
CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER

October 2nd, 2020 – October 8th, 2020

Happy Thursday, Muskego! We're over the hump and a day away from freedom and relaxation...unless you work weekends like the majority of my co-workers, then it's just another day and my apologies. Still playing catch up. I don't know what my WPM rate is, but I do spend a lot of time backspacing. Anywho, here's last week's events!

October 2nd:

- 6:14 a.m. – A 22 year old resident of the W15200 block of Mystic Dr. called the police department to report being blackmailed by an unknown subject that took him for \$1,000.00. “Pay me the money and I won't share these private photographs of you” was the ruse, and our complainant did, however the subject was now demanding an additional thousand bucks to keep the private photos private. Shocker. A detective was summoned, investigation continuing. What did we learn here?
- 11:07 a.m. – An employee of a business located in the W18700 block of Apollo Drive called the police department to report a patron had turned in manipulated pull tabs, defrauding the business out of a couple hundred dollars. The perpetrator was caught by surveillance cameras, so I included still photographs of the suspect in my Facebook post. Check it out and help us identify the bum!
- 12:22 p.m. – This was the day and approximate time (2:10 p.m. to be exact) that our bar burglar was arrested for his dirty deeds and later transported to WCJ. Gotcha!
- 1:59 p.m. – A 72 year old resident of the S6800 block of Oak Hill Drive called the police department to report what she felt was a suspicious vehicle on the street outside her home. The dark colored Chevy Impala was occupied x 2 and had no registration plates. An officer responded and made contact with the operator, a 26 year old Milwaukee resident, who was waiting for her sister to get off work as an in-home care giver at a neighboring residence. There was a valid temporary registration tag in the rear window. Another crisis averted, 10-8.
- 6:10 p.m. – A sickly dumpster panda was wandering the S8200 block of Pasadena Drive as reported by a resident who called the police department. An officer responded, located said panda, and put it out of its misery. Poor panda.
- 11:55 p.m. – A 16 year old Muskego resident was given a verbal warning for an equipment violation that got her pulled over near the intersection of Racine Ave. and North Shore Drive. She was also advised that she now had under 5 minutes to get rid of the 4 passengers in her vehicle or else she would be in violation of her license restrictions. Better get a move on!

October 3rd:

- 7:24 a.m. – A 59 year old resident of the S7700 block of Westwood Drive called the police department to report the mailbox for St. Leonard's Church and School had been knocked off its post and its contents shredded. Sounds like their landscaper got a little over ambitious. An officer responded, investigation continuing.
- 11:07 a.m. – A 51 year old resident of the W16300 block of College Ave. called the police department to report receiving a phone call from someone claiming to work for Amazon who wished to install a program on our complainant's computer to secure her Amazon account. Yeah, I don't think so. Our caller was wise enough not to fall victim, but thanks for calling and sharing their latest tactics with us!

- 12:50 p.m. – Officers responded to a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. for the report of a retail theft. According to multiple complainants, the suspect, an African American male, approximately 6'4", wearing a light grey hooded sweatshirt, jeans, and a green knit cap pushed a shopping cart filled with merchandise past the final point of check out without paying for any of the items. When confronted by an employee and separate customer, the suspect hit the other customer with their cart and continued to push the stolen merchandise out into the parking lot where his getaway vehicle was waiting. A second suspect, another African American male, approximately 5'11", wearing black pants and a black hat, quickly exited and assisted the first suspect in unloading the stolen contents into the vehicle which was last seen entering I-43 northbound from Moorland Rd. An incident report has been assigned and the investigation is continuing. Usually they stop or at least ditch the goods. Getting more and more entitled/brazen. SMH.
- 6:03 p.m. – A 19 year old Kenosha resident with no driver's license was somehow pulled over near the intersection of Woods Rd. and Tess Corners Drive. The vehicle he wasn't supposed to be driving wasn't registered, so he was cited for both violations and advised not to drive.
- 9:39 p.m. – A 43 year old Milwaukee resident called the police department requesting officers check the welfare of her 16 year old daughter who had left Milwaukee and stated she was heading to her father's house in Muskego. The residence in the S8100 block of North Cape Rd. was checked, but daughter wasn't there. She ended up walking into the front lobby of the police department around 11:38 p.m. claiming her mother's boyfriend was emotionally abusing her. Investigations revealed no abuse was occurring and mom responded to the police department to pick up daughter.

