

The Current

Fall 2025

VILLAGE OF
**Menomonee
Falls**

Enjoy Fall in the Falls!

Check out everything happening across the Village this autumn! See [page 2](#)

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Enjoy Fall in the Falls

We are as surprised as you are that it is already fall (where did summer go?), but we've got good news. Fall in the Village of Menomonee Falls is spectacular! There is a full calendar of community events scheduled, fall sports/activities to enjoy, and glorious fall air and colors on the way.

This edition of *The Current* newsletter includes event previews and program updates from community partners and spotlights parks, trails, and other destinations to visit this fall. We've also included fall leaf disposal information, details about our Comprehensive Plan update, and much more.

The Current newsletter is the Village of Menomonee Falls' interactive quarterly newsletter. Click the images and links within the document for more information about Village services and our community partners.

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.



Autumn colors at Mill Pond Park

Fall 2025 Activities & Events

Here is a short list of fun ideas for outings and events across the Village this autumn!

- **Downtown District** – Check out seasonal specials at downtown shops and restaurants, enjoy harvest decor, and come by for some Halloween fun! Mark your calendar for the scarecrow judging contest (starting September 22nd), Falls Harvest Festival (October 4th), Downtown Trick or Treat (October 23th), and Small Business Saturday (November 29th).
- **Village Park & the Farmers Market** – The Village Park beer garden wrapped up on September 3rd, but the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market is still going strong! The final Sunday market of the year will be held on September 14th, and the final Wednesday market of the year will be held on October 15th. The Village Park All-Children's Play Area is open year-round, but the splash pad closed in early September.
- **Old Falls Village** – Stop by Old Falls Village historical park this fall for the Outdoor Movie Night & Fish Fry (September 19th), Classic Car Show (September 20th), Oktoberfest (September 27th), World War I reenactment (October 4th - 5th), and the Little Park of Horrors Halloween event (October 24th - 25th).
- **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 3rd in Menomonee Park. [Register for this FREE event here](#) The Tap Yard Beer Garden will be open at Menomonee Park into October as well.
- **Fall High School Sports** – Join us this year 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



Downtown Trick or Treat



Oktoberfest at Old Falls Village



Menomonee Park

Fall 2025 Seasonal Service Reminders



Above: Trees along Dennis Droese Drive at Oakwood Park

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 13th. The deadline to place leaves out for collection is Sunday, November 23rd.

Any leaves placed curbside after Sunday, November 23rd 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 4th 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 remain closed while the construction of the new bridges is performed off-site. The Village of Menomonee Falls still plans to replace these bridges in 2025 and will communicate any updates to the timeline as the construction and installation process continues.

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

Attention: Bridge Closures

Rotary Park | Lime Kiln Park



Fall 2025

Construction & Development Projects

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Public Projects

Village Park & Optimist Way

Work is underway on a new off-street parking area and a storm water detention pond at the south side of Village Park near Appleton Avenue. The project will add 34 public parking spaces in support of Village Park events. Optimist Way will also be reconstructed and the existing sidewalk in the park will be extended to Appleton Avenue.

Menomonee Avenue

Construction is proceeding on the storm sewer and street reconstruction project on Menomonee Avenue. The Village is aiming to have both lanes of traffic on the street reopened before the end of the 2025 construction season. Improvements include a new sidewalk on the south side of Menomonee Avenue, bike lanes, a parking lane, and the installation of pedestrian ramps meeting ADA accessibility standards. A detour will remain in place for eastbound traffic until road construction is complete. Check out this [July 2025 drone video](#) for an aerial overview of the project site.

Street & Infrastructure Updates

In 2025, the Village is reconstructing portions of Grand Avenue, and replacing water mains on Theodore Avenue, MacArthur Drive, and Elmwood Drive. We are also repaving and sealing many streets throughout the community, and replacing bridges at Overview Drive and in Rotary Park and Lime Kiln Park.

For more information about public projects, visit menomonee-falls.org/publicprojects



Village Park parking area under construction in September



Grand Avenue street reconstruction project in July

Private Projects

(selected projects as viewed in late summer 2025)

Kohl's will occupy this recently completed industrial building on Davian Drive



The Village issued permits for 114 single family and duplex residential units during the first eight months of 2025



Great Harvest Bakery / Cafe on Good Hope Road



Planet Fitness relocated to a larger location on Main Street in September



Pickle ball courts at the new Picklr location on Appleton Avenue



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

2025 Comprehensive Plan Update



The Engineering and Development Department is updating the *2015 Village of Menomonee Falls Comprehensive Plan* with the support of local planning consultant MSA Professional Services, Inc.

