
CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER



March 20th, 2020 – March 26th, 2020

Happy Friday, Muskego! Yes, for everyone working from home, it is actually Friday. I've been watching all the chatter on Facebook reference supporting local businesses, especially our restaurants and it's been awesome. I've gotten a coffee and breakfast sandwich from Vintage Grounds the past two mornings and they did not disappoint! Last night's dessert came from Board Together in the form of Chocolate Shoppe ice cream. I went with butter pecan while the wife got Kitty Kitty Bang Bang (not a reference to the 1968 Disney classic starring Dick Van Dyke). I know, ridiculous name, but ridiculously good ice cream! Having that said, where is everyone getting their fish from this evening? If you're not in the mood for fish, it is National Spanish Paella Day. The rice based dish is fairly simple to make, ingredients can be changed for preference, and you'll usually have some left over for a later meal, unless you invite me over. With social distancing, your leftovers are safe...for now.

March 20th:

- 1:30 a.m. - A 16 year old resident of the S8400 block of Racine Ave. was arrested for OWI – 1st Offense after driving mom's vehicle into the ditch outside a residence near the intersection of Lannon Dr. and Moonlight Lane, which was called in by a resident. Been outta school for a week, guy. Can't find anything more constructive to do with your time? Negotiating turns always seems to get 'em. Okay class, I'd like everyone to write a 3 page paper on what they did during the pandemic break. Double spaced, APA format, due Friday.
- 8:01 a.m. – An employee of a business located in the W19100 block of Saturn Dr. called the police department to report a suspicious vehicle continually parking in the cul-de-sac outside the business. The vehicle was described as a silver BMW, which immediately rang a bell for us here at the police department. Officers responded and again made contact with the 36 year old Elkhorn resident who has been frequenting the industrial park in an attempt to catch her significant other in acts of infidelity. Her license has been and will remain suspended considering she hasn't quit driving since we first started receiving suspicious vehicle complaints for her back in January. Officers have made contact with said significant other, who if smart, would take the silver BMW, of which he is the registered owner, away from our citation receiver. The jig is up and now that there is a stay at home order in place, hopefully she finds something more constructive to do with her time as opposed to worrying industrial park workers.
- 9:02 a.m. – A Muskego Police Department officer was involved in a 2 vehicle accident at the intersection of STH 36 and US 45. Our officer and the operator of the other vehicle were thankfully uninjured, however the same could not be said for Squad 4. The investigation and crash report have been turned over to the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. Thank you to the good Samaritans who stopped to conduct traffic control until back-up arrived. Thanks also for the concerned phone calls and messages on social media!
- 9:57 a.m. – Traffic was backed up for a bit in the W14500 block of Ryan Dr. after a semi lost its trailer in the ditch. Officers responded to conduct traffic control until a tow was able to remove the obstruction.

- 10:38 a.m. – A 31 year old resident of the W14400 block of Woods Rd. responded to the police department to report believing a 28 year old New Berlin resident had used his identity during a traffic stop that occurred in Milwaukee. Investigation continuing.
- 8:14 p.m. – A 48 year old resident of the S7700 block of Ladwig Dr. called the police department to report observing a hit and run accident outside his residence. The victim vehicle was unoccupied, which lowers the offense some, but not much. Our caller provided identifying information for the suspect vehicle and officers were able to make contact with the 48 year old resident of the S7300 block of Quietwood Dr. and suspect vehicle operator. She was cited for hit and run and failing to maintain control of her vehicle. Why she didn't stop, I don't know.

March 21st:

- 12:06 a.m. – Apparently a 16 year old resident of the W17600 block of Canfield Dr. thought police officers were also sheltering in place as she decided to fly down Racine Ave. at 80 mph. Nope. She was pulled over near Parker Dr. and cited. Her mom, whom I'm sure was thrilled, came to pick her up with it being past curfew. Nighty night.
- 12:42 a.m. – A 17 year old resident of the W18500 block of Sue Marie Lane called the police department to report being in a verbal altercation with her father and fearing it may turn physical. Officers responded, made contact with and counseled both parties, after which our caller was transported to the police department where she was later picked up by her mother with whom she stayed for the remainder of the evening.
- 11:37 a.m. – Officers stood by while property was exchanged at a residence located in the S6800 block of Fennimore Lane per the request of the 36 year old homeowner and the ex. Happy to help keep the peace.
- 12:48 p.m. – A passerby called to report a group of 20-30 subjects eating together near a food truck in the W17400 block of Janesville Rd. Officers responded, and the group was counseled reference social distancing. Yes, you're doing a great thing by helping local businesses and eating take-out, but standing/eating near one another after you've gotten your food defeats the purpose. The food truck operator was also advised. Keep it up, folks! Just be smart.
- 12:56 p.m. – A 49 year old resident of the W14900 block of Loomis Dr. called the police department to report his neighbor was dumping sewage from his house into the ditch. Cousin Eddie immediately came to mind. Officers responded and made contact with an employee of a water restoration company who was removing water from the homeowner's basement. Must've been some stinky basement water. No problems, moving on.
- 1:03 p.m. – A 43 year old resident of the W13500 block of Stonebridge Way called the police department to report a stove fire she was able to extinguish herself, however was unsure if she would need a report from the fire department for home insurance claim purposes. T.C.F.D. responded just to be sure and aided in the ventilation of our caller's home as well as removing the stove. Great example of why having an up to date/functional extinguisher in your home is so important!
- 6:36 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report observing 4 males passing something amongst themselves while standing on the pier at Idle Isle. Officers responded and made contact with one of the individuals, a 17 year old Greenfield resident, who was subsequently arrested/cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. Drug users don't tend to be the brightest crayons in the box, so the fact we're choosing to openly pass around paraphernalia inside a public park isn't all too shocking. Congratulations to our citation receiver and good eye to our caller!