October 4th:

- 1:52 a.m. – A 61 year old Greenfield resident was pulled over near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Princeton Drive for faulty brake lights. In the process, she was checked for levels of intoxication and found to be not intoxicated enough to arrest on OWI charges, but better off getting a ride the rest of the way home, just to be safe. She was cited for the equipment violation prior to being released to the sober family member that came and picked her up.
- 2:19 a.m. – A 24 year old resident of the S7200 block of Westcot Drive dialed 9-1-1 to report a 22 year old resident of the S6300 block of Fennimore Lane was in the garage of his residence and refusing to leave. Officers responded suspecting alcohol consumption may be involved. Upon arrival, our complainant refused to answer the door. YOU dialed 9-1-1, you could at least open the door and talk to us. The subject in question was already GOA. Thanks for the heads up, 10-8. If you really wanted to waste our time, you could have just told us the dump was on fire like every other caller that's never seen a methane run-off flame before.
- 10:12 a.m. – Back to Westcot Drive. This time for a domestic altercation at a residence in the W14800 block. A 54 year old resident called the police department to report her 23 year old granddaughter was throwing things inside the residence and otherwise causing a ruckus. Upon officers' arrival, granddaughter was arrested on domestic related disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property charges. She was transported to the police department, fingerprinted, photographed, and released on her own recognizance once her bond was posted.
- 2:33 p.m. – A 43 year old resident of the S7000 block of Hale Park Drive called the police department to report receiving information from a neighbor that a separate neighbor was seen rummaging through one of our complainant's unlocked vehicles earlier that morning and he was now missing equipment previously being stored in said vehicle. The investigating officer has yet to make contact with the suspect. Investigation continuing.
- 5:47 p.m. – Two Milwaukee residents on motorcycles, one 30 years of age the other 25, were both pulled over near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Poes Place. The 30 year old was originally pulled over for speeding and I guess the 25 year old stopped too because his buddy was pulled over? It was a nice thought, but he should have kept right on going. Since both pulled over, both were identified and it was determined that the 25 year old had a suspended Class D license and didn't even have a Class M endorsement to legally be operating the motorcycle. The 30 year old was cited for the speeding violation and the 25 year old was cited for OAS, no Class M endorsement, and advised not to drive. "Got room for one more if you still wanna go to Aspen."

- 6:37 p.m. – A 47 year old resident of the S7200 block of Hillside Dr. called the police department to report her 58 year old next door neighbor had been video recording her and dumping her dog's fecal matter into her yard. Maybe they thought your lawn need some fertilizer? An officer responded and spoke with said neighbor who denied the fecal dumping, however did admit to recording our complainant's previous harassing behavior. Of course. Both parties were advised to desist contact with one another and retain their pets' fecal matter on their respective properties.
- 7:47 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report observing a male subject in a gray, hooded sweatshirt walking through neighboring residences' front yards and carrying a flashlight. Maybe he lost his cat? Our caller stated the subject fled on foot, eventually entering a Ford Fusion and leaving the area after the caller turned on his porch light due to the subject turning off his flashlight and approaching the front door of another neighboring residence. An officer responded to check the area, however the vehicle and subject were not located.
- 8:31 p.m. – A 65 year old resident of the W15400 block of Heinrich Drive was arrested on domestic related battery charges at his residence after officers responded to a call received from the arrestee's wife. He was transported back to the police department for booking. Once fingerprinted and photographed, he paid his bond and was transported to the home of his oh-so-proud mother.

October 5th:

- 9:28 a.m. – A 60 year old resident of the W18500 block of Kelsey Drive called the police department, again, to report vehicles were illegally parking on DNR land in violation of the posted signs, again. An officer responded, contacted the local DNR warden, and once on scene relinquished citation issuing duties to said warden.
- 10:52 a.m. – A 15 year old high school student was cited for disorderly conduct after disseminating inappropriate images (I'll let you use your imagination) to classmates via an online class portal. Proud parents were advised.
- 12:01 p.m. – Officers responded to the parking lot of a business located in the W14500 block of Janesville Rd. after receiving reports of a two-vehicle accident. Prior to officers' arrival, it was determined that one of the vehicle occupants had begun walking away from the scene. Two brothers, one 47 the other 43, both residing in the W12500 block of Larkspur Lane, were found to be the occupants of the striking vehicle. The younger of the two admitted to walking away from the scene out of frustration with older brother's inability to safely maneuver through a parking lot. The damage to both vehicles was found to be under the reportable amount however, so owners of both vehicles exchanged insurance information to handle civilly amongst themselves.
- 1:22 p.m. – A trucking company based out of New Berlin was cited to the tune of \$4,800.00 after their driver was pulled over near the intersection of Durham Drive and Woods Rd. for exceeding the weight limit restriction on Durham Drive. The vehicle's registration plates were illegible for which the company was issued a written warning. Pricy mistakes!
- 1:35 p.m. - A 75 year old resident of the W13700 block of Fleetwood Drive called the police department to report her mailbox had been damaged on the 2nd of the month. An officer responded to photograph said damage. Investigation continuing.
- 5:26 p.m. – A 32 year old New Berlin resident leasing property in the W16400 block of Janesville Rd. called the police department to report a vehicle had been left on the property by the previous tenant and he would like it removed. Then call for a tow and have it removed. Contact was made with the registered owner of the vehicle and the vehicle eventually disappeared.
- 7:02 p.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to a residence located in the W17000 block of Casey Drive for the report of an electrical fire. Smoke and the odor of burning electrical wires were detected as coming from the master bathroom of the residence. Once on scene, fire personnel determined the source to be the sump pump, which was located directly below the bathroom in the basement. The scene was secured and assistance provided.
- 9:40 p.m. – A 40 year old Colgate resident was cited for OAS and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Thornapple Trail. Her passenger's license was also suspended and has been for quite some time, so they would be walking the rest of the way to his residence on Kingston Drive.

