and Swim Instructors. Visit WECAN or contact the CE & Rec office for more information at (262) 255-8460.



Senior Enrichment Fair

Sunset/Candlelight Hike

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

Senior Enrichment Fair

Grab a friend and register for the 14th Annual Senior Enrichment Fair on October 20th! Enjoy demonstrations, vendors, informational classes, lunch, door prizes, and musical entertainment. Informational classes include Virtual Visits, Cooking for One Made Easy, Historical View of Menomonee Falls, Understanding your Grandchildren's Generation, Keep the Falls Flowing (about Menomonee Falls), and Elder Financial Exploitation, Scams & Identity Theft! The fee is only \$10. [Register today!](#)

CE & Rec Programs Continued...

The Hunt for the Great Pumpkin

Join in the Menomonee Falls "Great Pumpkin Hunt"!

Participants will be emailed a list of all Menomonee Falls parks that will display a laminated pumpkin with a number on it somewhere in the park. These pumpkins will be displayed from October 6th - 23rd. Collect all the numbers and add them together to get a grand total. Email your total and family name to cerd@sdmfschools.org by October 27th. All correct answers will be put in a drawing to win one of five prize baskets provided by Grace Commons. [Register today!](#)



Annual Veterans' Salute

Join us on Wednesday, November 9th from 1 – 2:30 pm in the Community Center Gym to honor our Veterans. The School District of Menomonee Falls would like to thank and honor our Veterans who have served or are serving the United States. The program will include an Honor Guard, national anthem, and musical entertainment provided by students at Riverside Elementary School.



Parent Holiday Drop & Shop

Would you like someone to take care of your children while you spend time holiday shopping and running errands? The Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls, in partnership with the CE & Rec Department, is hosting its 13th Annual Holiday Drop & Shop on Saturday, December 2nd, from 10 am – 2 pm. Children will enjoy arts and crafts, movies, story time, pictures with Santa, lunch and more. Free, but registration is required.

[Register today!](#)



Volunteers for 2022 Senior Leaf Raking program

Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking

The 2023 Senior Leaf Raking will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 4th and running through Sunday, November 19th. Donations will be accepted and matched by the Optimist Club and given to the youth programs that help rake the leaves. Sign up by calling (262) 255-8460.

Winter Activity Guide – Save the Dates

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

- Resident registration begins at 9 pm on Sunday, December 10th
- Non-resident registration begins at 9 pm on Thursday, December 14th

Library Corner

Program Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library

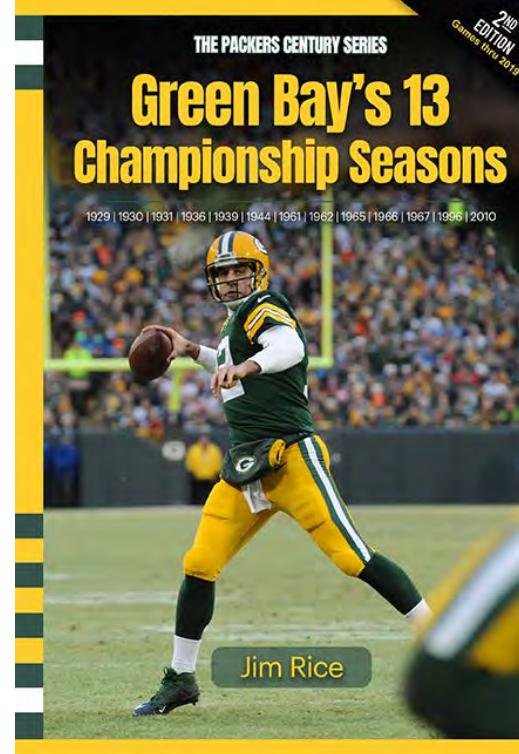


Adult Programs - Fall 2023

Green Bay's 13 Championship Seasons

Tuesday, September 12th 6:30 pm

Join us to celebrate the start of football season by remembering Green Bay's 13 championship seasons, with local sports historian Jim Rice! As we look back at Green Bay's championships, Jim will share photographs from his extensive memorabilia collection, including old football cards, magazine covers, and newspaper headlines. This is a great program for anyone who loves football!