March 22nd:

- 11:53 a.m. – A 42 year old father of 2 was advised reference his children playing on the playground at Mill Valley Elementary. Sorry, no can do right now.
- 1:13 p.m. – A 39 year old Franklin resident was advised reference his driving after being called in as a reckless driver by an observer near the intersection of Woods Rd. and Tess Corners Dr. Our suspect blamed the reports of driving into yards, weaving, and following too closely on trying to reach a toy for one of his children in the back seat. Not worth it! Pull over if you must.

- 1:45 p.m. – Officers made contact with a 67 year old New Berlin resident after observing their vehicle parked in a field near the intersection of Muskego Dam Dr. and Kelsey Dr. Officers learned that the land was leased to a dog retrieving club for training purposes. No problems, 10-8.
- 5:13 p.m. – A 61 year old resident of the W19300 block of Hillview Dr. called the police department to report an unknown subject had placed a flyer on his front door and wished the felonious flyer distributor be advised reference trespassing on his property. Alllllrighty then. Officer handling.
- 6:25 p.m. – Lawn damaging tire tracks were reportedly left in the grass/landscaping area outside of a financial institution located in the W17100 block of Janesville Rd. Investigation continuing.
- 6:50 p.m. – Officer Obi responded to Moorland Rd. and Coffee Rd. to assist New Berlin officers on a traffic stop with the sniff of a vehicle. Happy to help!
- 7:56 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence located in the W12800 block of Acker Dr. for the report of a 48 year old resident experiencing overdose symptoms. Life saving measures were performed, of which the administration of Naloxone aided. The patient was transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

March 23rd:

- 7:44 a.m. – A 17 year old high school student thought altering the school district letter sent to parents regarding COVID-19 would be funny, naming specific students that were NOT infected as potential spreaders of the virus. District staff advised they would handle accordingly. I have some landscaping that needs tending to at my house if you're bored.
- 8:42 a.m. – The owner of a business located in the S6600 block of Tess Corners Dr. called the police department to report a male subject in a silver Saturn had dumped used tires on business property multiple times during the past two weeks. Well, the 44 year old tire dumper residing in the W13400 block of Hi View Dr. received a call from officers indicating he had till Friday to pay the disposal fee lest he wish to be cited for illegal dumping. Pretty safe in assuming most legitimate businesses are securing their facilities with cameras these days. He's lucky to be getting a second chance.
- 9:25 a.m. – An 83 year old resident of the S6700 block of Bluegrass Dr. called the police department to report one of his neighbors was allowing their dogs to roam the neighborhood freely and defecate on everyone's lawns. Thanks to tracks left in the previous night's snowfall, we were able to pinpoint our suspect's residence. Officers will be following up with the 48 year old Steeplechase Dr. resident. Some people, I tell ya.
- 12:11 p.m. – An employee of a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. called the police department to report observing a white, male subject slumped over in the front seat of his vehicle parked in the lot of the business. Officers responded and made contact with the 30 year old resident of the S7000 block of Cornell Circle who was subsequently arrested for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia. Just couldn't wait till ya got home, huh? A 56 year old Wauwatosa resident responded to remove the vehicle and drive him home.
- 2:23 p.m. – A 46 year old resident of the W14800 block of Woods Rd. called the police department to report the operator of a dark colored SUV cut him off, brake checked him, flipped him the bird, and opened their door AS IF they were going to exit and approach our caller, but didn't. Our complainant felt threatened by this behavior and wished for us to make contact with the operator of the SUV. So, we gave the 46 year old Oak Creek resident a call, and wouldn't you know it, he claimed our complainant was driving 20 mph under the speed limit and flipped HIM off when he passed in a legal passing zone. This must have escaped the mind of our complainant when he initially called. These are troubling times. Everyone needs to do their best to remain calm and courteous, the roadway included.
- 3:02 p.m. – A 52 year old resident of the W20400 block of Monterey Dr. called the police department to report a sickly looking fox in his back yard. The caller believed the fox's leg was broken as well. Officers responded, but were unable to locate the animal that has been roaming around the northwest corner of the city for the past 3 years. We've received numerous calls regarding its daytime hours, mangy appearance, and otherwise abnormal behavior, but every time we show up to put it out of its misery, it runs away or is gone before we get there (speaking from personal experience), leaving us wondering if it truly has been knocking on death's door for 3+ years or if that's just its norm and disregards its personal hygiene. 0 reports have been received