October 6th:

- 12:54 a.m. – A 34 year old Greenfield resident was taken into custody for a parole violation after the vehicle he was riding in was pulled over near the intersection of Racine Ave. and Lakewood Dr. You see, due to his prior drug use, he was not to keep company with the operator of the vehicle or use drugs. No drugs were located, however Narcan, which is used to reverse the affects of an opiate related overdose, was, which begs the question: if you're not using drugs, why would you need Narcan? His agent was contacted and after a pit stop at Waukesha Memorial Hospital for a medical clearance, it was off to WCJ. The operator of the vehicle was released on scene.
- 7:02 a.m. – A 35 year old resident of the W13100 block of Bristlecone Lane called the police department to report smelling the odor of natural gas outside of his residence. He also advised his meter was hissing like a cobra in a covered basket at a middle eastern street market. Nothing like waking up to the fresh smell of energy inefficiency in the morning. I prefer coffee. Officers, T.C.F.D., and WE Energies responded and eventually the problem was remedied.
- 7:49 a.m. – An investigation reference graffiti located at Moorland Skate Park is underway. We do have cameras there.
- 8:23 a.m. – A 15 year old high school student was cited for possessing a vaping device. Mom was notified.
- 9:48 a.m. – Our officers received word from New Berlin P.D. that a fraudulently purchased cell phone was slated for pick up (seemingly by the perpetrator) at a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. An officer responded and the package was located, however the perp was not. An employee of the delivery service agreed to return the phone to its seller.
- 2:33 p.m. – Officers responded to the S9500 block of Racine Ave. for the report of a two-vehicle accident. No injuries were reported. A 17 year old Muskego resident was cited for following too closely and a crash report was completed.
- 3:34 p.m. – A 71 year old resident of the W17500 block of Redman Dr. decided to take the issue of a speeding school bus into his own hands. The bussing company contracted by the school district called the police department to report the subject was standing in front of a school bus near the intersection of Redman Dr. and Hiawatha Dr., refusing to let it pass until his point was made to the driver. Officers responded and made contact with the subject as well as the bus driver who indicated this is an on-going issue. Our bus blocker was advised to contact the police department reference any speeding complaints and should he continue acting disorderly, he would be cited accordingly.
- 4:54 p.m. – A 50 year old resident of the W16400 block of College Ave. responded to the police department to report his vehicle was struck by a bicyclist near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Moorland Rd. Judging by the dent left on the vehicle, the cyclist literally ran into the side of our complainant's sedan. The cyclist claimed to be uninjured and had continued on their merry way, however the dent was not noticed until later, so the complainant was encouraged to fill out a citizen accident report and file a claim with his insurance.
- 6:02 p.m. – A kitten was captured in a backyard belonging to a resident of the S7800 block of Canfield Drive. Fluffy was transported to the D.P.W. garage and kept in a crate until HAWS could respond to pick up the juvenile feline.
- 6:37 p.m. – This one made me chuckle. A 55 year old resident of the S8200 block of Pasadena Drive called the police department stating he was goose hunting in a field near the intersection of Hillendale Drive and Henneberry Drive. According to the caller, each time a flock flew overhead, one of the neighbors came outside, fired a shotgun, thus causing the geese to continue in their travels. An officer responded and made contact at several neighboring residences, but no one wanted to take credit as the geese's champion. Information pertaining to the incident was forwarded to the DNR.

