
CITY OF MUSKEGO POLICE BEAT NEWSLETTER

October 9th, 2020 – October 15th, 2020

Happy Friday, Muskego! This weather is depressing, but it is still the weekend and I'm still playing catch up, so here are last week's events! On a side-note, I was just informed that it's National Slap Your Annoying Co-Worker Day. I've yet to be hit, so I'm feeling pretty good. Some of you may want to look out, though, just sayin'.

October 9th:

- 9:22 a.m. – A 38 year old New Berlin resident called the police department to report striking a fire hydrant and knocking it off its base near the intersection of Fireside Ct. and Fireside Dr. Why would you do such a thing? Kidding, it was an accident. An officer responded, crash report completed.
- 1:01 p.m. – A 55 year old resident of the S6800 block of Bluegrass Drive was advised wind speeds were too high for controlled burns of any type. Officers were prompted to make contact with the subject after receiving a call from a U/I complainant reference the fire's smoke being bothersome.
- 3:40 p.m. – More flames were extinguished outside a residence located in the W17000 block of Hedgewood Drive. Officers responded per the request of a 53 year old neighbor who believed wind speeds were too high for the 73 year to be having a bonfire, and she was correct.
- 4:11 p.m. – A 53 year old resident of the S8200 block of Kurtze Lane responded to the police department to report receiving a threatening email attempting to extort him for money. The identity of the sender of said email was unknown, so our complainant was simply advised not to respond.
- 5:30 p.m. – A 60 year old resident of the W18600 block of Agate Drive called the police department to report her 41 year old neighbor continually drives on her lawn and the children in his residence were destroying the flowers on her property. An officer responded and spoke with the neighbor who was advised of the complaints and the possibility of trespassing citations being issued should he and the children not heed warning.
- 7:20 p.m. – A 61 year old resident of the S7100 block of Durham Place responded to the police department to report on-going neighbor trouble reference a shared driveway. The officer previously summoned to initial calls was provided additional details regarding the dispute by the complainant. Officer handling.
- 9:25 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report bothersome noise coming from Moorland Skate Park, which given the time of night was closed and should have been vacated. An officer responded and spoke with several yoots who were advised of the complaint as well as park hours, and subsequently vacated the premises.
- 10:30 p.m. – A 44 year old resident of the S7900 block of Baylane Place called the police department to report the two dogs residing in the W16400 block of Woods Rd. were loose yet again. Their owner has previously been cited for their incessant barking, roaming the streets freely, and having bitten walkers in the past. An officer responded to canvas the area, however the dogs were not located, so their owner was advised.

October 10th:

- 8:22 a.m. – Two yoots were advised that hunting is not permitted on Holz Island on Little Muskego Lake.
- 11:02 a.m. – Two not yoots failed to pay the boat launch fee at Idle Isle and were cited accordingly.
- 1:19 p.m. – Back to the W18600 block of Agate Drive for more landscaping woes between bickering neighbors. Our male subject previously advised not to drive on his neighbor's lawn and to keep the children of his residence from destroying her flowers was reportedly outside cutting the grass and trimming trees, the refuse from which he was throwing on our original complainant's lawn. Cool guy refused to acknowledge officers or answer questions upon their arrival, but rather took to recording them with his cell phone. Good for you (insert eye roll here). This rocky mountain canary

- was advised to quit harassing his neighbor lest he wish to be cited. Our complainant was encouraged to obtain a survey of their lot lines for future reference.
- 3:53 p.m. – A 23 year old Kenosha resident called the police department to report being followed by an SUV, the operator of which had just brake checked him. Miraculously, both vehicles responded to the front lot of the department where an officer was waiting. Our complainant and the operator of the other vehicle, a 42 year old Milwaukee resident, both admitted to violating multiple traffic laws, all occurring outside our jurisdiction. Here are your warnings!
 - 4:35 p.m. – A U/I complainant called the police department to report jet skis being operated recklessly on Little Muskego Lake. Seems a bit chilly for such an activity. An officer responded and spoke with a 15 year old Muskego resident who was advised of the complaint.
 - 6:12 p.m. – A 52 year old resident of the W17700 block of Orchard Ct. called the police department to report several yoots were stealing apples from his neighbor's tree. An officer responded and spoke with the 48 year old tree owner who stated the yoots had permission to take the fruit. Johnny Appleseed was advised.
 - 6:45 p.m. – A resident of the S7800 block of Quietwood Drive called 9-1-1 to report his neighbor's yard was on fire. Really, the whole yard ablaze? An officer responded to a residence located in the S7800 block of Ladwig Drive only to find a 16 year old and his friends having a completely controlled bonfire. Moving on.
 - 10:43 p.m. – Yoots were advised to vacate the parking lot between (closed) businesses located in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. lest they wish to be cited for loitering. Vacate they did.

