

To: Village Board and all Committee Members
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: April 10, 2015
Subject: Weekly Update

Police Department

The prescription drug collection box has been repaired and is back in the lobby. Publicity will follow.

The chief has been working on Village code amendments for the recodification. On Friday afternoon he did a “senior citizen frauds” program at a Germantown assisted living center as a courtesy to the Germantown PD, who didn’t have someone available. Next Thursday he will attend the first meeting of the Washington County Hazard Mitigation Local Planning Team.

Still waiting for the new squad equipment. The delay is normal.

An emergency detention case came in at about 4:00 a.m. The emergency room was incredibly busy, so the medical clearance took even longer than usual. Officer Oswald didn’t return to the station until 2:00 p.m..

A representative from Wisconsin Department of Justice will inspect our temporary holding cell next week as part of a state-wide survey to make sure juveniles aren’t being held in unsuitable locations.

Fire Department

Around noon on Saturday the Germantown FD requested a Grass Truck for a large grass fire. Not ten minutes after that, the JFD responded to a residence on Sherman Road in the Town of Jackson for a five-acre grass fire. The JFD requested a Grass Truck from the Cedarburg FD. The fire encroached within twenty-five feet of a house.

A small leaf pile started on fire Saturday afternoon off Linden Circle in the Village. A Pine Drive resident allegedly dumped ashes from a fire pit in the wooded area along the pipeline easement.

Sunday morning the JFD responded to a UTV on fire in a field behind a residence on Jackson Drive in the Town of Jackson.

Monday morning the Slinger FD called a MABAS Box that sent a RIT Team and Engine Company to Slinger for a house fire. Prior to clearing in Slinger, the JFD was requested by the Hartford FD for a Change of Quarters as they handled a 100 acre grass fire.

The state ambulance inspector was here on Wednesday. Both ambulances passed the inspections. These inspections are done every two years.

Calls for service have been steady and mostly routine this week.

Joint Parks and Recreation

We have been working very hard this week on the new Activity Guide. We are hoping to have it online by the end of the month. Any businesses still interested in placing an ad can contact Jessica at 262-677-9665.

The Red Cross Blood Drive is Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Stop by the Community Center to donate.

Next week we are offering a new Linux class Monday and Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Also, we have a one day Windows 8 class on Wednesday, April 15th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. for \$10. There are still openings if anyone is interested in signing up.

We have ordered our reduced price tickets. We are hoping to have them all by May 1st to begin selling them. Don’t forget to get your Six Flags, Noah’s Ark, Milwaukee Zoo, Mt. Olympus, etc. tickets at the Community to support your local Park & Rec Department.

There are still a few weekend dates remaining in August to rent Hickory Park. The schedule is pretty full for June and July. If you need to rent the Hickory Shelter please contact Jessica as soon as possible for availability.

Arbor Day packets went to the 2nd grade classes in Jackson for the celebration on Friday, April 24th at 11:15 a.m. at the Community Center.

Building Inspection

The water service has been installed and chlorinated at Custom Logistics.

Property Maintenance Inspections remain steady.

With the recent rain, several flooding calls were received and investigated. In a few cases involving the recent electrical storm, a possible power surge may have knocked out a few sump pumps. Some of the pumps may have also burned out due to continuous pumping.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility completed reading meters this week. Some reading problems included: two meters being installed backwards, two clerical issues, two radios being installed with no paperwork, and eight defective radios. There were sixty-eight Digger's Hotline locates for the month of March averaging three per day. An on-site meeting was held with PTS Contractors, Inc. on Tuesday, April 7th to review the punch list items for the Town of Jackson Water Expansion project. PTS has begun making the corrections. Inspection of those items will continue next week. PTS has until May 26th to complete all items. With the heavy rains this week, two residences in the expansion area had water leaking through basement foundation where the water services were installed. PTS has responded to make the necessary repairs.

This week the Street & Parks Department conducted routine maintenance on equipment, completed shouldering on Glen Brooke Drive, and collected two loads of yard bags. The mowers at the shop are ready for the season. Trash was picked up street side and in the parks. Vehicle maintenance involved repairing lights on the 1-ton truck and replacing the battery on the brown car. The heavy rains caused water in the basement at Village Hall that needed to be pumped out. Proper exterior drainage will be evaluated when the ground dries. A safety meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. The topics are blood borne pathogens; lock out tag out, and hearing conservation.

At the WWTP, the digester project is moving along with the completion of the interior painting. The weather has not been kind, so another week is needed for the paint to dry inside the tank. Over four inches of rain has caused increased flows at the WWTP. The unused clarifiers are being used for the increased flow. The heavy rains have brought back residents' concerns and issues about improper drainage and sump pumps that never quit. All concerns and issues are being reviewed.

Clerk/Treasurer

The Spring Election on Tuesday brought 1,185 voters, which is 26.7% of the 4,437 registered voters in the Village. The Municipal Board of Canvassers met at 4:15 p.m. today (Friday) to canvass late-arriving absentee ballots.

The Organizational Meeting will be held April 21st at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

Administrator

Work continues in the discovery phase of the lawsuit brought on by the Town of Jackson and the Joint Town Residents Against Attachment (JTRAA).

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities is again scheduling the session entitled "Local Government 101: Important Basics You Need to Know," on Friday, May 29th from 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 pm. in Oconomowoc. The one-day workshop provides a basic framework for governing to new village officials and those who want to brush up on their knowledge of local governance. Topics include: Organization & Powers of Cities and Villages; Recognizing and Avoiding Conflicts of Interest; Budgeting and Financial Oversight; Procedures for Local Government Meetings; Managing Public Works Activities. *Presenters: Jerry Deschane, Claire Silverman, Daniel Olson, Dan Hill, Ben Jordan, staff from Ehlers.* Please contact John if you would like to attend.