

# Waunakee Police Department Newsletter

## May 2013



### Waunakee Police Department to mobilize for Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement from May 20 to June 2



Waunakee Police Department will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin for the annual Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement mobilization from May 20 to June 2.

During the Click It or Ticket mobilization and throughout the year, we stringently enforce Wisconsin's mandatory safety belt law to motivate people to buckle up every time they drive or ride in a vehicle. Tragically, too many people are needlessly injured or killed because they believed a crash would never happen to them so they did not buckle up.

In Wisconsin, approximately one out of five motorists does not buckle up, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. More than half of the drivers and passengers killed in Wisconsin traffic crashes in 2011 were not wearing safety belts. Consistent safety belt use is the most effective protection against being ejected from a vehicle during a crash or thrown around violently inside it and possibly hitting another person in the vehicle with massive force. Please help us save lives by "Buckling up!"

# Waunakee Police Department MED-DROP

Waunakee Police has partnered with Safe Communities and is an official drop sight for unwanted drugs. There are many reasons to take advantage of this great service. People want to get unused medicines out of the house because unwanted drugs may unintentionally be consumed by children and others. Medications can also be scavenged from trash and sold illegally. Improper disposal of medicines can contaminate area rivers, lakes and streams. Medicines collected at the MedDrop locations are incinerated and disposed of in the most environmentally safe method currently available.

Disposal is very simple and there are no forms or paperwork to fill out. The disposal box is located in the lobby of the Waunakee Police Department at 205 N Klein Dr in the Village of Waunakee. The box will be open for drops **Monday thru Friday from 8am to 6pm.**

To dispose of medications in the MedDrop drop boxes, please bring your unused or expired medication and a Ziploc or other resealable bag to the MedDrop at the police department. Empty contents of pill bottles into a Ziploc bag and recycle your pill bottles. Leave liquids, gels or creams in their original containers and place them in a Ziploc bag as well. Place the sealed Ziploc bags into the MedDrop box.

\*\*\* Items that can be disposed \*\*\*

Prescription Medicine (pills, liquids and creams), Over-the-Counter Medicine (pills, liquids and creams), Medications for Pets, Vitamins, Medication Samples, Nebulizer Solution & Inhalers

\*\*\*Items that are NOT accepted at the MedDrop box\*\*\*

Illegal Street Drugs, IV Bags, Oxygen Tanks, Nebulizer Machines, Thermometers, Sharps, Epi-pens or anything with a needle or lance.

We have received many questions about where to dispose of Medical sharps, such as needles, syringes and lancets. There are 52 collection stations throughout Dane County most of which are located in Madison. Visit the Wisconsin DNR website for a complete list of collection stations throughout the state.  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/healthwaste/householdsharps.html>

## Spring Time Ordinance Reminders

**Burning** – Open burning of material is not allowed within the village limits. This includes burning materials in the street or on sidewalks. Fires enclosed within fire pits which keep the fire off of the ground are acceptable. Other types of bonfires or the *burning of grasses, leaves or vegetation require a permit or prior written approval from the Fire Chief.*

**Raking** – Raking leaves in the street or gutter is prohibited per village ordinances.

**Parks** – ● Parks are closed from 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- No fires are allowed. Grills are okay, but are to be used in designated picnic areas.
- No glass beverage containers are allowed.
- No overnight camping allowed.
- The speed limit is 15 mph in all parks

## Spring Cleaning...What to do with Hazardous Household Materials

Clean Sweep is a place to bring hazardous household materials such as Oil-Based Paints and Paint-Related Products, Pesticides & Poisons, Household Products Containing Organic Solvents, Ignitables, and Aerosols, and Rechargeable Batteries.

On May 1st 2013, a new year round facility located at 7102 US Hwy 12, Madison WI 53718, (Beltline/12/18 East toward Cambridge) will be opening. It is located across from the Yahara Hills Golf Course at the Dane County Landfill. See website for more info:

<http://danecountycleansweep.com/>

### **Hours:**

**Tuesdays - Fridays: 7:00am - 2:45pm**

**Saturdays: 8:00am - 10:45am**

**Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays**

## Summer Vacation!

The Waunakee Police Department will perform exterior checks of your home during your vacation or absence. Officers will make sure all doors and windows are secure and nothing appears suspicious. To participate in the program, come to the police department and complete a short form. The information on the form will provide us with your contact information, a list of persons with keys and a list of people who may be checking the property. We will then be able to notify the appropriate individuals if something is discovered during the checks. A copy of the form can also be found on our department website under programs & events.

