

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



Police Department

The on-line auction will conclude on Monday; it's going very well.

Detective Foeger continues to work on several cases in which residents had their credit card information stolen and used to make purchases. The original ID thefts probably didn't occur here. He'll follow leads as far as possible and is coordinating with other agencies.

Fire Department

Monday evening EMS training involved removing trapped patients from an overturned van and rescuing patients off the roof using our ladder truck. Thanks to Jackson Auto for donating a minivan to cut apart.

Rescue engine 1260 was driven to Rennert's Fire Equipment in Markesan to have some recommended preventive maintenance completed. The eight year old truck is having the pump packing replaced.

Painting at the station continues with both office bathrooms getting a much needed coat of paint.

Tuesday morning, Horsch & Miller was at the station to tune up all four furnaces and determine the reason that the air conditioning in the office hasn't worked for years. They found cracked heat exchangers in three units and gas leaks in two units. Temporary repairs are being investigated, but due to the age of the equipment, replacement might be the only option. Quotes are being gathered for repair/replacement.

Also this week, it was determined that the bearings are going out on the washing machine used to wash the firefighting turnout gear. It looks like its days are numbered. Because the unit is twenty-two years old, parts are not available. Replacement of the machine is being investigated.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The Activity Guide is now online and programs are open for registration. They are also being printed and are planned to be mailed out next week.

We hosted a Blood Drive on Monday, in honor of the Dove Family. They are Jackson residents with two daughters that are battling Leukemia. Thanks to Jess for working with the Blood Center on this drive. There were twenty-six donors.

The Henry Gumm American Legion Post #486 held its Seventieth Anniversary Dinner at the Community Center on Monday evening. Congratulations on seventy years of service to our country and community.

BIG THANKS to the youth volunteers and teachers from Living Word who worked on the mulch beds and entry way of the Jackson Community Center – Great Job!

Kelly had a 4K Directors meeting on Wednesday. Only two afternoon spots remain open. Teacher interviews will be held Tuesday, May 10th.

Renee held the Softball League Managers' meeting to prep teams for the upcoming season.

The Washington County Senior Conference was held Thursday at the Fair Park. Kelly was a busy committee member organizing the speakers, and Renee was busy with our department booth.

Friday we had the annual Arbor Day Celebration (Second grade coloring contest). Thank you to Olivia Dunham for coming to present our Tree City USA awards and participate in the planting.

In addition to the Arbor Day event, we also worked with Jackson Elementary to host the "Spruce it Up" project for the school Community Service Team. The kindergarten classes cleaned and mulched the playground in Jackson Park north. The second graders participated in the Arbor Day Celebration. The third graders planted perennials and cleaned the area around the Community Center. The fourth graders cleaned and mulched the Hickory Lane Park playground. Thank you to the sponsors: Lammscapes, Outdoor Design, Starbucks, and Bill Waech. Thank you also to the Jackson Public Works Department and all the volunteers.

REMINDER: Next Saturday, May 7th is the Annual Scotty Schoen Kids Fish Derby from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the DNR Hasmer Lake Access. Thanks to Jackson Auto, Inc. for their sponsorship and dedication to this wonderful event!

Building Inspection

Insulation inspections were completed at the first apartment building in Premier Cranberry Estates. Drywall will begin next week.

The outside sewer lateral was tested this week at Living Word Lutheran School Dorm project. The water lateral was also chlorinated and a safe water sample will be taken in the next couple of days.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility: Martell Water Treatment, Inc. recommended the pump setting for the addition of AQUA MAG for corrosion control. This was done because of the water issue in Flint Michigan. All the pumps were set correctly except Well #1, which needed minor tweaking. Both mud valves at each tower have been flushed. The crew conducted twelve fire flows after flushing of the water system. There were 130 Digger's Hotline locates for the month of April averaging six per day. The water service lateral for Living Word Dorms has been filled and the water sample will be taken on Monday, May 2nd. Preparations have begun to ready the Splash Pad for its Memorial weekend opening for the season.

The Street & Parks Department has the yard ready for the Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00 am to noon. A streetlight pole was hit on Jackson Drive. We Energies has been notified. Other items include planting the Arbor Day tree, installing wood fiber on park play grounds, maintaining trucks and buildings, repairing trash carts, mowing, and installing the volleyball and tennis court nets.

At the WWTP, work orders are being completed, sludge is being hauled from the blue tank, and sanitary laterals are being televised. Mandatory chlorination begins on May 1st. The sludge truck has been taken to Jackson Truck body for the switch of the truck chassis. The Jackson Park concession stand sanitary lateral has been cleaned and being repaired for the season. The paperwork for the Mercury Green Tier is being finalized to be sent to the DNR for approval.

All residents associated with the Wilshire Drive Reconstruction project have been contacted by phone to setup the remaining onsite sanitary sewer lateral televising and sump pump discharge locations. The project is still on schedule to begin May 9th. Discussions with WisDOT continue for the necessary approvals for the installation of a trail/sidewalk along STH 60 from Ridgeway Drive to Eagle Drive.

Clerk/Treasurer

Entry work from the April 5, 2016, Presidential Preference Primary Election is nearly completed. Thank you to Paula for her entry work on the election. Deanna will complete the GAB 190 once completed. With the approaching General election in November, there are political groups mailing voter registration forms. These are not coming from the Village. If you receive one of these mailers, remember to include proof of residency. This seems to happen with every large election year.

Utility Payments are due May 5th.

George Traucht, Deanna, and the Administrator attended Board of Review training in Richfield. Board of Review member training affidavits were filed.

Operator (bartender), alcohol, cigarette, and tattoo licenses expire on June 30th. Reminder letters and forms have been sent to the licensed premises.

Reminders were sent to businesses with delinquent personal property taxes.

The Collateral Agreement with Westbury Bank was signed and returned to Westbury after review by the Village Attorney.

Administrator

In the lawsuit against the Village of Jackson by the Jackson Town Residents Against Attachment and the Town of Jackson: The Court ordered the parties to participate in mediation. By law the mediation discussions are confidential. However, I can confirm that the parties are attempting to find a mutually acceptable solution to end the litigation. It is premature to say whether we will be successful.