Winter Parking—

If you park on the street, you may have noticed a Parking Notification left on your vehicle this week by one of our officers to warn citizens of the upcoming winter parking ordinance coming into effect; on Wednesday night alone, our officers issued 702 Parking Notifications throughout the city. With *Old Man Winter* just around the corner that means one thing, the winter parking ordinance is about to take effect. Beginning November 15, 2012 and running through March 31, 2013 the ordinance will be in effect. Unlike in some other communities, the City of Owatonna winter parking ordinance is not a snow emergency ordinance, meaning the ordinance is in effect at all times during this time period whether or not there is snow on the ground or a significant snow fall. The ordinance stipulates—

⇒ No person shall park or leave standing any vehicle on any street in the City on any day between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 12:00 o’clock noon from November 15th through March 31st, except as hereinafter provided:

⇒ On even-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to lots and houses which have been assigned even numbers.

⇒ On odd-numbered calendar dates, vehicles may be parked on the near side of the street adjacent to lots and houses which have been assigned odd numbers.

⇒ This subdivision does not apply to any street where parking is limited to one side, to any cul-de-sac which has combined even and odd house numbers, nor to any street which has more restrictive parking requirements.

⇒ This subdivision does not apply to street parking within a two block radius of duly constituted churches for regularly scheduled weekend services, holiday services, funerals, and weddings. Street parking is allowed one hour prior and one hour after the scheduled service times.

Owatonna Assist Leads to Arrest—

On Monday afternoon, detectives from the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office were in Owatonna to execute a search warrant at 224 Locust Ave. Dakota County detectives were searching for property taken during several burglaries in their jurisdiction and Owatonna officers assisted during the search. Although the property sought was not located, officers did locate many items of drug paraphernalia as well as substances that tested presumptive positive for heroin. They also found the suspect in the Dakota County burglaries in the company of a 23-year old female who happened to hold an active Order for Protection against our suspect. Owatonna officers arrested Brett W. Warner, age 24, and transported him to the Steele County Detention Center. He was formally charged with 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance and Violating an Order for Protection—both felonies.

Up For Auction—

In the next week we’ll be on-line auctioning several vehicles we’ve acquired as a result of seizures or forfeitures, including a ’94 Cavalier, a ’97 BMW, a ’93 Cadillac DeVille, a ’02 Mitsubishi, a ’93 Buick LeSabre and others. Please go to [Minnbid.org](http://Minnbid.org) for a complete listing and description of the vehicles we will have up for auction.

Good Luck Chad—

Sunday, November 11th brings to a close the career of Officer Chad Fierst with the Owatonna Police Department. We’re sorry to say that Chad will be taking his talents to the bright lights and big city of the Minnetonka Police Department. Chad has been with us since 2007 when he was hired as a Community Service Officer. He was hired as a police officer in 2008 and still serves in that capacity. Chad has also served the department in the Field Training Unit since 2011. Chad—we wish you the best of luck as you move on in your law enforcement career.