
CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER

April 17th, 2020 – April 23rd, 2020

Happy Friday, Muskego! How are everyone's yards looking? With nowhere to go on weekends, I've heard about and seen a lot of home projects, landscaping, and spring cleaning being completed. I've got one more ash tree that needs to come down and then I'll hopefully be done with tree removal for a few years. Darn ash bore. Speaking of trees, did anyone plant a tree on Earth Day this past Wednesday? If you didn't, April 24th is officially Arbor Day and it's really never too late. 'Tis the season of planting and spreading mulch! The police department will be assisting in the city's spring cleaning efforts by conducting and enforcing the annual green-up initiative. Check out the end of this week's edition for more details.

April 17th:

- 9:52 a.m. – A 67 year old resident of the S10700 block of East Shore Dr. called the police department to report a black SUV parked in front of his residence, which he felt was suspicious due to the “remote location” of his home. This isn't Easter Island, you're still in Muskego. Officers responded, located the vehicle, and called the registered owner, a 62 year old Brookfield resident, who stated his son was using the vehicle and working at a different residence in the area.
- 9:54 a.m. – I referenced a few neighborly squabbles in the W18400 block of Dean Ct. in last week's edition. Well, back to Dean Ct. we go! This time, a 19 year old resident called the police department to report the 45 year old, who was previously mentioned numerous times, had parked behind his vehicle, preventing him from leaving, and refusing to move. Officers responded to discover our complainant had plenty of room to maneuver around the other vehicle. Contact was again made with the landlord who I believe has already started the eviction process. All parties were advised.
- 2:07 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report an establishment located in the W12500 block of Loomis Ct. was selling alcohol from a second story bar and several subjects were lingering inside the bar when there were no employees present. Officers responded and made contact with the owner of the establishment who was advised of the complaint and agreed to instruct his employees and patrons accordingly.
- 11:12 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report a yootful house party occurring at a residence located in the W13400 block of Fennimore Lane. Our complainant also stated said yoots were racing cars and running around the neighborhood, otherwise acting yootly. Officers responded and made contact with several subjects as they were leaving the area. No contact was made at the residence due to the neighborhood becoming quite quiet after our arrival. No further complaints were received.

April 18th:

- 1:01 a.m. – A 26 year old Milwaukee resident was arrested for OWI – 1st Offense following a traffic stop that occurred on I-43 south of the Moorland Rd. exit. It took officers a while to catch up due to our arrestee not pulling over right away and speeding in excess of 20 mph over the speed limit, his excuse for which was keeping up with traffic, and by traffic he meant the one other car on the road that he recklessly passed while entering the highway at 1 in the morning. He then accused us of being discriminatory, because pulling people over for speeding violations then arresting them when they're found to be drunk driving isn't something we do on a daily basis. Hopefully that was just the alcohol he admitted to drinking talking for him, otherwise I'd argue someone has a very skewed perception of reality.

