

The Current

Fall 2024

VILLAGE OF
Menomonee
Falls

Fall is in the Air!

Join us in celebrating fall in the Falls! See [page 2](#)

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Monday - Friday
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Offices Closed
Thanksgiving
11/28/24 & 11/29/24

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Fall has arrived, and the Village of Menomonee Falls is a great place to enjoy it! The cooler weather makes fall the perfect time of the year to cheer on our favorite teams, enjoy outdoor events, and visit local parks and trails. Wondering where to start? Check out our short list of suggestions on how you can explore the Village this autumn on [page 2](#).

What's in this Edition of *The Current*?

As we kick off a new season, the Fall issue of *The Current* provides important November 2024 election details, leaf collection and disposal reminders, construction and development highlights, and program updates from a variety community partners including Community Ed & Recreation, Menomonee Falls Public Library, the Downtown District and more!

This issue also provides an overview of the Village's long-range plan updates and details on how residents can share their ideas about the future of Menomonee Falls (see [page 9](#)). The Police Department has included reminders on back to school safety, and the Fire/EMS Department shares details from the Fire Station 99 Grand Re-opening.

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.



An early season frost at Municipal Park

Fall 2024 Activities & Events

Some of the many opportunities to experience Menomonee Falls this autumn!

- **Downtown District** – Check out seasonal specials at downtown shops and restaurants, enjoy harvest décor, and come by for some Halloween fun! Mark your calendar for Falls Harvest Festival (September 28th), Ladies Night (October 17th), Downtown Trick or Treat (October 24th), and Small Business Saturday (November 30th).
- **Village Park & Farmers Market** – The Village Park beer garden wrapped up in late August, but the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market is still going strong! The final Sunday market of the year will be held on September 15th, and the final Wednesday market of the year will be held on October 16th. The Village Park All-Children's Play Area is open year-round, but the splash pad will close in September.
- **Old Falls Village** – Stop by Old Falls Village Park this fall for the Car Show and Depot Beer Garden (September 21st), Oktoberfest (September 28th), World War I reenactment (October 5th - 6th), Family Fun Halloween (October 18th - 19th), and the Little Park of Horrors Halloween event (October 24th - 26th).
- **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 4th 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.
- **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.

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





Voting booths at Village Hall in August

November 2024 Election Information

General Election

- Tuesday, November 5th, 2024
Polls are open from 7 am – 8 pm.

Registration and Absentee Ballots

Make sure you are registered to vote! To avoid the long lines, register during open registration, which ends on October 16th.

How can I Apply? The options to register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot include the following:

1. Online at myvote.wi.gov
2. By mail
3. In-person at the Clerk Services Department open Monday – Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm
4. In-person at your assigned polling location on Election Day

Visit myvote.wi.gov to:

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



Voter Registration Drives

Voter registration drives have been increasing this year. While most organizations promoting voter registration are legitimate, they are not affiliated with the Village of Menomonee Falls. Be mindful that registration drives often request personal information such as your date of birth and driver's license. Never give personal information to anyone you don't know and trust.



For more election information, follow these links!

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

We are Recruiting Poll Workers

With November right around the corner, the Village is looking for help on Election Day. This is one of the most rewarding ways for citizens to serve their community each election cycle.



Contact us at 262-532-4201 or email vote@menomonee-falls.org to sign up today!



Backyard Project Basics

An overview of what permits are required and what details are needed for backyard project applications

Looking to put a deck in your backyard or install a storage shed? Shed or gazebo like structures in Menomonee Falls that are less than 200 square feet will require a Zoning Permit. Decks or accessory structures like sheds or garages that are over 200 square feet need a Building Permit.

What to include in your submittal:

For a Zoning Permit:

(structures less than 200 square feet and fences over 4.5 feet)

- **Zoning Permit Application**

- Site plan

For smaller projects a Waukesha County GIS aerial map can be used for your site plan.

Draw your structure to scale, on your site plan.

Include the dimensions and distances from the rear and side yard property lines.

- \$50 Application fee

- No inspection is required after the structure has been installed



For a Building Permit:

(decks and accessory structures over 200 square feet)

- **Building Permit Application**

- Construction plans

- A survey of your property is required with projects over 200 square feet.

- Draw your structure, to scale on your site. Include the dimensions and distances from the rear and side yard property lines.

- Detached Garages, shed or similar accessory buildings are \$0.32 per square foot of the project area **WITH** a \$50 plan review fee. Decks are \$85 with a \$50 plan review fee.

- Inspections are required with all building permits. Call 262-532-4282 to schedule inspections after your permit has been issued.



Fall 2024 Seasonal Service Reminders



Above: Leaves along a Water Street sidewalk

Leaf Disposal Guidance

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 your 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 estimated start date for leaf collection is the week of Monday, October 28th. The deadline to place leaves out for collection is Sunday, November 24th.

