

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others  
From: John M. Walther, Administrator  
Date: November 04, 2016  
Subject: Weekly Update



### **Police Department**

Steady and routine this week.

### **Fire Department**

There were nine medical and four fire calls this week.

Required maintenance has taken its toll this week. The main fire engine is acting up while activating the pump gear. Rennert's is investigating the cause of the problem. Also, one of the garage doors broke and was unable to be repaired by Public Works. A door specialist has been contacted to fix the problem.

Ryan Ganshow passed his Rapid Intervention Team class and has been advancing his skill in all areas of the fire department.

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m. begins the "fall back" to Central Standard Time. The JFD suggests you take the opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Check the date on the alarms; if they are ten years old or older, they need to be replaced. With winter right around the corner and the heating season ready to begin, you should also have your furnace checked and chimneys cleaned if you have a fireplace or wood burner. Every home needs to have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector as well. You cannot see or smell CO; it is a "silent killer." Check and replace batteries and or CO detectors per manufacturer's recommendations. If you have any questions regarding smoke alarms, CO detectors, or the upcoming heating season, contact the Jackson Fire Department at 262-677-3811.

### **Joint Parks and Recreation**

Kelly, Jess, Renee, and Brittany attended the 2016 Annual Conference of the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association. This year's theme was "The Energy Bus . . . Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team with Positive Energy. The Village of Jackson was recognized twice at this year's conference. Kelly received a Recognition of Service Award for twenty-five years in the park and recreation profession, and Citizen Casey Latz received the honorary "Fellowship Award." Congratulations to both of them (more below.)

### **Building Inspection**

Foundation walls and under floor plumbing were completed for the ComForCare / Just Like Home Adult Day Center on Delaney Court.

Rough inspections for the last twelve unit apartment building in Cranberry Creek Estates were completed this week. Insulation will begin next week.

### **Public Works**

The Jackson Water Utility completed routine maintenance, located curb stop valves at newly constructed single family residences, and installed radios for meter reading and meters for new customers. A three inch service line is leaking, beyond the meter, in the floor of a Jackson business. They have hired a plumbing contractor to repair the line. The Jackson Water Utility is assisting in the process.

The Street & Parks Department worked on normal activities. The crew continues picking bags and chipping brush. Seasonal maintenance is being done on buildings and equipment.

The grease drying bed at the WWTP was emptied for winter. The sludge truck needs a new fuel pump. The new valve actuator on the bypass gate was installed this week. Normal work orders are being completed.

The landscaping has been completed on the Industrial Drive sidewalk project. A final project inspection will be done next week to create a punch list if necessary.

The retaining wall has been completed on the Stonewall sidewalk project. Concrete will be poured next week and the final grading for the asphalt sidewalk will be completed.

Brian attended the 2016 American Public Works Association – Wisconsin Chapter fall conference this week in Janesville. The new theme for Janesville is “The Town Square, a Catalyst for Change.” The City of Janesville is now developing the Town Square, a major public infrastructure investment, key to the downtown Janesville revitalization project. The centerpiece of the Town Square involves removal of a parking deck that spans the Rock River, then re-purposing riverfront lands that will soon be exposed in the heart of the community. The Village of Jackson needs a river.

### **Clerk/Treasurer**

Utility payments continue to come in. The due date is tomorrow, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Preparations for Tuesday’s General Election continue. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Today is the last day for absentee voting in the clerk’s office. There has been a steady stream of absentee voters at the Village Hall. Village election officials continue to assist with the absentee ballots. As of 3:00 p.m. today, approximately 40% of the registered voters in the Village have cast an absentee ballot.

### **Administrator**

Representatives of the Village and Town participated in a mediation session on Tuesday in Waukesha regarding the lawsuit brought against the Village by the Town of Jackson and the citizen group JTRAA. While an understanding has been reached, both boards will deliberate at their respective meetings next week in an effort to arrive at a mediated agreement.

Wednesday, the administrator participated in a Wisconsin DNR-sponsored Remediation and Redevelopment program in Stevens Point.

The Village’s purchase offer for the former ABC Building was accepted this week. This will allow the relocation of the Street Department and Water Utility, promoting more efficient operation of Village services, as well as helping to facilitate the development of a new elementary school in the Village.

The Village Board approved the 2017 budget for publication. The 2017 Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (The regular November meeting of the Board of Public Works will be delayed until just after adjournment of the budget hearing.)

Congratulations to Casey Latz on being awarded the Honorary Fellowship Award for Outstanding Community Service for Parks & Recreation by the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association. Casey has been dedicated to the concept of community parks and recreation for several decades, including her service on Village Committees, the Village Board, and currently serving on the Events Committee of the “Friends of Jackson Joint Parks and Recreation,” as well as the Friends Jackson 5K – run/walk fundraiser event. She has been an active proponent of the Joint Parks and Recreation Department and Jackson Community Center. Casey and Jackson Auto have been long time sponsors of the annual Scotty Schoen Youth Fish Derby, not only sponsoring the event but providing all of the prizes and personal support necessary in working this annual event. Casey, thank you for your service to our community!

While it is unusual for volunteers to be formally recognized in this manner, please know that your volunteer service as members of our community is truly appreciated. That’s what our Jackson Community is all about. When an appeal is made by the Community Center for volunteers (and it happens often); if you haven’t yet volunteered, please consider lending a helping hand. Not only does it make a person feel gratified for contributing, it also helps to promote our community. Thank you in advance for your help.

Finally, join us for the Village of Jackson Redevelopment Plan Community Workshop on November 16, 2016 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Jackson Community Center and help shape the Village of Jackson’s future. See the next page for more information or go to the home page of the Village’s website.

# Help Shape the Village of Jackson's Future!

Join us for:

## Village of Jackson Redevelopment Plan Community Workshop

November 16, 2016 from 7:00-8:30pm  
Jackson Community Center  
Gathering Hall  
N165 W20330 Hickory Lane

*Refreshments will be served.*



### Purpose of this workshop is to:

- 1 Explain the Site Redevelopment Program
- 2 Discuss and Consider Community Goals and Gather Input for Priority Areas
- 3 Determine Additional Redevelopment Considerations

For more meeting information please contact  
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### The Site Redevelopment Program:

In 2014, the USEPA announced that Washington County was successful in securing a Countywide Coalition Brownfield Assessment Grant totaling \$600,000. The grant funds will be used to complete a community-wide inventory and prioritization of sites that have redevelopment potential within the County, perform Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments on priority sites, complete remedial action plans and redevelopment plans for select sites and perform community outreach and education related to redevelopment opportunities. For more information, please visit: [www.co.washington.wi.us/srp](http://www.co.washington.wi.us/srp)

As a Coalition member, the Village has received funding to complete a village-wide redevelopment plan. This analysis will provide a powerful tool for the Village to reuse land in the Village limits and overcome the challenges of redeveloping potential or actual brownfield sites.

