

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter February 2020



Farewell Lieutenant Joe Peterson and Sergeant Geoff Hutchinson!

In January 2020 the Waunakee Police Department celebrated the retirements of Lt. Joe Peterson and Sgt. Geoff Hutchinson. Joe and Geoff take with them a combined 40 years of experience! They will be greatly missed and we'd like to thank them for their years of service and wish them the best in the next chapter of their lives!





Animal Licensing

It's that time of year again to license your pets. Licensing your animals is easy and can be completed from the comfort of your home! Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis. A license is required for all dogs and cats over 5 months of age. For more information, view Wisconsin statutes 174.05 and 174.42 and the Village Code of Ordinances Chapter 14. All licenses issued after March 31 will be assessed a \$5 per license late fee so do wait! To register your pets online go <http://www.petdata.com/> (Right click –open hyperlink) or call toll free 1-855-312-9070. License(s) will be mailed within 10 business days of PetData's receipt of payment and documentation.



Alternate Side Parking

Odd-Even side parking is currently in effect and will end April 1st. 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. Snowmobiles may not be operated on sidewalks.

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.

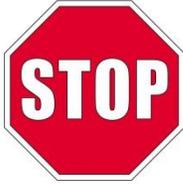


Winter Driving Supplies

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 create warmth to defrost fingers that may be trying to change a tire... etc.
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.



We frequently receive complaints of drivers not stopping or improperly stopping at stop signs. We do our best to deploy officers for enforcement when we receive complaints at specific intersections. Remember that when you come to a stop sign you're not just looking for oncoming vehicles but also people walking, bikers, joggers etc. It can be incredibly dangerous to run or roll a stop sign even at slow speeds. Please come to a complete stop and make sure the intersection is clear before proceeding.



Stay Back!

WI state statute 346.915(2) "Following a snowplow too close on highway." Drivers must follow snowplows (who are actively plowing) 200 feet back if the speed limit is over 35, and 75 feet back if the speed limit is under 35 unless you are passing or overtaking. At intersections, the distance is 20 feet back. The fine for violating this Statute in the village of Waunakee is \$98.80 and 3 demerit points.



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Waunakee-Police-Department/349673238430794>

Newsletter ideas or topics

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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.