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. Wisconsin "Smart Growth" law enacted in 1999 provides the framework for the development and adoption of comprehensive plans, including public participation. Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin Statutes describes the nine required elements including:

- Issues and Opportunities
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities and Community Facilities
- Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Land Use
- Implementation

A draft of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update is now available for review on the Village's website. The Village hosted a public open house on Tuesday, September 9th at in the Village Board Room to provide an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to learn more and discuss the draft plan with staff. The required public hearing and Village Board adoption of the *2025 Comprehensive Plan Update* are anticipated for this fall.

If you have any questions about the plan or the update process, please contact cd@menomonee-falls.org.



The Community League will host "A Community Affair" on Saturday, October 18th at Menomonee Falls High 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/



October 4, 2025
10am-5pm
Mill Pond Park
MENOMONEE FALLS DOWNTOWN

Fall into Fun at Harvest Fest 2025

Crisp air, changing leaves, and the smell of chili in the breeze, fall is just around the corner, and so is one of the season's most anticipated events! Menomonee Falls Downtown Harvest Fest returns on Saturday, October 4th from 10 – 5 pm, promising a full day of festive fun for all ages. Whether you're a fan of food, music, shopping, or simply soaking in that cozy autumn vibe, this event has something for everyone.

- Shop the Vendor Market for handmade goods, fall decor, and unique finds.
- Enjoy live music throughout the day, culminating in a lively evening concert under the stars.
- Taste your way through the annual Chili Cook-Off, then cast your vote for the best bowl in town!
- Hop on a Wagon Ride and take in the seasonal scenery of our charming downtown.
- Grab a bite (or two!) from local food trucks serving up fall favorites.

Whether you're coming with kids, friends, or your favorite flannel, make Menomonee Falls Downtown your go-to destination this fall. Mark your calendar, gather your crew, and we'll see you **October 4th** for a day full of fall family fun!

Downtown District Trick or Treat

Join us on Thursday, October 23rd 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.



Save the Date: Winter Magic is Coming to Menomonee Falls Downtown!

The leaves may still be falling, but we're already dreaming in twinkle lights and peppermint! Get ready to cozy up in Menomonee Falls Downtown as the streets come alive with holiday cheer, festive shopping, sweet treats, and small-town magic this winter.

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 29th

Support your favorite local shops and find one-of-a-kind gifts while enjoying a joyful day of deals, surprises, and community spirit!

Cookie Crawl

Friday & Saturday, December 5th - 6th

Grab your cookie box and follow the sweet scent through participating businesses for a holiday treat at every stop. It's the perfect way to shop and snack your way through the season!

Falls Christkindl Market

Saturday, December 13th

Step into a European-inspired winter market full of artisan vendors, warm drinks, handmade goods, and cozy holiday vibes. It's a magical way to finish off your holiday shopping!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned, the most wonderful time of the year in Menomonee Falls Downtown is just around the corner!



If you haven't been to the **Menomonee Falls Farmers Market** yet this season you still have plenty of time. The Sunday market (10 am – 1pm) will end on September 14th, but the Wednesday Market (2 pm – 6 pm) runs through October 15th. So stop on by Village Park and enjoy some delicious vegetables, cheese curds, cookies, lemonade, and so much more. Also, be sure to pick up a bouquet of flowers to brighten your home!

Village Park Events - Fall 2025

Beer Garden

September 17th from 5 – 9 pm
Live music, beverages & food

Ground Breaking Event for The Clubhouse

September 17th at 5:30 pm
Celebrate the start of construction for the new permanent serving structure, terrace, and seating area

Fall Family Movie Night

October 24th from 5 – 9 pm
The Nightmare Before Christmas





Village Park
MILWAUKEE TOOL AMPHITHEATER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

The Nightmare Before Christmas

5 PM FOOD & BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE | **SHOWTIME AT DUSK**

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Menomonee Falls Events | menomoneefallsevents@gmail.com | 262.415.7013

CE&Rec

Community Education & Recreation

Fall 2025 Program Preview



Fall is right around the corner, and registration for CE & Rec programs is underway. With 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

Community Center Project Update

It has been a busy summer with the renovations taking place at the Community Center. While there is still a lot of work to be done with the new addition, the renovation of existing spaces was finished in early September. Work included polished concrete floors, painting, replacement of ceiling tiles, updated restrooms, flooring upgrades, some utility updates, elevator updates, and prep work to connect the current building with the new addition. Site work for the new portion of the building has taken place, the foundation has been poured, gym walls have gone up, and steel work started in early September. Expected completion of the entire project is late January of 2026. Starting September 2nd, the main entrance of the Community Center reopened for the community. Stop by and check out the newly renovated spaces within the Community Center!