- 3:22 a.m. – An employee of a business located in the W18800 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department after observing a patron inside the business believed to be the suspect of a retail theft investigation. The employee reported the suspect, a 50 year old Milwaukee resident, had attempted to return items he had recently stolen from the business at one of its locations in Franklin. The suspect was seen exiting and entering a white Nissan Altima bearing WI registration plates and belonging to a 56 year old Milwaukee woman. Whether or not she was an occupant in the vehicle at the time is unknown. Investigation continuing.
- 11:44 a.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report subjects operating 4-wheelers in the W19100 block of Hillview Dr. Our caller also stated there were multiple subjects on each 4-wheeler, which was not social distancing. How is sleeping in bed with your spouse any different, or riding in a car with multiple occupants for that matter? Thankfully no one has called in to report every other vehicle on the roadway. Officers responded and made contact with one of the 4-wheeler operators who was advised of the complaint and stated their use was for pier installation. Cool.
- 1:52 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report debris from his neighbor's fire was falling in his yard and the smoke was bothersome. Wind speeds were too high for burning anyway, so officers responded and made contact with a 52 year old resident of the W16100 block of Mariner Ct. who agreed to extinguish the flames.
- 5:12 p.m. – Haven't heard from Dean Ct. in 1.5 days: The 45 year old tenant called the police department to report the neighboring 19 year old tenant had entered her residence and yelled at her for driving on the grass. While on the phone with the 45 year old, the 19 year old called as well to complain. Why not? An officer counseled both parties reference their behavior and advised them that the grass, which theoretically doesn't belong to either of them, is a civil matter to be handled with the landlord, who I'm sure has by now had her fill.
- 5:13 p.m. – A 47 year old Milwaukee resident was arrested for OWI – 1st Offense following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Lochcrest Blvd. The arresting officer had initiated their red and blue emergency lights prior to the suspect vehicle passing them, however they continued driving in excess of 20 mph over the speed limit. That's what we refer to as a clue. Our arrestee did not recall running over the curb when he finally decided to pull over, another clue. His passenger was a lovely 49 year old Milwaukee resident who apparently didn't take kindly to her evening being interrupted as she was eventually cited for disorderly conduct due to her inability to stay in the vehicle and her choice of words and hand gestures towards officers during the stop, which occurred in front of a residence where children were outside playing. She had plenty of warnings, however she too was intoxicated. Some people have a hard enough time following lawful orders when sober.
- 5:55 p.m. – Multiple subjects were requested to leave Moorland Skate Park after officers observed them using the equipment.
- 6:21 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report his neighbors were having a party. Officers made contact with the homeowner, a 41 year old resident of the W18600 block of Agate Dr., who advised everyone present was outside, lived in the vicinity, was maintaining safe distancing, and had gathered unprompted. I think our caller just felt left out.
- 7:44 p.m. – A 44 year old resident of the S7700 block of Ancient Oaks Dr. was cited for a speeding violation that occurred near the intersection of US 45 and Oakwood Dr. 72 mph in a 45 mph zone is no joke. He was given a verbal warning for not having renewed his driver's license in the state of WI since moving from MN.
- 8:03 p.m. – Officers responded to the intersection of College Ave. and Moorland Rd. for the report of a vehicle vs. pole crash. Upon arrival, bystanders stated that the operator of the vehicle had fled northbound on foot, because that always works out. You're just delaying the inevitable. Turns out the 32 year old Milwaukee resident was on probation, so we called his agent who of course issued a warrant for his arrest. He must have phoned a friend and hitched a ride, because we eventually found him back at his residence when we responded there to check with our brothers and sisters from Milwaukee P.D. He was subsequently arrested for the warrant, obstructing/resisting officers, and failing to report a crash before being transported to WCJ. Congrats.
- 11:49 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence located in the S7200 block of Hillside Dr. after an 18 year old resident called the police department to report a 41 year old resident was yelling at everyone inside the home. Officers responded and deemed the arguments verbal in nature. The caller, her mother, and sister later left the residence to stay elsewhere for the evening.

April 19th:

- 11:47 a.m. – An employee of a business located in the W15600 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department after noticing a suspicious subject wandering around the outside of the business near the dumpsters, who eventually left when the employee approached them. Officers responded and located the suspect vehicle near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Baylane Dr. The operator, a 38 year old resident of the S7300 block of Westfield Way, stated he had permission from the business's director to utilize the equipment at the business for exercise purposes. Well, that's all you had to say, instead of suspiciously driving away when the employee was trying to confront you and ask. This claim was substantiated. All parties were advised.
- 1:08 p.m. – An employee of a senior living facility located in the W13700 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report being harassed by a 67 year old Milwaukee resident. Apparently the Milwaukee resident, who claimed to be part of an outreach ministry, became a little pushy and started making demands when he was told the facility was on lock-down and he would not be allowed in. Seems like non-typical behavior of a ministry worker. Either way, no means no. Officers responded and made contact with the subject who was advised to call the facility to organize a video chat or be transferred to his desired party.
- 1:40 p.m. – A purse that was reported stolen back in late July of 2019 was located in the front yard of a residence in the W17300 block of Kirkwood Dr. A West Allis resident and in-home care giver reported the purse as stolen when she was unable to locate it after returning to the home where she was last working in the S6900 block of Hiawatha Dr. a day later. The complainant suspected a co-worker who took over responsibilities from the complainant at the end of the complainant's shift. So, either the suspect did in fact steal the purse, then ditched it shortly thereafter, OR our complainant left it on the roof of her vehicle after driving away from the residence and it fell off where it was later found. You never know what you'll come across while spring cleaning.
- 7:45 p.m. – Officers stopped out with an occupied vehicle in the parking lot of a closed business located in the W15300 block of Janesville Rd. Contact was made with the operator, an 18 year old New Berlin resident, who stated she had pulled over to watch the sunset. Watch away.
- 8:16 p.m. – A 26 year old Madison (I'm guessing they haven't updated their driver's license information) resident called the police department to report observing a darker colored sedan driving down Southern Dr. between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. on five separate occasions. Each time, the complainant reported seeing the sole, male occupant of the vehicle opening mailboxes and shining a flashlight inside of them. The complainant stated she had also seen what she believed to be the same vehicle, doing the same thing only in Wind Lake on the 16th of April. Our complainant was advised to call back when this was actually occurring and to obtain a license plate of the suspicious vehicle if she could safely do so.

