

The Current

Spring 2024

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Falls

Business Spotlight:

New Restaurants Coming in 2024

The Falls will welcome a brewhouse and a well-known sandwich / ice cream shop in 2024! Learn more on page 5

Pictured: Menomonee River Parkway Trail at Main Street / Mill Pond Park

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VILLAGE HALL

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Memorial Day

5/27/24

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A Spring in Our Step for 2024

Spring is always a season of promise as we anticipate warmer temperatures, longer days, flowers in bloom, and fresh green grass. This year, we've got even more to look forward to in Menomonee Falls with new restaurants, great community events, noteworthy development projects, a new Fire Chief, the planned Centennial Plaza update, and a special recognition for Village Park!

Selected Spring Highlights

Third Space Innovation Brewhouse and The Chocolate Factory are among several eateries opening and expanding locations in the Falls in 2024 ([Learn more on page 5](#)). Economic development and job opportunities will also be bolstered by major construction projects for Alto-Shaam Inc., Wacker Neuson, and Laser Center.

Spring events downtown and at Village Park, Old Falls Village Park, the Library, and the Community Center offer great opportunities to gather, learn, and grow together! The outdoor event season kicks off with the Easter Bunny & Friends at Centennial Plaza (March 23rd), the Revolutionary War Reenactment Weekend at Old Falls Village (May 4th - 5th), and the first Falls Family Movie Night at Village Park (May 17th).

Menomonee Falls recently received the 2023 Outstanding Park Design award for Village Park from the [Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association](#)! The award confirms what a special place Village Park is for our community.

As always, this edition of *The Current* newsletter includes seasonal service updates, content from the Police and Fire Departments, and important updates from our many community partners. Enjoy, and have a wonderful spring season!



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Election Information & Reminders for Spring 2024

Voting Information

2024 Election Schedule

- April 2nd, 2024 – Spring Election & Presidential Preference Vote
- August 13th, 2024 – Partisan Primary
- November 5th, 2024 – General Election

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

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



Become a Poll Worker

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

For more voting information, follow the links below.

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

Park Shelter Reservations

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

2024 Polling Locations

<u>Ward #</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
1, 2, 3, 4 & 25	Good Shepherd Church N88 W17658 Christman Road
5, 6 & 7	Metro Harvest Church N96W14313 County Line Rd
8, 9 & 26	Menomonee Falls Public Library W156 N8436 Pilgrim Road
10, 11 & 12	Holy Cross Lutheran Church W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road
13,14 & 15	Davian's Banquet and Conf. Center N56 W16300 Silver Spring Drive
16, 17 & 18	Davian's Banquet and Conf. Center N56 W16300 Silver Spring Drive
19, 20, 21 & 22	St. James Catholic Church W220 N6588 Town Line Road
23 & 24	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church W180 N7863 Town Hall Road

2024 Dog Licenses

2023 dog licenses expired December 31st, 2023. To license your dog, submit a completed [Application for Dog License](#) and a \$10 fee per dog (\$15 for unneutered/unspayed dogs) to the Clerk Services Department. After March 31, fees increase to \$15 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$20 for unneutered/unspayed dogs.

Spring Cleaning & Service Reminders

from the Public Works Department



A Public Works front end loader during brush collection week

Spring is the perfect time of the year to clean up the yard, organize the garage, and dispose of unwanted items. The following pages include reminders about programs you can utilize to keep your property looking great in 2024. We have also included information about Village initiatives and services that support spring cleaning for the community at-large. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community clean and well-maintained!

Bulk Item Collection

Waste Management will be conducting a bulk trash collection week again in 2024. Bulk trash includes items that don't fit in the garbage cart, exceed four feet in length, or exceed 60 pounds in weight. This collection includes up to two bulk items placed at the curbside for pickup free of charge. This will occur the first full week of May (week of May 6th). Residents looking to utilize this service need to notify Waste Management between April 15th and May 3rd about their items for pick-up by calling 262-251-4000. Residents will be required to have their bulk item(s) placed at the curb by 6 am on Monday, May 6th, as the items may not be collected on your usual trash collection day. All items must be able to be loaded by two (2) people. This bulk collection does not include hazardous waste, yard waste, tires, or electronics. A complete list of acceptable items can be found at menomonee-falls.org/bulkitems

Brush Collection

The Menomonee Falls Public Works Department will begin picking up brush on Monday, May 13th.

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

The deadline for residents to put out brush for pickup is Sunday, May 12th.

Spring Cleaning Continued...

Yard Waste Permits

Yard Waste Permits are being mailed in March 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.

2024 Orchard Ridge Composting Facility Program

Located at W124N9355 Boundary Road

- Acceptable forms of payment include credit card or check – cash no longer accepted
- Residents will be allowed one free visit per day. After the free visit, additional yard waste will be charged at a rate of \$0.015 per pound, minimum of \$3
- Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 6:30 am – 4 pm & Saturday, 7 am – 11:45 am
- No large stumps or logs over 6" will be accepted

Recycling & Disposal Requirements

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

Waukesha County has also compiled information on how to dispose of various electronics, and that information can be found at [waukeshacounty.gov/ewaste](#).

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

Menomonee River Spring Cleanup

Join us this spring on April 20th from 9 am to 12 pm to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls! Every year since 2008, around Earth Day in April, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. Please visit [menomoneefalls.org/rivercleanup](#) for more information and to reserve your spot for the cleanup!



