

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter December 2018



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



Administrative Assistant

Zoey Jensen was hired on November 8th and will serve as the administrative assistant for the Waunakee Police Department. Zoey has previous experience working in the Sauk Co. 911 center. We are excited to have her join our team.

Cassie Rottscheit the former Administrative Assistant has been promoted to the Office Manager. Congratulations Cassie!



Crime Prevention

In the month of November, Waunakee Police took several burglary complaints, multiple thefts from vehicles. Several people have been arrested or had charges referred in connection to some of the burglaries/thefts. 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).

If Your Home Is Broken Into:

- If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:
- Do not enter - the perpetrator may still be inside.
- Use a neighbor's phone to call police.
- Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.
- Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles



Shop with a Cop

The Waunakee Police Department participated in our seventh annual "Shop With A Cop" event on Sunday, December 2nd. Approximately 94 children throughout Dane County participated in this year's event. Lieutenant Adam Kreitzman, Sergeant Asher Torbeck, Officer Glen Jacob, and Officer Duane Brehmer 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 and themselves. 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 by all! Thank you to all of the supporters for this great community program!!

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 2019. 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.



Facebook

Please "like" 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.



Vehicle tire inspection for winter driving

Air Pressure: The air inside your tires supports the weight of your car. For every 10-degree drop in temperature, tires lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) of air pressure. A tire filled to 32 psi at 70 degrees will have only 28 psi at 30 degrees. Underinflated tires offer less traction, can reduce fuel mileage, and can wear out prematurely.

Tread Depth: If sleet, slush and snow-covered roads are in your future, replace tires when they reach approximately 5/32" of remaining tread depth to maintain good traction. Tires with more tread depth offer additional traction to claw their way through sleet, slush and snow.



Landlord/Tenant Guide

We often get called to mediate landlord tenant issues. State law provides a legal framework for the relationship between landlords and tenants. Many disputes between landlords and tenants can be avoided if both parties understand their legal rights and responsibilities. Click on the link below for the Guide for Landlords and Tenants. It has been put together by the Wisconsin Department of ATCP and answers commonly asked questions about landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities. The guide is intended to help landlords and tenants avoid common problems and resolve them when they do occur. It is not intended to be a comprehensive guide or a substitute for legal advice.

<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/LT-LandlordTenantGuide497.pdf>



How to File a Restraining Order

- Restraining Order paperwork is available in the Legal Resource Center in the Dane County Courthouse Room, L1007, 215 S. Hamilton St Madison WI.
- After you have filled out the Restraining Order packet, go to the Records Center in Room 1000 to sign the Petition in front of a notary (Records Center staff will perform the Notary Act). Records Center staff will summon a Court Commissioner via email. Once a Court Commissioner has reviewed the material, and assuming they have approved the same, Records Center staff will make all necessary copies.
- File all papers with the Clerk of Courts in Room 1000 of the Dane County Courthouse, and follow the next step regarding serving the restraining order. The Commissioner will schedule an injunction hearing and issue a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) if appropriate. The TRO is in effect until the injunction hearing. This hearing must be held within fourteen days of the TRO being issued.

For more information on restraining orders please visit the Dane County District Attorney's website:
https://da.countyofdane.com/restraining_order.aspx

Newsletter ideas or topics

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