Author and sports historian Jim Rice will present on Tuesday, September 12th at 6 pm in the Library's Community Room

Next Level: Adult Gaming Club

Tuesday, September 19th, October 17th, Nov. 21st 6:30 pm

Who says kids get to have all the fun? Join fellow adult gamers in our new gaming and eSports club! Each month, we'll have a featured game to go toe-to-toe with other players on the Community Room big screen.

September 19th: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

October 17th: Just Dance 2022

November 21st: MarioKart 8

Players can bring their own devices, share their favorite games, and talk upcoming gaming news, too! Registration not required, but recommended if you intend to fight for glory, bragging rights, and maybe a special surprise in the tourney!



The Inky Sea: Tattoos and the Navy

Monday, November 6th 1 pm

Navy history is rich in the culture and tradition of tattoos. Tattoos have been a part of the Navy for centuries and each one tells a story. Sailors get them for different reasons, at different places on their bodies, and done in different styles. Join us for this presentation to learn the ways that tattoos and Navy culture are intertwined, how tattoos are part of Navy traditions, and the many styles of Navy tattoos.

Kids and Teens Programs

Art Investigators

Monday, September 18th, October 16th, Nov. 20th

6 - 7 pm

Each month kids, ages 5-12 can join us to read, talk, and create art of our own inspired by some of the famous (and not so famous) artists throughout history!

Nailed It! Cupcake Edition

Saturday, October 28th 3 - 4 pm

You've seen the show, now test your skills at recreating a professionally decorated cupcake! Tweens ages, 10-12 are invited, registration is required. Tween events are made possible by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

Friday the 13th Lock-in

Friday, October 13th 6 pm - 9 pm

Teens, ages 13-18, are invited to a creepy evening of pizza, tag, and spooky stories. Registration by permission form is required.



NAILED IT!



Upcoming Events

Save The Date MENOMONEE FALLS DOWNTOWN DISTRICT wheremain&appletonmeet

Small Business SATURDAY November 25th • 10am-7pm

St. Nick SATURDAY December 2nd • 10am-5pm

CHRISTKINDL MARKET Christmas in the Falls Centennial Plaza December 9th • 10am-7pm

Holiday Helpers SATURDAY December 16th • 10am-5pm

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December 2nd • 10am-2pm

Ages 3-11



Mark Your Calendar - 2023 Holiday Events

Fall Events at Old Falls Village



Every Saturday **Depot Beer Garden**
3 - 8 pm through Oct. 14th

September 8th **Fish Fry-Days** 5 pm

September 16th **Car Show** 10 - 2 pm

September 17th **Wine Tasting** 2 pm

October 6th **Fish Fry-Days** 5 pm

Oct. 7th - 8th **WWI Reenactment**

October 14th **Oktoberfest Beer Garden**

Oct. 20th - 21st **Halloween Family Fun Nights** 6 pm

MENOMONEE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CLASSIC
CAR SHOW 
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 10 AM TO 2 PM

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 50 CARS

\$10 ENTRY FOR EXHIBITORS

PUBLIC WELCOME FREE ADMISSION

OLD FALLS VILLAGE PARK

N96W15791 COUNTY LINE ROAD
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI

GATE AND REGISTRATION OPEN AT: **9 AM**

FOOD • MUSIC • PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD • DOOR PRIZES

DEPOT BEER GARDEN 10AM TO 9 PM
CRAFT AND DOMESTIC BEERS GO TO WWW.BEERMENUS.COM
WWW.OLDFALLSVILLAGE.COM

Smooth Rock BBQ
PHONE 262-347-3901
E-MAIL MFHISTORY@YAHOO.COM

DEPOT BEER GARDEN
TOYOTA OF BROOKFIELD

Check out the inaugural edition of the World War I Reenactment on the weekend of October 7th and 8th. Event starts at 10 am and features WWI skirmishes, military displays, food, beer garden, music, and a scavenger hunt. Learn more at www.OldFallsVillagePark.com.

