



# The Watch

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## The Cost of Crime

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October is Crime Prevention month across the United States. Many communities roll out new programs and hold events to showcase prevention efforts and heighten awareness of crimes in their communities.

For many communities across the country, October also starts the budget process for the upcoming year. Like many other communities, we here at the Town of Menasha struggle with “*trying to do more with less*” as the Town Board tries to keep tax rates as low as possible.

Many people don’t realize the true cost of crime. These costs are generally associated with property stolen, which is a staggering amount...last year our victims of thefts and burglaries in the Town of Menasha lost on average over \$500! However we need to figure in plenty of other costs:

- Patrol officer response
- Detective investigation
- Potential lost work time for victim
- Potential medical costs for victim
- State crime lab analyze evidence
- Prosecution & court time
- Incarceration and/or supervision



TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
**CRIME**®

It really doesn’t cost that much money to prevent crime. It just takes a few extra minutes to make sure the doors are locked or to report that *weird* noise or observation. Spend a little time getting to know the neighbors or start a neighborhood watch group and invite an officer to your meeting. As you surf the web...stop by the [police department website](#) or [Facebook](#) site to keep up on the latest crimes and scams.

***Crime prevention and budgets really do go together and the better we are at preventing crimes, the more we can do in other areas! And who knows.....maybe you can save a buck or two at tax time!***

Keep in mind this is **your** newsletter! If there are any ideas for future articles, please contact Community Liaison Officer Jason Weber at (920)720-7160.

## Kudos!!



We have quite a bit of good news to pass along this newsletter:

### Retirement

Congratulations to **Jerry Lingnofski** on his recent retirement from the police department. Jerry served the Town of Menasha since 1988 and was the first K9 officer on the department. Most recently Jerry was assigned as one of our detectives. We wish him well in retirement!

### In the line of duty...

Officer **Megan Hickey** was recently recognized for her actions one night this past summer. Officer Hickey came upon a vehicle that was on fire and had to break the window of the vehicle to pull the driver to safety!



### Awards

The **Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioner's Association** recently held their annual awards banquet last month in LaCrosse. The **Home Depot** received Business of the Year for their support of crime prevention through discounts and technical assistance in installation.

Officer **Jason Weber** received the WI Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year award for his efforts in crime prevention in the Town of Menasha and across the state!

## Halloween Safety

Trick or Treating in the Town of Menasha will be on October 31st from 4pm to 7pm.



A few simple reminders for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable evening:

- Wear light colored clothing.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Have an adult check candy prior to eating it.
- Only go to homes with lights on.
- If there are no sidewalks, always walk facing traffic.
- Never go inside of a home or vehicle.

We will have officers and firefighters out this year checking on the little goblins and ghosts!

# Town of Menasha Open Burning Restrictions

Every fall, we receive and respond to numerous complaints regarding the burning of leaves. We have included the section of the burning ordinance as it pertains to leaf burning.

## Burning of Leaves



1. Burning of leaves must be conducted in an approved container.
2. Containers must be made of a non-combustible material and any openings shall be covered with a screen with not more than 1" openings.
3. The location of containers for leaf burning shall not be less than 15 feet from any structure, combustibles or property lines and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 15 feet of any structure.
4. Containers for leaf burning are limited to one container per parcel. A parcel is described as any contiguous property owned by a single individual.
5. Leaf burning may not be conducted when wind speeds are 10mph or greater.
6. Leaf burning may not be started with any type of accelerant.
7. There must be an ability to control or extinguish a leaf fire at all times.
8. Leaf burning may not be conducted after dusk and must be completely extinguished before dusk.
9. A responsible person must be present during the burning of leaves.
10. Burning of leaves may not be conducted in any prohibited areas.



*Exception:* Homeowners whose parcel is one acre or greater in size may burn leaves under the provisions of a maintenance fire provided they can meet all the provisions of a maintenance fire (see Town of Menasha Fire Prevention Code Chapter 5.16).

## Upcoming Events

We have been quite busy here at the police department and that is expected to continue into fall with crime prevention and fire prevention month. Neighborhood Watch groups have been hosting block parties and there have been many activities involving our local businesses. If you would like to have an officer stop by any of your events, please contact the police department.

### **Kalahari Waterpark trip – Park & Rec.**

**Thursday, October 28, 8:15am – 9pm**

The kids are off of school that day, so join the park and recreation on their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual trip to the waterpark. The \$45 fee covers transportation, lunch and entrance to the waterpark. For more information click the link: [Waterpark trip](#)

### ***Deliver Fire Prevention***

**Town of Menasha (East side)**

**Thursday, October 21, 4pm – 8pm**

The Town of Menasha Fire Department is once again partnering with State Farm Insurance, Safe Kids Wisconsin and Domino's Pizza on W. Calumet St. Families will be chosen at random and they will have their pizza delivered by a fire truck! If the home has a working smoke detector – one pizza will be free. If there are no working smoke detectors they will receive one.

### **Halloween**

**Sunday, October 31, 4pm to 7pm**

Trick or Treating hours are from 4pm to 7pm in the Town of Menasha. Officers will be out as well as the fire department handing out candy and making sure everyone has a safe evening!

***Santa Float coming soon!***

*If you would like to have an officer stop by any of your events, please contact the police department.*

## Statistics

	AUG	SEPT
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>574</b>
<b>ARRESTS</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>TRAFFIC STOPS</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>372</b>
<b>ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>

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