October 7th:

- 2:15 a.m. – A 41 year old resident of the S8400 block of Providence Way called the police department to report her husband found a random person sitting inside their garaged vehicle after going to check why the garage door was opening. They had another (unlocked) vehicle parked outside in the driveway, so the thieves used their garage door opener to gain access. The subject inside the complainant's vehicle quickly left the garage and entered a getaway vehicle also parked in the complainant's driveway. The getaway vehicle was described as a gold colored sedan, possibly an older model Toyota Camry or Corolla. Officers responded to check the area, however were unsuccessful in locating the suspects. What they did find was an abandoned vehicle inside the County Park listing to a car dealership in West Allis. Fast forward 4 hours, a 41 year old resident of the W20500 block of Tyler Drive called the police department to report his loaner was missing from his driveway (also left unlocked with the keys inside). SMH. Our thieves most likely had intentions to go back for the loaner, but got spooked from the area when our original complainants encountered them. They did however make off with a \$2K camera. The loaner was towed back to the police department, processed for evidence, and ultimately released to the dealership who had our 2nd complainant's vehicle ready for pick up. LOCK YOUR CARS!!! Investigation continuing.
- 8:13 a.m. – A 45 year old resident of the W16100 block of Mariner Ct. called the police department to report being involved in a vehicular accident near the intersection of Woods Rd. and Durham Drive. Officers responded. No injuries were reported. A 48 year old resident of the S7600 block of Gregory Drive was cited for a registration violation and a crash report was completed.
- A couple survey takers/campaign workers raised the suspicions of multiple residents who felt the need to call the police department and report the felonious clip board holders.
- 4:51 p.m. – A 27 year old resident of the S8100 block of Schultz Lane called the police department to report a 26 year old Waukesha resident who had a temporary restraining order against him had shown up at his house unprompted. Officers responded and spoke with the female party who was educated on the fact if you have a restraining order against someone, that doesn't mean you can force them to violate that order by showing up at their house. She was escorted from the premises and advised not to return lest she wish to be cited for trespassing.
- 5:05 p.m. – An 18 year old resident of the W18700 block of Gold Drive responded to the police department to report being harassed by an unknown subject online. An officer was summoned, investigation continuing.
- 6:42 p.m. – A 66 year old resident of the W19400 block of Hillview Drive called the police department to report hearing an EXPLOSION! An officer responded to check the area, however located 0 evidence indicating anything had blown up. Contact was made with several neighboring residents who didn't hear anything and when they tried calling our original complainant back, she didn't answer. Another mysteriously disappearing boom. They are sneaky, those booms.
- 9:29 p.m. – A 31 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for OAS, no insurance, and issued a compliance order for her vehicle's registration status after being pulled over near the intersection of Moorland Rd. and Janesville Rd. Oh yeah, she was advised not to drive!

October 8th:

- 9:05 a.m. – A 54 year old resident of the W20500 block of Field Drive called the police department to report an unknown, white substance had been poured on his daughter's vehicle, hardened, and damaged the paint. Additionally, the two passenger side tires had been slashed. An officer responded to photograph the damage, investigation continuing.
- 10:40 a.m. – A 59 year old resident of the S7800 block of Overlook Bay Rd. called the police department to report a vehicle not belonging to any neighboring tenants was parked illegally and not in a designated stall. The vehicle reportedly drove over the lawn one week prior according to our complainant. An officer responded and made contact with a mother who's son's girlfriend was responsible for the poor driving. All parties were advised, 10-8.
- 11:47 a.m. – A 81 year old resident of the S8300 block of Providence Way called the police department to report receiving a phone call from the National Police Fundraising Association to whom she gave her debit card information prior to feeling it might be a scam. She was transferred over to a detective who ensured her the Association is legitimate, however she had already cancelled her debit card to stop the payment. Better safe than sorry.