2023 Menomonee River Cleanup

Rivers Edge Park is one of dozens of locations for the annual Menomonee River Cleanup



Fire Hydrant Flushing

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

Rendering of a new commercial building in the Falls Mixed-Use development



New Restaurants Coming to the Falls in 2024

Menomonee Falls is a growing community (we welcome around 300 - 400 new residents annually) which is one reason why the Village is a desired location for new businesses and restaurants. While there are great projects every year, there is a lot to look forward to in 2024!

New Dining Options Across the Village

Third Space Brewing has announced plans to develop a 10-barrel innovation brewery and kitchen at a new 5,000 square foot commercial building being constructed as part of the Falls Mixed-Use project near the corner of Good Hope Road and Appleton Avenue. This will be only the second brick and mortar location for Third Space and it will feature a 112-seat indoor taproom, a covered outdoor patio, and outdoor common areas with fire pits and other amenities. Third Space is targeting a June 2024 opening. A second commercial building at the Falls Mixed-Use site is expected to be developed as a destination restaurant.

The Chocolate Factory is currently remodeling a commercial space on Main Street in the lower level of the Riverwalk on the Falls apartment building. The Chocolate Factory will offer ice cream, sandwiches, salads, and hand-scooped shakes and malts in a space immediately adjacent to the Mill Pond. They plan to offer outdoor seating and open in 2024, but the opening date is yet to be determined.

Other downtown restaurants and businesses that have recently moved into renovated spaces on Main Street and Appleton Avenue include the Lunch Box Deli, Chocolate Falls, and Batter and Mac.

Permits have also been submitted for a new Auntie Anne's Cinnabon location within the White Stone Station shopping area. This chain bakery will offer both savory soft pretzels and sweet cinnamon rolls.

Third Space Brewing will open an innovation brewhouse in 2024 in this new building near the corner of Good Hope Rd. & Appleton Ave.



Existing Third Space Brewing location on St. Paul Avenue in Milwaukee



The Chocolate Factory is currently building out this commercial space on Main Street



Batter & Mac recently moved into this remodeled space on Appleton Ave.

Construction & Development Update



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2023 Year in Review

2023 was a strong year for new development and redevelopment projects in Menomonee Falls. The Village issued a total of 732 building permits, and the total estimated construction value of projects in Menomonee Falls was over \$115 million. Single family home construction/remodeling (\$59 million) and the Falls Mixed Use project (\$28 million) contributed the most to overall value.

Menomonee Falls ranked third among SE Wisconsin communities with 103 new single family/duplex homes constructed in 2023. The Village had the fourth highest new construction value in Waukesha County in 2023, and construction moved forward on major business projects for Alto-Shaam, Luther Group, Laser Center, Cintas, and Wisconsin Shower Door.

Residential

- 103 new single family home and duplex units
- 173 new apartment units
- 561 residential renovations/additions



Commercial

- 3 new buildings
- 31 commercial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$8.1 million**



Institutional

- 12 institutional renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$4.3 million**



Industrial

- 2 new buildings
- 23 industrial renovations/additions
- Estimated construction value of **\$18.5 million**

- **New construction value of over \$115 million**
- **Third highest residential construction value ever \$58.9 million**
- **81 single family homes** and 22 duplex units were approved
- **167 lots for single-family homes** approved in Final Plats - most since 2005
- **Falls Mixed Use project \$27.9 million** in estimated construction value
- Completion of trails / boardwalk at **Aero Park Phase I**

The Village issued twice as many building permits for single and two family homes in 2023 as Brookfield, Lannon, and Germantown combined

Storm Water Utility Fee Reminder

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 Storm Water Utility by viewing our [Storm Water Utility Fee web page](#)

2024 Storm Water Utility Fee

In order to cover the increasing cost of storm water management, the Village of Menomonee Falls is implementing a monthly Storm Water Utility Fee of \$5.74 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). This fee has been applied starting in the first quarter of 2024.

One ERU fee is charged per single family home, and other properties are charged based on the amount of impervious cover that they contain. Impervious cover is calculated based on the total area of hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways, parking areas, patios, and pathways on a property.

Properties with more hard surface areas create more storm water run-off, and they are required to pay larger storm water fees (based on the number of ERUs that have been calculated).

All property owners with impervious surfaces will receive quarterly bills including the Storm Water Utility Fee for months starting with January 2024.

To learn more about the Storm Water Utility Fee visit:
menomonee-falls.org/stormwaterfee



Both residential and non-residential property owners will be charged the Storm Water Utility Fee in 2024



Respect our Waters to Reduce Stormwater Pollution

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



Menomonee River falls in Lime Park



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.

Ongoing Projects

(selected projects as seen in early 2024)



The Falls Mixed-Use project is constructing 173 apartment units and 2 new commercial buildings

Alto-shaam broke ground on a major addition in late 2023 – This rendering shows the office portion of the project



Laser Center facility in Schaumburg, IL



Laser Center is constructing a new industrial building near the corner of Main Street and Old Orchard Road

Community Clubhouse at the Glen at Wanaki development



Duet West apartments



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

2024 Events Calendar



MENOMONEE FALLS
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
where main & appleton meet



Falls Family Movie Night
at Village Park in May 2023

Upcoming Downtown Events

3/23 Easter Bunny & Friends

5/17 Falls Family Movie Night
Monsters Inc.

