

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter January 2017



Happy New Year!

The Waunakee Police Department wishes everyone a safe, secure and happy 2017!

Shop with a Cop 2016



The Waunakee Police Department participated in our fifth annual "Shop With A Cop" event on December 4th. Officer Glen Jacob, Officer Asher Torbeck, Officer Corey Geldernick, and Detective Jason Carbon took four kids from the Village of Waunakee shopping for Christmas presents at Target on the east side of Madison. Each child received \$175, collected through private and corporate donations, to buy gifts for his or her family. Approximately 85 kids from the Dane County area participated in the Shop With A Cop – Dane County, Inc. event.

Thank you to all of the supporters of this community program! If you would like to see more photos of this event check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Waunakee-Police-Department-349673238430794>



Drug-related Traffic Crashes in Wisconsin Soar

Last year, 149 people were killed in drug-related traffic crashes in Wisconsin. This is a nearly a 200 percent increase over the previous decade, according to Wisconsin Department of Transportation statistics. To help combat this deadly crisis, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and WisDOT have teamed up to produce new TV and radio public service announcements that warn of the dangers of drugged driving.

Dose of Reality Campaign: The dose of reality is driving under the influence of prescription drugs is just as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. For more information on raising awareness about prescription drug abuse and correcting the myths surrounding this societal problem please visit the following website. <http://doseofrealitywi.gov/>

DOJ and WisDOT advise everyone to be aware of the following points regarding prescription drug abuse and drugged driving:

- The serious legal and financial penalties for a drugged driving arrest are the same as drunken driving arrests.
- Do not mix drugs and alcohol.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911.
- Take prescription medications only as prescribed to you.
- Store prescription medications safely and securely.
- Dispose of unused prescriptions properly and promptly.
- Heed the warning labels on prescription drugs and over-the-counter remedies about the drugs' effects on driving.
- Four out of five heroin addicts started with the abuse of prescription pain killers.
- More than 70 percent of people abusing painkillers get them through friends or relatives.
- Prescription painkillers are involved with more overdose deaths than heroin and cocaine combined.

******On January 1st 2017 all fourth offense OMVWI offenses committed after that date will be a felony.**



Safe Winter Driving Tips

- Clear snow and ice from all windows and lights.
- Pay attention.
- Leave plenty of room for stopping.
- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows.

- Know the current road conditions.
View winter road conditions.
- Use brakes carefully.
- Watch for slippery bridge decks.
- Don't use your cruise control in wintry conditions.
- Don't get overconfident in your 4x4 vehicle.
- Do not pump anti-lock brakes.
- Look farther ahead in traffic than you normally do.
- Remember that trucks are heavier than cars.
- Go slow!



Alternate Side Parking

Odd-Even side parking is currently in effect and will end April 1st 2017. Alternate side parking is regulated between 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Waunakee Streets. Park your vehicles 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 to be operated on designated trails or on private property with the owners 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://www.vil.waunakee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/490>



Snow removal

It is the responsibility of the property owner to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of the snow or ice event.

No person shall push, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public streets or alley, public or private sidewalk.




Found Property

The following pieces of property were found in the Village recently with no owner known at this time. These items are currently in the custody of the Waunakee Police Department. If you or someone you know lost these items please contact Sgt. Bartels at 849-4500 or by email rbartels@waunakeepd.org. Please provide a complete description of the item you lost so a positive identification can be made.

1. On 11-8-16, a ring and power cord were found on Arbor Ct
2. On 11-15-16, a PlasmaCar/Scooter was found in Westbridge Park
3. On 11-14-16, a Flannel Shirt was found on N. Century Ave
4. On 11-15-16, a backpack was found in the 600 block of Raymond Rd
5. On 11-2-16, backpack containing, jewelry, cell phone and camera was found on Main St
6. On 12-1-16, a men's bicycle was found on South St



Please  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.

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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. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.