

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: January 31, 2020
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

Last week our officers attended Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) refresher training at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The training included instruction from the Washington County District Attorney's Office and a Sheriff's Office Drug Recognition Expert. The intent of the training is to enhance the individual officer's ability to provide the District Attorney's Office with the strongest case possible to keep our roadways safe, and to hold those accountable who put you or your loved ones in jeopardy.

We were invited to visit the Jackson Area Community Center on Tuesday afternoon. We provided a presentation to the Seniors Card Club on current scams and safety issues.

Chief Vossekuil and Lieutenant Fristed attended the West Bend School District's Community Breakfast at the Silver Lining Art Center. We collaborated with school staff and other stakeholders to learn ways to support our students and encourage safe, respectful behavior when in school and when in the community.

The Jackson Police Department challenged the community to a snowman building contest. The winners were selected Friday morning and will be treated to dinner at Culver's with Sergeant Brinks and Officer Gerke. For more information, follow Jackson PD on Facebook.

Fire Department

There were eleven EMS calls this week; there were no fire-related calls. Two of the EMS calls required using medications and our Paramedic skills. The influenza virus has been affecting a number of residents in our area. Remember: washing your hands and using hand sanitizer greatly reduces the spread of germs.

On Monday night, the Jackson Fire Department used Hasmer Lake for Ice Rescue Training. The training scenario involved a victim who fell through the ice. Members of our department "rescued" the victim by donning cold-water suits, entering the water, and connecting a rope system to the victim after which personnel on the shoreline pulled both the victim and rescuer onto solid ice. Practice extreme safety when venturing out onto lakes, ponds, or streams.

The ranch house on the Schmahl property has been prepped for vertical ventilation training on our upcoming Monday night training and live fire training on Saturday (February 8th.) Thank you to everyone involved with making this a successful and valuable training experience.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Monte Carlo Night – The Tenth Annual benefit for the Jackson Parks & Recreation Department is almost here! Held in cooperation with the Friends of the Jackson Parks & Recreation, the event will be held tomorrow (Saturday evening) from 7:00 until 11:00. It is very close to being sold out! We are still looking for volunteers to help tonight from 7:00 – 9:00 with the setup; tomorrow from 6:30 – 11:30 in the kitchen; 10:30 – 12:30 for the cleanup after the event. We are also still looking for a bouncer from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. Please consider helping us out. Thank you.

Twenty-three donors participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, yielding twenty-five pints.

The Washington County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee met Monday to make the final recommendations for the 2020 Plan Revision.

The 4K enrollment period begins Monday for the Jackson Community Center. Register early to secure your site location and time preference.

Building Inspection

Permit and inspection volume remained relatively slow yet steady again this week.

A public nuisance notice was issued against a commercial property on South Center Street requiring the owner, at their option, to repair or raze the structure. The property has a long history of rodent infestation, lack of general maintenance, and overall blight.

Several department staff met with the owner/developers and contractor regarding a proposed development on Alcan Court. It is anticipated that concept plans will be submitted for consideration at the February Plan Commission meeting.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility crew continues with meter changeout and testing program. The third batch of changeout appointment letters is being mailed. US Cellular has completed their antenna upgrade project at the white tower. Painting the welds will be completed when the weather permits. Staff climbed the tower to verify the changes. The Public Service Commission (PSC) reports have been completed for 2019. Paperwork is being finalized with the PSC for a water rate increase of 3% beginning April 1st, following the recommendation of the 2018 rate study to increase the rate of return toward the authorized level.

The Street & Parks Department crew continues with general maintenance on buildings and vehicles. Cold-patching potholes is being taken care of when the crew is not salting or plowing.

At the WWTP: Lateral inspections continue together with the meter changeout program. A leak has been found on a sanitary lateral in Glen Brooke Drive. The repair will be made when asphalt is available to repair the road. The dip discovered in the clarifier tank wall has been repaired. Congratulations to Chad Russ for passing his probationary period to become the Jackson Sewer Utility Supervisor.

Laurel Springs Subdivision Addition #1 construction continues. Storm sewer house laterals are being installed.

Clerk

Monday, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer attended cyber security training at Washington County.

Absentee ballots were mailed Tuesday for the February 18th Spring Primary Election. Ballots will be mailed in response to future written requests until the deadline of Thursday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m. In-person absentee voting begins Monday, February 3rd from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and will continue until Friday, February 14th. Sample ballots have been posted and are also available at the Village Hall.

Absentee voting for the Spring Primary was conducted Wednesday at Jackson Crossings.

Clerk staff and election inspectors attended Badger Book training at the Waukesha County Courthouse on Thursday.

Treasurer

RFPs were sent out today for the Village's 2020-2024 banking contract. They are due back at the end of February.

First installments for Real Estate taxes and full payment of Personal Property taxes were due today. The February settlement will be done with the county and taxing jurisdictions next week.

Work continues on the update of the Village Directory.

Don't forget to register for the March 4th On-Site Health Screening for employees and spouses on the Village's health insurance plan. Register at: <https://www.wellwisconsin-staywell.com/>.

Administrator

The Police Chief and Village Administrator met with Congressman Sensenbrenner and Representative Gundrum during the Congressman's scheduled office hours this morning at the Village Hall.