5/25 Falls Memorial Fest

5/26 Memorial Fest Veterans Concert

6/4 Picnic at the Plaza - Season Opening

6/5 Beer Garden - Season Opening
Farmers Market - Season Opening

6/13 Sunset Concert Series #1

6/14 Falls Family Movie Night
Back to the Future

6/27 Sunset Concert Series #2

7/11 Sunset Concert Series #3

7/12 Falls Family Movie Night
Space Jam

7/15-19 Lavender Days

7/20 Falls Lavender Fest

7/11 Sunset Concert Series #4



Beer garden at Village Park in 2022



Falls Lavender Fest 2023



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Farmers Market Opens June 5th



Your Local Farmers Market - 2024 Schedule

Preparations are well underway for the 2024 Menomonee Falls Farmers Market. We will once again have some of your favorite vendors in attendance, as well as some new and exciting vendors.

Stop on by, and buy some delicious vegetables, fresh bakery, honey, snacks, prepared food, and drinks. While you're at the market, relax and enjoy the live music. We hope to see you at the market this season. We are looking forward to another successful year at our beautiful Village Park.

The Farmers Market would not be as successful as we are without the wonderful group of volunteers! If you are a group or a single individual, we can always use your assistance. If you're interested in volunteering at the Market, please reach out to Dana Newman, Market Manager 262-327-4756 or email mffarmersmarket@gmail.com

Wednesday 2 pm – 6 pm
June 5th through October 16th



Sunday 10 am – 1 pm
July 14th through September 15th



Follow us on Facebook

[@FallsFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/FallsFarmersMarket) or visit our website at fallsfarmersmarket.org



Menomonee Falls Farmers Market volunteers were on hand to assist dozens of vendors and thousands of visitors in 2023

Library Corner



Seasonal Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library

Programs for Everyone!

There's something for everyone this spring at World Investigators, Art Investigators, LEGO Club, Home school Friday, and lots of Storytimes! Check MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org for more information about these exciting program series for kids!

Spring Programs & Events

Solar Eclipse Viewing

Monday, April 8th

1 - 3 pm

Join us for Solar Eclipse-themed crafts, snacks, and activities to gear up for the biggest space event of the year!

Five Nights at Freddy's Lock-in

Friday, April 19th

5 - 9 pm

Gear up for an epic night of Freddy Fazbear fun, frights, and friendship – can you survive this celebration of Five Nights at Freddy's? Join us for games and activities inspired by the hit series but remember, the animatronics do get a bit quirky at night...so beware! Registration is required.

LEGO® Showcase Presented by WisLUG

Saturday, May 4th

11 am - 3 pm

Calling all LEGO enthusiasts! Drop in to see amazing LEGO creations by the [Wisconsin LEGO Users Group](http://WisconsinLEGOUsersGroup.com). You'll have a chance to meet the builders, learn about their work, and gain inspiration for your next build. We will have a building station set up in the Children's Library. This event is family-friendly and welcomes LEGO enthusiasts of all ages.



Solar Eclipses Presentation

Are you excited about the upcoming solar eclipse? Come and hear UWM Planetarium Director Jean Creighton speak at the Library at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 3rd. Dr. Creighton will discuss the profound impact the study of solar eclipses has had on scientific discoveries and our understanding of the universe. As part of this program, everyone in attendance will receive a FREE pair of Solar Eclipse Glasses!

A special thanks to Menomonee Falls CE & REC for co-sponsoring this event!

Spring Library Programs Continued...

Screen-Free Week

Kickoff: Chalk the Walk

Monday, May 6th

6 - 7 pm

Can we cover the whole sidewalk with amazing chalk art? Bring your creative ideas, your friends, and your family and come kickoff Screen-Free Week with an evening of collaborative drawing! We'll provide the chalk. Meet near the main Library entrance.



Board Game Party

Friday, May 10th

3 - 4:30 pm

Screen-Free Week continues with a fun afternoon of board games! We'll have everything from Candy Land to Chess to Guess Who? to cards and more so the whole family can play along. This program is best suited for ages 3 and up.

Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, May 11th

10:30 – 11 am

It's the Screen-Free Week finale! Join us in the Community Room for a super-special Saturday storytime to celebrate. This program is best suited for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