World War 1 
1914-1918

October 7-8, 2023

Fish Fry-Days, Friday 5 - 7:30 PM
Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM
Beer Garden Saturday 3 - 9 PM

Adults \$8.00 Children 11-5 yrs old \$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

www.OldFallsVillagePark.com



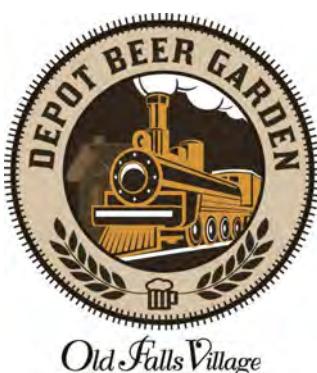
Fish Fry-Days at Old Falls Village

Fish Fry's are a staple in Wisconsin! There is no better place to enjoy a fish fry in a park than at Old Falls Village Park in Menomonee Falls. Happening through October, Fish Fry-Days are just one of many events at Old falls Village Park.

On July 21st, coordinated by a Luther Manor resident, a group of twenty retired veterans and spouses of veterans enjoyed a fish fry dinner outing in the beautiful Menomonee Falls Old Falls Village Park. Hosted by Friends of Old Falls Village Park, these honored guests enjoyed a traditional Wisconsin fish fry, beverages, and ice cream outdoors on a beautiful summer evening. A wonderful time was had by all, including a delightfully spry 104-year-old veteran nurse of World War II.

One of the newest events at the park, Fish Fry-Days, has been held on select Fridays throughout the summer. There are two more Fish Fry's this year at Old Falls Village Park on September 8th and October 6th. The Fish Fry-Days are fundraisers for the park and help support new activities and improvements to the park. Stop on by and have a relaxing evening in the park with the Fish Fry starting at 5 pm.

While at the Fish Fry, take stroll over to the Miller-Davidson House to see the wonderful recently designed and planted garden by Mike Hecker. In just a few weeks the garden has blossomed and become not only a sanctuary for creatures of Old Falls Village Park, but also a colorful array of blooms for visitors to enjoy.

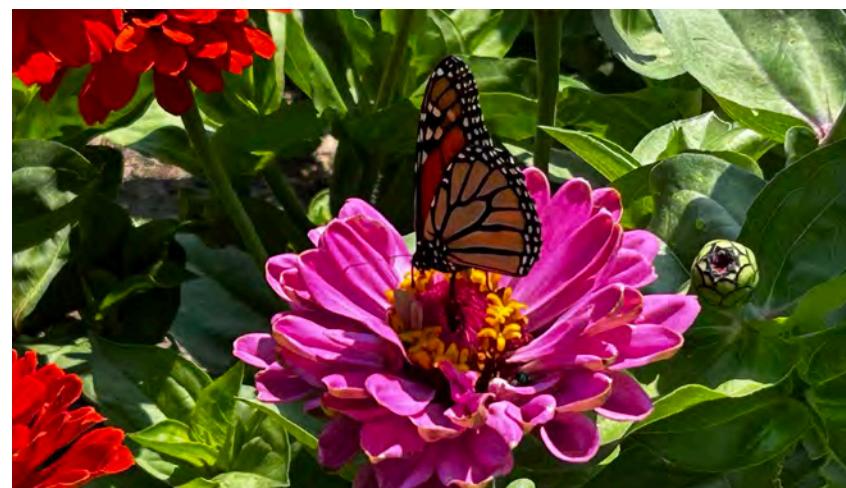


Saturdays, 3 pm to 9 pm through October 14th



The final Fish Fry-Day events of 2023 will be held at Old Falls Village on September 8th and October 6th

Below: Luther Manor residents enjoying their July 21st visit



Farmers Market Fall Update

Wow! Can you believe summer is almost over, and what a fun filled summer it's been with all the activity at Village Park, including the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market. The good news is that we're still going strong! The market on Sunday (10 am – 1 pm) runs through **September 10th**, and the Wednesday market (2 pm – 6 pm) runs through **October 11th**. If you haven't stopped by to see us yet, you still have time.

The farmers are bringing some of your end-of-season favorites, such as sweet corn, tomatoes, melons, and squash. Of course, we still have beautiful flower bouquets, honey, canned jams, jellies, kettle corn, cookies and sweets, mini-donuts, and so much more.