Any leaves placed curbside after Sunday, November 24th 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.

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 Service Reminders Continued...



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 5th 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 Menomonee Falls. 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



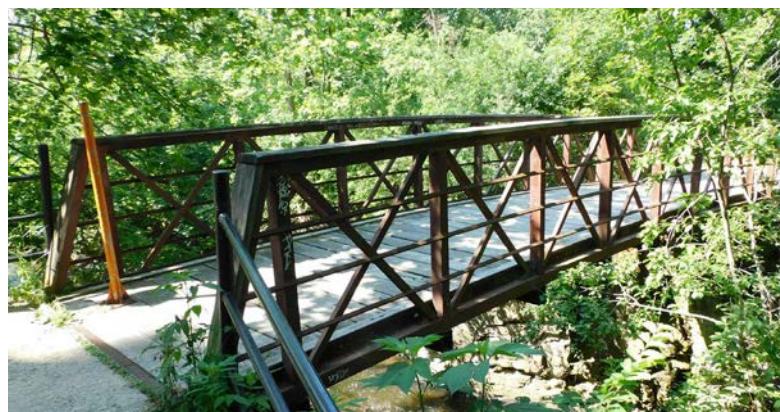
Fire Hydrant Flushing

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 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.

Rotary Park & Lime Kiln Park Bridge Closures

The pedestrian bridges at Rotary Park (near the playground) and Lime Kiln Park are closed until further notice due to deteriorating conditions. The Village of Menomonee Falls plans to replace these bridges in 2025 and will communicate any updates to the timeline as the planning and building process materializes.

For questions, please contact the Village's Department of Public Works at: (262) 532-4700 or pw@menomonee-falls.org.



The Village issued permits for 145 single family and duplex residential units in the first eight months of 2024

Fall 2024

Construction & Development Projects



Public Projects

Centennial Plaza Renovation

Construction began in July 2024 on a series of improvements at Centennial Plaza (design pictured in rendering at right). The renovation of the plaza will support downtown events with a new concrete vendor / food truck area, shade structures, seating improvements, lighting installations, a flag pole, and landscaping updates.

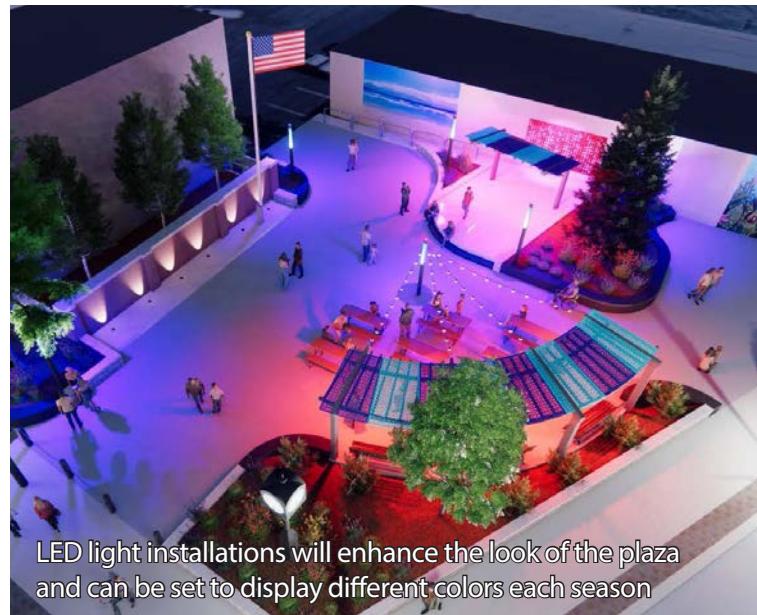
The Village was awarded a \$50,000 Vibrant Spaces matching grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to help fund the project.

The decorative clock and donor wall will stay in place with the project. Donation bricks which were set into the plaza surface as part of the original 1992 construction of the space have been removed and are being stored at the Village's Public Works Facility. The project is expected to be complete in November of 2024, just in time for the Downtown District's annual Christmas in the Falls events.

Street Reconstruction & Infrastructure Updates

In 2024, the Village is reconstructing portions of County Line Road, Wheeler Drive, and Menomonee River Parkway. The Village is also repaving and sealing many streets throughout the community, and is replacing water mains on Shady Lane, Main Street, Dardis Avenue, and Menomonee Avenue.