If you have someone checking on your residence during your absence, please stress to them the importance of securing the residence. We find it is often the caretakers who leave the house unsecure.

## May/June Events

### Bike Rodeo

On Monday, May 6, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. the Waunakee Police Department will be hosting our annual bike rodeo. It will be held in the Heritage Elementary School parking lot, 501 South Street in Waunakee.

A bicycle safety check will be performed by Budget Bicycle Center. A member from Dean Care Health will be completing helmet checks. There will be a skills course, bicycle safety information, and free bicycle registration. Kids will also be able to sign up for fantastic giveaways. A parent or adult should accompany children attending the event.

If you have any questions please contact Police School Liaison Officer Dustin Lybeck at (608) 849-2109.

## Waunakee Community Garage Sales

Just a reminder that Community wide garage sales are Mother's Day weekend, running May 9,10,11. As we all know there is a considerable increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic that weekend due to this event, so be extra cautious while driving about the Village. Please obey and respect all parking laws as well as we receive many complaints of parking violations that weekend. See the below website for more information.

<http://waunakeegaragesalemap.com/Home.html>

## Tri 4 Schools Triathlon May 4th

The second annual Tri 4 Schools kid's triathlon will be held in Waunakee. The 2013 race will be on **Saturday, May 4, 2012**, starting at 8:30am. The triathlon will include swimming, biking and running. The swim will be held in the indoor pool at the Waunakee Aquatic Center. The running will take place on the Waunakee High School track and the biking will take place on the roadways surrounding the Waunakee High School.

There will be some temporary road closures (900 and 1000 blocks of South St, Kingston Way and Wexford Dr) between 8:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The roads will be closed for the safety of the cyclist during the biking portion of the race. The Waunakee Police Department will be assisting with traffic direction during the race. Please see the website for the route of the bicycle course. <http://www.tri4schools.com/>

## Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. As of this writing there have been 38 line of duty deaths in the United States. Last year there were 120 line of duty deaths in the United States. We honor those who have sacrificed themselves for the safety of others.

Below are some interesting statistics. More can be found on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund website: <http://www.nleomf.org/>

\*\*\*There are more than **900,000** sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, serving a population of 316,000,000.

\*\*\*Crime fighting has taken its toll. Since the first recorded police death in 1791, there have been over 19,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are 19,981 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

\*\*\*The **1920s** were the deadliest decade in law enforcement history, when a total of **2,355** officers died, or an average of almost **236** each year. The deadliest year in law enforcement history was **1930**, when **293** officers were killed. That figure dropped dramatically in the **1990s**, to an average of **161** per year.

\*\*\*The deadliest day in law enforcement history was September 11, 2001, when **72** officers were killed while responding to the terrorist attacks on America.

\*\*\*On average, over the last decade, there have been **58,261** assaults against law enforcement each year, resulting in **15,658** injuries.

During the past ten years, more incidents that resulted in felonious fatalities occurred on **Thursday** than any other day of the week. The fewest number of felonious incidents occurred on **Tuesday**.

## Free Car Seat Check

Motor Vehicle incidents are the number one cause of death and/or serious injury of children ages 0 – 14! Did you know that 95% of child restraints and car seats are installed or used incorrectly? Do you know if your child's seat is????

Thanks to the Madison Area Safe Kids, you can have your car seat checked by a certified technician here in Waunakee. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Waunakee Fire Station (401 W. Second St.) This event is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

To schedule an appointment call 608.890.8999 or email [safekids@uwhealth.org](mailto:safekids@uwhealth.org)

\*\*\*If you can't make the event the WisDOT has developed a 15-minute instructional video on the correct use of child safety seats, starting with infants and progressing to children in booster seats. Each section can be viewed separately. You can view the videos at:  
<http://www.zeroinwisconsin.gov/ChildSafetySeats/>

## Facebook

Please "like" our Waunakee Police Department Facebook page. So far we have 260 likes! 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.

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.