The Farmers Market organization and vendors are very appreciative of your support and patronage. **We will be having a customer appreciation day on Wednesday, September 27th.**

For more information on the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market, visit www.fallsfarmersmarket.org. Vendor applications for the 2024 season will be accepted starting in November.



A Community Affair Arts and Crafts Show

The Community League's 40th "A Community Affair", an arts, crafts, and antique show with over 80 indoor exhibits, will be held Saturday, October 21st at Menomonee Falls High School, N80 W14350 Titan Dr. The event will run from 9 am to 3 pm. The fair will include basket raffles, a cafe, and a bake sale. Admission is \$4. All proceeds will go to charity. Stroller and handicap accessible. A parking lot shuttle bus will be available from 9 am - 2 pm. For more information, call 414-581-0352, email cleague@communityleague.com, or visit www.communityleague.com/





Waukesha County Park System

Fall Event & Service Update



Fall colors at Menomonee Park

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Apple Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 23rd 9 am - 4 pm

Retzer Nature Center \$10/carload, cash only

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

Featuring:

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

waukeshacounty.gov/appleharvestfestival

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Apple Harvest Festival

Scarecrow Lane self-guided hike at Retzer Nature Center

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Scarecrow Lane

September 22nd - October 31th Open Daily

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

waukeshacounty.gov/scarecrow

Menomonee Park Swimming Beach

Closes for the season on Monday, September 24th

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

Menomonee Park Campgrounds

Closes for the season on Monday, October 31st

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

New Environmental Education Activity Guide

September – December 2023

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

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

waukeshacounty.gov/publicactivityguide



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

Back to School Reminders for All Drivers

Courtesy of the Menomonee Falls Police Department



* School zones have a 15 mph speed limit when children are present

Every year at this time, the familiar sight of yellow school buses driving to and from school reminds us that school is back in session and fall is not too far away. This is also a time when we would like to remind the motoring public of some of the traffic laws that help protect these students and make life easier for their bus drivers.

First and foremost, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is an excellent source of information regarding these types of laws and the rules of the road. For our officers, the Wisconsin State Statutes are our reference for determining violations of these laws and potential fines if we were to issue a warning or a citation. Our goal is always to educate drivers, but in some cases the issuance of a citation may be warranted.

We are all familiar with the flashing red lights and the stop sign school buses use. **Drivers must stop on the street or highway 20 feet or more from any school bus that has stopped and is flashing red warning lights.**

- This applies both to vehicles approaching from the rear and from the opposing lanes
- All lanes of traffic must stop for the school bus, except in opposing lanes if the highway is divided with a center median
- No vehicle may proceed until the bus resumes motion and has turned off the red warning lights
- The stop arm on the bus is an added communication to other drivers, but the lack of an extended stop arm is not reason to pass a bus whose red lights are flashing

Drivers should observe school buses carefully for either the "pass cautiously" yellow light signal or the required full stop when a bus is flashing red lights. The citation for illegally passing a school bus can also be issued to the owner under 346.485, Owner's liability for vehicle illegally passing school bus. These violations can be reported by the bus driver and the police do not need to witness the violation in order to take enforcement action.

Crossing guards are there to assist with the safe passage of students and drivers need to follow the crossing guards' directions. The law states that every operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school crossing which is controlled by an adult school crossing guard shall **follow the directions of the school crossing guard**. If directed by the school crossing guard to stop, the operator shall stop the vehicle not less than 10 feet nor more than 30 feet from the school crossing and shall remain stopped until the school crossing guard directs the operator to proceed. Similarly, this violation can be issued to the vehicle owner and the police do not need to witness the violation.



Finally, **SLOW DOWN!** We all have busy schedules, but we all need to slow down. Once school is in session you will see increased activity of students crossing on their way to and from school. This includes marked school zones. The speed limit is 15 mph when passing an intersection or other locations properly marked with a "school crossing" sign when any of the following conditions exists: any child is present, a school crossing guard is within a crosswalk, or the crossing guard is in the roadway placing or removing temporary signs or cones.

The SAFER Grant is Here!

