
CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER

June 19th, 2020 – June 25th, 2020

Happy Friday, Muskego! It's raining, but we needed it. Anyone else's lawns lookin' a little dry? The only good thing is I haven't had to mow my lawn 3 times a week for a while. Don't get me wrong, I prefer a lush green lawn over a dead, dry, yellowish brown one. Speaking of the weather, today is National Chocolate Pudding Day! (I know neither of those two things are even remotely related, but you try transitioning from rain to pudding.) When I was in grade school, if you had a Snack Pack chocolate pudding cup in your lunch box, you were the bees' knees; the envy of your table; your mother loved you and you held the power of all lunch trades in the palm of your hand! Sure there's other flavors, but vanilla too closely resembles tapioca, the banana Laffy Taffy puddings, and butterscotch should be left in the form of a hard candy you'd find in your great uncle's pocket that no one wants. There's no mistaking chocolate. Everyone knew what you had and they all wished they had it. I visited Snack Pack's website and came across some disturbing new flavors to stay away from unless you're on the more daring side or 4 years old. Mermaid Splashes: tastes like melodies and adventures...so no flavor at all? Unicorn Magic: made with stardust. I'm personally allergic to dust and stars range in temperature from 10,000-100,000 °F, so I'll avoid burning my tongue on a gritty cup of magma. I know you're enjoying this speech on pudding flavors immensely, so here's the past week's events.

June 19th:

- 2:27 a.m. – A 36 year old resident of the W14300 block of Woods Rd. called the police department to report yoots were hiding in the median near the roundabout at the intersection of Woods Rd. and Durham Dr. and throwing things at vehicles passing by. I can't imagine there being much traffic given the time, but I'm not here to argue. Our caller stated his vehicle was not damaged by the unknown projectiles. An officer responded, but was unable to locate the projectile throwing yoots. It's 2:27 in the morning, you need to know where your children are.
- 10:27 a.m. – A 64 year old resident of the W18100 block of Island Drive was worried the trucks wouldn't be able to get through and pick up his garbage due to the positioning of the vehicles owned by the concrete pouring business working nearby. Did you try talking to them yourself and nicely asking them to move? An officer responded, confirmed the obstruction, and spoke with a foreman working for the concrete company who agreed to move the vehicles in a timely manner.
- 10:53 a.m. – A 71 year old resident of the S6500 block of Jewel Crest Dr. responded to the police department to report unknown subjects had opened a Paypal account using his personal identifying information. Investigation continuing.
- 1:09 p.m. – A 25 year old Greenfield resident was cited for OAS, no insurance, and advised not to drive following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Spinnaker Dr. and Baylane Dr.
- 1:34 p.m. – A 22 year old Franksville resident purchased a truck and trailer, but didn't bother having the titles transferred over into his name or registering either piece of property. He was cited for the truck registration violation and given compliance orders to get the other 3 violations remedied in the next 15 days or else! Or else what you might ask? They too turn into citations.
- 3:49 p.m. – A 37 year old Tosa resident was cited for improperly parking at Park Arthur and prohibiting other vehicles from exiting the lot. Contact was attempted with the registered owner to no avail. We would have towed it, but they couldn't get access to the rear of the vehicle. LAME!
- 4:18 p.m. – A 30 year old Milwaukee resident was arrested on charges of moon cabbage possession and two active warrants she held through the St. Francis Police Department for unpaid citations she received for no insurance and driving without headlights. Officers took note of the arrestee's vehicle as it was pulled up onto the curb in the parking lot of a business located in the W15400 block of Janesville Rd. A query of DOT records indicated the registered owner's license was suspended and she held the active warrants. Officers made contact with her once she was seen exiting the business. She was cited for the moon cabbage and signed a personal recognizance bond for the warrants, then released.

- 5:11 p.m. – A 39 year old resident of the S7600 block of Lincoln Drive was asked to lower the volume of his music after neighbors called in and complained, so he did.
- 7:04 p.m. – A 60 year old resident of the S7000 block of Belmont Drive was arrested for OWI – 1st Offense after employees of a business located in the W13600 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report he seemed a little too intoxicated to be driving before and after picking up his order. Officers responded and made contact with the arrestee before he got into his vehicle to drive home. Might have to microwave that meal.
- 7:23 p.m. – A 54 year old resident of the S7600 block of Kingston Dr. was arrested for OWI – 3rd Offense following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Kingston Dr. She was called in as reckless driver after the witness observed her vehicle swerving in and out of its lane on Janesville Rd. She was transported to WCJ following a pit stop at the hospital for a blood draw.
- 8:41 p.m. – The manager of the apartment complex located in the W18400 block of Lions Park Dr. called the police department to report non-residents were parking in resident reserved parking stalls. An officer responded even though this is a private and civil matter. Technically the manager has the ability to tow the vehicle at their expense. A phone number was located for the registered owner of the vehicle in violation. The manager was advised to purchase and construct proper signage.
- 11:37 p.m. – Two yoots, age 17, were advised not to loiter in the parking lot of a business located in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. Well, they didn't listen, so when another officer stopped by 20 minutes later to check their progress and noticed they had not vacated the premises, they were cited for loitering. Congratulations.

