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## ***CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER***

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### **June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

It's Friday and it's hot! Not quite 185° as the thermometer outside Morgan's Collision Center would have you believe, but it's hot enough. Hello, Muskego. I hope this week's edition finds you with a cold beverage in hand, relaxing near the water, or somewhere with A/C. For all those out in the heat, stay hydrated, take breaks from sun exposure, and apply the SPF. You could go full Spicoli with the zinc, but I'll leave that up to you. Today is Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, a holiday first celebrated in Galveston, Texas by former slaves who were declared free upon the arrival of and by Union soldiers on this date (the 19<sup>th</sup>) in 1865. Under the terms of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Lincoln in 1862, slavery was abolished, however the Civil War ensued which led to the delay in many slaves actually being granted their freedom. This is a day in history we should all be thankful for and joyfully celebrate for "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

#### **June 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- 5:18 a.m. – A U/I caller reported a deceased cat in the middle of the road near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Pioneer Dr., so an officer responded and moved Tom to the side of the road while he waited for a ride from D.P.W. If this was someone's pet, my condolences.
- 7:41 a.m. – A 38 year old resident of the W17300 block of Richard Lane was advised to park in his driveway after neighbors called to report his blue Toyota was obstructing the flow of traffic. Just need enough room for emergency vehicles to pass through!
- 9:57 a.m. – Another report of mail theft from the incident regarding all of the mailboxes on Lakewood Drive being opened by an unknown subject. A 59 year old resident was the latest to call.
- 11:28 a.m. – A 21 year old Stallis resident was cited for OAS and advised not to drive following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Kelsey Dr. and North Shore Dr.
- 11:47 a.m. – A 71 year old resident of the S8100 block of Pasadena Dr. called the police department to report a landscaping company was using the nearby fire hydrant and was concerned they did not have a permit...and they didn't. An officer responded and later escorted employees to city hall to purchase said permit.
- 1:19 p.m. – A 45 year old resident of the W15900 block of Aud Mar Dr. had called the police department back on May 29<sup>th</sup> due to concerns she had regarding the placement of her neighbor's surveillance cameras. She initially had not wanted us to make contact with said neighbor, however was now having a change of heart. An officer responded and made contact with both parties who agreed not to point their surveillance cameras at each other's residences.
- 3:37 p.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to a residence located in the W19100 block of Hillview Dr. for the report of a fully engulfed garage fire. Upon arrival, the fully engulfed garage was deemed to be a smoking lawn mower that had already been extinguished. Crisis averted.
- 4:47 p.m. – A 43 year old resident of the S7800 block of Elliott Ct. called the police department to report the operator of red sedan had crashed into the garage door of her home, then left the scene. The vehicle was captured traveling southbound on Elliot Ct. by a neighbor's Ring Doorbell, the footage of which has been posted to the department's Facebook page. The investigation is on-going.
- 7:40 p.m. – A 43 year old resident of the S6700 block of Fleetwood Rd. was cited for a burning violation after some grasses ignited following their dubious contact with a gas can. T.C.F.D. responded and extinguished the flames.
- 7:50 p.m. – An employee of a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. called the police department to report a retail theft in progress. Two African American females passed the final point of check out without paying for items and were then seen entering a dark colored BMW sedan before traveling away from the store at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was last seen headed northbound on Moorland Rd. New Berlin Police Department was advised and requested to check the area. The vehicle and suspects were not located. Investigation continuing.

- 10:33 p.m. – A 68 year old resident of the W18900 block of School Dr. was reminded that lake access points are not parking stalls. Vehicle moved, no further problems.