- 2:33 p.m. – Officers and T.C. paramedics responded to the intersection of College Ave. and Tess Corners Drive for what ended up being a single vehicle/motorcycle accident. The intersection was temporarily closed. No citations were issued. The operator was transported to an area hospital for non-life threatening injuries.
- 2:50 p.m. – After initially responding to the motorcycle crash to provide traffic control assistance, Chief Rens was on his way back to the department when he found himself in the middle of an SUV sandwich. A 33 year old Palmyra resident traveling behind him crashed into the rear of his squad at the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Lannon Drive, causing the squad to bump into the vehicle in front of Chief's. If you wanted a keychain (which he's known for handing out), all you had to do was ask. There was airbag deployment in the other two vehicles, and the operator of the 3rd was transported to an area hospital for non-life threatening injuries.
- 2:50 p.m. – This is not a case of if one is good more is better. Officers responded to the intersection of Kelsey Drive and Crowbar Drive for the report of a 3rd vehicular accident. No injuries were reported. The damage was under the reportable amount, so both operators exchanged information and were sent on their merry ways.
- 5:03 p.m. – A 56 year old resident of the W17700 block of Wildwood Drive called the police department to report after returning home, he noticed someone had strapped a piece of landscaping equipment to the cargo rack on the rear of his vehicle. Our caller believed this was done by mistake while he was out running errands and apparently didn't need the equipment, so an officer responded to retrieve the item, brought it to the department, and inventoried it for safe keeping.
- 5:50 p.m. – The 44 year old resident of the S6500 block of Saroyan Rd. whom I mentioned in last week's edition for being wanted by the Milwaukee Police Department on battery charges was finally taken into custody after being pulled over near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and College Ave. He told M.P.D. officers last week that he would turn himself in and never did. Our officers recognized his vehicle and made the stop. He didn't go quietly, so we tacked on some resisting/obstructing charges before he was transported to WCJ. On the way, the career criminal suddenly came down with a case of Jail-itis, so we took him to an area hospital first where staff determined nothing was wrong with him other than the regret he now had, not for any of his wrong doings, but just getting caught. Have a nice stay.
- 6:22 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report his 34 year old neighbor residing in the S6600 block of Somerset Ct. was burning brush and polluting the air! Then close your windows. An officer responded and advised the brush burner of his neighbor's distaste.
- 6:51 p.m. – Another U/I complainant calling about bothersome smoke. This time an officer responded to a residence located in the S7900 block of Ancient Oaks Drive and advised the 60 year old homeowner that burning plastic was in fact a violation of the municipal burn ordinance. Flames were extinguished. See below for more details.
- 8:28 p.m. – A 35 year old Big Bend resident was taken into custody for an active warrant he held through the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department after being pulled over near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Pioneer Drive. He was able to post the full bond amount and was subsequently released on scene.

During this week, the following traffic contacts were made:

Citations:	16	Written Warnings:	5
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Number of sets of keys retrieved from locked vehicles: 1

Number of butt dials received: 15 (not too shabby!)

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

GUIDELINES FOR BURNING REFUSE

In case you haven't noticed, fall is upon us, and with it come all the fun fall activities including bonfires (fun). Folks are raking leaves, discarding their annuals, and trimming back their perennials (not fun). With the excess brush, we're expectedly receiving more calls for bothersome smoke coming from the fires burning aforementioned and otherwise legal refuse. We've also received an influx of calls for bothersome smoke coming from fires burning illegal materials such as plastic, treated wood, and other construction grade items as well. Feel free to check out the link below for a list of everything you can and cannot burn and when you can and cannot burn it. As a general rule of thumb, if it's going to create an obscene amount of black smoke or smell like death, don't light it on fire. In addition, wind speeds must be at or below 15 mph as recorded by the U.S. Weather Bureau for Milwaukee, WI. In order for us to issue citations for "bothersome" smoke to residents legally burning, we MUST have a complainant who could potentially be requested to testify as to why the smoke was bothersome to them. So, for everyone wanting to complain about their neighbor, but not wanting to be identified, we'll notify them that a complaint was received, but we will not be taking any enforcement action. Even with complainants willing to identify themselves, it will be the responding officer's discretion as to whether or not enforcement action needs to be taken, meaning if your neighbor is legally burning and you called because you simply don't like the smoke coming into your house, you might just have to close your windows.

Sorry, not sorry.

<https://www.ecode360.com/32902374?highlight=burning&searchId=27004870913164586>

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The Muskego Police Department is once again hosting a drop off location for the normally biannual Drug Take Back Day initiated by the WI Dept. of Health Services. Unfortunately, the spring take back fell victim to the 'rona. So, on Saturday, **10/24/2020**, between **9 a.m. and noon**, you can drive through the department garage and safely hand us your unused medications for proper disposal. Don't throw them in the trash, flush them down your commode, or worse, let them get into the wrong hands. Safe disposal saves lives! As always, the green bin located in our front lobby is available for drop off 24/7, 365. Please, **NO SHARPS!**

Help us #TakeBackWI by doing your part! Visit <https://doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/?fbclid=IwAR2nFc56GXmXahEsda9Pjes5r8GXhoW8Yent9eYa9ETTGewsgQ5Wy1OHYz8> for more details.

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 *****