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



LED light installations will enhance the look of the plaza and can be set to display different colors each season



Menomonee Avenue water main project in September

Private Projects

(selected projects as viewed in summer of 2024)

Alto-Shaam Inc. warehouse and research and development addition on Water Street



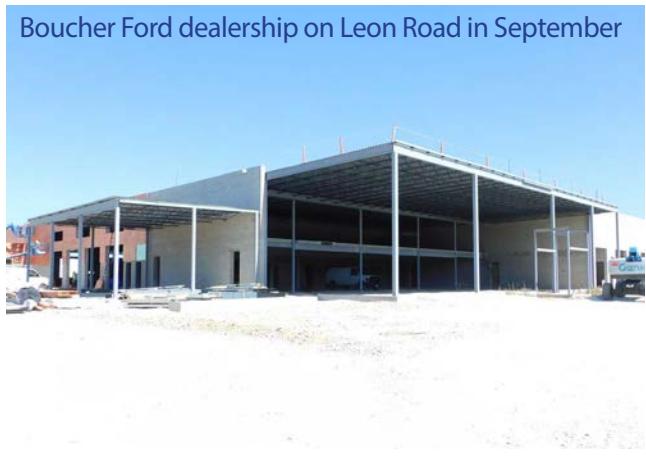
Third Space Innovation Brewhouse in July



New home in the Sommersfield subdivision



Boucher Ford dealership on Leon Road in September



Laser Center office and production facility on Old Orchard Road



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

Planning for the Future of the Village



The Village of Menomonee Falls is looking for **YOUR** input to help guide the future development of the community as well as the future of the Village's parks and trails.

To take the survey,
scan the QR code
or visit



surveymonkey.com/r/VillageSurvey2024

Learn more at
menomonee-falls.org/2024survey

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Starting this fall, the Department of Engineering and Development is leading an update of two important long-range planning documents for the Village: the [**Comprehensive Plan**](#) and the [**Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan \(CORP\)**](#).

The Village's Comprehensive Plan is a long-term planning document that outlines the community's vision to guide future growth and development over the next 20 years. The CORP provides direction for future outdoor recreational improvements to ensure that the Village offers quality recreational opportunities for residents and visitors in the future. It will guide park projects over the next five years and beyond.

The Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2016 and the CORP was last updated in 2018. Wisconsin State Statutes require that the Comprehensive Plan be updated every 10 years, and the CORP needs to be updated every 5 years to keep the Village eligible for state and federal park and trail grant opportunities.

This fall, we are looking for your input on what you want to see for the future of the Village. We launched a [**community survey**](#) this summer which will be open through September, and we will hold workshops in the coming months to invite the public to participate in the planning process.

Planning project kickoff presentations will be shared at the September 10th Plan Commission meeting and the September 16th Village Board meeting. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved in these long-range plan updates. If you have any questions about these plans or the update process, please contact cd@menomonee-falls.org.



The Community League will host "A Community Affair" on Saturday, October 19th at Ben Franklin Elementary School. This annual event is an arts, crafts, and antique show with over 80 indoor exhibits, and it 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/

Downtown Events & Programs Fall 2024

Carmel apples at Falls Harvest Fest 2023

Falls Harvest Festival

Join us for Falls Harvest Festival - Presented by AAA - The Auto Club Group on Saturday, September 28th from 10 am – 7 pm at Mill Pond Park.

This is a FREE family friendly event to enjoy:

- Vendor Marketplace
- Food Trucks
- Wagon Rides
- Seasonal Beers
- Live Music
Concert from 5 pm – 7 pm
by Cream City Hot Club

Ladies Night - 80's Wine Walk

Dig around in your closets and get your 80's outfits ready ... Ladies Night & Wine Walk is coming to Menomonee Falls Downtown on Thursday, October 17th! Big hair, neon, leg warmers, acid washed jeans, and more – we want to see it all! Stay tuned for more details soon at

menomoneefallsdowntown.com/ladies-night

Downtown District Trick or Treat

Join us on Thursday, October 24th from 4 - 7 pm for Trick-or-treat! Participating Menomonee Falls Downtown businesses will host Trick-or-Treat for the kiddos! ... it will be a spooky good time.

2023 Downtown District Trick-or-Treat Participants



Save the
Date

October 17th

3pm-8pm

Ladies Night

80's

WINE
WALK

Join us for a
TOTALLY TUBULAR
evening of shopping
& wine tasting!



\$40
21+ Only

Scan for Tickets



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CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

Fall 2024 Program Preview



It's hard to believe how fast summer comes and goes. Fall is right around the corner and registration for CE & Rec programs is underway. With over 20 new programs, dozens of free programs, and all the traditional favorites, there is something for everyone! For more information, or to register, visit fallsrec.org

CE & Rec Team Active in Community Events

As always, summer is a busy time for the CE & Rec team. Not only is it the largest program season, but the team is part of a number of events that take place in the community. We were honored to play a role in the three Falls Family Movie Nights and Falls Kids Festival. These events would not be possible without all the amazing sponsors and collaboration between several community organizations. Thank you to Menomonee Falls Events and Menomonee Falls Downtown for allowing CE & Rec to play a role in these events. Thanks to Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch for allowing us to be part of National Night Out as well. Menomonee Falls is a great place to live, work, and play!