A recently renovated corridor in the Community Center

Sunset/Candlelight Hike

Join us on October 3rd from 6 – 8 pm for a self-guided walk around Menomonee Park, a perfect end to our FIT in the Parks programs for the season. Candles will be available to light the way after dusk, or come early and enjoy the park's natural beauty at sunset. Free admission to the park for all participants. [Register today!](#)

Senior Enrichment Fair

Grab a friend and register for the 16th Annual Senior Enrichment Fair on October 17th! Enjoy demonstrations, vendors, informational classes, lunch, door prizes and musical entertainment. The fee is only \$10. [Register today!](#)



2024 Senior Enrichment Fair

Winter Activity Guide – Save the Date

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

CE & Rec Fall Programs Continued...

Great Pumpkin Hunt

Friday Nights – October 3, 10, 17, 24

On four Friday nights in October a lit pumpkin will be hidden in a Menomonee Falls park or green space. Once you find the pumpkin, scan the QR code to be entered to win a Halloween Prize bucket. Hints regarding the pumpkin's location will be posted on our Facebook page each Friday starting at 4 pm.

[Register today!](#)

Annual Veterans Salute

Join us on Wednesday, November 5th from 1 – 2 pm in the Riverside 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.

Party at the Pool

On Sundays, 11/30, 12/14, and 1/4, bring the family to the North Middle School Pool and join us for swimming, music and fun from 1 – 3 pm. Admission is FREE with the donation of non-perishable items for the Falls Area Food Pantry. Children up to age 10 must be accompanied by an Adult (18+) at all times. Children 11+ are allowed at the pool unaccompanied. Children 6 years or younger must have an adult in the water with them and within arm's reach.

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 15th Annual Holiday Drop & Shop on Saturday, December 6th, from 10 am – 2 pm. Children will enjoy arts and crafts, movies, story time, pictures with Santa, lunch, and more. [Register today!](#)

Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking

The 2025 leaf raking service for seniors will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 8th and running through Sunday, November 23rd. 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 24th. This service is for Menomonee Falls residents only.



Library Corner

Program Updates & Initiatives of Menomonee Falls Public Library

The Early Literacy Corner at
Menomonee Falls Public Library

Family & Youth Events

DIY Library Card Lanyards and Key Chains

Saturday, September 27th 10 am

Showcase your creativity by making a key chain or decorating a lanyard for your library card! We'll have our button maker, fabric lanyards, beads, and other crafting materials available. This program is best suited for ages 5 – 12.

Fall Family Fest

Saturday, October 25th 10 am

Celebrate the fall season at the library, with a morning of autumn-themed crafts, games, and activities!

Dino-vember Family Bingo

Monday, November 10th 6 pm

D-I-N-O! What's that spell? It's a special dino-themed bingo night at the library! We hope you have a "free space" on your calendar to come in for a Dino-vember twist on some classic family fun. Registration is required.

WICKEDly Good Storytime

Saturday, November 22nd 10 am

Take a step beyond the yellow brick road for an enchanting story time and sing a long featuring everyone's favorite witch in pink. Audiences of all ages will get glitterfied by the good witch herself as she tells and sings the tales of her journey to become the good witch. This story time is bound to be popular!

Tween Halloween Lock-in

Friday, October 17th 5 pm

Do you dare to haunt the Library after dark? Join us for a spine-tingling night of snacks, crafts, and games to celebrate the spookiest time of year! For ages, 10 – 12, registration required. Sponsored by the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.



Teen

Teen Fright Night

Friday, October 24th 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

Stroke and Heart Attack Essentials:

What Everyone Should Know

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2 pm

Learn the basics of stroke and heart attack awareness. We'll cover stroke types, treatment, when to call 9-1-1, and ways to reduce your risk. You'll also learn how to recognize heart attack symptoms, what to do in an emergency, and prevention tips to protect your health. Presented by Angie Cofta, RN, SCRNP, Nathan Saltzman, RN, NRP, and Bri Clark, RN.

Foundations of Investing

Tuesday, September 30th, 6 pm

Building your investor IQ starts with understanding the basics. Whether you are new to investing or want a refresher, this presentation will help you learn about the importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation, and ideas for focusing on what you can control with your finances. Presented by a Certified Financial Advisor with Edward Jones.