- regarding it getting close to people, pets, or houses. Yes, close is a relative term, but until it starts becoming aggressive, I don't think we have much to worry about.
- 4:34 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report yoots playing on the playground equipment at Moorland Skate Park. Sorry guys, no can do. Officers responded and sent the yoots home.
 - 5:15 p.m. – The tattling has begun! The report of a gym still open and holding classes in the W18400 block of Gemini Dr. was received from an anonymous walk-in complainant. Officers responded to investigate and found the gym in fact still open and operating as usual. Contact was made with the manager of the business who agreed to close things down in compliance with the Governor's orders.
 - 5:32 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence located in the W12900 block of Courtland Lane after receiving reports from the 64 year old homeowner that a stray bullet had cracked and broken a window on his home. The bullet was traced back to a residence in the W12800 block of Tess Corners Dr. Contact was made with a 19 year old resident at that location who admitted to the mischarge and was subsequently cited for the negligence and restitution. Literally dodged a bullet there.
 - 7:19 p.m. – A 40 year old resident of the W20500 block of Field Dr. responded to the police department to report being harassed by a 38 year old resident of the W16900 block of Gregory Dr. Our suspect in this case is on parole for similar activity among other things. Her agent was contacted and advised of the complaint. Both parties were advised to desist all contact with one another. Easier said than done for some.
 - 11:57 p.m. – Two New Berlin residents were advised of park hours and to leave Idle Isle after officers happened upon their vehicle while cruising through.

March 24th:

- 12:38 a.m. – Repossession Recovery called to report the successful apprehension of a white Volkswagen minivan from a residence in the W14600 block of Cornell Circle. The 32 year old now former vehicle owner must have known this was coming as we haven't received any stolen vehicle complaints.
- 1:16 a.m. – A 41 year old New Berlin resident was arrested for OWI – 3rd Offense following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of College Ave. and Moorland Rd. He was on probation as well, probably with an absolute sobriety restriction, because his agent placed a hold on him so he was transported to WCJ for the night.
- 12:36 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report a male subject riding a dirt bike all day and the noise had become bothersome. Officers responded to a residence located in the S8100 block of Harvest Ct. and made contact with a 14 year old resident and his mother. They were advised of the complaint, but seriously...he's out of school, it's the middle of the day, he's not breaking the law, he's socially distancing, and gas is cheap. We don't know how long this is going to take people. Let's be a little more lenient when it comes to things we would normally complain about.
- 6:05 p.m. – A New Berlin based trucking company was cited to the tune of nearly \$12K for an overweight violation, after their operator was caught driving on Durham Dr. near Priegel Dr.
- 6:22 p.m. – A 52 year old resident of the S8400 block of Providence Way called the police department to report her neighbor had threatened to kill her dog should it step foot on their property again. Seems a bit extreme. Again, the leniency thing. Apparently this has been an on-going issue, but still. An officer was summoned and will be following up with both parties.
- 7:21 p.m. – The group of pickup truck drivers commonly seen between businesses in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. was reminded of the stay at home order/social distancing and left the area after requested to do so. Sorry fellas.
- 10:05 p.m. – The Department of Public Works was notified of a possible water main break after calls were received at the police department reference a large amount of water on Weatherwood Circle.

March 25th:

- 8:40 a.m. – An employee of a business located in the W16700 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report subjects using their dumpster to discard items without the business' permission. Officers were unable to locate the suspects. We've received multiple complaints of this occurring at various locations throughout the city. Businesses pay for the removal of their own refuse, not yours. Last time I checked, the landfill is still open. Don't be lazy.
- 12:02 p.m. – More snitching. A U/I complainant called the police department to report a business located in the W18500 block of Gemini Dr. was not complying with the Safer At Home Order by performing duties outside of what is allowed. Officers responded and made contact with a supervisor who was advised reference the regulations. I say snitching/tattling, but we'll always follow-up to make sure rules are being followed. Our complainants, although sometimes heated, aren't in the wrong.
- 5:38 p.m. – A 38 year old Hartford resident called the police department to report the father of her child was refusing to quarantine said child following a custody exchange. Father then called us to report being followed by caller and decided to pull in to the police department parking lot. An officer responded and mediated between both parties who eventually went their separate ways.
- 8:47 p.m. – A 47 year old Cudahy resident called the police department to report it was his vehicle, not COVID-19 that killed Bambi in the W14500 block of Loomis Rd. Accident report completed.
- 10:45 p.m. – A 21 year old fisherman called the police department to report someone had placed fish entrails on his vehicle and trailer while it was parked at Idle Isle. That's not nice. The incident occurred while our complainant was on Little Muskego fishing. Investigation continuing.