We're Hiring

Join the CE & Rec team for the 2024 - 2025 school year! Open positions include After School (Kids INC) Leaders, Before & After School Program (Kids INC) Site Supervisors, 4K Wrap Around Assistants, Basketball Scorekeepers, Lifeguards, and Swim Instructors. Visit WECAN or contact the CE & Rec office for more information at (262) 255-8460.



Falls Kids Festival August 2024

Sunset/Candlelight Hike

Join us on October 4th 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!](#)



2023 Senior Enrichment Fair

Senior Enrichment Fair

Grab a friend and register for the 15th Annual Senior Enrichment Fair on Friday, October 18th! Enjoy demonstrations, vendors, informational classes, lunch, door prizes, and musical entertainment. Informational classes include Unraveling the Mysteries of Staying Sharp, Healthy Cooking that Tastes Great, Discover and Preserve Your History, Right Sizing – Where to Start, Traveling on a Budget, and Senior Stretches. The fee is only \$10. [Register today!](#)

CE & Rec Programs Continued...

Great Pumpkin Hunt

Join the Menomonee Falls Great Pumpkin Hunt! This year we are going to run it a little differently. There will be one picture of a pumpkin hidden somewhere in Menomonee Falls. Hints will be given every other day on Facebook at 4 pm beginning on October 11th. Once you find the pumpkin, scan the QR code to be entered to win a Halloween Prize bucket. Thank you to our sponsors Grace Commons, SERVPRO and Hot House! Free, no registration is required.

Annual Veterans Salute

Join us on Wednesday, November 6th from 1 – 2 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 14th Annual Holiday Drop & Shop on Saturday, December 7th, 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!**](#)



Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking

The 2024 Senior Leaf Raking will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 9th and running through Sunday, November 24th. 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 by Friday, October 25th.



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 8th
- Non-resident registration begins at 9 pm on Thursday, December 12th

At right: Truck Day at the Library on August 9, 2024

Library Corner

Program Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library

Family

Wildlife In Need Center

Featuring Live Animal Ambassadors

Saturday, September 14th 2 pm

Meet wild ambassador animals face-to-face during this family-friendly event! Let's learn about how this wildlife rehabilitation center helps the animals that live in your own backyard!

Drive-in Movie: Hotel Transylvania

Saturday, October 12th 10 am

Decorate your cardboard car and find a parking spot in the Community Room to watch a movie! Boxes, decorating supplies, and a light snack will be provided. This program is best suited for ages 4 and up with their caregiver. Registration is required.

Tween

Tween Halloween Lock-in

Friday, October 18th 5 pm

Do you dare to haunt the Library after dark? Join us for a spine-tingling night of pizza, crafts, and games to celebrate the spookiest time of year! Tween events are made possible by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends. Registration required.

Tween Tech Take-Apart

Saturday, November 9th 10 am

Have you ever looked at a computer, clock, or other electronic device and wondered what's inside? Ever wanted to see what's in a hairdryer that makes it heat up? Kids ages 10 – 12 are invited to join us in The Forge as we tinker and tool around to discover the inner secrets of discarded devices. This event requires registration.



Teen

Teen Fright Night

Friday, October 25th at 5 pm

Ready or not, here comes our annual spooky season after-hours party with hide-and-seek, caramel apples, Ultimate Werewolf, and more! Registration required.

Adult

A City of Three Rivers

Wednesday, September 18th, 2 pm

Milwaukee's development depended on three rivers coming together at what is now a busy harbor. This area continues to celebrate life with recreational and commercial use, the Coast Guard, lighthouses and stories of sail, steam, and speed. As a significant watershed, the map of water sources in the area shows urban, rural and city settings for these three arteries that lead to the gateway to the Great Lakes. Presented by Michael Barera, Assistant Archivist for the Milwaukee County Historical Society. A special thanks to the Menomonee Falls Historical Society for sponsoring this event.

The Essential Edgar Allan Poe

Monday, October 7th, 6:30 pm

In *The Essential Edgar Allan Poe*, William exhumes the tragic life and remarkable writing of this American genius. This program is a biography lecture and relies heavily on dramatic story readings to bring Poe's disturbing writing (Tell-Tale Heart, The Raven, M. Valdemar) to life. Presented by William Pack, magician, storyteller, and author. William has won numerous awards for his magic and comedy performances.