#### **June 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- 2:58 a.m. – A bunch of yoots were caught consuming alcoholic beverages at a residence located in the W18400 block of Lions Park Dr. Due to levels of intoxication, a butt dial was made to the police department, how ironic. Yoots could be heard drunkenly laughing in the background, but once the butt dialer realized what they had done, they quickly hung up. We attempted calling back numerous times, and eventually responded to the residence where the butt dial was plotting to check the welfare of the caller as we do with every 9-1-1 misdial. Well, the consuming yoots were discovered, issued underage drinking citations, and their parents were called to come pick them up.
- 10:11 a.m. – A 62 year old resident of the W18600 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report having money stolen from two separate envelopes she had mailed to different individuals. An officer was summoned. Investigation revealed the theft would have occurred within the post office itself, so our complainant was encouraged to report the incident directly to USPS.
- 12:09 p.m. – A 68 year old resident of the W14900 block of Kathryn Dr. called the police department to report her 58 year old neighbor was constructing a fence between the two properties and had started cutting down bushes she felt should not be cut. When confronted, the neighbor told our caller to go back inside her house. Officers responded to counsel both parties reference lot lines being a civil matter, but also to mind their p's and q's.
- 1:42 p.m. – A 63 year old resident of the W18500 block of College Ave. responded to the police department to report a 43 year old resident of the W19000 block of Kenwood Dr. was vandalizing property located in the S7000 block of Wentland Dr. An officer responded and determined no damage occurred. The Kenwood Dr. resident was advised reference trespassing on the property.
- 2:46 p.m. – An 18 year old Waukesha resident was arrested and cited for possession of the giggle smoke plant following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Tans Dr. The stop was initiated due to a speeding violation.
- 2:55 p.m. – Officers responded to the parking lot of a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. for the report of a two vehicle accident. No injuries were reported. Crash report completed.
- 4:05 p.m. – A 39 year old Burlington resident was cited for OAS and advised not to drive following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Durham Dr. and McShane Dr.
- 8:18 p.m. – An 18 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for OAS and speed following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Martin Dr. and Lannon Dr. She was given a verbal warning for her vehicle's registration violation.

#### **June 14<sup>th</sup>:**

- 11:01 a.m. – A 50 year old resident of the S6900 block of Cornell Circle quickly moved his truck and trailer after being reminded that parking in front of fire hydrants is illegal. A nearby neighbor had called the police department to report the violation.
- 11:53 a.m. – Officers responded to the parking lot of a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. for the report of another two vehicle accident. Again, no injuries were reported. A crash report was completed.
- 12:42 p.m. – A 74 year old resident of the S7700 block of Valley Dr. was advised that the bike path does not permit the use of unauthorized vehicles, namely his, following a complaint we received from an observer that noticed the vehicle near the W14800 block of Janesville Rd.
- 12:54 p.m. – A 41 year old Minocqua resident responded to the police department to report being followed by another vehicle, operated by a 42 year old resident of the S6900 block of Crabapple Court. According to our complainant, she accidentally hit the other vehicle while trying to evade it near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Thornapple Trail. Investigation revealed the operator of the other vehicle had begun following our complainant after becoming suspicious of the complainant's presence and attempting to confront her reference the complainant's relationship with her husband. Sounds like an awkwardly less than desirable confrontation. Contact was made with both parties who were advised reference their behavior. A crash report was completed.

- 2:49 p.m. – A 27 year old resident of the S6900 block of Cornell Circle called the police department to report an unknown subject had gone through his vehicle and stolen several items the previous night. Yet again, another reminder to lock your vehicles. An officer responded, investigation continuing.
- 4:50 p.m. – A 53 year old resident of the W14400 block of Pilgrim Drive called the police department to report a basket of flowers had been stolen from her front yard. Who steals flowers? Honestly, if you liked them that much, why not just stop and ask where she got them? Our complainant wished to report the incident for informational purposes only.
- 9:15 p.m. – An employee of a business located in the W16200 block of Loomis Dr. called the police department to report a suspicious vehicle had triggered the business's security cameras. A pickup truck with a bed rider could be seen driving through the parking lot and seemingly spot lighting the business. Officers responded to the area, however did not locate the suspect vehicle. An attempted entry was discovered in the form of pry marks on one of the business doors, however entry was not made and no items were reportedly stolen. An extra patrol was placed on the business.
- 9:47 p.m. – More loitering yoots in the parking lots of the businesses in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. Officers were made privy by a U/I caller who indicated watching a pickup truck chase multiple subjects on bicycles through the lot. Contact was made with the bicycle riding yoots who were advised and vacated the area.