Tricks & Treats: A Cultural History of Halloween

Thursday, October 30th, 6 pm

Despite what some histories say, Halloween, as we know it, is a surprisingly modern holiday. You'll hear about the true origins of the spookiest night of the year, some of the wildest ways people have celebrated the night, and the legends that surround it. Presented by author, magician, and storyteller William Pack.

Indigenous Ways of Knowing

About Wisconsin's Tribal Nations

Wednesday, November 12th, 6 pm

Join us for an introduction to Wisconsin's Tribal Nations and explore some key concepts of the Indigenous world view. Leave with your own personal action plan for engaging with Native American people and communities that will be developed using a Native American medicine wheel. Presented by Dr. Annie Jones.

Library Programs Continued...



Menomonee Falls Historical Society

A Season for Restoration & Events



2024 Classic Car Show at Old Falls Village

Cabin Restoration

Many projects have been taking place, and two very important ones that have been completed are the Umhoefer and Walker-Sparrow Cabin Restoration. Our professional team from FS Construction completed the project the week of July 4th. Included in the restoration was the replacement of rotted timbers and fresh chinking. We are so grateful to Ozaukee County Historical Society who was able to put us in touch with a family in Grafton who was willing to donate old timbers to us for use in this project. Both cabins are now in good shape for the future! The cost of the restoration on the cabins was \$5,300.

Miller-Davidson House

The dining room and music room chairs in the Miller-Davidson House had also become worn out. We have had the chairs re-upholstered to maintain the historic beauty of the Miller-Davidson House. How beautiful it will look for Silver Tea this year. The upholstery cost was \$700. Thanks to Kim Schmidt for assisting us with this project.

Steichen House

The Steichen House had fallen into significant disrepair and required extensive work this year. Over winter, volunteers worked to rehab all the storm windows that had been removed many years ago and stored in the basement of the house. The work involved scraping, sanding, glazing, and glass replacement. Now most of the windows have a storm window for additional protection. The next area addressed was the south east corner of the addition on the building. This section was not set onto the foundation and began to drift away from the main house. Efforts were made to jack and reposition that corner and then place a cinder block foundation for support. These efforts were successful and that corner is now supported. Our volunteers and a nudge from a front-end loader from the Village helped make it possible.



Umhoefer Log Cabin

Additional carpentry work was needed to repair the siding, replace rotten soffit areas, add an actual door to the open-door frame, and save the window that has been stuck open for many years. Thank you to Cream City Roofing & Siding for their successful carpentry repairs. The original restoration budget did not include provisions for a new roof; however, the Steichen House faced an urgent need for one as shingles began to deteriorate and fall off. Thank you to Tarantino Roofing for the complete tear off and roof replacement. The finishing touches were a power wash and two coats of fresh paint on the house and trim from Swanson Painting. All the repairs are completed with a total cost of just under \$20,000.

New Building Signage

We added new building signs to all the historic building with a QR code for visitors to scan. In partnership with the Menomonee Falls Library and the Maude Schunk History Room, we are excited to introduce an innovative way to explore the historical buildings at Old Falls Village Historical Park and Museum. Each historic structure is now equipped with a sign featuring a QR code. Visitors can pick up a Museum Guide from the Kiosk located in the parking lot and embark on a journey through history. By following the guide to each building and scanning the QR code, guests will gain access to detailed information, photographs, and much more about the site's rich heritage.

Our local history museum has launched the "Four Corners" exhibit, and we are diligently working on the second phase of the museum, which will serve as a permanent display area. This section will showcase a timeline that traces our evolution from Native American origins to the vibrant Village we are today. We anticipate its full opening in the Spring of 2026, coinciding with our 60th Anniversary celebration.

Old Falls Restoration Continued...

Public House Deck Restoration

The deck behind the Public House had aged and experienced considerable usage, resulting in notable wear and tear. This year's record rainfall has further exacerbated the deterioration of the deck boards, posing a safety risk to our guests in the park.

Thanks to Pete Sorenson and Jerry, the rotten deck boards have been replaced and the deck is now safe for our guests to enjoy!! The cost of deck restoration was just under \$1,000.

Depot Stage Railing

To enhance safety, a railing has been installed on the west side of the Depot stage stairs. This improvement ensures that all guests and volunteers can navigate the stairs more securely.

Upcoming Historical Society Events at the Depot Beer Garden

Outdoor Movie Night & Fish Fry

Friday, September 19th

Join us for the last Friday night Fish Fry of the season. Wisconsin Meat & Sausage returns with their delicious offerings from 4 – 8 pm. Then hang around for a Friday night feature on our new outdoor movie screen! Our excitement is building as we bring a Spielberg classic to life on the Depot Stage that is sure to thrill all generations. Movie begins at dusk, approximately 7:15 pm with free admission. We will have popcorn and snacks to purchase.

