

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



Police Department

Officer Oswald was involved in a traffic pursuit on December 30th that originated in Jackson but ended when the driver crashed in Slinger. A 38-year-old Milwaukee woman was arrested following the pursuit and charged with multiple crimes after she resisted arrest and spit in the officer's face. Fortunately, no injuries were reported, and she was taken to the jail without incident.

The new year began with a very busy week, including three emergency detentions (mental commitments) within a 24-hour period. These calls stress our resources and require officers to work overtime to handle the transports and medical clearances.

Sergeant Todd Fristed was promoted to Lieutenant on January 1, 2019. Lieutenant Fristed has been a valuable member of the police department for twenty-three years and has served as our K9 handler and Sergeant. He will be ceremonially sworn in at the Village Board meeting on January 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Fire Department

Calls to service remained steady over the holidays. The Jackson Fire Department responded to eighteen EMS-related incidents and nine fire calls, including mutual aid to both Slinger and Richfield. Jackson Engine 1261 and Tender 1291 assisted Richfield Fire Department with suppression of a garage fire. Within the town and Village of Jackson, some other notable fire incidents included carbon monoxide alarms, fire alarms, and cooking-related fires. One of the cooking fires was due to burnt French fries that caused dense smoke inside the residence. Smoke alarms functioned properly and alerted the sleeping tenant to evacuate the building. The JFD arrived finding no fire present. The smoke caused no illness or injuries and was ventilated from the residence with a positive pressure fan.

No Monday night trainings were held over the holiday week so JFD members could enjoy time with family and friends. Upcoming training will include annual CPR re-certifications and the continuation of the new recruit academy.

Production of the new ladder truck is progressing. The cab has been fabricated and the painting process has begun. The Jackson Fire Department Facebook page has been sharing weekly updates from "Reliant Fire Apparatus" posts.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Kelly attended the Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board meeting on Thursday. She also met with John and representatives from SEWRPC to review the revised Land Use Map for the County Comprehensive Plan (and the updates for the Village's plan.)

Reliable Doors in Jackson has been working on installing the replacement doors on the JACC gym.

The second session of Indoor Adult Volleyball Leagues will begin January 9th.

Jackson Youth Soccer Club will be holding camps each Friday throughout the month of January, beginning this Friday at the JACC.

A series of free programs for seniors (sixty and older) will begin next week. The programs are held in partnership with the ADRC and the Older Americans Act.

Jess has added additional open gym time in January on Fridays from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.; although please note there will be no open gym on Saturday, January 26th.

Monte Carlo Night – Staff and Committee Members are busy working on sponsors and donations to ensure a successful 2019 Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, February 2nd. Sponsor Packets can be found online at: jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com.

Building Inspection

Inspections picked up this week after the holiday season.

Interior renovation plans were received and reviewed for Jackson Dental.

Three large projects in the Village are entering into the finishing phase as the substantial construction elements have been completed.

The Building Inspection Department will begin to move into the Eagle Drive facility next week.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility read meters this week with only twelve meters not responding; a significant improvement over previous readings. The 2019 meter changeout program will begin with the 1½ inch meters. The staff has completed the 2018 changeout program. Building maintenance continues with the above average temperatures. There were fifty-six Digger's Hotline locates for the month of December averaging three per day.

The Street & Parks Department crew conducted snow and salting operations over the holidays. The contractor has sawed the concrete floor of the new salt building. The warmer weather will allow the concrete to be sealed and the roof structure to be installed. Ten applications were received for the new Street/Parks Maintenance position. The field has been narrowed to four candidates with the interviews to begin in mid-January.

At the WWTP, the jetter truck is back in service. The plant is running well. A homeowner on Glencoe Lane was having sanitary lateral problems. The video determined the block to be at the property line, so the Utility and homeowner will jointly participate in the repair.

Clerk/Treasurer

Candidacy papers for the Spring Election have been submitted. There will be no need for a February Primary Election. Certificate of Nomination has been filed with Washington County. The Spring Election will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Property tax payments continue to stream in. Please check the Washington County website for payment information and to print a receipt.