

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter June 2014



Construction Related Items

Canellations

****We have some cancellations of note: The **Waunafest Parade** and **National Nigh Out** events have been cancelled for the summer of 2014 due to the road construction. Both events will resume in 2015.

Work zone safety

Last year, there were nearly 1,600 work zone crashes in Wisconsin that caused nine deaths and 624 injuries, according to preliminary WisDOT statistics. Please slow down, pay attention and if at all possible take a different route.

Please remember to use the detour route for local traffic in Waunakee. We have received several complaints of vehicles driving through the road closed signs to travel through Wauankee. Traveling to and from local buisnesses is permitted but not thru traffic. Wisconsin State Statute **346.04(2)** Failure to Obey Officer, Sign or Signal prohibits the disobeying of road closed or no thru traffic signs. "No operator of a vehicle shall disobey the instructions of any official traffic sign or signal unless otherwise directed by a traffic officer". This violation could cost you \$136.60 and three demerit points on your driver's record.



Road Construction Information

Waunakee is not the only place in Wisconsin experiencing road construction. Before you hit the road this summer check out the following resources for road closure and work zone information.

- Wisconsin 511 Construction Projects website provides detailed project information, including: real-time travel information (e.g., closures, incidents, travel times), project news (e.g., schedules, updates, maps and project publications) and project images and videos. <http://www.511wi.gov/Web/>

- WisDOT's "Work zones and detours" website provides information, updated bi-weekly, on projects lasting longer than two weeks.

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/road/workzones.htm>

- The public can also dial 511 for the most current road closures and real-time travel information.



Waunakee Bicycle License

All Waunakee Bicycle licenses expire in June 2014. Please come to the police department to obtain a new bicycle license. The new license will last for five years and only cost \$1.00. Every year we recover bicycles that have been lost or stolen and we have no way of identifying the owner.



Parents and Caregivers

Leaving Kids Alone in Hot Cars — Know the Risks

Risks

- In 10 minutes, a car can heat up 20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Cracking a window does little to keep the car cool.
- With temperatures in the 60s, your car can heat up to well above 110 degrees.
- A child's body temperature can rise up to five times faster than an adult's.
- Heatstroke can happen when the temperature is as low as 57 degrees outside!
- A child dies when his/her temperature reaches 107.

Prevention Tips to Avoid a Tragic Heatstroke

- Never leave a child alone in a car.

- Don't let your kids play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.
- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.
- Keep a large teddy bear or other stuffed animal in the car seat when it's empty. Move the teddy bear to the front seat when you place the child in the seat as a visual reminder.
- If you are dropping your children off at childcare, but normally your spouse or partner drops them off, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure they were not left in the car.
- Become vigilant about looking in the vehicle before locking the door. Always look front and back before walking away.



Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks in Wisconsin are strictly regulated by state law Wis Stat. 167.10

Very few fireworks are actually legal in Wisconsin, without having a permit. Those “fireworks” are; sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs and caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than ¼ of a grain of explosive mixture. These “fireworks” are the type usually found in convenience and grocery stores.

Possessing or using any other fireworks such as firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars, without a valid permit is illegal. A general rule of thumb is if the device leaves the ground or explodes it is illegal.

Almost all fireworks permits held by users of the fireworks are not valid. Valid fireworks permits can only be issued by a mayor, village president, or a municipal employee they have designated. If a valid permit is issued it is only valid within the city, village or town where it was issued. Therefore, permits issued by fireworks vendors are not valid.

Facebook

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