Classic Car Show at Old Falls Village Park

Saturday, September 20th

The Classic Car Show returns to the grounds of Old Falls Village. We invite you to showcase your classic car, truck, or motorcycle and join us for a day full of music and fun. Dash plaques for the first 100 participants, raffles for the owners, award for Best in Show, People's Choice, and much more! The car show runs from 10 am – 2 pm but the fun doesn't stop there. The Depot Beer Garden will be open from 10 am – 9:30 pm, the Depot Grill will be serving delicious grilled food, DJ Ring Tunes will be there throughout the event, and Grunger closes out the day with a live performance on the Depot Stage at 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm.



Halloween Family Fun

Friday, October 17th and Saturday October 18th

It's time to gather the little ghouls and goblins, put on the costumes and come out to have some Halloween fun. Experience trick or treating amongst the historic buildings, enjoy story time, crafts, games and much more as we transform the park into a Halloween adventure suitable for all ages. Watch for details on specific times for each day!

The Menomonee Falls Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit. All proceeds benefit the care and restoration of the historic buildings at Old Falls Village Historic Park and Museum. To find out more go to www.oldfallsvillage.com, or call 262-250-3901. Find us on Facebook at Menomonee Falls Historical Society at Old Falls Village Park. Thank you for your support to help preserve history!



The CLUBHOUSE @ VILLAGE PARK

The Clubhouse will be a new permanent beer garden structure, terrace, and seating area at Village Park. Learn more about the project and the fundraising campaign at menomoneefallseven.wixstudio.com/mfevents



STORYTIME

AT THE PARK



Storytime Magic at Old Falls Village Park

There's something truly special about gathering with little ones under the historic rooftops of Old Falls Village Park, where stories come alive and memories are made. That's why we LOVE story time – and why Friends of Old Falls Village Park are thrilled to continue our cherished partnership with the Menomonee Falls Library!

Mark your calendars for the final story time session of the year on **October 3rd at 10:30 am** inside the rustic Miller-Davidson Barn.

Each story time gathering brings laughter, learning, and singing, led by the joyful Ms. Megan, who has become the beloved leader of our story time tradition for years. Her warmth and creativity light up the faces of every child who attends.

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, story time will continue to create magical moments in the historic buildings and outdoor spaces at Old Falls Village Park. We'll keep the stories flowing and the smiles growing. Sitting inside those storied walls—whether it's the school house, the barn, or any of the other buildings—you can almost hear the echoes of footsteps from generations past. The creak of the floorboards, the scent of aged wood, the sunlight filtering through antique glass—it all wraps around you like a living memory.

There's something deeply grounding about being in a space that has witnessed over 150 years of life. It's not just architecture—it's emotion, legacy, and connection. And when adults and children gather there for story time, their laughter and wonder breathe new life into those old rooms, layering today's joy atop yesterday's history.

That's the beauty of Old Falls Village Park—it's not just a place, it's a feeling. And thanks to the partnership between Friends of Old Falls Village Park and the Menomonee Falls Library, Old Falls Village Park continues to be a place where stories—both old and new—are cherished and shared.

After story time, tour the park and learn even more about your Menomonee Falls History.

Friends of Old Falls Village Park
www.olderfallsvillagepark.com
events@olderfallsvillagepark.com 262-239-1489



Register for the October 3rd story time at Old Falls Village Park at menomoneefallslibrary.libcal.com/event/14657170

Thank you to the community for your continued support, and enthusiasm. Storytime is all about the children, the joy of discovery, and the community we build together. We can't wait to see you again soon!

WWI Reenactment & School Day

October 3rd - 5th at Old Falls Village Park

Join us at Old Falls Village Park on the first weekend in October for an action-packed weekend of immersive WWI history. Don't miss the captivating battles, entertainment, music, and more!

October 3rd WW Reenactment School Day

Oct. 4th – 5th WWI Encampment Event

Saturday	10 am – 5 pm
Sunday	10 am – 4 pm

WWI Reenactment School Day

History comes alive on Friday, October 3rd as Old Falls Village Park hosts its WWI Reenactment School Day—a living history experience designed especially for students. From 9 am to noon, children will step into the world of 1917, meeting uniformed soldiers, exploring interactive encampments, and witnessing demonstrations that bring the Great War to life.

This immersive event is tailored for grades 3 – 8, with rotating stations that align with Wisconsin's educational standards. Students will engage with reenactors, learn about wartime technology, and discover the human stories behind the uniforms. It's a powerful way to connect classroom learning with real-world history.