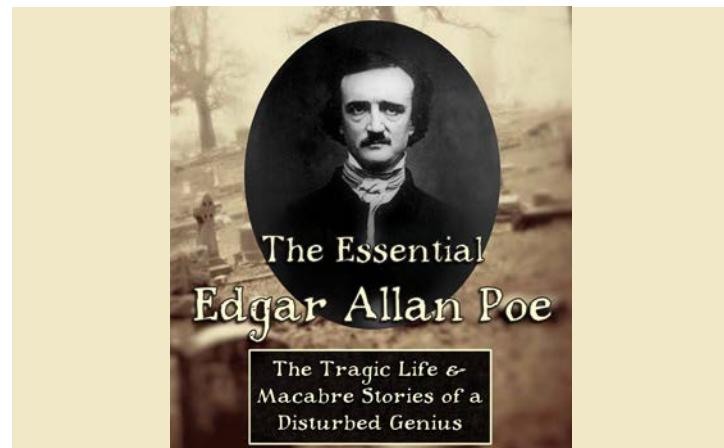
Paranormal Wisconsin

Tuesday, October 22nd, 6:30 pm

This presentation is an eerie combination of the most bizarre paranormal topics! Chad Lewis has combined his strangest cases of alien abductions, haunted places, mysterious creatures, crop circles, and everything else weird and unusual. This program covers the entire spectrum of Wisconsin's supernatural activity.

Chad Lewis is a researcher, author, and lecturer on topics of the strange and unusual. He has been featured on Discovery Channel's 'A Haunting', William Shatner's 'Weird or What', ABC's 'World's Scariest Places', and 'Monsters and Mysteries in America'.

Library Programs Continued...



Researcher and author Chad Lewis

Fall 2024 Update from The Menomonee Falls Historical Society



2023 Classic Car Show at Old Falls Village

Redeveloping a Local History Museum at Old Falls Village Park

The Menomonee Falls Historical Society is thrilled to announce that work has commenced on the historic 1890 Menomonee Falls Railroad Depot to transform it into a local history museum once again. In the 1970s, the run-down building was acquired by the Village of Menomonee Falls, relocated to Old Falls Village Park, and renovated by Historical Society volunteers. It was established as a history museum in 1980, and it served that purpose until 2021. In May 2024, the Historical Society received approval from the Village of Menomonee Falls to proceed with the development of updated displays and artifacts showcasing the history of Menomonee Falls. Local history and artifacts will once again be exhibited for everyone to enjoy.

We have assembled a team of professionals and volunteers and need the community's financial and artifact acquisition support to bring the museum to life. If you are interested in being part of the design team, have an artifact to donate or place on loan, or want to provide financial support, please contact us at mfhistory@yahoo.com or 262-250-3901.

The Menomonee Falls Historical Society was established in 1966 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit following the Village's acquisition of the historic Miller-Davidson house. Its volunteers maintain the nine historic buildings and all the artifacts at Old Falls Village Park. The Historical Society remains dedicated to its mission of collecting, preserving, and educating the community about the history of the Village of Menomonee Falls.

Fall Event Schedule

Depot Beer Garden

September 7th (3 pm – 9 pm)

Music by Echo Point from 6 pm – 9 pm

September 21st (10am – 9pm)

Classic Car show 10 am – 2 pm, Music by Schmidty and the Trubadours from 6 pm – 9 pm

September 28th (12 pm – 9 pm)

Oktoberfest - Music by Keith Gennerman from 3 pm – 5 pm and the Biermen from 6 pm – 9 pm

Family Fun Halloween

October 18th and October 19th

Family friendly fun and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. Look for some exciting new changes this year!

Silver Tea

December 8th 12 pm – 4 pm

The Silver Tea hosted by the Historical Society is the longest running social event in the history of Menomonee Falls. We will celebrate this year with tours of the Miller-Davidson House decorated for the Holidays, music, our annual cookie sale and that special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.



2023 Halloween Family Fun Night



Fall into Fun at Old Falls Village Park!

As the leaves turn vibrant shades of orange and gold, Old Falls Village Park is bustling with excitement and a full slate of fall events that promise something for everyone! We're thrilled to announce our diverse lineup of activities and festivities. Mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable autumn experience!

Elizabethan Renaissance Faire September 14th–15th

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the splendor of the Elizabethan era at our very first Renaissance Faire! Enjoy a weekend filled with thrilling performances, artisan vendors, and the grand presence of the King's and Queen's Courtiers. Children can partake in a magical scavenger hunt and even be knighted! Watch exhilarating sword fights, be amazed by aerialists, and revel in the enchanting melodies of the Bounding Main Singing Group. This is a regal experience you won't want to miss!

WWI Reenactment School Day October 4th

We're offering an educational and immersive experience for students with our WWI Reenactment School Day. Preregister to dive into the history of World War I and gain a deeper understanding of this pivotal time.

2nd Annual WWI Reenactment October 5th–6th

Join us for our 2nd Annual WWI Reenactment over the weekend. Witness history come alive as we recreate pivotal battles and explore the past. It's a powerful way to experience history firsthand!