June 20th:

- 2:45 a.m. – An officer happened upon 4-5 vehicles speeding through the parking lot at Park Arthur. There was also a small crowd of over a dozen yoots congregating in the shelter area of the park and consuming alcoholic beverages that they were not of age to be consuming. Must have been quite the shin dig as it gathered yoots from neighboring cities as well as Illinois. They were all issued underage drinking citations and released to their parents or sober parties. Nothing like breaking the law right out in the open. Ignorance is bliss, and that bliss can be yours for the price of a mandatory court appearance in August. Save the date!
- 9:16 a.m. – A 57 year old resident of the S7500 block of Kathryn Ct. was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Woods Rd. and Durham Dr. The recipient was pulled over, checked for levels of intoxication, and found to be borderline...at 9 in the morning. His vehicle was secured on scene as he decided to walk home once released.
- 1:10 p.m. – A 32 year old resident of the S6900 block of Fennimore Lane called the police department to report that his 74 year old neighbor had struck his vehicle with their own and then left the area, northbound. An officer responded to assess the damage and situation. While on scene, the neighbor returned (had to at some point), and both parties agree to handle amongst themselves.
- 2:42 p.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to Kurth Park for the report of a two vehicle accident. A 61 year old Hales Corners resident was transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A 19 year old resident of the W15100 block of Rosewood Dr. was cited for following too closely and also transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Her passenger, an 18 year old resident of the W13100 block of Windsor Dr. was arrested on charges of moon cabbage and associated paraphernalia possession.
- 4:16 p.m. – A 40 year old Muskego resident and a 57 year old New Berlin resident contacted the police department to report being harassed by a 20 year old resident of the W18400 block of Dean Ct. Officers responded to the suspect's residence and advised him to cease all contact with the complainants lest he wish to be charged.
- 7:43 p.m. – Officers responded back over to the residence of a 39 year resident of the S7600 block of Lincoln Dr. who had been requested to lower the volume of his music the previous day to again tell him to lower the volume per his neighbors' requests and he did.

- 9:27 p.m. – Officers stopped out with what was deemed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of a business located in the S8300 block of Challenger Dr. Contact was made with a 16 year old resident of the S8100 block of Harvest Ct. who was loading pallets onto the back of his truck. When asked, the teen stated his mother had told him to search the industrial park for pallets to burn for fire wood. Contact was made with the teen’s mother, who confirmed her instructions. Only problem is, these pallets belong to someone else, not you. Contact was attempted with the owner of the business and presumably the pallets. Investigation continuing.

June 21st:

- 1:38 a.m. – A delivery driver for the Journal Sentinel called the police department to report being followed by a white, 4 door Honda, and the operator of which was removing all the papers from the mailboxes he had just delivered. Strange theft indeed. An officer responded and made contact with a 19 year old resident of the 2600 block of Muskego Dam Drive who was looking at addresses on mailboxes in an attempt to find his friend’s house, not stealing newspapers. Due to being in possession of alcoholic beverages and being under the age of 21, he was cited and his goods were confiscated.
- 3:13 a.m. – An 81 year old resident of the W14800 block of Velva Drive called the police department requesting assistance in locating her cat...at 3 in the morning. Apparently she was up doing laundry and became concerned when Mr. Whiskers could not be found. She was fearful he had crawled into an air vent or duct and become stuck. Our officer located him in an upstairs closet taking a nap.
- 1:15 p.m. – Officers made contact with two paddle boarders on Little Muskego Lake who did not have PFDs a.k.a. personal flotation devices. While in contact, it was determined that one paddle boarder, a 22 year old Mukwonago resident, held a valid warrant through New Berlin P.D. for an unpaid citation she received for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Payment was made on scene via phone and the two were told to get to shore and grab some life jackets!
- 5:37 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report subjects residing in the S7600 block of Oak Grove Dr. had set up a ramp on Little Muskego Lake along their shoreline and were pulling skiers off the ramp, which was causing a wake in a no wake zone. Officers responded to assess the situation and made contact with the 53 year old homeowner who was advised of the complainant and agreed to comply with wake rules.
- 6:31 p.m. – A 30 year old resident of the W20600 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report observing a female subject exit a gray minivan and urinate on his lawn. Again, with the peeing in public! How about some decency? Seriously, at any given location in this city, you’re always 3 minutes or less from a business with a public restroom. HOLD IT OR GO SOONER! This is ridiculous. An officer responded and made contact with the 35 year old Milwaukee resident who was cited for disorderly conduct and deservedly so. I hope your relief was worth the \$565.00. SMH.
- 7:24 p.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to the county park for the report of electrical wires sparking. The scene was secured and eventually turned over to WE Energies.
- 8:43 p.m. – Officers responded to a residence located in the W19900 block of Tomar Lane for the report of a domestic altercation. Upon arrival, contact was made with both parties. The argument was deemed verbal in nature and they agreed to separate for the evening.
- 10:20 p.m. – A 44 year old resident of the W13400 block of Fennimore Lane was requested to turn the volume down after a neighbor called the P.D. and complained.