### June 15<sup>th</sup>:

- 2:16 a.m. – After being found parked in the lot of Denoon Park after hours, a 22 year old Waukesha resident was cited for possession of giggle smoke paraphernalia. Following the issuance of said citation, our paraphernalia possessor and her 22 year old passenger from Big Bend were released from the scene.
- 7:02 a.m. – A 59 year old resident of the W18600 block of Emerald Dr. called the police department to report his 69 year old neighbor was shooting the woodland creatures on his property with a pellet gun. Contact was made with the neighbor who was advised of the complaint and to desist the extermination of animals on his neighbor's property. The Sebastian Maniscalco bit regarding his father's solution to stopping the raccoons from eating his tomatoes came to mind. If you haven't seen it yet, it's worth a watch.
- 9:51 a.m. – A 71 year old resident of the S10500 block of Karen Ct. called the police department to report an unknown subject had rang her doorbell and was now seated in a vehicle that was parked in her driveway. While on the phone with our complainant, she advised that the subject again approached her front door and this time placed a piece of paper on the door prior to leaving. The piece of paper ended up being a notice from the tree company her husband had contacted and failed to mention. Assistance no longer needed. 10-8.
- 11:43 a.m. – A 48 year old resident of the S6900 block of Clarendon Place and a 46 year old resident of the S7700 block of Lincoln Dr. both reported being the victims of identity theft. The incidents are not linked. A detective was summoned. Investigations continuing.
- 1:53 p.m. – A 25 year old resident of the W19100 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report accidentally "bumping" a fire hydrant on his property with the lawn mower and now Old Faithful was spraying water everywhere. D.P.W. employees responded and shut the hydrant off. No visible damage occurred. Should have waited till Friday!
- 3:09 p.m. – The manager of a business located in the S8300 block of Pioneer Dr. called the police department to report a disgruntled ex-employee had damaged property inside the business prior to leaving after finding out they were being terminated. A 22 year old Milwaukee resident could be heard swearing at the manager from up the block. Officers are still attempting to make contact with her at this time. This investigation as well as a separate case involving her dissemination of inappropriate photos as possible retaliation for being terminated are continuing.
- 3:31 p.m. – A 29 year old resident of the S6900 block of Hillendale Dr. responded to the police department to report a 31 year old Saint Francis resident was threatening to release some private photographs of our complainant against her will. A detective was summoned. Investigation continuing. I feel like warning against the dangers of taking/sending private photographs is a redundant message at this point, but I'll say it again, once it's out there, you're not getting it back!

- 8:05 p.m. – Officers responded to the parking lot of a business located in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. for the report of a two vehicle accident. No injuries were reported. A crash report was completed.
- 9:43 p.m. – A U/I caller reported observing a Facebook post in which a subject was in need of help...learning how to properly marinate and cook a strip steak that is. Crisis averted. Hope it turned out and was everything you hoped it would be!

#### **June 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- 2:01 a.m. – 3 yoots were advised of curfew and transported to their respective homes after an officer happened upon them near the intersection of Durham Dr. and Priegel Drive. Yoots were released to their parents. It's 2 a.m., about 4 hours later than when you should know where your children are.
- 10:34 a.m. – An 89 year old resident of the S8600 block of Hillendale Dr. called the police department to report her mailbox was struck by an unknown vehicle earlier that morning. An officer responded to assess the damage. A few D.P.W. employees were working nearby and were able to repair the mailbox.
- 11:10 a.m. – Some cool kid thought it would be funny to throw what was most likely an M80 into the mailbox at Lake Denoon M.S., damaging it and waking the neighbors who reportedly heard the bang around midnight. This is one reason why the city requires you to obtain a permit. It also helps prevent skateboard ramps from catching fire. School Resource Officer Nowicki is in the process of reviewing school surveillance cameras in an attempt to catch the perps. Investigation continuing.
- 1:07 p.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to a residential fire located in the W12900 block of Woods Rd., the smoke from which could be seen for miles. All residents were safely evacuated. The house and 3 vehicles were consumed by flames. A cause has yet to be determined, however certain combustible materials inside the residence could be heard exploding and were most likely an added and detrimental source of fuel. We'd like to thank the additional resources that responded from neighboring police and fire departments for their support and quick aid. Please refer to T.C.F.D.'s Facebook post regarding the matter for further details.
- 4:38 p.m. – A 31 year old Waukesha resident was cited for OAR and advised not to drive following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Tans Dr. and Racine Ave.
- 5:18 p.m. – A 64 year old resident of the W17900 block of Earl Dr. called the police department to report believing his wallet had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the lot of a business located in the W18800 block of Janesville Rd. An officer was summoned. Luckily the business has pretty good surveillance cameras. Investigation continuing.
- 6:28 p.m. – A U/I Muskego resident called the police department to report a suspicious vehicle parked near the intersection of Gaffney Dr. and Pasadena Dr. Our caller felt the vehicle was suspicious due to having never seen it before, it being occupied, and not moving for an extended period of time. Our caller was concerned due to its close proximity to her residence and having children playing outside. An officer responded and made contact with a 48 year old Pewaukee resident who had pulled over to place a food order. Crisis averted.
- 9:51 p.m. – A U/I caller reportedly observed upwards of 40 subjects in the parking lot of a business located in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. where yoots have been known to loiter, lighting fireworks, and shooting them at passing vehicles. An officer responded and made contact with the occupants of 3 vehicles who were in fact throwing snappers at one another and not at passing vehicles. They were advised reference their choice of activities none the less and all left the area. No further complaints were received to substantiate initial claims.