Details on training for the latest full-time firefighter recruit class and other updates from the Menomonee Falls Fire Department



The Menomonee Falls Fire Department has worked hard this summer to prepare for the latest full-time firefighter recruit class. This class was made possible as the result of Menomonee Falls being awarded the SAFER Grant from FEMA. The SAFER grant is helping fund the hiring and training of 14 new full time firefighters to bring the Fire Department's staffing levels up to National Fire Protection Association standards.

This year's firefighter candidates took a written test, physical ability test, and were interviewed, before finally getting approved by the Police & Fire Commission. We look forward to seeing these recruits in the field in October of this year.

Recruit Training Overview

Before entering the field as probationary firefighters, all candidates need to pass the Menomonee Falls Fire Department's Physical Agility Test. Recruits also need to complete an eight week training academy led by members of the Training Bureau, assisted by numerous members of the department. After the academy there is field observation time before they are assigned to one of three shifts to begin their career here.

Menomonee Falls Fire Department is currently accepting applications for Part Time Firefighters and may have Full Time opportunities in 2024. Follow the link below for recruitment information.

menomonee-falls.org/212/Recruitment

MFFD Citizens Academy

If you aren't ready to apply for a full-time position, Village residents are invited to participate in the [MFFD Citizens Academy](#)

A candidate begins one of seven stations that comprise the Menomonee Falls Fire Department Physical Agility Test

The eight week long class meets Wednesday nights from 6 pm to 9:30 pm. Topics covered include our history and operations of firefighting and emergency medical services. You will learn CPR and get to operate the Jaws of Life.

Classes start September 6th, but it is not to late to sign up! Contact jcoon@menomonee-falls.org to enroll.



MFFD personnel demonstrate operation of the Lucas Device which delivers chest compressions to a person needing CPR

Fall 2023 Open Houses

Menomonee Falls Fire Department will open its doors for tours and information at the specific locations on the following dates:

- Saturday September 16th from 9 am - 12 pm
Station 3, W140 N7501 Lilly Road
- Saturday October 7th from 9 am to 12 pm
Station 5, N56 W19350 Silver Spring Drive

Introducing Mobile Integrated Health

The Menomonee Falls Fire Department's new Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) team's mission and purpose is to adapt to the evolving medical needs of the community by assessing, educating, treating a patient prior to accessing 911, and following up with patient-centered care in the field after they seek medical treatment. The goal is to reduce repeated admissions for emergency care and help Village residents with chronic conditions maintain the highest level of independence and function.

This will be accomplished by MIH collaborating with individual's healthcare teams and assessing (and addressing) the physical and social factors that impact the well-being for the residents and visitors of Menomonee Falls and Lannon.

Currently, the team is one of the first five licensed Community EMS organizations in Wisconsin and just received a government grant to make in-home visits for stroke patients following their discharge from the hospital to ensure they have the adequate resources and education necessary for success following a life-changing event.



If you'd like more information about the program, call the MFFD Mobile Integrated Health office at 262-532-8848 or [e-mail MIH@menomonee-falls.org](mailto:MIH@menomonee-falls.org).



HELD AT THE NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL

Adult Lap Swim & Water Walking

Mon, Wed, Fri.....4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday.....8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Family Open Swim

Friday.....5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday.....11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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About Eras Senior Network

Eras Senior Network is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives. Our clients are supported by volunteers of all ages to help them maintain their independence. Eras helps individuals 55 and older stay engaged in their community through a variety of meaningful volunteer opportunities. One of the biggest ways we engage older adult volunteers is through a variety of programs in the School District of Menomonee Falls and Waukesha.

School Volunteer Programs

Eras' older adult volunteers engage with and support local students in reading, writing, math, social skills, and more through a variety of programming. Here are our most popular programs:

Classroom Tutors: Older adult volunteers are matched up with a classroom to work one-on-one or in small groups with students who need extra help. Volunteers are typically scheduled for at least one day a week for about one hour, some choose to do much more!

Readers Cafe: This is an unique opportunity for students to read with older adult volunteers during their lunch and recess time for an 8 week session. It is designed to encourage an interest in reading, while developing an intergenerational connection and strengthening the students' skills.

