

# Waunakee Police Department Newsletter April 2014



## Waunakee Police Department to mobilize for Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement from May 19 to June 1



Waunakee Police Department will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the annual Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement mobilization from May 19 to June 1.

During the Click It or Ticket mobilization and throughout the year, we stringently enforce Wisconsin's mandatory safety belt law to motivate people to buckle up every time they drive or ride in a vehicle. Tragically, too many people are needlessly injured or killed because they believed a crash would never happen to them so they did not buckle up.

In Wisconsin, approximately one out of five motorists does not buckle up, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Please help us save lives by "Buckling up!"

### Seat Belt Safety Facts

Research has found that lap/shoulder seat belts, when used, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate- to-critical injury by

50 percent. For light-truck occupants, seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 60 percent and moderate- to-critical injury by 65 percent.

Research on the effectiveness of child safety seats has found them to reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants (younger than 1 year old) and by 54 percent for toddlers (1 to 4 years old) in passenger cars. For infants and toddlers in light trucks, the corresponding reductions are 58 percent and 59 percent, respectively.

Check out the following link for more information regarding seatbelt use. U.S. Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Facts, 2012 Data  
<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811892.pdf>



## Spring Time Ordinance Reminders

**Burning** – Open burning of material is not allowed within the village limits. This includes burning materials in the street or on sidewalks. Fires enclosed within fire pits which keep the fire off of the ground are acceptable. Other types of bonfires or the ***burning of grasses, leaves or vegetation require a permit or prior written approval from the Fire Chief.***

**Raking** – Raking leaves in the street or gutter is prohibited per village ordinances.

**Parks** –

- Parks are closed from 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- No fires are allowed. Grills are okay, but are to be used in designated picnic areas.
- No glass beverage containers are allowed.
- No overnight camping allowed.
- The speed limit is 15 mph in all parks



Ever hear the saying there are two seasons in Wisconsin, winter and road construction? Well...we are entering the road construction phase in Waunakee. Here are some tips to help get you through your road construction travel.

We want you to be aware of potential areas where traffic may back up, roads may narrow or where there may be detours, so you can be prepared.

- You can help improve safety by slowing down and merging early when you see the first signs of work zones ahead.

- By having a little patience, being a courteous driver and by following instructions printed on signs or given by flaggers, you'll make it safely through.
- Be aware that there may be narrow lanes, uneven pavement and stop-and-go traffic within work zones. Remember also that fines are doubled if you are ticketed in a work zone.
- We apologize for any inconvenience road construction might cause, however, your safety is our number one priority. And remember, you need to be fully alert when approaching and driving through work zones. Please give the workers a "brake."

\*\*\* An Upcoming issue of the Newsletter will have detour routes which will be used during 2014 road construction in the Village.



## Wisconsin's 'Absolute Sobriety Law' means not a drop of alcohol for drivers under age 21

With the start of the high school prom season and graduation parties soon to follow, the Waunakee Police Department is reminding young motorists and their parents about Wisconsin's Absolute Sobriety Law for drivers under age 21.

The law is quite simple. Absolute sobriety for drivers under age 21 means they may not consume any amount of alcohol—not even a drop—and legally operate a motor vehicle.

Young drivers convicted of violating Wisconsin's Absolute Sobriety Law can have their license suspended for three months. They also will have to pay a \$313.00 citation and will have four demerit points assessed on their license.



## Garage Burglaries

Most garage burglaries can be prevented with a few simple steps.

1. Always keep doors and windows closed and locked. Doors left open overnight are an easy target for thieves.
2. Install a good dead bolt on service doors, one where the bolt is 1" - 1 1/2" in length. The strike plate, which is the metal plate the bolt goes into on the door jamb, should have 3" – 3 1/2" screws securing it.
3. When a door has glass on it, put a security screen on the inside of the door mounting it with screws that are as long as the door is thick.

4. If the door hinges are on the outside of the garage, replace them with security hinges that prevent the hinge pins from being removed.

## Facebook

Please “like” our Waunakee Police Department Facebook page. We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any recent crimes that have taken place.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waunakee-Police-Department/349673238430794>

## Newsletter ideas or topics

If you have a topic or idea you would like us to consider for future Waunakee Police Newsletter, please email the idea for consideration to the address below.

Questions can be sent to [newsletter@waunakeepd.org](mailto:newsletter@waunakeepd.org). Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.