#### **June 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- 12:09 a.m. – A 63 year old resident of the W18900 block of Lembezeder Dr. called the police department to report not being able to get a hold of his wife who was supposed to be home around 5 p.m. and had not responded to texts or phones calls since he started trying to contact her at 7 p.m. Before we could start investigating, husband called back to report making contact with wife who had been out at the bar with family. I'd be bummed for not getting an invite!

- 6:14 a.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report her 48 year old neighbor who resides in the S6600 block of Fennimore Lane was burning commercial waste again and the odor was bothersome. An officer responded to assess the situation. Contact was made with the neighbor and the fire source was determined to be solely made of brush, which is 100% legal. The nice neighbor agreed to extinguish the flames anyway.
- 10:05 a.m. – A 54 year old resident of the W18700 block of Jean Dr. called the police department to report her 45 year old neighbor was at her door, yelling, and threatening her after she made complaints to the landlord reference the frequently loud noise he makes. Officers responded and made contact with both subjects as well as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party witness who had videotaped the altercation which included 0 threats being made. Hmmm. Others nearby indicated the noise maker was in fact not all that noisy, so we told both parties to mind their own business and avoid each other at all costs.
- 12:13 p.m. – A U/I caller reported some residents of the W13200 block were burning treated wood (a construction material and prohibited) which was creating an unpleasant odor and a lot of black smoke. An officer responded and made contact with a 45 year old residing there who was in fact burning treated wood as well as un-treated. She was advised to stop burning the treated wood, but indicated being done burning for the day anyway.
- 12:25 p.m. – An 82 year old resident of the S9500 block of Groveway Lane responded to the police department to report being the latest person to receive the “I’ve been arrested. Please send an exorbitantly large amount of bail money to some random address in another state to set me free” scam. Our caller had not fallen victim and was advised not to answer the losers’ phone calls.
- 4:01 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report an occupant of a white truck with a business’s logo on the side had exited, then urinated on her lawn. Seriously people, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> report of public urination in a month’s time! Are we so busy that we’re holding it until our bladders are on the verge of explosion causing us to drop trou anywhere and everywhere now? Please! Consider your fluid intake, your proximity to the nearest available bathroom, and plan accordingly! This isn’t rocket science and should be mastered by the age of 4. Anywho...an officer responded to the complainant’s residence to gather all pertinent information, then called the owner of the business to advise them of their employee’s actions. Boss said he would handle. I hope so.
- 6:24 p.m. – A 38 year old resident of the W20500 block of S. Denoon Rd. was charged with disorderly conduct after harassing an 81 year old truck driver who was working for a tree removal company nearby. So, the story goes: the driver of the truck stopped out at our suspect’s residence to notify them of the tree removal per OSHA rules and standards, given the size of the tree. From what we’ve gathered, our driver was courteous and professional when speaking to the suspect’s wife, nothing deserving of having the suspect approach his truck, grab his door handle, and from the cab step yell at the driver about speaking to his wife at all. The suspect also reportedly ripped the driver’s glasses off his face and threw them across the cab. Our 81 year old driver was obviously terrified by the threatening suspect of less than half his age. I mean, kudos to the elderly gentleman for still driving truck! He attempted driving away, but our suspect held on and continued aggressively yelling at the driver before hopping off a further ways down the road. Prior to officers’ arrival, the suspect had been seen by other employees hurriedly getting into his vehicle, pulling into his garage, and quickly closing the door. That doesn’t portray guilt at all. When we tried making contact with him, he refused to answer the door. His mommy showed up while we were on seen, so she went inside using the garage code and tried coaxing her son out of the house. He again refused, reportedly stating he hadn’t done anything wrong and was afraid to come out and speak to us because of everything he has seen on TV as of late (but less than 10 minutes ago you were tough enough to assault an 81 year old man?) Logic was obviously not going to prevail this day, unfortunately a growing trend. We left his citation inside the door. Just an fyi, if you contest, we’ll be in attendance for your court date. Didn’t want to alarm you!
- 11:35 p.m. – A 16 year old Hales Corners resident was cited for violating the restrictions of his probationary license, specifically the one that prohibits him from traveling with a passenger under the age of 18. The stop occurred near the intersection of Woods Rd. and Mystic Dr.

