

# Waunakee Police Department Newsletter

## October 2012



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If you have not “liked” us on Facebook, please do so! 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.

### Traffic Enforcement at Pedestrian Crosswalks

We continue to receive complaints regarding vehicles not yielding to pedestrians crossing the street in a marked cross walk. We have done special enforcement in the areas of Main St @ South St and S Century @ Fifth Street and will continue to do so as time permits. This is major safety issue to our residents and school aged children.

State statutes regulating yielding to pedestrians at uncontrolled intersections:

346.24(1) carries a fine of \$145.50 and is a 4 point violation. Please be extra cautious and be aware that when a pedestrian has entered the crosswalk you must stop and stay stopped until the pedestrian has exited the roadway.

#### **346.24 Crossing at uncontrolled intersection or crosswalk.**

**(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 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, who is crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

**(2)** No pedestrian, bicyclist, or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device shall 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, bicyclist, or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device to cross the roadway, the operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

**346.25 Crossing at place other than crosswalk.** Every pedestrian, bicyclist, or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

## Fall Ordinance Reminders

### **Sec 82-8. 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.

(Code 1988, § 6-2-13)

Waunakee Leaf pickup runs October 1 - November 15, 2012

Place leaves on the terrace, **not in the road**

Leaves in bags will NOT be collected.

Please keep brush and leaves separate from each other

There is no leaf pick-up in the alleys

If you would like to haul your own leaves and brush they can be taken to the compost site on Hwy Q just south of Hwy K

If there are any questions please call the Village Garage, 849-5892.

## Did You Know?

**We recently had a question asking if Waunakee had an ordinance requiring that street numbers (address numbers) be displayed on buildings in the Village of Waunakee. 82-9 addresses this and it is required to post the numbers as described below. With no address number on your building or residence it also becomes a public safety issue as emergency responders can locate your property much easier with the numbers clearly posted.**

### **Sec. 82-9. - Street numbers.**

(a) *Required.* Each principal building in the village shall be assigned an official street number. All lots and parts of lots in the village shall be numbered in accordance with a street numbering map on file in the office of the village administrator. Plats shall be numbered to conform as nearly as possible to the general scheme of numbering as outlined on the map.

(b) *Display.* The owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the premises shall cause to be affixed and to be maintained when so affixed to each principal building controlled by such person the official street number assigned to that building as provided in subsection (a) of this section. The physical numbers provided shall be not less than 2½ inches high on a background of not less than three inches. Each required number shall be affixed on the

particular building in such a location that it may be easily and readily seen by a person of ordinary eyesight on the public street or highway upon which the building abuts. For buildings abutting also on a public alley, the street number shall so be affixed in such location that it may be seen in like manner from such alley.

(c) *Noncompliance.* If the owner or occupant of any building neglects for 20 days to duly attach and maintain the proper numbers on the building, the village shall serve such owner or occupant a notice requiring such owner or occupant to properly number the building. If such owner or occupant neglects to do so for ten days after service, such owner or occupant shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in [section 1-15](#) (Code 1988, § 6-2-15)

## Door to Door Solicitors

Waunakee PD takes numerous calls about door to door solicitors or sales. Selling door to door is controlled by Village Ordinance 22.61 through 22.71 and State Statute. If a person is selling a product or service door to door they are required to obtain a permit through the Village Hall. There are some exceptions explained in the ordinance (see link below). There are also some rules the sales person must follow listed in the ordinance.

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=13069>

Charitable organizations asking for monetary donations do not need such a permit. It is the responsibility of the resident to determine if the organization is one they would choose to support. An organization that frequents Waunakee is the Milwaukee Restoration Church. The organization's web page <http://www.milwaukeeerestorationchurch.org/index.html> warns of scammers using this organization for personal gain. It does list names of people authorized to collect donations for the church. As always, if something doesn't sound right or you were treated poorly by a solicitor, contact the Waunakee Police Dept.

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.