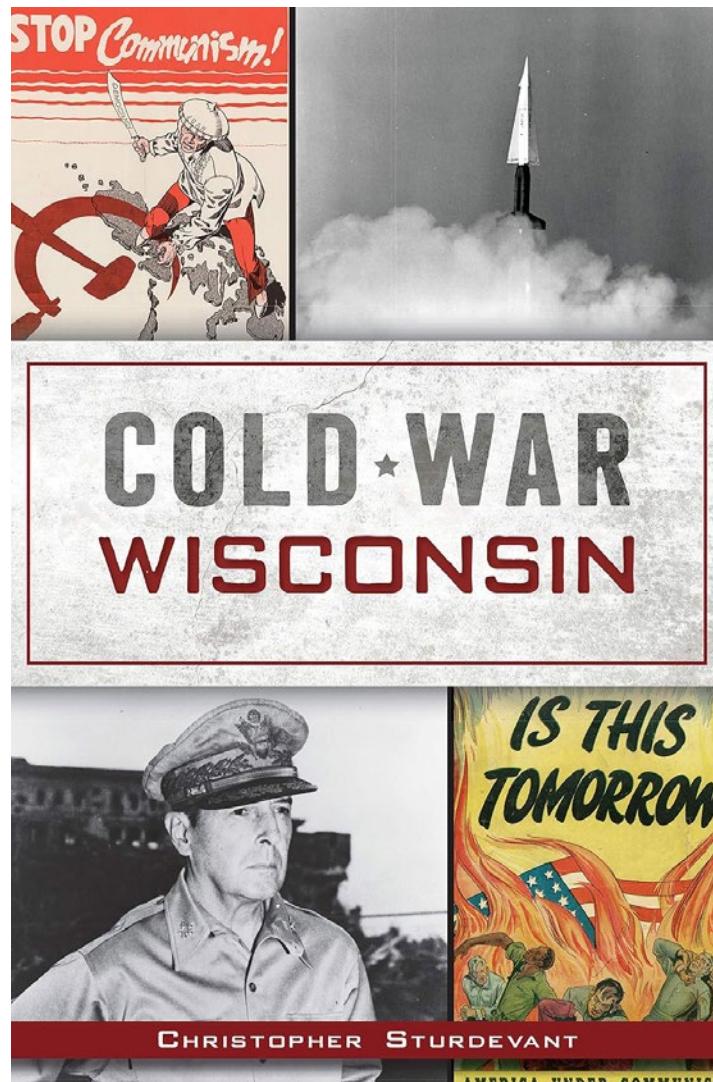
Adult Programs

Small Space, Small Budget Vegetable Gardening

Are you interested in gardening, but not sure of how to start? On Monday, March 18th, at 2 pm, Ann Wied will share tips on making the most of a small vegetable garden on any budget. Ann is a Horticulture Outreach Specialist with the UW-Madison Extension in Waukesha County. She will also raffle off a free 12-inch container with seed packets to one lucky participant.

Cold War Wisconsin

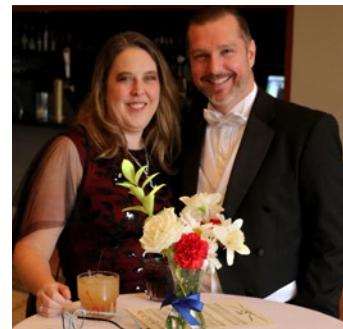
As the Cold War gripped the world with fear of espionage and nuclear winter, everyday Wisconsinites found themselves embroiled in the struggle. Christopher Sturdevant, a U.S. Air Force veteran and chairman of the Midwest Chapter of the Cold War Museum in Washington, D.C., will speak about these tense times on Monday, May 6th, at 1 pm. He currently works as a children's librarian and has studied the Cold War since the 1980s.



Spring Updates From Old Falls Village Park

Themed R.M.S Titanic First Class Dinner Fundraiser

On April 6th, 2024, the North Hills Country Club on Appleton Ave. will be transformed into a unique evening immersive experience remaking a first-class dinner marking the 112th anniversary of the unsinkable Titanic disaster. This themed Titanic "First-Class For the Park" fundraiser is to help raise funds for the maintenance and improvements to Old Falls Village Park in Menomonee Falls.



There will be a silent auction and entertainment throughout the evening while guests enjoy a multi-course dinner similar to what was served in the Titanic's first-Class Dining Hall. Attend in formal black tie or period appropriate attire for this immersion themed fundraiser to benefit the Friends of Old Falls Village, Inc. and Old Falls Village Park.



Photo from 2023 R.M.S. Titanic Dinner Fundraiser

Twice the Beer, Twice the Fun!

If you love beer and you love visiting Old Falls Village Park during the summer, you will love that there will be even more opportunities to enjoy the beer garden in the Park at the corner of Pilgrim Road and County Line Road. For 2024, there will be [two beer gardens](#) at Old Fall Village Park.

The Menomonee Falls Historical Society will be continuing their tradition of the Depot Beer Garden and entertainment on select Saturdays this season starting on May 18th and continuing until September 28th. Please check www.oldfallsvillage.com for the latest information on the Depot Beer Garden dates and entertainment.

The Friends of Old Falls Village Park will also be operating the Old Falls Biergarten on select Fridays and during the whole weekend of major themed events throughout the season starting on May 3rd with the Old Falls Revolutionary War Weekend and the WWII Days Weekend on June 14th -16th and continuing until October 11th. On May 10th and 11th, enjoy the newest German-themed Biergarten kickoff event, Mai Fest at Old Falls Village Park. Enjoy two days of German-themed, Polka music, dancing, beer and food! Please check www.oldfallsvillagepark.com for the latest information on the Old Falls Biergarten dates and entertainment.



Old Falls Village Park Updates Continued...

Old Falls Village Park is a great family destination throughout the year! There is plenty of room for the children to run and play during the beer gardens while there is entertainment on the Depot platform stage. Live music, activities for the kids and cold beer and soda not to mention great food are always a staple at the park. All the proceeds go to support the Park. Come visit Old Falls Village Park on the corner of Pilgrim Road and Highway Q. All the beer gardens and events are weather permitting. Parking is always free and admission is only with special events occurring in the park. Check both of the websites for details.

Menomonee Falls Historical Society
www.oldfallsvillage.com

Ways to Enjoy your Community Park

Come and enjoy a day in the park anytime! Old Falls Village Park is open all year from dawn to dusk for relaxation, walking, photography, and enjoying the rustic scenery. The park is free to roam at your leisure. The park is dog-friendly for pets on a leash. There are two Dogipot bag dispensing units at the park; located in the eastern asphalt parking lot and one near the hut at the west grass parking lot. Old Falls Village Park has a great parking lot that can be used as a trail head for the Bugline Trail which begins just 1.1 miles to the south. Check ahead for special events happening within the park.



Friends of Old Falls Village Park
www.oldfallsvillagepark.com

Rentals at Old Falls Village Park

Did you know there are rooms to rent at the park at Old Falls Village Park? Need a venue for a picnic reunion, birthday party, bridal or baby shower? The park is available to be rented through both the Menomonee Falls Historical Society and Friends of Old Falls Village Park. To rent the Public House, contact the Menomonee Falls Historical Society and to rent the meeting room in the Historic Caretaker's Residence, contact the Friends of Old Falls Village Park.

