

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



Police Department

It's been very busy for the past week. In addition to many routine calls, there were arrests for child neglect, battery, warrant, bail jumping, damage to property, and two for OWI.

At 12:45 a.m. on Friday, November 25th, Officer Lake tried to stop a pickup truck that went out of control on USH 45 and spun 360 degrees before exiting at STH 60. The twenty-seven year old Menomonee Falls woman tried to elude him. Slinger PD "spiked" the truck at Highway C, but she kept driving on the rims until finally stopping in the Kwik Trip parking lot. She was arrested for OWI-1st Offense, obstructing (for giving a false name), and eluding an officer. Officer Henning also arrested a fifty-two year old Milwaukee man for OWI-1st Offense on Saturday night. The child neglect arrest was in connection with a three year old child who was found wandering outside an apartment building after being left home alone.

On Wednesday, Detective Foeger and Officer Gerke investigated a report regarding a man sitting in a vehicle with frosted-up windows. They discovered that the man had taken his own life with a firearm.

After an amazing twenty-six year run, Sue Herther's last day as Administrative Assistant was Wednesday. Jodi Rohde has been promoted to full-time, effective January 1. Susie Schmitt, who was the part-time secretary before Jodi, will return to the Police Department to take over that position.

Fire Department

The last two weeks have been pretty intense with thirty-three medical and six fire calls. Falls have increased dramatically over the last month. The number of calls seems to increase with the stress of the holidays. Fire calls usually increase this time of year as well, due to heating and cooking issues, Christmas trees and decorations, overloaded or faulty extension cords, and more people driving to and from holiday festivities. This week there were two vehicle rollovers, a fully involved car fire, smoke in the walls of a residence, activated smoke alarms, and a natural gas leak. Make it a safe holiday season.

View the Christmas wreath, strung with green bulbs, in front of the Jackson Fire Department or check out the "KEEP THE WREATH GREEN" campaign on the Jackson Fire Department Facebook page. If the JFD must respond to a residential fire between Thanksgiving and New Years Day, one of the green bulbs will be replaced with a red one, in an attempt to keep residents aware of everyday fire hazards in the home, especially during the holiday season, with increased usage of indoor and outdoor decorations, candles, and portable heating devices. Let's hope for no red bulbs!

The JFD continues to test various wireless devices to aid in report writing, fire inspection data, scheduling annual maintenance and member training, and recruiting new firefighter/EMTs.

The new ambulance cot loading systems have been installed and are amazing.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The Kids Rummage, Direct Sales Expo & Cookies with Santa event is tomorrow (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Please come and support our youth entrepreneurs, enjoy wonderful items from the concession stand, and enjoy the live entertainment of All of the Above Dance Studio, the Silverbrook Music Superstars, the Jackson 4k Classes and Tot Timers, the Jackson Jingers, and the finale by the Celtic Company. Also, our "sweet" Bake Sale is a great place to pick up some treats for your Holiday cookie tray. Thanks to Dr. Charmoli and Jackson Family Dentistry for donating the sugar cookies.

Register your home today for the annual Holiday Decorating Contest. It's free to sign up and the winning family's name will be added to the plaque of winners in the front lobby of the JACC.

A "Mini-Holiday" Tot Time session has been added by popular request. Details are at the JACC and on the website.

Monte Carlo Night is in full swing for securing sponsorships and donations. Sponsor packets can be found on the website and will also be circulated throughout the community by the “Friends” group.

We have found a new sign vendor, and will be “re-energizing” our Star Wall. Watch for more information.

The Pickleball Tournament is coming up January 14, 2017 – Please register ASAP.

The ADRC and Park & Rec. Senior Christmas Party is Thursday, December 8th featuring Elvis (Allen Graveen).

Huge thanks to Nancy Habel for volunteering to decorate all the Christmas Trees at the JACC. They have never looked so beautiful!

Reminder: every Thursday from Noon until 3:00 p.m. is drop-in “Open Art”. Come check it out!

Building Inspection

Final Inspections were completed on the third twelve unit apartment building in Cranberry Creek Estates this week. The first tenant already moved in this week.

A final inspection was completed for Redemption Recycling, a computer recycling/refurbishing company, in the old Wickes Lumber building.

A six-inch water service for the fire suppression system at the old AT&T building on Tower Drive was installed this week and a water pressure test was approved for the fire suppression system at the Cathedral Builders building on Tower Drive.

The Inspection Department is now able to access the Permit Base Tracking Program remotely from a wireless computer tablet. The next application will allow inspection reports to be sent electronically.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility programmed radios and marked for Digger’s Hotline. A total of 112 locates were done in November averaging six per day. The Well #1 and #5 generators are being serviced for the winter. Two water service lateral valves were repaired. Concrete was installed to protect the curb stop and valves from future damage.

The Street & Parks Department conducted routine maintenance and trash container replacement. Bag picking and brush chipping is winding down. New lights were installed in the Cedar Creek Business sign. Landscaping is being scheduled before the snow. All streets have been swept. The 2009 Five Yarder Patrol Truck is going in for service for new coolant lines next week prior to any major snow storm.

At the WWTP, the crew is completing work orders. The roof-top furnace/air conditioning unit for the lab room is still out of commission and will be replaced. Temporary heat is being supplied for the time being. All heaters throughout the plant are being serviced. The scrap metal pile at the Waste Water Plant was hauled to the recycler. The street sweepings are being removed from the drying beds and loaded into dumpsters for disposal. Some of the staff went on a “Making Manure into More Anaerobic Digestion/Biogas Systems” tour. We are exploring the idea of converting the methane gas, being flared off at the Waste Water Plant, into electricity and heat for the buildings.

The Stonewall Sidewalk project awaits the installation of the handrail parts.

Clerk/Treasurer

After Tuesday’s Budget Hearing, the 2016 tax detail was submitted to the County for the Village tax bills to be printed. Deanna anticipates having the tax bills back and also mailed out by late next week.

The first day to circulate nomination papers was December 1st. They must be returned to the Clerk’s office by the end of the business day on January 3rd.

The Presidential Election documents have been delivered to the County for the Wisconsin recount. The Village of Jackson’s portion is scheduled for tomorrow.

Documents were submitted to CVMIC before the December 1st deadline for the grant program. This is a \$5,000 grant program with the Village’s insurance company.

Administrator

The purchase of the former ABC Building on Eagle drive was completed on Thursday. The property will now be made ready for the relocation of the Village of Jackson Street Department and the Village Water Utility.