

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
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Subject: Weekly Update



Police Department

It was much busier this week compared to the past several weeks. There was an OWI arrest by Officer Brinks at 2:30 a.m. last Saturday, and there were several vehicle accidents.

Officer Krueger conducted firearms training this week.

The department's on-line auction (#16273-31) of abandoned, seized, and surplus property is going well. The auction ends May 2nd. Check out www.wisconsin surplus.com if you are interested in anything.

Fire Department

Monday night at fire training, we conducted a live grass fire burn in the Town of Jackson to practice wildland firefighting. Dry conditions permitted about six acres to be burned in less than two hours.

Also on Monday night, we welcomed new recruits Jacob Miller and Andrew Tinlin to the fire department. We look forward to getting them up to speed in the next few months in preparation for school beginning in September.

About a dozen cub scouts and parents toured our station and were given a fire prevention talk on Tuesday evening.

Thursday afternoon, Kewaskum Fire Department requested a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) from Jackson for a house fire in the far northern section of their area.

A huge thank you to Dave from the DPW for doing an awesome job waxing all the floors at the station. We believe it's been about fifteen years since the floors have received a coat of wax.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The Guide is being proofed this week prior to being sent to the printer on Monday. They should be in the mail in about a week. Get ready for summer and sign up for some fun classes!

The 14th Annual Scotty Schoen Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday May 7th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. We're looking for volunteers to come and measure fish. Please contact Kelly or Renee if you can help (262-677-9665.) Thank you.

This week we hosted meetings for the Greater Jackson Business Alliance meeting, Action in Jackson, Friend's Group, and Joint Parks & Rec Committee. Huge thanks to John Binsfeld for his years of service and continued support of the Park & Rec!

Monday at 8:00 a.m., for Community Service Day, we have a service group coming from Living Word.

Friday is the Arbor Day celebration and big Spruce it Up Day. We could still use eight adult volunteers from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. If you can help, please contact Kelly at 262-677-9665 x103.

Wednesday night softball is scheduled to begin May 11th. Thursday night softball is scheduled to begin May 19th. Outdoor Volleyball Leagues will begin June 2nd.

We are hosting a Community Blood Drive on Monday April 25th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the Dove Family, a local Jackson family. You can read the details: <https://www.facebook.com/TeamLandB/>

Finally, a recent participant in the Senior Meals Program at the Community Center donated bags of books to our Adult Community Lending Library about the Gold Rush and ghost towns of the west. Come and explore how he lived in California and mined gold for a living. It is fun to hear the interesting stories from residents of Jackson!

Building Inspection

Rough inspections continue at the twelve family apartment buildings in Premier Cranberry Creek Estates. Jim is attending the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Building Inspectors Institute in Delavan for code refresher training.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility has completed the spring flushing of the entire water system. Three rusty water complaints are being investigated. Six consumers have expressed concerns with regard to their high water bills. After investigation, the higher usage was created by excessive water softener regeneration, toilets continually filling, and someone with a water garden. The Washington County Fair Park has requested meter reinstallations and the water to be turned on to the entire grounds. The crew also repaired curb stops and performed Digger's Hotline locates. The Jackson Water Utility hosted a Wisconsin Rural Water Association seminar on Tuesday, April 19th at the Village Hall. The topics covered included Cross Connections and Distribution System Tools. The 2015 Consumer Confidence Report is published in today's (Friday) issue of the West Bend Daily News.

The Street & Parks Department conducted general and vehicle maintenance, replaced broken trash containers, and mowed areas of the Village. The baseball diamonds are being readied for the upcoming season. The wings are off the five-yard patrol trucks. The 2003 patrol truck is being serviced by International Truck for various items. Carl started mowing for the year and only needed to be pulled out of the ditch once. The play area mulch is being delivered in each park for the April 29th park beautification event with Jackson Elementary. The Street Department yard is being readied for the Spring Cleanup Day to be held Saturday, April 30th.

At the WWTP, general maintenance along with televising of sanitary laterals continues. Pieper Electric has now completed the rewiring of the west Schreiber tank. The equipment for chlorinating the discharge of the plant is being set up for the May 1st start date. The technician from Varec Biogas was here this week to help the staff with installation and maintenance of the gas burning equipment. Sabel Mechanical is assisting staff in removing the drive chain from the Aqua Guard bar screen in preparation for the installation of the new chain. Sludge from the blue tank is being sampled and then decanted for field application. The sanitary lateral for the Jackson Park concession building has been cleaned. Grease and unnecessary bends in the lateral caused a blockage. The lateral is over 100 ft in length with no cleanouts. A cleanout will be installed so televising of the entire lateral can be completed.

We-Energies Gas and Electric have started begun improvements on Wilshire Drive. The proposed schedule has We Energies work being completed before Buety-Peterson begins the project on May 9th.

Clerk/Treasurer

Entry work continues from the April 5, 2016, Presidential Preference Primary Election. Paula has tackled this entry project on the new Wisconsin Voter System.

The Village Board held their Organizational Meeting on Tuesday evening. Newly elected Trustee Debbie Kurtz was sworn in as were incumbents Mike Kufahl and John Kruepke. Committee appointments have been updated on the Village website.

Utility payments continue to stream in. They are due by May 5th. The Village accepts credit cards.

The Department of Revenue Tax Increment Certification and Tax Exempt Property reports were filed and the Department of Natural Resources recycle grant is in process.

Deanna attended the Municipal Treasurer's Conference this week.

The transition from BMO Harris Bank to Westbury Bank for the Village banking has gone smoothly.

Administrator

The Village formally notified the WPPA that its grievance regarding "standby pay" was denied through the third step in the process. It's now up to the WPPA to decide if it wishes to file for outside arbitration.