



Village of Hales Corners POLICE DEPARTMENT

5635 South New Berlin Road, Hales Corners, WI 53120

September 2, 2025

[Redacted]
Hales Corners, WI 53130

Chief
Eric R. Cera

Operations Lieutenant
Anthony Henner

Regarding Hales Corners Police Incident Report numbered 25-6108

Dear Ms. [Redacted]

Administrative Lieutenant
Andrew Jacobi

Detective Sergeant
Justin Landry

It has been brought to the attention of my Department and it is our understanding that you led a contingent of citizens voicing concerns at a meeting of the Hales Corners Library Board on the evening of Thursday, August 28th, 2025 at the Hales Corners Library, 5885 South 116 Street.

Sergeant
Nicholas Zellmer

This letter is being written because concurrent to that meeting an act of graffiti occurred at the same location. This letter is not meant to be an accusation; however, the message chalked on Village owned property which is ostensibly consistent with the comments spoken during the meeting.

Sergeant
Adam Thompson

Detective
Kyle Chacka

Officer
Laura Brustmann

Officer
Joshua Jewell

While the Department stands in honor of any citizen's right to speak on a subject of public interest it is also incumbent upon it to assure that those who wish to exercise their right are aware of the parameters of their speech. To that end please note that Municipal Code Chapter 320 Peace and Good Order prohibits messaging in a vandalous manner. For the utmost clarity an excerpt of the ordinance is included here -

Officer
Jacob Tomaszewski

§320-20. Graffiti.

Officer
Steven Kapellusch

A. Graffiti defined. "Graffiti" means any inscription, word, figure or design marked, scratched, etched, drawn or painted with spray paint, liquid paint, ink, chalk, dye or other similar substances on buildings, fences, structures and other similar places, without the express written consent of the owner or operator of the property.

Officer
Owen Rangel

Officer
Jennifer Hacker

B. Prohibited conduct. No person may write, paint or draw any inscription, figure or mark of any type on any public or private building or other real or personal property owned, operated or maintained by any public or private person, entity, agency, firm or corporation, unless the express permission of the owner or operator of the property has been obtained.

Officer
Gregory Pfeifer

Officer
Zachary Marchewka

This community has always satisfactorily resolved issues no matter how contentious without law enforcement intervention because everyone involved has maintained proper decorum and respected the process by which solutions are achieved. I would kindly ask that you please give this notice due consideration and freely share this with anyone involved in this matter for that tradition to continue.

Officer
Christopher Birmingham

Officer
Anthony Harmon

Sincerely,


Eric R. Cera
Chief of Police