Pen Pals: This program is a wonderful way to bring generations together through exchanging letters. Older adult volunteers and students are able to learn from another generation; while helping students practice their reading and writing skills.



Interested?

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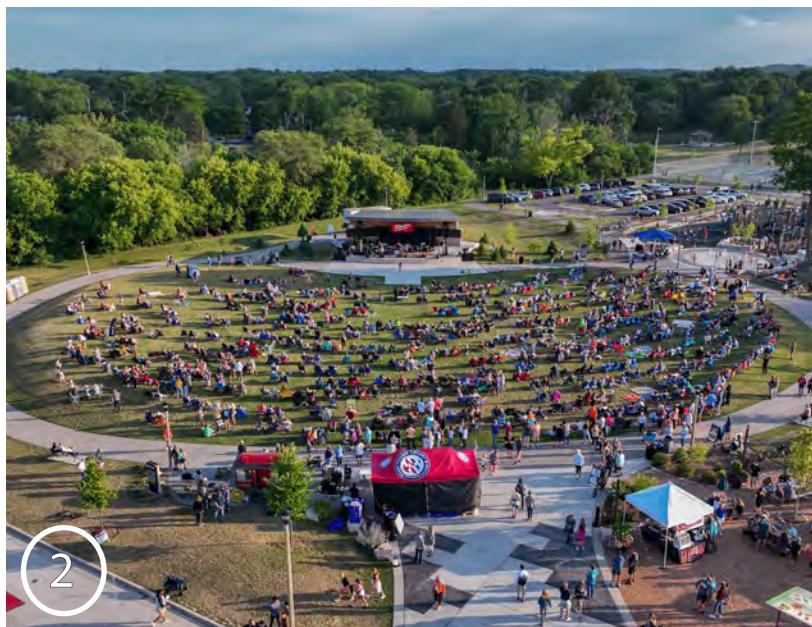
Menomonee Falls School District
Dawn Hinton: (262) 617-8061
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Visit Eras.org for more information about our services, volunteering, or to make a donation.

Out and About in Menomonee Falls Downtown District



2023 has been a banner year – new banner signs were actually installed – for Menomonee Falls Downtown District. The completion of the Village Park project, new murals, and the growth of concerts, festivals, and other special events brought more visitors than ever before in 2023! Thank you for your continued support of the Downtown District.

- 1 New banner signs on Main Street in late summer
- 2 A 2023 Sunset Concert Series event at Village Park
- 3 Historic Menomonee Falls mural in early September
- 4 A pet costume contest contender at Harvest Fest 2022
- 5 *A Piece of Me* while being painted by Michael Bowers

Fall 2023 Calendar



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 @ 10 am

Old Falls Village Car Show & Beer Garden
Dash plaques, door prizes, food/drink
Old Falls Village

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21 @ 4 pm

Ladies' Night - 70's Disco
Promotions, tastings, and more
Menomonee Falls Downtown

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11 @ 2 pm

FINAL Menenomonee Falls
Farmers Market of the year
Village Park

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 @ 6 pm

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

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 @ 11 am

Harvest Festival
Pumpkin painting, wagon rides, pet
costume contest & more
Mill Pond Park

MONDAY OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30 pm

Village Trick or Treat
Neighborhood trick or treating
Community-wide

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26 @ 4:30 pm

Christmas Parade
Floats, animals, and Santa Claus
Main Street & Appleton Avenue



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



Opportunities to Give Back

The 2023 [Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking program](#) will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 4th and running through Sunday, November 19th. Donations will be accepted and matched by the Optimist Club and given to the youth programs that help rake the leaves. Sign up by calling (262) 255-8460.

Falls Area Food Pantry relies solely on donations and the time and talents of volunteers from the community. Consider getting involved this fall 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

Weekly Events



Saturdays, 3 pm to 9 pm
through October 14th



Points of Pride

[Niche.com](#) ranks the Village of Menomonee Falls as the 2nd safest community in Wisconsin with over 30,000 residents.

The [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#) recognized both the School District of Menomonee Falls and the Hamilton School District as exceeding expectations in their latest district-wide report cards.

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