April 20th:

- 1:58 a.m. – Two 18 year old Muskego residents were advised of park hours after their vehicle was located in Denoon Park. What could they possibly be doing in a parked car, in a park, at two in the morning?
- 3:56 a.m. – A 43 year old resident of the W18400 block of Lions Park Dr. called the police department after observing a group of subjects, one carrying a baseball bat, walking through the apartment complex parking lot. Our caller felt the activity was suspicious given the time. We'd agree. Officers responded and made contact with a 19 year old resident of the W14800 block of Cornell Circle and an 18 year old resident of the S7200 block of Hillside Dr. Cornell Circle stated he had been contacted by other subjects who requested he meet up with them at an undisclosed location where they had beaten him up, hence the bat. Momma always said nothing good happens after midnight. Cornell Circle did not wish to pursue any legal action against the other subjects, of course. Both parties were encouraged to go home!

- 9:51 a.m. – A 50 year old Franklin resident called the police department to report having his pocket picked by unknown subjects while shopping at a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. Our complainant stated his keys were missing following the incident, during which he stated the subjects followed him around while pointing electronic control devices with lasers at him. Officers responded to the business where they reviewed store surveillance footage with a manager. At no point in time did it appear our complainant's claims could be substantiated. Our complainant was advised and stated he must have simply misplaced or lost the keys. Alllllrighty then.
- 10:13 a.m. – An employee of a business located in the W19000 block of Saturn Dr. called the police department to report finding a gun frozen to the bottom of a dumpster owned by the business. Mind you, part of the business is loaning, transporting, and emptying said dumpsters. Officers responded and determined the firearm to be a broken pellet gun.
- 10:27 a.m. – An 81 year old resident of the W13000 block of Longfellow Lane called the police department to report receiving a phone call from a subject posing as her grandson and asking for bail money. It's been a while since we've gotten one of these. Our caller was advised of the scam and not to pay or provide any personal information.
- 12:46 p.m. – An Officer reported out at the intersection of Moorland Rd. and Commerce Center Parkway with mulch that had caught fire in the median. This is not the first time such an incident has occurred at the same intersection. Flicked cigarette butts are believed to be the cause. The fire was extinguished.
- 3:57 p.m. – A 77 year old resident of the S7000 block of Wentland Dr. was escorted home after officers responded to a business located in the W15300 block of Janesville Rd. following reports that the subject appeared disoriented and confused. Our subject did admit to being confused when trying to exit the business, however was not intoxicated and did not appear to be suffering from any medical related issues.
- 7:22 p.m. – A healthcare facility located in the W18600 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report a 63 year old West Allis resident temporarily staying at the facility had left on foot in violation of the facility's lock-down procedures...again. A few weeks ago, this was a daily occurrence. Officers responded to a business located in the W18800 block of Janesville Rd. and made contact with the subject who had now been advised she was no longer welcome at the business and should she return, she would be cited for trespassing.
- 10:37 p.m. – Timber! A 51 year old resident of the W16800 block of Briargate Lane called the police department to report her neighbor's 40 foot tree had fallen on her residence and was near an electrical box. Officers responded to find structural damage to the home, however no problematic electrical wires. The homeowner was advised to follow up with her home insurance agent in the morning. That stinks. We've certainly had some windy days as of late.
- 11:32 p.m. – A 41 year old Waterford resident was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and an active warrant she held through the Milwaukee Co. Sheriff's Department. The arrest occurred near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Racine Ave. following a traffic stop that was initiated due to the vehicle crossing over the center and fog lines multiple times. The operator, an 84 year old Waterford resident, indicated recently having cataract surgery, which would explain the poor driving. He was transported back to the police department where he made arrangements for a ride. Our arrestee was cited for the paraphernalia and later released due to the Sheriff Department's refusal to take her into custody due to COVID-19. Okey dokey.