Admission

- \$3 per student
- Teachers and parents attend free. Pre-registration is encouraged, and home school groups are warmly welcomed. To participate, educators can email events@OldFallsVillagePark.com or visit the [WWI Reenactment event page](https://www.OldFallsVillagePark.com/WWI-Reenactment-event-page)
- All ages welcome. Great opportunity for senior groups too.
- Register at oldfallsvillagepark.org/school-days

Location

Old Falls Village Park N96W15791 County Line Road

The School Day is part of the larger WWI Reenactment Weekend happening October 4th – 5th, featuring battles, music, food, and family-friendly activities. Friday, October 3rd is all about education, engagement, and giving students a hands-on chance to feel history vibrate through the walls of buildings over 150 years old.





FIT in the **PARKS**
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

**FRIDAY, OCT 3
6-8 PM
MENOMONEE PARK**

SUNSET/CANDLELIGHT HIKE

Join us for a self-guided walk around Menomonee Park to end the 2025 Menomonee Falls FIT in the Parks programming!

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, walk-ins accepted.

THIS EVENT IS FREE, FOR ALL AGES, & PET FRIENDLY (MUST BE ON A LEASH)

REGISTER AT FALLSREC.ORG

OR



Waukesha County
Park System

Froedtert &

MEDICAL
COLLEGE of
WISCONSIN

MENOMONEE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Old Falls
Village*

CAR SHOW

**DJ
RING TUNES**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 10 AM TO 2 PM

SATURDAY

20

SEPTEMBER



\$10

ENTRY

FOR EXHIBITORS

**DASH PLAQUES
FOR FIRST 100
CARS**

**BEAUTIFUL PARK WITH
PLENTY OF SHADE
PARKING**

**N96W15791 COUNTY LINE ROAD
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI**

GATE AND REGISTRATION OPEN AT:

9:00 AM

PEOPLES CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW AWARDS

NEW!! TROPHIES FOR CATEGORIES TO BE ANNOUNCED

FOOD • MUSIC • DOOR PRIZES • RAFFLES

**PUBLIC WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION**

**MOTORCYCLE
ENTRIES WELCOME**

**COFFEE AND DONUTS
AVAILABLE AT CHECK IN**



PHONE 262-250-3901

E-MAIL MFHISTORY@YAHOO.COM

DEPOT BEER GARDEN 10AM TO 9 PM

CRAFT AND DOMESTIC BEERS GO TO WWW.BEERMENUS.COM



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



PREREGISTER ONLINE TO ASSURE YOU RECEIVE A DASH PLAQUE



Fall 2025 Updates

Learn more about Waukesha County parks and trails at waukeshacounty.gov/parks

Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Apple Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 20th 9 am – 4 pm

Retzer Nature Center \$10/carload, cash only

Celebrate autumn at our family-friendly Apple Harvest Festival!

Featuring:

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

events.waukeshacounty.gov



Friends of Retzer Nature Center's Scarecrow Lane

September 20th – October 31th Open Daily

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

events.waukeshacounty.gov



Fall Story Hike

September 20th – October 31th Open Daily

Step into fall at Retzer Nature Center's Story Hike! Stroll the Orange Trail as you read *Fungi Grow* by Maria Gianferrari, with illustrations by Diana Sudyka. This book celebrates the fabulous fungi all around us, brought to you by Retzer Nature Center and the Bridges Library System. Come hike, read, and enjoy the season!

Menomonee Park Swimming Beach

Closes for the season on Monday, September 29th

waukeshacounty.gov/parks

Menomonee Park Campgrounds

Closes for the season on Monday, October 31st

waukeshacounty.gov/parks



MFPD Officer Appointed Wisconsin DARE Association President

During the week of July 21st, DARE officers from across Wisconsin gathered for the annual State DARE Association conference in Wisconsin Dells. At this event, Menomonee Falls Juvenile Officer Jay Weber was nominated and appointed as the Wisconsin DARE Association Board President by his fellow DARE officers.

Officer Weber brings 24 years of DARE instruction experience to his new role, benefiting both the officers and students of Menomonee Falls. In 2024, he organized a two week (80-hour) training course in Menomonee Falls, attended by DARE officers from Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The training focused on teaching the 9-week curriculum to students while offering strategies for teaching students at various grade levels. Participants visited 1st- and 5th-grade classrooms in public and parochial schools in Menomonee Falls for hands-on teaching experience.

Officer Weber is now planning another DARE training course for 2026 and has enlisted Menomonee Falls Juvenile Officer Holz to form a committee to review and update the association's By-Laws, redefining standards and expectations for DARE officers in Wisconsin.

