

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter June 2019



BIKE RODEO



Officers had a great time on May 30th at the annual WNPD bike rodeo! Special thanks to the volunteers that helped make the event a success.



Hosting graduation parties can cost you!

A warning to parents and other adults thinking of hosting a Graduation party that involves serving alcohol to those under 21....don't do it. Just one citation for procuring or providing alcohol to an underage person is a \$313 fine. A party host can be cited for every underage drinker at the party, which can result in multiple citations and thousands of dollars in fines.

For those under 21, a citation in Waunakee will cost between \$98.80 and \$439.00 depending on the age of the person cited and number of prior offenses.

According to the CDC, more than 4,300 deaths of underage youth are attributed to alcohol from traffic accidents, falls, fights and medical issues. These deaths are preventable.



Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks in Wisconsin are strictly regulated by state law WI Stat. 167.10

Very few fireworks are actually legal in Wisconsin without a permit. Legal “fireworks” are; sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs and caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than ¼ of a grain of explosive mixture. These “fireworks” are the type usually found in convenience and grocery stores.

Possessing or using firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars, without a valid permit is illegal. A general rule of thumb is if the device leaves the ground or explodes it is illegal.

Almost all fireworks permits are not valid. Valid fireworks permits can only be issued by a mayor, village president, or a designated municipal employee. If a permit is issued by one of people listed, it is only valid within the city, village or town where it was issued. Therefore, permits issued by fireworks vendors are not valid.



On Wednesday August 7, 2019 the Waunakee Police Department will be hosting National Night Out at Village Park on Main Street from 5pm-7pm.

National Night out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts;(3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and united with police to make Waunakee a safe community to live.

There will be activities for kids, prizes, free brats and hot dogs, and numerous displays by various law enforcement agencies. Members of the community are encouraged to sign up to win one of the many prizes to be given away.

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WAUNABOOM: Ripp Park on July 4 from 2:00 – 10:30 pm.

Come and celebrate Independence Day at this free event. There will be food, music, family activities, F-16 flyover, Black Hawk Helicopter Fly in and fireworks display. Live entertainment includes Boogie and the Yo Yo's from 2:00-5:30 and The Toys from 6:00-9:30. For more information visit Waunaboom.com.

As a reminder, no alcohol, glass containers of any type, or fireworks are allowed to be carried in to Waunabooms.



Safeguard your home and property

Answer these questions to prevent burglaries/thefts

- Are the doors leading into my house locked, including my walk in garage door?
- Are my overhead garage doors closed? **Garage burglaries are the number one type of burglary in Waunakee.** Waunakee Police continue to see homes with garage doors open late at night. When we do locate an open garage door we leave a flyer on the front door notifying the owner.
- Are the doors to my car parked in my driveway locked and no valuables in plain sight? **Burglars have used garage door openers from unlocked vehicles parked in driveways to access garages on a number of occasions in Waunakee.**
- Are the keys to my vehicles in a safe location within my house and not left in my vehicle?



Pay Attention to Crosswalks! Know the Law!



The weather is getting nice which brings people outside to enjoy it! Every year Waunakee Police receive complaints of traffic not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks at many locations throughout the Village.

Waunakee Police Officers will be conducting special crosswalk enforcement operations throughout the summer. This is done to raise awareness and address this great safety concern.

Wisconsin state law requires driver's to stop for pedestrians crossing in marked and unmarked crosswalks, if given reasonable warning and time to stop. It is also unlawful to pass a vehicle that has stopped to yield to pedestrians. Please pay attention to pedestrians at crosswalks! Below is the crosswalk law in Wisconsin.

WI State Statute 346.24

- (1)** At an intersection or crosswalk where traffic is not controlled by traffic control signals or by a traffic officer, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or personal delivery device, or to a person riding a bicycle or electric personal assistive mobility device in a manner which is consistent with the safe use of the crosswalk by pedestrians, that is crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (2)** No pedestrian, personal delivery device, bicyclist, or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device may suddenly leave, and no personal delivery device operator may allow a personal delivery device to suddenly leave, a curb or other place of safety and walk, run, or ride into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is difficult for the operator of the vehicle to yield.
- (3)** Whenever any vehicle is stopped at an intersection or crosswalk to permit a pedestrian, personal delivery device, bicyclist, or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device to cross the roadway, the operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.



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