

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter January 2015



The Waunakee Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy 2015!

Shop with a Cop 2014



On December 07 2014, the Waunakee Police Department participated in our third annual "Shop with a Cop" event. Officers Tim Doherty, Corey Geldernick, Asher Torbeck, and Erik Schmidt took four kids from the Village of Waunakee shopping for Christmas presents at Target in Madison.

Each child received \$175 to buy gifts for his or her family. After the shopping was done everybody traveled to VFW Post 1318 in Madison where they wrapped presents and enjoyed pizza. Then, the officers and kids headed home in a police car full of presents. Approximately 80 kids and police officers from Dane County participated in the event.

The project was made possible through private and corporate donors. Little Caesars donated the pizza and the officers donated their time.

Thank you to all the supporters of this great program!

Build a Home Disaster Supply Kit

A disaster supply kit is simply a collection of basic items a household may need in the event of an emergency. It's important to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. Every year there are natural and man-made disasters in the United States and around the world. A recent example is the snow storm that crippled part of New York State in November 2014.

You may need to survive on your own during and after an emergency. This means having food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least 72 hours. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. Help may not arrive for hours or days, depending on the size of the event. Further, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, and phone service may be cut off for days or weeks. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

For more information on disaster planning visit <http://www.ready.gov/>



Alternate Side Parking

Odd-Even side parking is currently in effect and will end April 1st 2015. Alternate side parking is regulated between 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Waunakee Streets. Park your vehicle so it will be on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered mornings and on the odd side of the street on odd numbered mornings unless posted otherwise.



Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles are only allowed on designated snowmobile routes or on private property with the owner's consent while in the village limits.

If the snowmobile is being operated on private property and not on a designated trail, the snowmobile cannot be operated between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except when returning home via the most direct route.

The speed limit is 15 mph throughout the village.

A map of the Village of Waunakee snowmobile trails can be found at:

<http://wi-waunakee.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=437>



Green Dot Money Scams

The Waunakee Police Department has received multiple reports of scams using the Green Dot MoneyPak cards. A scammer will call claiming to be a debt collector from the IRS, Utility Company or collection agency. The scammer will ask the victim to purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak to satisfy the debt.

Green Dot MoneyPak cards themselves are legitimate products when used for the right purposes. They can be purchased at several local retailers. Once purchased with cash, consumers can use MoneyPaks to reload other prepaid cards, add money to a PayPal account without using a bank account, or make same-day payments to major companies. Because the cards can only be bought with cash, consumers never need to disclose their personal or financial information to a retail cashier or to make a payment.

While many schemes still involve scammers asking for funds to be wired to them, MoneyPaks have the added benefit of the scammer not having to show up at an office to claim the funds. Anyone with the 14-digit number found on the back of the MoneyPak card can drain the card of funds.

The intended victims are instructed by the scammer to buy a Green Dot MoneyPak card, load the amount of the fine or other money owed onto the card and then provide the number on the back of the card to the scammers, who will then drain the funds from the card.

Crime Prevention Tips To Help You Avoid Falling Victim To This Scam:

- Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.
- Remember that anyone who has the number on a Green Dot MoneyPak card has access to the funds on the card.
- Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who emails or calls you unsolicited.
- Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers or Green Dot MoneyPak card numbers to someone you do not know.
- Utility companies and Government agencies will not contact you to request payment by Green Dot MoneyPak.**

The Roundabout-2014 Statistics

Waunakee's first roundabout opened in September of 2014 on West Main Street at County Highway Q. There have been many rumors regarding the number of accidents since it opened. Here are the real numbers for 2014:

- 17-Total number of accidents reported
- 8-Total number of accidents reported between 4:15pm and 5:15pm.
- 1-Number of drunk drivers involved in accidents
- 2-Number of days when there was more than 1 accident in a day (December 4 and December 17)
- 1-Total number of people injured



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