## June 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 10:07 a.m. – Fertilizer was spilled from a farm implement and scattered across both lanes of Kelsey Drive, east of Racine Ave., for about 4-500 yards. Oops! It was enough to cause a hazard, so D.P.W. was contacted and responded to clear the roadway. Officers stood by to provide traffic control. Contact was made with the implement operator, a 66 year old resident of the W20200 block of Parker Drive, who was advised of his lost load.
- 11:39 a.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to a residence located in the W12800 block of Ryan Dr. for the report of a lawn mower on fire. Our caller was reportedly attempting to use a hose, however it wasn't until officers arrived and used a fire extinguisher that flames were put out. I saw a good post on Facebook about mower maintenance, specifically pertaining to keeping your mower from catching fire. It included cleaning out areas where grass collects, maintaining proper oil levels, and mowing during cooler parts of the day. Be safe keeping your lawns neat and tidy!
- 12:24 p.m. – A 70 year old Wind Lake resident somehow managed to get her vehicle stuck outside the drive thru window of a clinic in the W15000 block of Janesville Rd. Apparently there's a 2 foot change in elevation between the ground and the ramp outside the window and when she drove off the ramp, her vehicle became stuck atop the curb. A tow was requested and responded to safely remove the vehicle.
- 5:20 p.m. – A 52 year old Milwaukee resident was arrested for trespassing at the library. His unoccupied vehicle bearing South Dakota plates contained an obscene amount of junk and the windows were left open which drew the attention of officers. Contact was made with the subject, who was found seated at a computer inside. He must have forgotten that he had been banned from the library back in 2005 for inappropriate use of said computers (I'll let you use your imaginations). His license was suspended and he held a warrant through the Pleasant Prairie Police Department for failing to pay a citation he received for driving with an expired license. There was a geography restriction on the warrant for adjacent counties, so he was advised, released after being cited, and picked up by a valid driver. When you're banned from the library, you're banned for LIFE!
- 6:31 p.m. – Things were getting a little heated yesterday at Idle Isle. While investigating a jet ski vs. jet ski crash that ended up being the equivalent of a bumper tap, a parking stall dispute was brought to the attention of the officer on scene. A 20 year old New Berlin resident and a 56 year old Waterford resident had to be counseled and told to go their separate ways.
- 6:37 p.m. – Still at Idle Isle: the officer no sooner completed the parking stall dispute when he was confronted by yet another park goer, this time a 34 year old Mukwonago resident, who stated she had just been in a verbal altercation with a 40 year old Franksville resident regarding their children playing too rough on the playground. We're all adults here folks! Parties were counseled and subsequently left the park. It's only getting warmer. Do what you need to in order to keep your cool!
- 6:42 p.m. – More trouble on Jean Dr. We responded to the W18700 block the previous day a little after 10:00 a.m. for some neighbor grumblings. Well, our complainant from the previous day was now being called in as the aggressor by one the witnesses to the previous day's events due to the 54 year old reportedly making our caller feel uncomfortable which could be said about a lot of things. Everyone we had contact with the previous day was re-advised to leave each other alone, keep their hands to themselves, and stay on their own property lest they wish to receive citations for trespassing and harassment. Again, the whole being adults thing comes to mind.
- 8:23 p.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to the County Park for the report of a tree fire. Downed electrical wires combined with the heat and lack of rain were to blame. Tess Corners did their thing and the park was deemed safe and peaceful once again.
- 8:42 p.m. – A 58 year old resident of the S7100 block of Lannon Drive called the police department to report her tortoise, Clifford, had been stolen on the 11<sup>th</sup>. I suppose a kidnapping would be more probable as had he simply wandered off, he wouldn't have made it far and been found by now. One would think anyway. Investigation continuing.

During this week, the following traffic (land and sea) contacts were made:

Citations: 21                      Written Warnings: 10

Number of sets of keys retrieved from locked vehicles: 3

Number of butt dials received: 24

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

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Real estate, homes, and property in general, it's all so expensive these days! Some folks have resorted to selling their houses in place of an RV, wandering from place to place in favor of permits and rental fees versus mortgage payments. Tiny houses are a growing fad; some stationary, some attached to a trailer to be moved at a moment's notice. Houseboats can be seen lining the bayous of Louisiana, and while flooding (or sinking for that matter) is an ever present and possible problem, they too have the luxury of floating to a new location when occupants are tired of the same old scene. If you yourself are in the mood for a non-traditional way of living, I'm here to let you know that we are in support of all shapes, sizes, and mobile capabilities when it comes to your humble abode with one exception: no house boats on Little Muskego,

Big Muskego, or Lake Denoon. Municipal Ordinance 278-13 prohibits you from claiming the actual surface area on the water as home. Stay out all day and night, but if we notice you haven't left in while, your ice shanty recently was upgraded with pontoons, or USPS is attempting to deliver your mail via boat, you'll be ticketed and escorted to shore. Just in case you didn't already know.

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

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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 at W182 S8200 Racine Ave. or online at [www.cityofmuskego.org/policedepartment](http://www.cityofmuskego.org/policedepartment) \*\*\***