Volunteers Needed!

Old Falls Village Park is now being maintained by two non-profit groups that are both enthused to offer you the best community park as possible. Yet, even with two non-profit groups working in the park, there is so much to do! They cannot do it alone. Both non-profit groups would love your help. If you love history and feel connected to Menomonee Falls, there are many volunteer positions available including helping at the many beer gardens, maintaining the beautiful grounds, woodworking and small repairs on the historical buildings, or helping out at the many events. Contact the Historical Society and Friends of Old Falls Village. They would love your help! The first work day at the park will

be April 20th from 9 am – 12 pm to spruce up the grounds from the long winter and get them ready for the first events of the season beginning in May. Contact Friends at Old Falls Village Park at Events@OldFallsVillagePark.com to participate on April 20th work day.



Spring Events at Old Falls Village

4/6 Themed RMS Titanic Dinner and Fundraiser at North Hills Country Club

4/10 Storytime in the Upper Barn – Starts at 10:30 am, sign up at the Menomonee Falls Library

4/20 Grounds Work Day at the Park

4/24 Storytime in the Depot and Caboose – Starts at 10:30 am, sign up at the Menomonee Falls Library

5/3-5 Old Falls Revolutionary War Days – School Day May 3, Old Falls Biergarten, and Fish Fry

5/10-11 Mai Fest with Old Falls Biergarten

5/12 Mother's Day Tea in the Miller Davidson Porch

5/18 Topless Jeep Charity Run Special Olympics

5/24 Old Falls Biergarten and Fish Fry

5/25 Depot Beer Garden

5/31 Old Falls Biergarten and Fish Fry

6/1 Depot Beer Garden

6/7-8 Depot Beer Garden

6/14 WWII Variety Show

6/15 WWII USO Concert and Dance

6/15-16 WWII Days



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www.oldfallsvillage.com



Friends of Old Falls Village Park
www.oldfallsvillagepark.com



Visitors enjoying a tutorial on 18th century geography from a reenactor at Old Falls Revolutionary War Days in 2023





Community Education & Recreation

Spring & Summer Program Preview



Summer is just around the corner, and the CE & Rec team is busy planning for a great summer of programs and activities for youth and adults of all ages.

Registration for summer programs begins online at 9 pm on Sunday, April 14th.

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

Join a Great Team!

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

May is Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month is celebrated each year during the month of May throughout the United States. In addition to recognizing the contributions of older adults in our communities, it creates awareness to ensure older adults are living healthy and active lives. According to the CDC, loneliness and social isolation in older adults are serious public health risks affecting a significant number of people and putting them at risk for dementia and other medical conditions. The [Menomonee Falls Senior Center](#) offers a variety of programs for older adults in the areas of education, recreation, creative arts, socialization, health and nutrition. The Senior Center is located in the Menomonee Falls Community at W152 N8645 Margaret Road. It's open Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Family Movie Nights Return in 2024

Falls Family Movie Nights at Village Park returns in 2024. Chick-fil-A Menomonee Falls will once again be the presenting sponsor.



Follow the [Menomonee Falls Downtown](#) and [Menomonee Falls CE & Rec. Facebook](#) pages, or visit [Menomonee Falls Downtown](#) for more information.

More CE & Rec. Programs & Updates

Fit in the Parks – Sunset / Candlelight Hike

Fit in the Parks is a health and wellness series brought to you by various partners throughout the Village of Menomonee Falls. This summer there are 20+ FREE programs planned to help you stay active, and explore the wonderful parks within Menomonee Falls!

Help us kick off this year's Fit in the Park series at our Sunset/ Candlelight Hike on Friday, May 3rd, at Menomonee Park from 7 - 9 pm. Candles will be available to light the way after dusk or come early and enjoy the park's natural beauty at sunset. Free admission to the park for all participants. A special thanks to Waukesha County Parks and Froedtert Health for their help with this event. [Register Now](#)

Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt

Join our Menomonee Falls EGG-CELLENT Egg Hunt! You will be emailed a list of all the participating Falls businesses that will display a colorful egg in their front window with a letter on it. Between March 8th - 25th, hunt around Menomonee Falls and decode the hidden phrase. Submit your answer by March 27th. All correct answers will be put in a drawing to win a basket filled with fabulous prizes from participating businesses. Free, but registration is required. [Register now](#)

Take a Trip with CE & Rec

[Norwegian History Trip – Wednesday April, 24th](#)

Join us as we head to Stoughton to learn the story of their early Norwegian settlers at the Norwegian Heritage Center where we will experience the story of the immigrants. We will have a guided tour by a historian then have a Norwegian lunch of meatballs, potatoes & dessert, followed by a craft demonstration. We will finish the day with time to shop where you will find art, antiques, jewelry & more. Register by March 22nd.

[Ho Chunk Dells Gambling – Thursday, May 30th](#)

Join us for a one-day getaway to Ho Chunk Dells. You will receive \$25 in credit on your player's club card at Ho Chunk. If you do not have a card, you will receive one upon arrival at the casino so you can enjoy the free credits. You must bring a valid ID with you and use your player's club card at all times while at the casino. Please register by May 16th.