June 22nd:

- 9:20 a.m. – A 46 year old Delafield resident called the police department to report his Muskego based business had been victimized via a shipping scam. Detective summoned. Investigation continuing.
- 10:34 a.m. – A 42 year old resident of the S7700 block of Freedom Ave. called the police department to report an unknown subject in a blue sedan had approached her son while he was walking their dog near McShane Dr. The subject reportedly accused their dog of chewing on swings in area parks and when her son denied the claims, the subject took photographs of son and dog. Quit being creepy, ya creep! If you have a complaint, call us. You’re scarin’ the neighbors. Our complainant was advised to call back should the vehicle return or its operator be identified.

- 5:24 p.m. – Officers responded to Moorland Skate Park per the report of a male subject throwing knives (not at anyone). Our caller felt the activity was unsafe as children were present. I would concur. Upon arrival, contact was made with a 39 year old Wind Lake resident who informed officers that he enjoys throwing knives as a way to reduce stress. That's all fine and dandy, but why do you have to go to a public park to do it? There's axe throwing bars nowadays, I'm sure they'd let you rent a lane for your knives. Knife thrower was told to stop and indicated he would.
- 6:31 p.m. – Made it a little over an hour before we had to go back and ask him to leave and not return as more calls were received reference knife thrower juggling keys and pretending to stab himself, which no one found funny, but rather disturbing. Time to find a new outlet and suitable location.

June 23rd:

- 9:17 a.m. – A 75 year old Elm Grove resident called the police department to report feeling the bike path near the intersection of Hillendale Drive and Tans Drive was not appropriately marked and therefore a hazard. Well, it's not marked, because it's not a bike path. The path is owned by the city and signage has not been constructed specifically to discourage people from using it. Our caller was advised.
- 11:23 a.m. – A 74 year old resident of the S6900 block of Fennimore Lane responded to the police department to turn in a firearm he claimed no longer worked. The firearm was in fact a pellet gun, but it was accepted none the less to be inventoried and later destroyed.
- 11:59 a.m. – A 20 year old Muskego resident called the police department to report being involved in a road rage incident during which, the operator of the other vehicle reportedly yelled at our complainant in an attempt to get him to pull over, then followed him home. Yeah, don't do that. The suspect operator was located and identified as a 50 year old resident of the S8800 block of Racine Ave. who of course stated that our complainant was to blame as he had been making obscene hand gestures towards him. Well, let's share the road nicely with each other and next time you see each other's vehicle, maybe go the opposite way. Both parties were advised.
- 1:58 p.m. – A 72 year old resident of the W16900 block of Dlynn Ct. was advised that wind speeds were too high to be burning after bothersome smoke from her fire prompted neighbors to call and complain.
- 5:12 p.m. – A 73 year old Milwaukee resident was arrested for an active warrant he held through the Greendale Police Department for an unpaid citation he received for a registration violation. The arrest occurred following a traffic stop near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Parkland Dr. Bond was posted over the phone and the subject was released on scene.
- 7:10 p.m. – A 32 year old Muskego resident responded to the police department with his parents to report being harassed by a female subject he met online. The complainant reportedly later met the subject in person at an undisclosed location and provided her with funds for reasons he does not recall, nor does he recall her name. The harassment took place in the form of the unknown subject requesting more money from our complainant via phone. No actual threats were determined to have been made. Phone contact was attempted with the unknown subject to no avail. Our complainant was advised to block her phone number or change his. A lot of unknowns here, but enough dots to connect. Good grief.
- 8:22 p.m. – More loitering yoots with pickup trucks were advised to make like trees and get out of the parking lot between businesses in the S7800 block of Racine Ave.