October 11th:

- 2:53 a.m. – Officers responded to a residence located in the W19300 block of Lochcrest Blvd. for the report of a domestic altercation. Upon arrival, contact was made with both parties. The argument was deemed verbal in nature and the couple agreed to remain separated for the evening.
- 11:48 a.m. – A 35 year old Salem resident called the police department to report being stuck in a disabled boat on Big Muskego Lake. We required a little help from the DNR on this one as the majority of our officers were tied up providing traffic control for a rather large parade taking place. Assistance provided.
- 12:21 p.m. – A few political party workers drew the attention of residents on Bay Ct. and Bay Shore Drive. Apparently, they were walking through backyards, filming, but otherwise harmless. They were advised to stay off private property.
- 1:29 p.m. – While in the area, an officer received information from a passerby that a gray sedan with red mud flaps and a personalized registration plate was spinning donuts on the north end of the parking lot of the businesses located in the S7800 block of Racine Ave. The area was checked to no avail, however on Friday, 10/16, the officer spotted the vehicle and spoke with the operator, a 16 year old Burlington resident. He initially claimed he was never in the area and that his vehicle was AWD and incapable of spinning donuts. That's strange. After explaining that our witness' description of his vehicle was a spot-on match, he then admitted to passing through, but not at the time of the incident and nothing more...of course, already caught in one lie, but don't admit to anything else. He then claimed he was definitely working at a residence off Crowbar Drive at the time of the incident and it was impossible for him to have been in the parking lot. Interesting, because our witness also stated that his vehicle was last seen traveling westbound on Janesville Rd. after leaving the parking lot...in the direction of Crowbar Drive. We spoke with our repetitive liar's father who was able to trace his son's location via an app on their cell phones which indicated that his son was in fact in the exact location as described by our witness on the exact date and time the officer was provided. Here's your citation. I hope that job pays well.
- 2:52 p.m. – Officers responded to the parking lot of an establishment located in the W19500 block of Kelsey Drive for the report of a two-vehicle accident. The operator of the striking vehicle had apparently left a note on the victim's windshield. Nice. Upon arrival, an officer spoke with both parties who eventually agreed to handle the damage repairs amongst themselves. Even better.
- 4:18 p.m. – A 68 year old resident of the W18600 block of Jean Drive called the police department to report being the victim of fraud, the suspect being an acquaintance of her daughter who resides in Florida. An officer was summoned and determined no fraudulent activity had occurred, but rather it was simply a case of our complainant not liking the outcome of a poorly made decision.

- 6:15 p.m. – A 36 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for OAS, given a verbal warning for his vehicle's registration status, and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of North Cape Rd. and Hi View Drive.
- 8:15 p.m. – A 38 year old Waukesha resident was cited for OAR and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of Racine Ave. and College Ave. His passenger's D.L. was also revoked, so there they sat, awaiting a ride. At least they had each other to talk to.
- 8:40 p.m. – A 20 year old Greendale resident was arrested for an active warrant he held through his home town's P.D after being pulled over in his buddy's car near the intersection of STH 36 and Thode Drive. The bond amount was paid on scene in full, so he was eventually released and they carried on their merry way. His buddy got a verbal warning for his vehicle's registration violation.
- 10:08 p.m. – A 19 year old New Berlin resident was cited for OAS and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of Woods Rd. and Mystic Drive.

October 12th:

- 2:21 a.m. – A 69 year old Waterford resident was cited for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license after being stopped near the intersection of Durham Drive and Belle Chasse Parkway. Her husband and son responded to remove her vehicle and drive her home. Like they had a choice.
- 5:07 a.m. – A 34 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for driving his box truck on Durham Drive, a Class B highway, well over the legal weight limit. A speeding violation initially drew the officer's attention to his vehicle. For that violation he was given a verbal warning.
- 7:21 a.m. – A 26 year old Muskego resident responded to the police department to report receiving harassing and threatening text messages from a subject he claimed he didn't know. An officer was summoned and further investigation revealed our complainant had previously provided the suspect with access to his PayPal account "Brant Sadler" had taken him for \$500 before our complainant wised up and changed his username and password. With no more access, "Brant" began sending the text messages including pictures of guns and death threats. I hope we've learned a lesson here. Contact with the suspect has been attempted. Investigation into his/her true identity is continuing.
- 11:08 a.m. – A 54 year old male subject with a last known address listing to Milwaukee was advised that panhandling is against Muskego municipal ordinances and to stay off private property after passerbys called him in for standing in the intersection Moorland Rd. and Janesville Rd.
- 11:45 a.m. – A 22 year old resident of the S7700 block of Annes Way called the police department to report a 23 year old subject from Wautoma was sending private photographs and her phone number to people she would prefer didn't have either. Another lesson to be learned. A safe standard to follow is if you wouldn't send it to your grandma, you shouldn't send it to someone you're not married to. Call me old fashioned. A detective was summoned. Investigation continuing.
- 1:04 p.m. – The owner of a business located in the W18600 block of Enterprise Dr. contacted the police department and was directed to a detective for a credit card fraud investigation which is continuing.
- 3:25 p.m. – A husband and wife residing in the S7100 block of Durham Place responded to the police department requesting more help with their neighbor reference the on-going dispute regarding a shared driveway. This visit marked the 4th time officers had tended to the civil dispute.
- 4:15 p.m. – Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to a residence located in the W19400 block of Prospect Dr. for the report of a fully engulfed RV. WE Energies was also contacted, so I'm guessing some faulty electrical wires were to blame. Flames were extinguished and T.C. posted some pretty gnarly photos of the RV (or what's left of it) to their Facebook page before clearing the scene.
- 5:47 p.m. – More harassment claims. For the sake of Pete, can we just leave each other alone? A 27 year old resident of the S8100 block of Schultz Lane called the police department to report a 26 year old Waukesha resident was driving past his house. Sooooo? Apparently, this caused him concern. An officer contacted the supposed suspect who proved her vehicle was nowhere near the complainant's residence and she believed the complainant was attempting to harass her by calling the police and making false accusations. Our complainant was advised reference making such claims and both parties were advised to desist contact with one another. Jeesh.

October 13th:

- 8:19 a.m. – A 17 year old high school student was cited for possessing a vaping device that was located during Officers Obi and Sirius' drug sniffs.
- 9:23 a.m. – An incident report was created after a 17 year old Cleveland, WI resident was bitten by a dog belonging to a family member who resides in the S6500 block of Muskego Drive.
- 11:27 a.m. – A 71 year old resident of the W13900 block of Boxhorn Drive called the police department up in arms about construction vehicles using Boxhorn Drive in violation of the weight restriction. An officer responded to check the area, and determined the cites' locations to be off of Ryan Drive and Boxhorn Drive meaning the correct route to be taken back to North Cape Rd. would in fact be Ryan Drive. Contact was made with both concrete subcontracting companies as well as the construction company in charge of the builds. The D.P.W. also erected additional signage for truck drivers to adhere to. Hopefully this appeased our caller and remedied the problem.
- 4:10 p.m. – A 20 year old Muskego resident called the police department to report being followed by an angry driver operating a silver Hummer. Apparently the 55 year old driver was stopped at a green light and did not take kindly to our caller honking at him to let him know it was time for him to move. He then took to following our caller and screaming at her out his window. An officer will be following up with him reference his behavior.
- 6:43 p.m. – A 32 year old resident of the W19400 block of Lochcrest Blvd. was cited for OAS and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of Pioneer Drive and Racine Ave.
- 8:38 p.m. – A 32 year old resident of the S7500 block of Cheviot Rd. called the police department to report his wife was attacked by a dog while walking past its residence in the W13700 block of McShane Drive. Contact was made with the wife who was not bitten, and aside from being scared by a charging dog, had otherwise not truly been attacked. Contact was made with the 59 year old dog owner who was advised reference the dog-at-large ordinance.

October 14th:

- 8:33 a.m. – A 21 year old Wind Lake resident was cited for OAS and advised not to drive after being stopped at the intersection of Lannon Drive and Woods Rd.
- 11:55 a.m. – A 31 year old resident of the W12600 block of Tennyson Lane called the police department to report two dogs ran out of a residence located in the S6500 block of Saroyan Rd. and attacked his dog that was now limping, while they were walking past. Jiminy Christmas, people, control your animals! An officer responded to the home of the attacking dogs and the 58 year old owner was cited for her pets violating the aforementioned at-large ordinance.
- 4:08 p.m. - A 66 year old Milwaukee resident was cited for OAS and advised not to drive after being pulled over near the intersection of Janesville Rd. and Kipling Drive.
- 6:32 p.m. – A 50 year old resident of the S9600 block of Tony Lema Lane called the police department with questions after her husband submitted her personal information to a website in an attempt to update her driver's license. She was now fearful that the site was not legitimate and now had her credit card and personal info to do with as they pleased. An officer was summoned and believed the website to be credible, but advised our caller to visit the state D.O.T. website instead as well as monitor her banking accounts to ensure no fraudulent activity took place.
- 7:29 p.m. – A 21 year old now resident of Waukesha called the police department to report being run off the road by a light colored Toyota Camry and his vehicle was now stuck in the ditch near the intersection of Henneberry Drive and Racine Ave. Given our previous contacts with this individual, I would not be surprised if his own driving or lack of attention is what resulted in his vehicle becoming disabled. That would mean the accident was his fault, though, and nothing is ever his fault. The "suspect" Camry was never located and he had a family member remove his vehicle from the ditch.
- 9:04 p.m. – The 27 year old resident of the S8100 block of Schultz Lane previously warned for falsely accusing his ex of stalking him was now being served with a temporary restraining order by the sheriff's department. The CAD entry does not list the name of the petitioner, but if I was a betting man...

- 9:21 p.m. – A 44 year old resident of the S8400 block of Racine Ave. called the police department to report her neighbor, a 53 year old female, had threatened to shoot her dog while her daughter was taking it for a walk. That seems a little excessive. An officer responded and spoke with the suspect who was advised to chill out and refrain from speaking to 14 year old girls in such a manner.

October 15th:

- 3:19 a.m. – A 31 year old resident of the S7300 block of Parkland Drive called the police department to report his water heater had caught fire and he was able to extinguish it (nice!), however his basement was now full of smoke. Officers and T.C.F.D. responded to ensure the scene safety and firefighters were able to help him ventilate his lower level. May this be a reminder: everyone should have a fire extinguisher in good, working order in their household. They do expire.
- 4:02 p.m. – A 62 year old Muskego resident called the police department to report observing a light colored Buick LeSabre drive over the curb and smash into a mailbox located along the W16000 block of Janesville Rd. Instead of stopping, the suspect vehicle kept right on going and was not located by responding officers until...
- 5:03 p.m. – It was located operating recklessly on Tess Corners Drive, southbound towards Woods Rd. The eventual arresting officer attempted pulling the vehicle over, however it didn't stop until it was inside the operator's driveway located in the W12500 block of Larkspur Rd. The 47 year old front seat passenger decided exiting the vehicle and attempting to run inside the house was in his best interests, so he was eventually decentralized in his front yard and arrested for resisting/obstructing (the fact he was on probation and in possession of drug paraphernalia may have played a factor in his decision making process, albeit still wrong). The operator of the vehicle, his 43 year old brother, was eventually arrested for OWI, hit and run, and cited for a few other traffic violations. Booger sugar is the suspected drug in use for this investigation as it has been the narcotic of choice by the operator in the past. Turns out this is the same pair of related yahoos that ran into a parked car reference the newsletter entry at noon on the 5th. Should probably just give up driving if we can't avoid hitting stationary objects. Both brothers were eventually transported to WCJ for sleepovers, but this won't be like the one they had at grandma's 30 years ago. Sorry, no milk and cookies, just dried bologna sandwiches and Gatorade.
- 5:45 p.m. – Officers and T.C. paramedics responded to a business located in the S6500 block of Moorland Rd. for the report of an unresponsive female subject. The 60 year old Big Bend resident was ultimately transported to an area hospital to receive treatment for a suspected drug overdose. Drug and associated paraphernalia possession related charges have been referred to the district attorney's office for prosecution.
- 7:54 p.m. – More trouble in paradise. A 53 year old resident of the W14900 block of Cornell Circle called the police department to report her 18 year old daughter and her boyfriend were at it again, this time fighting over each other's property outside his residence in the S6400 block of Glenbrook Drive. We're dealing with this couple on an almost bi-weekly basis these days. Mom claimed to have them separated and boyfriend was already inside upon officers' arrival. Once everyone's property was in their own possession, mom took daughter back to Cornell Circle, but not before she was advised she was no longer allowed at the Glenbrook Drive address. That must not have lasted too long, because I just saw the happy couple back together on the 21st. Ahhh, young love.
- 9:52 p.m. – The 63 year old residing in the W16400 block with two dogs becoming the bane of his neighbor's existence was cited for his animals' incessant barking...again.

During this week, the following traffic contacts were made:

Citations: 22 Written Warnings: 8

Number of sets of keys retrieved from locked vehicles: 2

Number of butt dials received: 17

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

Is tomorrow! 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 corona. So, tomorrow, **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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