April 21st:

- 7:37 a.m. – A Muskego Police Department Dispatcher received an email from a subject, who's name alone did not substantiate/confirm their claimed identity, that reported observing multiple subjects entering a place of worship located in the W14300 block of Janesville Rd. on a nightly basis between 5-8 p.m. The email sender believed this was in violation of the emergency order. Officers responded to find all doors locked and secured. Contact was made with a pastor who stated the subjects may have been family members of another pastor utilizing the gymnasium. Officers attempted emailing our caller back to no avail. Moving on.
- 10:21 a.m. – A passerby called the police department to report an injured dumpster panda on the side of the road in the S6700 block of Tess Corners Dr. Officers responded and located what was believed to be an already deceased dumpster panda. The carcass was moved to the side of the road and later picked up by D.P.W.

- 10:34 a.m. – A 28 year old Milwaukee resident was arrested on homicide charges at a residence located in the W18400 block of Jean Dr. Officers responded to assist Milwaukee P.D. detectives who had originally gone to interview the mother of the suspect's child. Upon arrival, it was learned that the suspect himself was present which prompted the call for mutual aid. Surprise! Custody was turned over to the Milwaukee detectives on scene.
- 11:57 a.m. – A 44 year old resident of the W18500 block of Cook Dr. was advised of the dog at large ordinance after a neighbor was prompted to call due to "Boo" getting out again. Boo had returned home prior to officers' arrival, so he was given one more chance.
- 2:10 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report a yoot operating a go-kart on Lake Denoon M.S. property. Investigation revealed the 13 year old resided across the street. An officer made contact with the yoot and his mother who were both warned reference the trespassing complaint.
- 3:50 p.m. – Officers and Tess Corners paramedics responded to a residence located in the W14400 block of Schultz Lane for the report of a 94 year old resident who had been riding a 4-wheeler that had tipped over on him. He was transported to an area hospital for serious, but non-life threatening injuries. I hope I'm still riding 4-wheelers at 94. Kudos and here's to a speedy recovery!

April 22nd:

- 10:10 a.m. – An employee of a business located in the S8300 block of Challenger Dr. called the police department to report several mailboxes outside the business had been damaged. An officer responded to substantiate and photograph said damage. Investigation continuing.
- 1:04 p.m. – Reference the dumpster panda from the previous day at 10:21 a.m.: D.P.W. employees responded to remove the carcass only to find the animal still very much alive. Officers responded and put the dumpster panda out of its misery before it was removed.
- 3:04 p.m. – A 31 year old resident of the S8800 block of Hillendale Dr. was successful in obtaining a temporary restraining order against a 64 year old Waterford resident, as a copy was provided to the police department.
- 7:16 p.m. – A 76 year old resident of the S7200 block of Westcot Dr. called the police department to report a brush fire in the marsh behind her residence. Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to investigate. Turns out, her neighbor to the south was having a controlled burn and the marsh was in fact not on fire. Better safe than sorry!
- 8:16 p.m. – A 57 year old resident of the S6700 block of Oak Hill Dr. called 9-1-1 to report being attacked by her neighbor...at 10:30 that morning. According to the complainant, her 71 year old neighbor had twisted her arm behind her back, knocked her to the ground, and kicked her dog after walking past his residence. Officers responded and made contact with the suspect neighbor who had a slightly different story to tell. He stated that the complainant attacked him after he confronted her regarding her dog defecating on his property and whatever physical contact was made with the complainant was in self-defense. After speaking with a few witnesses and again with the complainant, this was proven to be true. Both parties were advised reference their behavior. The complainant was advised reference the ordinance requiring dog owners to pick up after their pets. The fact we waited nearly 10 hours to call doesn't always help your credibility.
- 8:42 p.m. – A 64 year old resident of the S7800 block of Kelly Dr. called the police department to report confronting his 40 year old neighbor reference her kids building a fort on his property and not wanting them to trespass through the wooded area. Our caller stated his neighbor was visibly upset and he was now concerned about retaliation. He wished to report the incident for informational purposes only at this time.

