

Waunakee Police Department Newsletter August 2016



Waunakee Police to Host National Night Out

On Wednesday August 10, 2016 the Waunakee Police Department will be hosting their National Night Out festivities at Village Park in Waunakee from 5pm-7pm. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, and co-sponsored by the Waunakee Police Department, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states.

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

There will be activities for kids, prizes, free brats and hot dogs, and numerous displays by various law enforcement agencies. Med-Flight has also been invited. Members of the community are encouraged to sign up to win one of the many prizes to be given away at Village Park during National Night Out.

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Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

“Fill the Bus” Campaign

If the words "school supplies" call to mind a few pencils, a notebook, and a couple folders, get ready for the new math: The average K-12 parent will spend over \$100 per student on school supplies this year. Add in clothing, shoes and electronics, and the average cost of sending a child to back to class will be \$669 this 2016-17 school year.

“Fill the Bus” gathers essential school supplies, including backpacks to help over 200 Waunakee Area students. Join WNC for the “Fill the Bus” campaign! You can drop off your school supply donation to the **Lamers’ Little Yellow School Bus...that will be located at the Waunakee Police National Night Out Event on August 10th** or make a financial donation online or by check, or just drop your donations off at our store during our drop off hours

TOP 12 SUPPLIES NEEDED... Backpacks (unisex colors/styles and large for middle/high school students) 10 count thin washable markers 8 count regular washable markers
Notebooks – ONLY yellow, orange and purple
Any Size/Color Expo Marker
Folders – ONLY yellow, orange and purple
Highlighters – any color
Pens Black Sharpies 3 x 5 lined index cards
Binder Dividers Colored Pencils

Remember, all donations are tax deductible. For more information please feel free to contact us by phone at 608-849-5740, via email at wncteam@waunakeenc.com or visit our website at: www.waunakeeneighborhoodconnection.com



Waunakee Emergency Services Citizens Academy

Waunakee Police, Fire, and EMS are pleased to announce the 2016 Waunakee Emergency Services Citizen’s Academy program starting **September 7, 2016**. Participants will meet on Wednesday evenings 6pm-8:30pm for 9 consecutive weeks. The Citizen’s Academy is a “hands on” program. The goal of the program is to give participants a better understanding of Police, Fire, and EMS duties and responsibilities. During simulations, participants will be able to assume the role of the Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician. The class is limited to 14 participants. Requirements: You must be at least 18 years of age. Preference will be given to Village of Waunakee residents. **Applications Due August 31, 2016.**

Applications and course schedule, may be picked up at the Waunakee Police Department, Waunakee Police Department website, or by contacting Sergeant Adam Kreitzman at 849-4523 or e-mail akreitzman@waunakeepd.org



Cop's on the Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts

On August 12th between 6am. -11a.m. cops will be out at the Waunakee Dunkin Donuts. The Cops won't be inside the donut shop, they will be hanging out on the rooftop. It's usually firefighters who climb ladders and walk on roofs, but this time the cops are up there. Waunakee Police Officers, Dane County Deputies and officers from all around Wisconsin will sit, stand, and beg to be let down from the rooftop of Dunkin' Donuts stores. The goal of this event is to bring awareness and raise money for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin, supporting athletes with intellectual disabilities. Each year, the Law Enforcement Torch Run raises a total of more than \$1-million for the Special Olympics.



Waunakee citizens continue to report receiving calls from individuals claiming to be from the IRS. These calls are all part of a scam. Please do not provide any information to the caller and simply hang up the phone. Note that the IRS will never: 1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe; 3) require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card; 4) ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or 5) threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Tax Refund Scam Artists Posing as Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

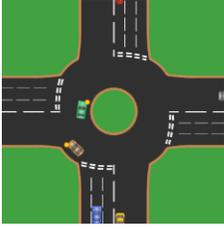
A new email scam targeting taxpayers has emerged. According to the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP), taxpayers are receiving emails that appear to be from TAP about a tax refund. These emails are a phishing scam, where unsolicited emails which seem to come from legitimate organizations — but are really from scammers — try to trick unsuspecting victims into providing personal and financial information. Do not respond or click the links in them. If you receive an email that appears to be from TAP regarding your personal tax information, please forward it to phishing@irs.gov and note that it seems to be a scam email phishing for your information.

TAP is a volunteer board that advises the IRS on systemic issues affecting taxpayers. It never requests, and does not have access to, any taxpayer's personal and financial information such as Social Security and PIN numbers or passwords and similar information for credit cards, banks or other financial institutions.

E-mail, Phishing and Malware Schemes

The IRS has seen an approximate 400 percent surge in phishing and malware incidents so far in the 2016 tax season. The emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. The phishing schemes can ask taxpayers about a wide range of topics. E-mails can seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts and verifying PIN information.

Variations of these scams can be seen via text messages, and the communications are being reported in every section of the country. When people click on these email links, they are taken to sites designed to imitate an official-looking website, such as IRS.gov. The sites ask for Social Security numbers and other personal information, which could be used to help file false tax returns. The sites also may carry malware, which can infect people's computers and allow criminals to access your files or track your keystrokes to gain information. For more information go to: <https://www.irs.gov>



Roundabout Question

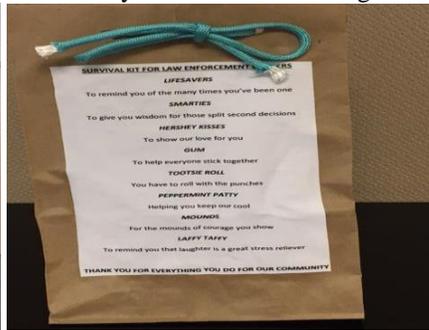
A newsletter reader asked a question about traveling in a roundabout. Question: I was following a large tractor/ trailer through the roundabout located on Main St. in Waunakee. I observed a small car drive alongside the large truck while going through the roundabout. The truck drove into both lanes and almost hit the car that was traveling alongside the truck. Who would be at fault if the truck would have crashed into the car?

Answer: The driver of the car would be at fault. Wisconsin State Statute 346.18 (8) reads: The operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total length of not less than 40 feet or a total width of not less than 10 feet when approaching or driving through a roundabout at approximately the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of collision and, if necessary, shall reduce speed or stop in order to so yield.

Thank You!

The last few weeks the Waunakee Police Department has received numerous words of appreciation along with letters, cards, food items and many other acts of kindness from citizens in Waunakee and the Dane Co. area. We want to thank everyone for their support and appreciation. It is truly an honor and blessing to serve such a fine community.

Last week we received a gift from an 8 year old by the name of Rhylie. Rhylie provided the members of the Waunakee Police Department with a gift bag titled, "Survival Kit for Law Enforcement Officers". We enjoyed our survival kits filled with 8 different candy choices and want to give a special thanks to Rhylie!



Facebook

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.

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.