June 24th:

- 2:01 a.m. – A 17 year old Milwaukee resident was taken into custody for retail theft, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, and possession of a dangerous weapon by a minor following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Lannon Drive. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle after a query of DOT records indicated one of the registered owners of the vehicle had a suspended driver’s license status. While identifying the occupants of the vehicle, none of which had licenses of their own, a separate officer conducting a check of a business located in the W18800 block of Janesville Rd. was informed by employees that the operator of the suspect vehicle had stolen from the business during an earlier visit. The operator was immediately taken into custody for retail theft and following a positive K9 alert on the vehicle, a search was conducted and produced a .22 caliber handgun. Contact was made with the parents of the other occupants who responded to the scene to retrieve their children. Not so cool hand Luke was transported to the police department to be booked and later released to his mommy.
- 10:12 a.m. – If only they understood that flying across the road is much safer and a guarantee not to get hit by a car, the deceased goose near the intersection of Moorland Rd. and Commerce Center Parkway would still be alive. Rest in peace goose.
- 10:42 a.m. – A Muskego resident responded to the police department requesting assistance in finding resources for her daughter whom she believes is using drugs and in the process, neglecting her duties as a mother. We’re always here to help, not just from an enforcement standpoint, but from a we want to help everyone live their best life standpoint. Resources were provided. Best of luck!
- 11:06 a.m. – An officer stopped out with a male yoot who had fallen off his bike near the intersection of Pioneer Dr. and West Tower Dr. Aside from a few minor scrapes, he was alright.
- 3:30 p.m. – A U/I caller reported yoots playing near a creek at the intersection of Windsor Rd. and Fennimore Lane and was concerned they would be sucked into the drain grate. Unless Pennywise is down there, I think they’ll be okay. An officer responded anyway and determined no threats including evil clowns existed.
- 5:41 p.m. – A 46 year old resident of the S8400 block of Racine Ave. called the police department to report being threatened by a drug cartel via text message. Part of me just doesn’t think that’s how they’d do it, but I could be wrong. An officer responded and determined the texts to be a scam. No threats here either.
- 5:54 p.m. – Parking in the lot of the post office after hours if you’re not an employee is still illegal. A couple Muskego residents were reminded and moved so they didn’t have to be cited.

June 25th:

- Whole mess a parking citations at Idle Isle/Park Arthur.
- 5:00 p.m. – A 39 year old Wind Lake resident was arrested for an active warrant he held through the Racine County Sheriff’s Department for disorderly conduct following a traffic stop that occurred near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Woods Rd. His vehicle was secured on scene while he was transported to WCJ. Most times, not always, it’s really easy to avoid being arrested for a warrant. Pay your citation or go to court. I’m sure this guy had other plans for his Thursday evening.
- A few more traffic stops, but overall a very quiet Thursday. I can say that now that the day has passed. If I ever want things thrown at me, I’ll say that in the dispatch center at 3:59 p.m. just before I leave for the day.

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

Citations: 43 Written Warnings: 9

Number of sets of keys retrieved from locked vehicles: 4

Number of butt dials received: 39 (we don’t need to set records here)

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

PARKING AT IDLE ISLE/PARK ARTHUR

...is a pain, we know. There's not enough, it's too far away, it makes you want to smash your chocolate flavored Snack Pack pudding cup right on the pavement. We get it! You just want to be able to pull in the lot, park, and enjoy the sun and your pudding. The thing is, we've been handing out parking citations like koozies from Marty and Jean's 35th Wedding Anniversary shin dig at the V.F.W. last weekend. We really don't want to, but the parking at both locations was configured so that police and fire vehicles can safely maneuver through in the event of an emergency. There's enough signs in both parks to cover the side of the USS Wisconsin, so if you're still parking in trailer stalls without a trailer, on the grass, or not paying the \$1 fee, you're just plain eg-no-ra-moose, and yes I pulled that from the peg game at Cracker Barrel where you can eat, shop, relax, and homemade doesn't cost extra. They say the early bird gets the worm. Well, in this case, the park goer that wakes up the earliest gets the best parking stall at Idle Isle. Don't forget to pay your launch fees either! On a side note: I read enough of the comments on my Facebook post regarding fireworks permits. So, before all the naysayers, most of whom don't even live here, start calling us red coats and boot lickens again, I'd like to remind them that the municipal ordinances and the fees associated with ordinance violations were not created or set by the police department, but rather our resident elected city officials. The same resident elected city officials mind you that found the creation of a police department necessary back in 1967 to enforce the laws, rules, regulations, and municipal ordinances they enacted as a way to maintain peace and order. If you don't like them, yes, you have the freedom of speech to complain to no one on social media all you want. If you'd truly like to see a change, talk to your representation or I'd invite you to come to a meeting at City Hall and actually have your voice heard.

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

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