Oktoberfest at Old Falls Village October 11th–12th

Get ready to dance and enjoy some polka at our lively Oktoberfest! On Friday night, savor the tunes of the Alte Kameraden Band from 6 – 9 pm at the Old Falls Biergarten, which opens at 4 pm. Saturday's festivities kick off at noon, featuring a full day of Gemütlichkeit, beer, and Polka Dancing with the sounds of the Ryan Kautzer Band from 2 – 5 pm. Don't miss our first-ever Corgi and Dachshund Races at 1 pm and 5 pm, respectively!



Elizabethan Renaissance Faire will be held September 14th–15th

Experience a WWI Battle!
Learn about the Spanish Flu—the Big Pandemic
Should Women vote?
Join in the Suffrage March
Meet Mrs. Edith Wilson—the First Lady to Run the Country
Saturday Night Armistice Tea Dance

World War 1
1914–1918
Re-enactment
October 5 - 6, 2024

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

Old Falls Village Park
EST. 1912
Village Park

Adults \$10 Children 11-5 yrs old \$5 Under 5 FREE
All Military Active and Veterans \$5 with Military ID
Two-Day Passes at a special price
Old Falls Village Park -- Pilgrim Road & Hwy. Q in Menomonee Falls -- FREE Parking
996W15791 Country Line Road, Menomonee Falls WI
events@OldFallsVillagePark.com

www.OldFallsVillagePark.com

Little Park of Horrors Halloween Fest

October 23rd – 26th

Prepare for a spine-chilling adventure at our new Halloween event! The Little Park of Horrors Halloween Fest will run from Wednesday through Saturday night, 6 – 10 pm. Brave the haunted paths of our Spooky Walk, designed for ages 13 and up. It's a thrilling experience filled with frights and fun!



DEPOT BEER GARDEN

OKTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER

28TH



12PM - 9PM

\$4 BUCK BEERS

FREE ENTRY

OLD FALLS VILLAGE PARK



GREAT RAFFLE
PRIZES

12:00-9:00 DEPOT BEER GARDEN

1:00 -8:00 DEPOT GRILL WITH SPECIAL GERMAN PLATE

1:30 TRIVIA WITH PRIZES AT THE PAVILION

2:00 TOUR OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

3:00-5:00 KEITH GENNERMAN PLAYS YOUR POLKA FAVORITES

5:00 STEIN HOLDING COMPETITION REGISTER AT BEER GARDEN

6:00-9:00 THE BIERMEN PERFORM ON THE DEPOT STAGE

PLEASE BRING A NONPARISHABLE FOOD ITEM
TO HELP THE MENOMONEE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUPPORT THE
MENOMONEE FALLS AREA FOOD PANTRY, BEERS ARE 4 BUCKS
SHARE THE SAVINGS WITH THE PANTRY



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NO CARRY-INS
THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING THE
MENOMONEE FALLS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Farmers Market Fall Update

The age-old saying of “time flies when you’re having fun” is so true of this summer, with all the fun-filled activity at the Village Park, including the Farmers Market. If you haven’t attended the market yet, you still have time. The market on Sunday (10 am – 1 pm) runs through September 15th, and the Wednesday market (2 pm – 6 pm) runs through October 16th.

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 and jellies, kettle corn, cookies and sweets, prepared foods, jewelry, 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, October 2nd.** We will be giving away free tote bags (while supplies last) and other fun goodies.



For more information on the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market, visit www.fallsfarmersmarket.org. Vendor applications for the 2025 season will be accepted starting in November.

Back to School Safety & Department Updates

Courtesy of the Menomonee Falls Police Department



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

A friendly reminder that all drivers must stop on a 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 a reason to pass a bus whose red lights are flashing.

School bus violations are taken very seriously by members of our Police Department. When a violation is reported, it is immediately addressed, typically by an officer with a higher level of training in traffic-related offenses. The investigation will consist of an officer identifying and contacting the alleged violator. If there is credible information that a violation occurred, a traffic citation will be issued. If the violator is unable to be identified, state law allows for a citation to be issued to the registered owner. Keep this in mind when you allow others to operate your vehicles.

A Special Retirement

After 35 years of faithful service to the Menomonee Falls Police Department, Reverend Russ Knoth has retired from his position as Police Chaplain. Reverend Knoth has been here for us through good times and tough times throughout the years. He's spent time in the squads getting to know most of us and has always answered our phone calls (24/7) to help out. More than the Police Chaplain, he has been a true friend and has impacted many lives in this department.

Thank you, "Rev," for the tireless commitment you have made to this department. We are extremely grateful for the service, wisdom, & kindness you have shown us over the years. We wish you nothing but the best!



Rev. Russ Knoth Retired in 2024 after 35 years of Service

MFPD Memorial Service & National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6th, our department held a Memorial Service in John Taylor Park to honor and remember those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, including our own Menomonee Falls Patrolman John S. Taylor, Jr, who was killed in the line of duty back on August 6th, 1977. This ceremony was the 47th anniversary of John's death. During the ceremony, we also remembered the 138 members of the US law enforcement community who lost their lives while serving in 2023. The Memorial Service included the Menomonee Falls Honor Guard and the Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums. Police Chief Mark Waters and Reverend Russ Knoth spoke during the service.