Fit in the PARKS Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin



A past FIT in the Parks - Sunset / Candlelight Hike view



2023 trip to the Baraboo Circus World Museum

[An Epic Day at the Farm – Tuesday, May 21st](#)

Join us as we head to the Verona area. First, we will have a guided walking tour to explore Seven Acres Dairy Company, where we will learn the history of the building which has witnessed dairy production in three centuries, and is now one of the largest and most modern dairy factories in southern Wisconsin. We will have a family style lunch of different sandwiches at Seven Acres. Next, we will head to the Epic Campus where we will have a guided tour of the campus. On our way home, we will stop by historic downtown Oconomowoc where we will hear the history of the Wizard of Oz and see life sized replicas of the characters. Register by April 18th.



Getting to Know the COMMUNITY League MENOMONEE FALLS

Community League, Inc. is a nonprofit service organization that was created in 1960. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our Village, state, and nation through philanthropic gifts and community service, while promoting fellowship among our members. Our motto is *Sharing, Fellowship, Caring*.

Community League is not associated with any political party, candidate or religion. We have no affiliation with businesses, with the exception of fundraising or club operating expenses.

Our philosophy is to serve our community and the surrounding areas with charitable gifting and civic projects. For this purpose, we have three fundraising events. This year 'Spring Marketplace' will be April 20th, 2024, 'Garden Tour' July 13th, 2024 and 'A Community Affair' October 19th, 2024.

Community League has supported and donated over a million dollars to many charities and special projects in Menomonee Falls, Metro Milwaukee, and Waukesha County. We have made contributions to the Menomonee Falls Community Hospital building fund, Village Park playground upgrades and sponsored Little League teams and the expansion of the Little League Complex. A project we are especially proud of is Esser Park, located by the Menomonee Falls Municipal Building. The park was established in 1984 as a memorial tribute to past League President, Ann Esser, and her husband, who was a municipal judge for the Village.

There have been many nonprofit recipients funded by Community League. Some of them are: Menomonee Falls Library, Historical Society, Community Education & Rec Dept., Parade Committee, Falls Patio Players, A Company of Kids, Blessings in a Backpack, Badger Girls State Program, Distinguished Young Women Program, Sussex Area Outreach Services, Waukesha Women's Center, Hope Network, Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, and Prevent Blindness Wisconsin.



A 2023 Community league flower installation



A past Community League St. Patrick's Day event



Esser Memorial Parkway, in front of Village Hall

Community League continued...

Our organization supports local businesses by purchasing gift cards for individuals or families who have financial need. Referrals are received from area churches, the Menomonee Falls School District and League members. These referrals are also helped at Christmas and Easter with extra donations. Our ongoing endeavors include donations of handmade blankets for local nursing homes, hospices, and Ronald McDonald House and answering Letters to Santa for the US Postal Service in Menomonee Falls. We have also provided Christmas gifts for local nursing home residents without families.

Community League has been an established partner with the Menomonee Falls School District for many years. We provide yearly vision screening and funds for eye exams and glasses for grade school children, give four yearly high school senior scholarships, donate clothing and school supplies for the District Resource Room, and have given donations for playground enhancement, upgrades and equipment and other educational endeavors. In recognition of our support for the District, Community League received the District 2021 Distinguished Service Award.

Community League is proud to offer our services and donations for the residents of Menomonee Falls and surrounding communities. Meetings are held from September through May on the third Monday of the month at the Community Center. Fellowship gathering starts at 6:30 pm, followed by guests or programs and club business. The May meeting celebrates the gifting of proceeds to designated nonprofit organizations. Guests are welcome to attend meetings.

For more information we invite you to visit us on our website at www.communityleague.com

Bonnie Bauer, President
Community League, Inc. of Menomonee Falls



2023 Community League raffle



Community League Easter event

Community League Spring Marketplace

Support the Community League by shopping at the Spring Marketplace on Saturday, April 22nd from 9 am to 2 pm at Menomonee Falls High School. This event features vendor booths, raffles, a rummage sale, crafts, jewelry, a bake sale, and more! Admission \$3.

Learn more by visiting the event web page at communityleague.com/events-list





Waukesha County Park System

Spring Event & Service Update

Earth Week in the Parks!

Enjoy fun events, activities, programs and volunteer opportunities in Waukesha County Parks! waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek

- Wednesday, April 17th, 7:30 pm - Sunset Meditation Planetarium Show & Peaceful Night Hike – Ages 10+ 60 participants max. [Register here!](#)
- Wednesday, April 24th, 10 am - Earth Day Outdoor Classroom: Recycle Raccoon's Adventure Hike – Ages 4k - 12 Retzer Nature Center – \$5/student [Register here!](#)
- Thursday, April 25th, 10 am - A Mindful Walk in Nature Retzer Nature Center. Free - No registration is necessary. Meet at the Discovery Trail entrance – Ages 10+
- Friday, April 26th, 7 am - Morning Bird Hike with the Benjamin Goss Bird Club. Retzer Nature Center - Free - No registration is necessary – Ages 8+ www.gossbirdclub.org

Waukesha County Parks Volunteer Clean Up Workday

Saturday, April 20th, 10 am - 1 pm at various county parks Free admission with registration and participation.

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

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

Spring Story Hike

Come out to Retzer Nature Center to enjoy this Spring's Story Hike, featuring the children's book "Crow Not Crow," by Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple. Set out on the Orange Trail to read the book while enjoying the outdoors at the same time! The mowed grass trail is about 0.75 miles long. Story Hike is provided through a partnership with the Bridges Library System.

waukeshacounty.gov/storyhike



A new all breeds dog exercise area was recently opened at Menomonee Park

Spring Workshop Day

March 16th, 9 am – Noon

Retzer Nature Center

\$20/person

Learn about composting food and yard waste in support of healthy soils and the

sustainable return of organic materials into backyard soils.