April 23rd:

- 12:12 a.m. – An off-duty officer from a neighboring jurisdiction called the police department to report an SUV traveling westbound on Muskego Dam Dr. at varying speeds and crossing the center line multiple times. The complainant provided a registration plate and officers responded to the residence of the listed owner in the S10900 block of Crystal Dr. Contact was made with the 18 year old operator who stated he had dropped something on the floor of his vehicle and had been trying to pick it up while driving. While this isn't the smartest or safest thing to do, it's better than being intoxicated, which he was not. All parties were advised, 10-8.

- 12:40 p.m. – A school district employee called the police department requesting officers respond to Lakeview Elementary due to believing one of the custodians, a 27 year old resident of the S6500 block of Saroyan Rd., was smoking marijuana on school property the previous day and had again brought a vape and cartridges possibly containing the drug with him to work that day. I wouldn't necessarily call this an admission of guilt, but upon officers' arrival to the school, the complainant informed officers that the custodian had just resigned and left the premises. Moral conscious or fear of getting caught, either way, if no one smells weed inside the school again, I think it's safe to say we know why he left.
- 12:51 p.m. – A 25 year old New Berlin resident called the police department to report an unknown subject had rummaged through her vehicle and left all of the doors open while it was parked in the W19400 block of Lochcrest Blvd. Nothing was reported stolen or damaged. An officer responded to check the area to no avail. The incident was reported for informational purposes only and I think this goes without saying, but our complainant was encouraged to lock her vehicle.
- 1:47 p.m. – 3 subjects were instructed to leave after being observed on Moorland Skate Park cameras riding bicycles on the ramps.
- 4:20 p.m. – A U/I passerby called the police department to report a vehicle had been running since 8 a.m. outside a residence in the S7700 block of Overlook Bay Rd. Officers responded and made contact with the 28 year old registered owner who acknowledged the oversight and shut the vehicle off. I know gas is cheap right now, but still.
- 11:25 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence located in the W18400 block of Janesville Rd. after receiving reports from a neighbor that they heard loud arguing from an adjacent unit as well as what they believed to be a female subject being slapped. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the 49 and 42 year old residents who stated the radio had been on, but no argument had occurred. Must be some violent music.

During this week, the following traffic contacts were made:

Citations:	2	Written Warnings:	0
Number of sets of keys retrieved from locked vehicles:	2		
Number of butt dials received:	13		

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

GREEN UP MUSKEGO

To those that hate it, it's the time of year when officers drive around and look for reasons to tell you what you can and can't have on your own property. To those that appreciate it, it's the time of year when their neighbors are finally forced to doing something about the eye sore "project" that's been sitting on their property for 5 years and now serves as a refuge for the neighborhood family of possums with a nice volunteer tree growing through the engine block. Keep the tree, relocate the critters, and ditch the car. Love it or hate it, it was an ordinance created by elected (by you) city officials. In an effort to keep the city from looking like one big used car lot, the Muskego Police Department is seeking your assistance with identifying "Green Up" violations. Ordinance 248-6 pertaining to Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety specifically outlines what does and does not qualify. Please read below and make sure you're in compliance to avoid a knock on your door! p.s. We won't tell your neighbors you called ;)

(P) Storage of motor vehicles

(1) Except as provided in § 219-6A, no person shall store, park or leave unattended any disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicle, except in an enclosure which houses such property from public view. For purposes of this subsection, a vehicle shall be considered operable if that vehicle:

- (a) Is titled and has a current registration from a state, district or territory of the United States and has a legal license plate(s) mounted on the vehicle.
- (b) Meets all requirements of Ch. 347, Wis. Stats., and appropriate subchapters of Ch. Trans 305, Wis. Adm. Code.

(2) A motor vehicle in this subsection shall include, but not be limited to, an automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor home, bus, and trailer that can be licensed.

(3) This subsection does not apply to motor vehicles stored in connection with an automobile sales or repair business located in a properly zoned area.

If you locate a violation, please call our department at (262) 679-4130 or you can report it by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.cityofmuskego.org/FormCenter/Police-Department-5/Junk-Vehicle--Green-Up-Muskego-60>

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

Jeff Sartorius

Community Resource Officer

*****To report suspicious activity immediately, call the City of Muskego Police Department at (262) 679-4130. In the case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1. For more information about the City of Muskego Police Department, visit us (maybe not right now) at W182 S8200 Racine Ave. or (preferably) online at www.cityofmuskego.org/policedepartment *****