

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter December 2017



® Crime Prevention

In the month of November, Waunakee Police took 18 burglary complaints and multiple thefts from vehicles. Multiple people have been arrested in connection to some of the burglaries. Here are some tips you can follow to help make your home less appealing to a burglar.

- KEEP YOUR GARAGE DOOR CLOSED AT ALL TIMES! Burglars have been entering garages that are left open and entering the house via the service door.
- If you have a vehicle with a garage remote control parked outside...keep the vehicle locked and hide the remote in an area difficult for a burglar to find.
- Do not leave keys in your vehicle even if you park it in your garage.
- Always lock your doors, even if you are at home. Lock the front door when working in the back yard, and lock the back door when working in the front yard.
- Lock the door from your garage into your home, whether you are home or not. Do not rely on your overhead garage door for complete safety and protection, especially overnight.
- Don't hide keys under the doormat.
- Do not leave valuables like lawn mowers, bicycles, and children's toys unattended outside.
- If you see your neighbor's garage open for an extended period of time, call and let them know it's open.
- Trim shrubs and trees so your windows and doors are in full view from the street. Intruders are less likely to break in to a home where they have no place to hide or conceal their identity.
- Maintain adequate lighting. Lighting is a strong deterrent against criminal activity. Lighting also permits detection of strangers and criminal behavior by neighbors and police.
- House numbers should be prominently displayed and illuminated. This helps police and other emergency vehicles find your home during emergencies.
- Watch out for your neighbors. Call 911 immediately if you witness suspicious behavior. No one knows your neighborhood better than you do. If something doesn't look or feel right, it likely isn't.
- Create an up-to-date home inventory including make, model, serial numbers and detailed descriptions of property, and photograph items of value (including jewelry).

We would like to wish you and yours a safe, happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.



Read with a Cop

Officer Christenson was at the Waunakee Library on Tuesday 11-28-17, for the “Read with a Cop” program.



Shop with a Cop

The Waunakee Police Department participated in our sixth annual "Shop With A Cop" event on Sunday, 12/3. Lieutenant Kreitzman, Officer Glen Jacob, Officer Kara Christenson and Officer Kaylin Borzick 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. The officers and kids then traveled to a VFW in Madison to wrap the gifts and enjoyed lunch together. It was a fun filled day for all! Thank you to all of the supporters for this great community program! If you would like to see more photos check out the Waunakee Police Department Facebook page.

For more information contact Officer Glen Jacob, Shop with a Cop – Dane County, Inc. Committee Member, or visit <http://www.shopwithacopdanecounty.org/>



Snow Removal

Reminder: 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.



Alternate Side Parking

Odd-Even side parking is currently in effect and will end April 1st 2018. 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. Citations not paid within 10 days of issuance result in higher fines. Citations not paid within 28 days of issuance will result in vehicle registration being suspended.



Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles are only allowed to be operated on designated trails or 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. The speed limit is 15 mph throughout the village.

For a map of the Waunakee trails go to: <http://www.waunakee.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/490>



Safety Tips for running/walking in the dark

#1 Most Important rule is to be visible!

If you're running in the early morning or at night, even at dusk, wear white, yellow, or orange clothes. Also, make sure you have reflective gear on. Although some items (running shoes, jackets) already have reflective pieces on them, it doesn't hurt to add more. A headlamp or flashlight is also a great item for runners who do a lot of early morning or evening running.

Choose a well-lit route

It might not be your favorite route to run/walk, but the most well-lit route is your safest choice. Oncoming cars see you better, and you'll always be able to see the road and avoid potential hazards.

Always run against traffic

It's easier to avoid cars if you can see them coming. Avoid busy roads and those with no shoulders or sidewalks.

Run with a Buddy

There's strength and safety in numbers. If possible, try to never run alone. If you're running alone, let someone know the route you're running and approximately how long you will be out.

Carry a cell phone

You'll be able to contact police immediately if something happens to you or you notice anything out of the ordinary.

Vary your routes and times

Potential attackers can study runners' routines and loom in a particularly dark or isolated area. Don't make yourself an easy target.

Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry is an accessible database maintained by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. It is designed to protect the public by providing a means for monitoring and tracking the whereabouts of sex offenders in the community.

Who is placed on the Sex Offender Registry? (The following list is not exhaustive.)

- Individuals convicted or adjudicated for a sex crime in Wisconsin
- Individuals who are found not guilty of a sex crime by reason of mental disease or defect
- Individuals who are found to be sex predators by law in Wisconsin
- Individuals who, although they aren't found guilty of a sex crime, were convicted in Wisconsin of certain crimes that were found by a court to be sexually motivated and for whom registration is necessary to protect the public
- Individuals who were convicted by another state, the federal government, the military, or a tribal court for crimes that are comparable to sex crimes in Wisconsin
- Individuals who are on the sex offender registry in other states but who now reside, work, or attend school in Wisconsin
- Juveniles who were adjudicated delinquent in another state based on a sex offense and who are under supervision in Wisconsin under the Interstate Compact for the placement of juvenile

For access to the registry please call 1-800-398-2403 or go to <https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>



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