After the Memorial Service, those who attended walked across the street to our Village Park and joined in our National Night Out (NNO). This event was coordinated by our Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch and included various public safety organizations and vendors. NNO is recognized throughout the United States on the first Tuesday in August and promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. The evening consisted of live music, great food, activities for children, a K-9 demonstration, and most importantly the camaraderie between the community and our department. We hope to see this event continue to grow; see you next year at our NNO!

Police Department Updates Continued...



MFPD Honor Guard at John Taylor Park



K-9 demonstration at National Night Out 2024



Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch volunteers

Transient Merchants in Menomonee Falls



Who are Transient Merchants?

Yard services, kitchenware, magazine subscriptions – if you've ever considered buying these items from your front porch, you've probably met a transient merchant.

A **transient merchant** is someone who sells goods or services in the Village of Menomonee Falls – most often by going door-to-door – without ever intending to become a permanent merchant within the Village.

A transient merchant is not someone who goes door-to-door for religious, political, or charitable reasons. Transient merchant restrictions regulate commercial speech only; religious and political speech is not commercial speech. Neither is charitable speech.

As door-to-door sales grow in popularity throughout the United States, it is important to know the regulations governing transient merchants so that all interactions with transient merchants are pleasant, positive, and safe.

What Restrictions Must Transient Merchants Abide by?

Transient merchants may only go door-to-door Monday through Saturday between 9 am and 8 pm. They cannot operate on Sunday, and cannot stay after you've asked them to leave your property.

Additionally, if you display a “no solicitation” sign or a sign with a similar meaning, transient merchants may not enter your property for the purpose of doing business.

How does the Village regulate transient merchants?

Transient merchants must be licensed by the Village Clerk before selling their goods or services in Menomonee Falls. The licensure process requires a detailed personal history, background check, and fingerprinting.

If an applicant successfully completes the licensure process, the Village Clerk issues them an identification badge containing their picture; this serves as their license.

How can I tell if a transient merchant is licensed?

Transient merchants must carry their license at all time while doing business in the Village, and must display the license upon request. If a transient merchant comes to your door, feel free to ask for their license.

What should I do if I feel uncomfortable or unsafe while meeting a transient merchant?

Most importantly, be cautious and be safe. You are not required to let anyone in your home. Across the country, crimes have been committed against homeowners who opened their doors to salespeople. Never allow unknown salespeople into your home.

If you feel unsafe during a door-to-door sales encounter or observe suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, contact the Menomonee Falls Police Department.

Station 99 Grand Re-Opening



At right:
August 24th
ribbon cutting
ceremony with
rescue cutting
tool



Saturday, August 24th marked the open house and ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of an almost year-long remodeling project at Station 99 on Lilly Road. The remodeling added and repurposed space for additional firefighters hired through the SAFER grant as described in past issues of *The Current*. The daily Shift Commander also relocated from Station 98 to Station 99.

Additions and updates include sleeping areas and bathrooms, dedicated firefighting gear laundering and storage areas, enlarged and revamped kitchen and dining areas, an enhanced workout area, and a bathroom in the apparatus bay.

A bell that had been in the tower of the original Menomonee Falls Fire House has been placed on display in the lobby in a re-creation of the original bell tower built by department members.

Fire / EMS staff used a battery operated rescue cutting tool to cut the ceremonial ribbon for the event, which was attended by Village Board and Police and Fire Commission members. Retired Rev. Russ Knoth gave an invocation. The Mobile Integrated Health team and Peer Support team had members in attendance to illustrate their roles with the department.

Fall 2024 Open Houses

Upcoming Fire/EMS facility open houses will be held on the following dates:

- September 14th at Station 97 from 9 am – noon
- October 12th at Station 98 from 9 am – noon



Fire Department & Emergency Services staff in the new dining area



Re-created bell tower from the original 19th century Menomonee Falls Fire House and Village Hall in the Station 99 lobby

Falls Patio Players Fall 2024 Performances



Church Basement Ladies

September 20, 21, 27, 28 at 7:30 pm

September 22 and 29 at 2 pm

This musical comedy based on recipes, food, and camaraderie in the kitchen is funny, heart warming, and down to earth. The four women who tend to their congregation from the church basement kitchen share their lives, stave off disaster, and have a whole lot of fun!

Purchase tickets on line at fallspatiplayers.com

Adults \$20, Seniors (60 +) and Students \$17

Tax and Convenience Fees may apply

For Group Pricing (ten or more) contact us at
fallspatiplayers@gmail.com or 262-437-7336
Handicap accessible through rear theater door.

All performances are in the North Middle School Auditorium
at N88W16750 Garfield Drive, Menomonee Falls

Disney Newsies Jr.