March 26th:

- 7:21 a.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report his neighbor's fire was creating dark black smoke and a strong odor believed to be burning plastic, a no-no. Officers responded and made contact with a 57 year old resident of the W19400 block of Lochcrest Blvd. who was in fact burning prohibited materials. He was ordered to quickly extinguish the fire, which he did, and advised that should he continue to burn prohibited materials, he would be cited.
- 10:28 a.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report a group of male yoots were playing on the playground at Jensen Park and one yoot even went so far as to throw the "closed" sign into some nearby weeds. Well then. An officer responded and made contact with said yoots, specifically a 13 year old resident of the W18200 block of College Ave. who after replacing the sign left with his compadres. We know you're bored fellas, but it's in your own best interest.
- 12:27 p.m. – A 49 year old former resident of the S6900 block of Southern Dr. responded to the police department to turn himself in for County mandated GPS monitoring non-compliance. Okey dokey. We called the Sheriff's Department who indicated they would not be placing a hold. Our white flag waver then called a friend who was supposed to take him to the Sheriff's Department to get his GPS monitoring squared away, but as of 5:00 p.m. deputies had not heard from him. I refer to 5:00 p.m., because it was at this time that a neighbor saw him walking past his former residence, which belongs to his mother. His presence there would in fact be a violation of his probation. Phone contact was made with mom and she assured us that he may have walked past the residence, but had not set foot on the property.
- 3:59 p.m. – A 71 year old resident of the S6800 block of Oak Hill Dr. called the police department to report her 31 year old daughter was intoxicated and causing a ruckus. The ruckus mind you included locking her mother out of the residence, climbing on top of her vehicle, and throwing things inside the residence. Officers responded, and daughter was arrested on domestic related disorderly conduct charges, then transported to WCJ. When asked why she climbed on top of her mother's vehicle, the admission came out in the form of "to be an a**h0#\$". Here's your sign. Note: alcohol consumption is not a remedy for cabin fever.
- 8:12 p.m. – A 35 year old resident of the W13600 block of Fleetwood Rd. called the police department to report a 14 year old at the residence (different last names, unsure of relation) was behaving unruly. Officers responded and counseled both subjects who agreed to remain separated for the evening. No one truly knows how much longer pandemic conditions are going to last. We need to find constructive ways to spend our time and learn how to get along!

During this week, the following traffic contacts were made:

Citations:	3	Written Warnings:	0
Number of sets of keys retrieved from locked vehicles:	3		
Number of butt dials received:	14		

If you have information on these or any other incidents, contact the City of Muskego Police Department at (262) 679-4130

RANDOM ORDINANCES

Per City of Muskego Municipal Ordinance §140-4 A. (20), Muskego residents are prohibited from keeping or maintaining Rhinocerotidae. This pertains to Unicornis as well as Sondaicus a.k.a. one and two-horned rhinoceroses. Now, I know what you're thinking, does this include the distant relative to the rhinoceros, tapirs? Honestly, I don't know if the wild hog-like animal with a snout more closely resembling that of an anteater is prohibited, because it's not on the list (<https://www.ecode360.com/29741663#297416633>). I would venture to say no, but I've been wrong before. Getting back to rhinoceroses though, if you find yourself in the market and it's been a life-long dream of yours to own a 2 ton plus safari-dwelling mammal with a 50 year life expectancy, all you have to do is open a licensed pet shop or zoological garden, circus or exhibit, the location of which must conform to the provisions of Chapter 400 pertaining to zoning and city code. Your exhibit must be kept clean and sanitary so as to eliminate objectionable odors (of course), maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent escape (you'll have to call Milwaukee Co. Zoo for a definition on rhino-proof), and located in excess of 100 ft. from any human dwelling, which rules out the option of rhinoceroses as house pets. I would assume there will be some sort of approval needed by the chamber of commerce and whatever city council makes such decisions, but otherwise, you're good to go! Only thing left needed is a name for your rhino. I'd personally go with Sandy, an indirect solute to the hall of fame second baseman Ryne Sandberg, whose nickname was Ryno. Plus, it's a unisex name in case your rhino vendor only offers one gender. Problem solved.

As always, thanks for reading and you stay healthy, Muskego!

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Community Resource Officer and hopeful believer we'll still have baseball this year!

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