[Online registration](#) is required by noon on Friday, March 15th.

Recommended for ages 15+.

waukeshacounty.gov/springworkshops



Habitat Restoration Volunteer Workdays

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

Recommended for ages 13+.

www.waukeshacounty.gov/HabitatRestorationWorkdays/

More Spring 2024 Waukesha County Parks Updates

Camping Season Opens April 1st

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

waukeshacounty.gov/camping

Arbor Day Volunteer Tree Planting

Friday, April 26th, 9 am - Noon

Fox Brook Park

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



Arbor Day VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING

Sponsored By



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

waukeshacounty.gov/arborday

Now Hiring for ALL Seasonal Positions

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

www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkjobs



Save the Date! Falls Memorial Fest 2024

VILLAGE OF Menomonee Falls PRESENTS

***** Falls *****

MEMORIAL FEST

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE CEREMONY
STARTS AT VILLAGE PARK WAR MEMORIAL AND MOVES TO WATER STREET STAGE ON MAIN
10AM

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

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

TRI COUNTY YMCA KIDSFEST VILLAGE PARK 11AM-4PM

FOOD & DRINKS

CAR SHOW VILLAGE PARK 10AM-4PM

ART SHOW GAZEBO PLAZA 11AM-5PM

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

OTHER MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENTS:

5/26: Memorial Fest Veterans Concert at Village Park 3:30-7PM

5/27: Memorial Day Parade- Main Street 10AM

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WATER QUALITY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires water utilities provide their customers a Consumer Confidence Report annually. This information is designed to educate our customers about the source of the water supply, the water treatment process, and the extensive testing conducted to ensure water quality before the water enters a property in Menomonee Falls.

The report can be read at menomonee-falls.org/consumerconfidence

Meet Your Police Department

The Menomonee Falls Police Department is ever changing with ongoing new additions, promotions, retirements, etc. Our department has an authorized strength of up to 65 full-time police officers, 13 civilian support personnel, and 9-14 police aides. In order to effectively serve the community, the scheduling of our department is spread out over three different shifts. Each year we have shift meetings to discuss numerous topics along with taking a photo of that specific unit. Below we would like to introduce the members of our department who serve the citizens of Menomonee Falls.



Day Shift Patrol:

Day shift is comprised of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and several officers. They handle a variety of calls and are generally the most veteran officers of the department.



Early Shift Patrol:

With the addition of K9 Tango, this shift is similar in structure to Day shift patrol and handles the highest volume of calls. Early shift has the largest staffing for this reason. As a result, this shift contributes to well-rounded and quickly experienced officers.



Late Shift Patrol:

The staffing structure is the same as Early & Day shift. Late shift calls for service vary, but many involve dealing with intoxicated persons. Many serious crimes also occur during the hours of darkness, such as burglaries. Regardless, serving during the overnight hours can be quite challenging.



Patrol Bureau Support Unit:

This unit consists of a Sergeant and two Crash Investigators who are primarily responsible for traffic enforcement and crash investigation. They also specialize in commercial motor vehicle enforcement.

Meet Your Police Department Continued...



Special Investigations Bureau:

This group consists of a Lieutenant, Sergeant, Detectives, and Juvenile Officers. Their schedules overlap with the patrol shifts and are responsible for investigating the most serious and sensitive crimes. The Juvenile officers are focused in the schools and teach D.A.R.E. to our younger students.



Services Bureau:

This unit is comprised of a Lieutenant, Sergeant, Services Bureau Coordinator, and an IT Specialist. They are in charge of a vast array of duties that provide logistical and technical support to all police bureaus. The Services Bureau is in charge of the training activities for all department personnel along with equipping, purchasing and maintenance of all vehicles & equipment.



Business Office Operations Unit:

Within the Services Bureau is the Business Office Operations Unit. This work group is part of our professional staff located in our front business office. There is a civilian Office Operations Supervisor who oversees three shifts of Police Support Specialists. They help by providing customer service to the public, typing reports, updating forms, forwarding cases to the DA's Office, and the list goes on and on with this team.

Office of the Chief:

The Chief of Police, his administrative assistant, and two Captains comprise the Office of the Chief. The Chief has overall authority of the department. One Captain has oversight of the department's operations and the other Captain is in charge of tasks related to the support of the department.



Updates from the Menomonee Falls Fire Department

The Chief is Here!!

The Village of Menomonee Falls has selected Joe Pulvermacher to lead the Menomonee Falls Fire Department. Chief Pulvermacher has 35 years in the fire service, starting with the Butler Fire Department in 1988. He rose to the rank of Battalion Chief with the Oak Creek Fire Department before taking the Chief's job in the Madison suburb of Fitchburg WI, a community remarkably similar to Menomonee Falls.

He claims he has known since he was young that he was meant to be in the Fire Service (see photo at right). In addition to his achievements in the fire service, a favorite activity is vocal music, having performed the National Anthem at Miller Park. Chief Pulvermacher is eager to return to his roots and continue on the path to making Menomonee Falls a safer community.



Chief Pulvermacher (pictured in a recent and older photo) has long aspired for a career in Fire Service

FLIR Thermal Imaging Camera

This MFFD recently purchased three new cameras to replace our old thermal imaging cameras (TICs) that were failing and becoming too costly to maintain. The new cameras have additional features to allow for changes to the scale of the temperature being measured. This is important if we are searching for a person in a generally cooler environment or troubleshooting a hot spot such as a burnt out motor or transformer in a building. MFFD crews use this to locate and gauge the size of a fire. It is also useful to minimize unnecessary damage when looking for extension of fire within the walls.

