

Waunakee Police Department

November 2020 Newsletter

Shop With A Cop 2020!



For the past 19 years, a group of Dane County law enforcement agencies have collaborated on an event called **Shop With A Cop**. This will be the 9th year the Waunakee Police Department has participated. In 2014 the participating agencies (including Waunakee Police Department) joined together to form a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization called Shop With A Cop – Dane County Inc.

Shop With A Cop – Dane County Inc. assists families within Waunakee and Dane County during the Holiday Season. We work with school social workers to identify children of families in need. We look for children that are working to full capacity in school and have no major discipline issues. This event gives the children the opportunity to interact with law enforcement in a positive environment. It also allows law enforcement to give back to their communities, and it gives the children a sense of satisfaction to be able to provide gifts for their families.

However, because of COVID-19 and health/safety concerns of the children, their families, law enforcement, etc., we have decided to modify

our event for 2020. Each participating agency within Shop With A Cop – Dane County Inc. will be sponsoring families from within their community. For the families selected from Waunakee, Waunakee Police Department officers will go shopping from the families provided shopping list, wrap their gifts, and deliver them to their homes. This event will take place in early December. Each family will receive a credit of approximately \$300.00 to spend on gifts for their family this year. Although this is not how we had envisioned celebrating the 20th year, we felt it was very important to help families in need during these difficult times. In order to continue the success of this program, we need the ongoing support and monetary contributions from area businesses and individuals. If you would like to make a contribution to the Shop With A Cop – Dane County, Inc., please mail or drop off a donation to the Waunakee Police Department, 205 N. Klein Drive. **Please make checks payable to “Shop With A Cop – Dane County Inc.”**, not the Village of Waunakee.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

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Shop with a Cop – Dane County, Inc. Committee
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National Drug Take Back Day



The Waunakee Community Cares Coalition and Waunakee Police came together to host the National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday October 24th. This event is held to safely dispose of unused or expired prescriptions which include controlled and uncontrolled substances, over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, creams, non-aerosol sprays, vials, inhalers, vitamins and pet medications etc.

Again, this year we collaborated with MERI to safely dispose of Epi-pens, sharps and needles as well. Also, accepted were unwanted electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarettes, juuls and vapes!

This event was a HUGE success with a record 102 drive-up/walk up disposals! Collected during the event were 106.5lbs of unused/expired medications and 170lbs of sharps!



Thanks to those who came to the Waunakee Police Department for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day!



If you missed out on National Drug Take Back Day, no worries! We have a Med-Drop box in the Waunakee Police Department lobby that is accessible M-F during normal business hours. Just follow the directions posted on the wall. We do not accept hypodermic needles.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and Med-Drop program address a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.



In Late October 2020, Waunakee Police took 770lbs of unused medications in for proper disposal. These medications were collected since October 2019 with the Med-Drop box at WNPD and during the National Drug Take Back Day.

Forward Dane – Phase 2

According to Dane County health officials, we will remain in phase 2 of the Forward Dane plan for an indefinite amount of time due to a recent spike in COVID-19 cases in the county.

It's important to remember that the dangers of the COVID-19 pandemic are still real. Individuals and businesses must follow these plans and make wise personal choices to slow the spread of the disease and help our county and country get back to normal.

The entire Forward Dane Plan can be found here: <https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/ForwardDane.pdf>

Complaints regarding the compliance with this public health order should be directed to Dane County Public Health as they are the authority on this issue. Complaints can be sent to the below email address:

compliance@publichealthmdc.com



Raking Leaves into Streets

In the interests of public safety, health and general welfare, community appearance and efficiency of operation, it shall be unlawful to rake or place fallen tree leaves or grass clippings onto the pavement or into the gutter of any public street. No person shall permit grass clippings from mower swaths to remain upon sidewalks or on abutting property owned or occupied by such person.

Alternate-Side Parking begins November 1st



Odd-Even side parking begins in Waunakee November 1st 2020 and will end April 1st 2021. 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. The Waunakee Public Works Department works very hard every winter to keep our streets clear of snow and safe for driving. This can be challenging if vehicles do not follow the alternate-side parking ordinance. If your vehicle is found in violation you will receive a \$15 citation and may be towed at the vehicle owners expense. If you have questions about alternate-side parking in your area feel free to contact the police department and ask an officer.

Lost & Found

The following items have been recovered by officers from September 1st –October 28th. If you think one of these items may be yours contact the police department. You will be asked to provide a further description of the item for ownership confirmation.

- Drill case
- Kitchen Knife
- Ear bud case
- Metal detector
- Canopy
- Cordless drill
- Fish locator
- Milk crate
- Motorola cell phone
- Cash *Must provide exact amount by denomination, date missing and close proximity to found location.

Snow and Ice Removal



It's getting to be that time of year again here in Wisconsin...snow season! Time to break out the 'ole shovel and snow blower, or if you're really lucky – a plow! (Even better is a teenager ;) We would like to remind everyone of some local ordinances regarding snow removal so you can prepare accordingly. Below are shortened versions that address the specifics of snow removal. For additional information see the full ordinance.

Sec. 58-320. - Duty to remove from sidewalks; encroachment.

- (a) The owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel which fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk shall keep such sidewalk clear of all snow and ice. The sidewalk shall be cleared of all accumulated snow and ice within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on the sidewalk. Sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice to a minimum of four feet in width. If ice has formed on any sidewalk in such a manner that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the parcel or lot which fronts upon or adjoins the sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with sand or salt to permit safe travel by pedestrians.
- (b) No person shall push, shove or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public streets or alley, public or private sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use



Watch out for Deer

The end of September and into January kicks off a flurry of deer activity. Please make sure you watch for deer when driving especially during the early morning and late evening. Hwy 113, Woodland Dr. and Arboretum Dr. are roads where deer are commonly seen crossing the roads in Waunakee.

Wis. Statute 29.349 now allows for the possession and removal of a deer carcass from the scene of an accident once the individual notifies the DNR by calling 608-267-7691 and provides their name and address and carcass location. Tagging vehicle killed deer by law enforcement has been discontinued.



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.

<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.

Send questions to newsletter@waunakeepd.org. Questions submitted may be featured in future newsletters. The person submitting the question will not be identified.