

# Waunakee Police Department Newsletter January 2018



**The Waunakee Police Department wishes everyone  
a safe, secure and joyful 2018!**



The Waunakee Police Department would like to thank you for an increase in calls related to suspicious activity since the rash of burglaries last month. We do our best to patrol the streets however we need help from you and your neighbors to keep watch over our streets and properties. Something might not appear suspicious to us that may be suspicious to you. Give us a call as soon as possible if you see something suspicious so we may check it out.

On 12-23-17 at 2:54 a.m., the WNPD received a call from a Waunakee Citizen reporting suspicious activity they were observing in a neighbors back yard. Officers responded to the area and made arrest on two suspects for burglary and attempted burglary. If the caller would have waited even a few minutes to report the suspicious activity the suspects would have evaded apprehension.



## Information Needed

On 12-22-17 at 10:57 p.m., Waunakee Police responded to the report of an armed robbery at the Walgreens located at 401 W. Main St. Information provided was a suspect entered Walgreens armed with a black handgun and demanded money. The suspect was a black male approximately 6' tall, thin build and wearing dark clothing. He was last seen leaving Walgreens on foot.

Waunakee Police is offering a cash reward for information that leads to the arrest of anyone involved. Tips can be called into the main line 608-849-4523 or the Tip Line 608-849-2847. Callers can remain anonymous. See photo below



## 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.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles are only allowed to be operated on designated trails 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://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.



## Fake WI Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection "Invoice" Emails Making the Rounds

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is aware of a phishing scam that impersonates Department employees. These fake emails mention an "invoice" or other actionable item and contain the name or email address of a DATCP employee as the sender. If you receive a similar email, delete it immediately and DO NOT click any links contained in the message.

There are different versions of these fake emails that have been brought to DATCP's attention by Wisconsin businesses and consumers. Some versions ask the email recipient to click a link to review a supposed invoice:

- One version provides only the last name of a representative from DATCP as the sender with a subject line that is a number.
- Another version that was brought to the agency's attention by a consumer used the Consumer Protection Hotline's email address (DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov) as the sender's name, but the listed sender's email address was a random one that is not associated with the agency. The subject line mentioned an "Outstanding INVOICE."
- Other versions provide a DATCP employee name and reference an invoice number in the subject line. The body of the email uses the recipient's name and contains a link to an "invoice." The email is signed with what appears to be an actual DATCP employee email address.

If a recipient clicks a link in these emails, they may be sent to a website that seeks to harvest personal or financial information and that may trigger a malware transmission to their computer. Recipients of these emails should immediately delete them and take no further action.



### 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](mailto:rbartels@waunakeepd.org). Please provide a complete description of the item you lost so a positive identification can be made. If you find an item please be aware that it may be evidence in a crime. Please call us as soon as possible if you discover items in the Village of Waunakee.

1. On 12-16-17, a cell phone was brought to the WNPd and was discovered a week prior in the 300 block of N. Century Ave.
2. On 12-16-17, a house key was found in the 300 block of N. Century Ave.

3. On 12-5-17, a drawstring bag and clothing were found in the 200 block of N. Madison St.
4. On 12-2-17, a cement statue was found in the 100 block of Dorn Dr.
5. On 11-20-17, a bicycle was found in the 5800 block of Woodland Dr.



## Winter Driving Supplies

Winter is tough on vehicles and travel. Snow, cold temperatures, ice, slush and salt are tough on a vehicle and the driver. The odds of having a driving emergency is much greater in winter than the other three seasons. The following are some items you may want to consider keeping in your vehicle.

1. Blanket: If you are stuck with a car that won't start, or has become disabled, and have to wait in cold weather for help, you will want a warm blanket as an extra layer. Pack an extra pair of winter gloves and socks. Be careful not to idle your vehicle too long without proper ventilation as you may subject yourself to harmful levels of carbon monoxide.
2. Snow shovel: Get a short-handled shovel, to stow in the trunk in case you need to remove snow from around the wheels of your vehicle.
3. Flashlight: Keep a good-sized, water-proof flashlight with fresh batteries in case your breakdown is at night. Pack emergency candles too, as a back-up.
4. Hand warmers: Available at camping stores. Smash the bag and the chemical reaction inside creates warmth to defrost fingers that may be trying to change a tire... ect.
5. Matches or lighter: You never know when you will have to manufacture heat.
6. Bottle of water and a few protein, snack bars.
7. First Aid Kit: band aids, aspirin.
8. Whistle: It can be used to either signal for help to someone who can't hear you yell, or to scare someone who may be trying to take advantage of your distress.

Other Items to consider: Jumper cables/Battery Jump pack, Syphon, Tow Strap, Small can of kitty litter or sand, basic tools, pen knife, large plastic garbage bag.



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.

<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.