The Menomonee Falls Police Department continues to enjoy a strong partnership with our school district, enabling our officers to deliver the DARE curriculum in a way that leaves a lasting impact on our students.



Juvenile Officers have led thousands of the Village's fifth grade students through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program through the years

Police Memorial Ceremony

On Tuesday, August 5th, members of the Menomonee Falls Police Department, past and present, gathered at the John S. Taylor Jr. Park along Appleton Ave for the annual Police Memorial Ceremony. The ceremony honors Menomonee Falls Patrolman John S. Taylor Jr., who was tragically killed in the line of duty on August 6, 1977.

Patrolman Taylor was responding in his patrol vehicle to assist a Wisconsin State Patrol Officer who was pursuing a fleeing motor vehicle. As Patrolman Taylor responded, the suspect vehicle struck Patrolman Taylor's vehicle broadside. Patrolman Taylor died from injuries he sustained in the crash. He was 36 years old at the time of his passing.

The Menomonee Falls Police Department will never forget the sacrifice of Patrolman John S. Taylor Jr, and will ensure his sacrifice is never forgotten.

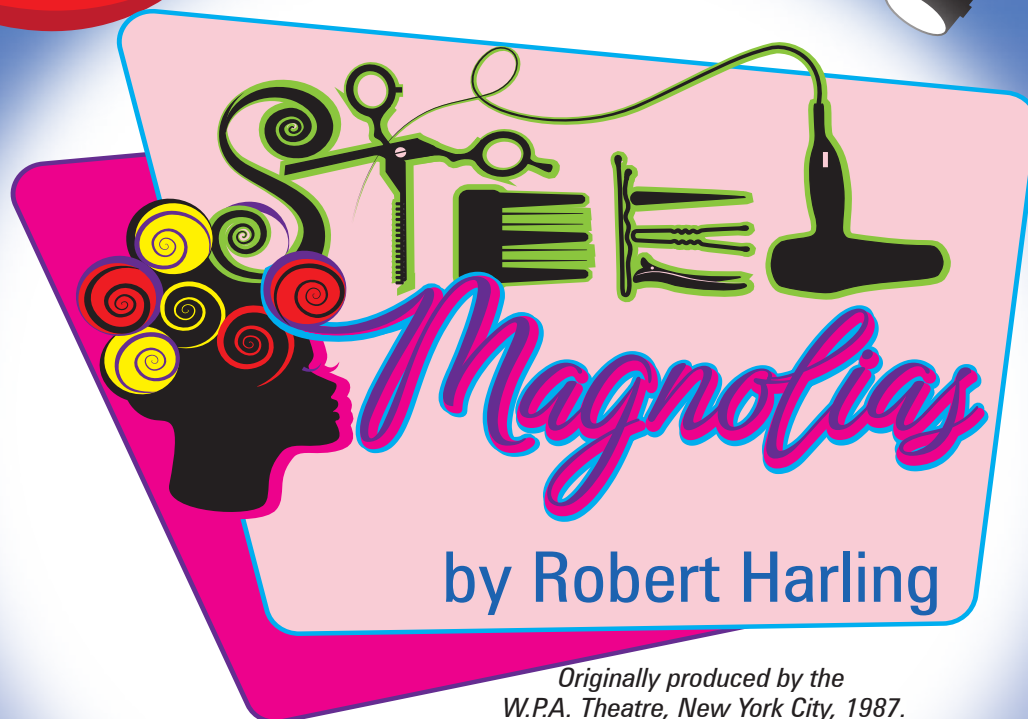




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19-21, 26-28

FRIDAYS 7:30pm
SATURDAY the 20th 7:30pm
SATURDAY the 27th 4:00pm
SUNDAYS 2:00pm

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ADMISSION

Adults: \$18

Seniors/Students: \$15



Fire & EMS Updates & Safety Reminders



The Menomonee Falls Fire Department has made some changes to its leadership structure. Kevin Rokenbrodt has been promoted to the position of Assistant Chief of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department. He will supervise the Operations, EMS, Training and Prevention divisions of the department. AC Rokenbrodt started in 1999 as a firefighter/EMT, and was promoted to Shift Supervisor, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief prior to becoming the Assistant Chief.

Weather Safety

In times of inclement weather, use media to determine current conditions and any alerts. Social media can provide information specific to Menomonee Falls and communicate current conditions. Storms cause a greater than normal workload for the utilities. Every scene is also different and has differing needs to restore power. It is for these reasons that WE Energies cannot give our dispatchers a crew's arrival time.