October 18 and 19 at 7 pm

October 20 at 1 pm

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Jack Feldman

Book by Harvey Fierstein

Written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White

Jack Kelly rallies newsboys from across the city to strike against powerful and unfair newspaper publishers. Including the now- classic songs "Carrying the Banner" and "Seize the Day", *Newsies JR* is a timeless story full of spirit and heart. Our Falls Patio Players Young Performers will be presenting this family friendly, one act production.

Adults/Seniors \$15 and Students \$10



About Falls Patio Players

Falls Patio Players has been entertaining audiences of all ages for over 50 years. It all started when a group of like-minded community members got together at North Middle School, and decided to form a theater group while looking over the patio – and poof – Falls Patio Players was born! We are a volunteer run, nonprofit organization that loves to have fun, while putting on quality entertainment.

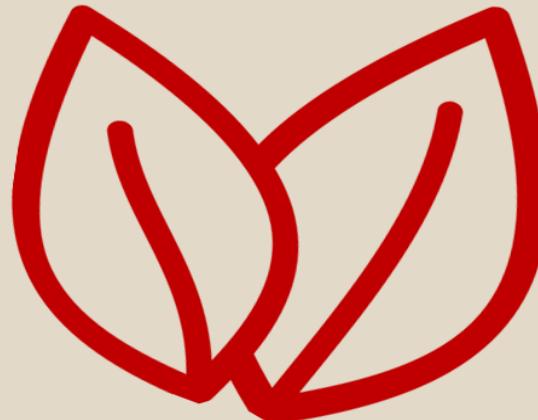


VILLAGE OF MENOMONEE FALLS

FALL

LEAF

COLLECTION



BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024
DEADLINE FOR PLACING LEAVES OUT IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

THIS PROGRAM IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO **STREETS CONTAINING CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER STORM SEWER SYSTEMS**. IF YOUR STREET DOES NOT HAVE CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER, THE VILLAGE **WILL NOT** COLLECT LEAVES IN YOUR AREA.

ONLY LEAVES WILL BE COLLECTED. NO YARD WASTE OR DEBRIS WILL BE PICKED-UP. DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN BAGS OR CONTAINERS.

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, LEAVES SHOULD BE RAKED TO THE GRASS AREA ADJACENT TO THE STREET PAVEMENT.

OTHER
OPTIONS FOR
LEAF
DISPOSAL

MULCH IN PLACE WITH LAWN MOWER.

•EASIEST, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, & MOST EFFECTIVE.

UTILIZE FREE YARD WASTE PERMIT AT WASTE MANAGEMENT.

•N96W13073 COUNTY LINE ROAD

BURN LEAVES AND/OR YARD WASTE PER VILLAGE RULES.

•MENOMONEE-FALLS.ORG/2253/OUTDOOR-BURNING

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS AT (262) 532-4700

Out and About in Menomonee Falls Downtown District



Summer 2024 has been an outstanding season for downtown with new businesses opening and great community events at Village Park and along Main Street. Thank you for your continued support of the Downtown District!

- 1 Patrons at The Chocolate Factory on Main Street
- 2 Aerial view of Falls Lavender Fest 2024
- 3 Some of the thousands of people who cooled off in the Kohl's splash pad at Village Park
- 4 Village staff promoting the [2024 Community Survey](#)
- 5 A visitor on the multi-use trail at Lime Kiln Park





Fall 2024 Calendar



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21 @ 10 am
Old Falls Village Car Show & Beer Garden
Dash plaques, door prizes, food/drink
Old Falls Village

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 @ 10 am
Falls Harvest Festival
Live music, chili cook-off, wagon rides,
food trucks, vendor market, & more
Mill Pond Park

SAT. - SUN. OCTOBER 5 & 6 @ 10 am
World War I Reenactment
Skirmishes, history displays, music,
beer garden, & more
Old Falls Village

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 @ 2 pm
FINAL Menomonee Falls
Farmers Market of the year
Village Park

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 @ 3 pm
Ladies' Night - 80's Wine Walk
Promotions, tastings, and more
Menomonee Falls Downtown District

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31 @ 5:30 pm
Village Trick or Treat
Neighborhood trick or treating
Community-wide

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 @ 4:30 pm
Christmas Parade
Floats, animals, and Santa Claus
Main Street & Appleton Avenue

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

Opportunities to Give Back

The 2024 [Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking program](#) will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 9th and running through Sunday, November 24th. 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

Events



Please review [the list of acceptable bulk items](#) or call Waste Management at (262)-251-4000 for details



The Menomonee Falls Farmers Market is held at Village Park on Wednesdays, 2 pm to 6 pm through October 16th and Sundays, 10 am to 1 pm through September 15th. fallsfarmersmarket.org

Connect with us!

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menomonee-falls.org