In the photo (at right) Lieutenant Ed Burg is leading the department in the orientation for FLIR thermal imaging cameras. LT Burg is the bright spot on the lower left side of the TIC screen. Note that the presentation is not seen on the TIC screen, but the structure inside the wall appears, showing the temperature difference or heat signature of the building materials in the wall. Its like having Superman's X Ray vision!



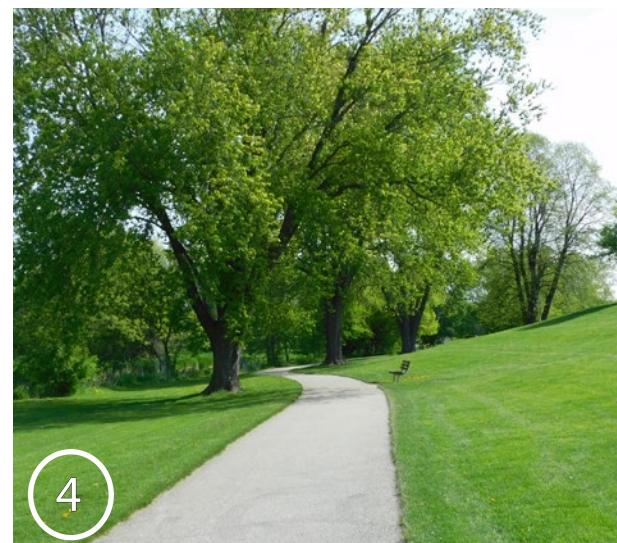
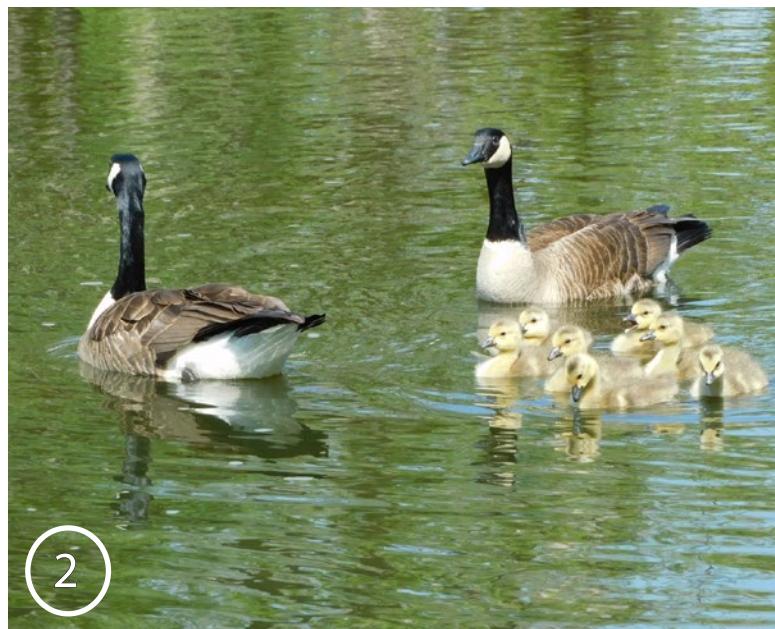
SAFER Grant Recruit Class

Menomonee Falls Fire Department has seven more recruits currently in field training to conclude the SAFER (Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant hiring. These firefighters joined the previous class of seven in the field on March 10th. The SAFER Grant helps us meet the growing demand in calls for service. In 2023 the MFFD responded to almost 5,400 calls and the number keeps going up!



Work is moving forward on an addition to Fire Station #3 to provide additional bunk space for new Fire staff

Signs of Spring - Parks & Trails



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

- 1 Falls Fest Plaza with tulips in bloom – May 2023
- 2 Geese and goslings at Mill Pond Park
- 3 Kohl's Splash Pad at Village Park will open again in May
- 4 Menomonee River Parkway Trail in Rotary Park
- 5 Trees in blossom along the trail at Rivers Edge Park



Opportunities to Give Back

Menomonee River Cleanup – Come join us this spring on April 20th to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. Every year since 2008 (except 2020), around Earth Day, the community has gathered to clean up the parks and rivers of Menomonee Falls. This event is organized by the Milwaukee Riverkeepers and sponsored by Waste Management. Visit menomonee-falls.org/rivercleanup to learn more and to register for the 2024 Menomonee River Cleanup.

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

Events



Check out Monsters Inc. on Friday, May 17th at Village Park



Back for 2024!
The 8th edition of Falls Memorial Fest starts at 11 am on Saturday, May 25th, and it continues all day long with vendors, food, and music on Main Street

Spring 2024 Calendar



TUESDAY APRIL 2 @ 7am to 8pm

Spring Election & Presidential Preference Vote – All polling places throughout the Village

SATURDAY APRIL 6 @ 5 pm

Titanic Themed Dinner Fundraiser
First class experience – proceeds support Old Falls Village Park
North Hills Country Club

FRIDAY MAY 3 @ 7 pm

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

SATURDAY MAY 11 @ 9 am

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

FRIDAY MAY 17

Falls Family Movie Night
Free Outdoor Movie - *Monsters Inc.*
& food/drink vendors at Village Park

SATURDAY MAY 25 @ 11 am

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5 @ 2 pm

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



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