Electricity

All residents should access 911 for the report of a downed wire. Do not try to find the origination of the break or move the wire! MFFD will respond, secure the area and notify WE Energies for an appropriate response. Downed wires can also lay across other wires that don't carry higher energy, such as cable and phone wires. These can become energized and a hazard to your safety. MFFD has been trained to make the scene safe. We do not move or reconnect wires to restore power. Even removing the meter requires special equipment that MFFD doesn't carry.

During a recent storm, a tree limb fell and caused a high voltage line to come in contact with the ground. The energy was so great that it heated up and dried part of a concrete patio while rain was still falling. Wet ground also increases the ability of electricity to travel distances. Stay safe and stay away.



Assistant Chief Kevin Rokenbrodt



A downed wire following a recent storm event

Fire & EMS Safety Reminders Continued...

Natural Gas

Any appliances such as water heaters and furnaces should be checked by a professional after contact with water. Debris in the water may block gas flow or prevent safety features from functioning correctly. The water could also cause corrosion that could affect the safe operation in the future

Generator Use

Generators should be used outside of your house, including outside of garages. Carbon monoxide can build up quickly and because it is odorless, could affect you. Even a small amount over a long period of time is dangerous. An alarm powered by the home's electricity will not work in a power outage. Better to be safe with an additional battery powered detector than sorry.

Directions for your generator's use should be followed exactly. If you have any questions about how to connect a generator an electrician should be called. Do not use makeshift connections to restore your power. It is dangerous to you as the user and to those working on the power system.

Moving and Standing Water

Reach, throw, row, go.

That is the order trained professionals follow when deciding how to make a rescue in water. The key is the word trained. Untrained but well intentioned bystanders that enter the water to help often become a victim needing assistance as well. A bystander is most helpful by staying on scene to give responders detailed information about the incident.



2025 Bulk Item Drop-Off Event



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 » 8:00AM-12:00PM



Waste Management Hauling Facility
N96 W13073 County Line Road
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051



FALL 2025 LEAF COLLECTION

VILLAGE OF
MENOMONEE FALLS

BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

DEADLINE FOR PLACING LEAVES OUT IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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



BURN LEAVES AND/OR YARD WASTE PER VILLAGE RULES.

- [MENOMONEE-FALLS.ORG/2253/OUTDOOR BURNING](https://menomonee-falls.org/2253/outdoor-burning)



USE FREE YARD WASTE PERMIT AT WASTE MANAGEMENT.

- N96W13073 COUNTY LINE ROAD (ORCHARD RIDGE FACILITY)

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

Out and About in Menomonee Falls Newest Neighborhoods



The Village of Menomonee Falls was the location for two MBA Parade of Home Sites this summer, and the Falls continues to lead the region in single family home starts. These photos highlight a few of our residential development sites.

- 1 New homes at Sandhill Meadow subdivision
- 2 Twin homes at Fox River Falls subdivision
- 3 Some of the new homes at Tamarind subdivision in southwest Menomonee Falls
- 4 The entry sign and landscaping at Quietwood subdivision
- 5 A multi-purpose trail in the Quietwood subdivision



Fall 2025 Calendar

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20 @ 10 am
Old Falls Village Car Show & Beer Garden
Dash plaques, door prizes, food/drink
Old Falls Village

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 @ 10 am
Falls Harvest Festival
Live music, chili cook-off, wagon rides,
food trucks, vendor market, & more
Mill Pond Park

SAT. - SUN. OCTOBER 4 & 5 @ 10 am
World War I Reenactment
Skirmishes, history displays, music,
beer garden, & more
Old Falls Village

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15 @ 2 pm
FINAL Menomonee Falls
Farmers Market of the year
Village Park

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24 @ 5 pm
Falls Family Movie Night
FREE Outdoor Movie at Village Park
The Nightmare Before Christmas

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

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

VILLAGE OF
**Menomonee
Falls**

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

Opportunities to Give Back

The 2025 [Optimist Club Senior Leaf Raking program](#) will take place over a couple of weeks starting Saturday, November 8th and running through Sunday, November 23rd. 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/give-help/

Events



Friday, October 24th
at 5 pm in Village Park

Points of Pride

[Niche.com](#) ranks the Village of Menomonee Falls as one of its top 25 Best Places to Live in Wisconsin for 2025 (out of 2,000+ places)

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

*The Menomonee Falls
Farmers Market is
held at Village Park on
Wednesdays, 2 pm to 6 pm
through October 15th and
Sundays, 10 am to 1 pm
through September 14th.
fallsfarmersmarket.org*

