

To: Village Board and all Committee Members
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: March 20, 2015
Subject: Weekly Update

Police Department

The chief spent a great deal of time working with a state agency regarding problems at two adult group homes owned by the same person. That agency will investigate what's going on within a few weeks. He also sent Chronic Nuisance Property warning letters to the actual owners of the houses which are being leased by this company.

The 2015 Ford Utility vehicle will be delivered next week, ultimately replacing Squad #7, a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria (the last of that model). The 2015 Impala is on the road. The 2007 Impala it replaced needs to be cleaned and a console reinstalled before it is turned over to the Village Hall.

It took two Narcan doses for Officer Gerke to revive a heroin OD victim at Kettle Moraine Coatings on Tuesday. Then at about 10:00 p.m. Wednesday night, a forty-seven year old man fell asleep while asking a Walgreen's clerk for cigarettes and then passed out in the parking lot. He admitted to Officer Henning that he'd been snorting Percocet. The man, who is well known to us, was arrested for OWI, possession of paraphernalia, and driving while suspended.

There were no St. Patrick's Day incidents.

Fire Department

The JFD responded to the first grass fire of the season on Tuesday evening. Conditions are dry with limited moisture in the forecast meaning we could be busy in the coming days.

Ice rescue training wrapped up on Monday. In two weeks Hasmer Lake lost 12-14" of ice.

EMS calls have been very busy this week.

About thirty children and parents from Morning Star School came to the station Friday morning for a fire prevention presentation and station tour.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Last Saturday we held our first "Irish Dinner and Show". We had a much larger turnout than expected. Renee cooked and served 107 dinners. There were approximately 160 people who enjoyed the performances. Great job, Renee! A big thank you to the Celtic Company for their outstanding performances and hard work! This is sure to return in 2016.

The "Friends" met on Tuesday and are looking for someone to join the "Friends" to become a liaison for both the 5k – Run with a Cop and the Energy Glo Run events. Please contact Kelly if you're interested.

The Irish Leprechaun visited Tot Time and left lots of glitter, lucky charms, and gold coins behind – Happy Cleaning Angie! The kids absolutely love Angie's creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication. You are awesome, Angie!

Thanks to all those that donated candy and helped stuff 5,000 eggs after the Joint Park & Rec Committee meeting on Tuesday night. We could still use a couple volunteers for the event on Saturday, March 28th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Renee met with Angela from Jackson Elementary School on a few new programs that we will be partnering with in the near future. More to come!

Jess, Renee, and Kelly had their bi-annual program review and planning session on Wednesday. Watch for some new and exciting things from the Park & Rec: for example "family style" lessons and programs, Pickleball Loyalty Passes, and much more! The Spring/Summer guide will be online by the end of April and mailed the beginning of May.

The Action in Jackson Committee met Thursday at SYSCO to taste test a few new menu items for the 2015 event. We will be adding grilled chicken sandwiches and fried cheese. Parade forms are now available on the Village website and at the Community Center. The Pioneer Drum & Bugle Corps will be performing the "Post Parade" show in the park this year prior to the Woodcarving Live Auction. We are still in need of at least fifteen (eighteen inch diameter or larger) pine or spruce logs for the wood carving event. They should be approximately eight feet long. Contact Kelly if you can help.

Upcoming Events: Friday, April 24th will be our annual Arbor Day celebration (the time is to be determined depending on the availability of a DNR representative). Saturday, May 2nd will be our Thirteenth Annual Youth Fish Derby from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

Building Inspection

A final inspection was completed this week at Infinity EDM's new building on Northwest Passage. They have been moving equipment in and hope to have the office fully functioning by next week Thursday.

A Property Maintenance Inspection is set up for the Associated Bank building on Main Street. More to come on the business that is looking to move into that location.

Several calls were received this week from concerned neighbors regarding the assisted living residential home on Parkview Drive. Jim has been working on this issue with Jed, who has notified the Department of Family and Health Services.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility mailed out 262 disconnection notices last week, which motivated 140 to pay their bills; leaving 122 delinquent customers with an outstanding balance of \$24,089.00. Thirty-five customers were ultimately disconnected; another fifty customers were unable to be disconnected for various reasons; and thirty-seven customers initiated payment plans. Nine customers currently remain disconnected. They will be turned over to the Building Inspection Department as they currently are without a potable water source. Eighteen Town of Jackson water customers, who were allowed to connect to the Village water utility due to the gasoline spill in the Town, have already become delinquent. Pursuant to the Limited Water Service Agreement, the Utility has invoiced the Town of Jackson for those delinquent accounts.

The valve exercising program has begun. Meter change-outs, Digger's Hotline locates, and lawn repairs from plow damage during the winter, were conducted this week.

The Street & Parks Department conducted routine maintenance on equipment. The crew completed the tree trimming along Sherman Road, unofficially started collecting bags and brush, and began cold patching potholes. The park restrooms are being opened during the day because of the warmer weather. The park restroom will be open for the weekends beginning the weekend of March 28th and will be open every weekend until the snow flies again. The blockage in the sewer line inside the Hickory Lane restroom has been repaired for the season opening.

At the WWTP, installation of the pump and piping in the first digester has been completed. The new roof on the digester is complete, with all the old mixing equipment having been removed. The project is waiting for the painter to complete the coal tar application to the piping, supports, and the underside of the roof. The roof assembly has also been sprayed with foam insulation to increase the heating efficiency of the digester. Once the painting has been completed, the crew will pump out and clean the second digester. We are working to complete the project before May and before the neighboring windows are opened to enjoy the fresh springtime air. The staff attended a confined space entry class held by CVMIC this week, and discovered that all personnel who enter confined space areas are required to have CPR and first aid training.

Letters have been sent to property owners, prospective buyers, realtors, and developers on the current status of the sewer and water connections in the Town of Jackson.

Clerk/Treasurer

The office continues to make preparations for the April 7, 2015 election. Absentee ballots have been mailed to those that have a request on file. Absentee voting in the clerk's office begins Monday, March 23rd and ends Friday, April 3rd. The public test will be held March 31st at 3:30 p.m. Sample ballots are available on the Village Website.

Remember to license your dog and/or cat by March 31st. Applications are available at the Village Hall and are posted on the Village website at:

villageofjackson.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={0972FA63-6504-4500-9990-DA0F6FCF3BF1}

Beginning April 1st, there is an additional \$10 late fee. Dog Licenses are \$10 for neutered / spayed; \$15 for non-neutered / non-spayed. Cat Licenses are \$7 for neutered / spayed; \$10 for non-neutered / non-spayed.

Administrator

Work continues to complete the "Town of Jackson's First Set of Written Interrogations and First Request for Production of Documents to the Village of Jackson" in their lawsuit against the Village. After a long meeting with the Village's attorney, this phase should be completed next week.

Despite the lawsuit against the Village of Jackson by the Town of Jackson and the Jackson Town Residents Against Attachment, the Village Board has decided to allow connections to the Village Sewer and Water Utilities from areas outside the Village of Jackson in the Town of Jackson. Letters have been sent to all of the parties requesting connections, that their applications will be granted. The tragic lawsuit notwithstanding, the Village continues to do the honorable thing.