

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



Police Department

In an effort to provide transparency, we are going to be providing a monthly activity report via email to our elected/appointed officials. Similar to the “Notable Incidents” report that retired Chief Dolnick provided, we will share the noteworthy calls for service that we handled, with a brief description of the events. The activity report will also be shared via our Facebook page and our website at www.jacksonpolice.org

Officer Gerke attended a training session on community policing sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Policing.

Fire Department

There were seventeen medical and six fire calls this week including two motor vehicle accidents, two calls for carbon monoxide, a water flow alarm, and a minor chimney fire. Icy conditions caused a number of drivers to lose control on roadways, landing them in the ditch, but only two were injured in the Jackson area. A number of furnace issues resulted from the cold weather; one causing high levels of carbon monoxide in the home which activated the alarm.

Training was canceled due to the weather. Preparations are being made for the next semester. Eight members will be attending officer school, due to changes in the state requirements to be an officer. One member is enrolled in Motor Pump Operator schooling and one in the Firefighter I course.

Please help keep fire hydrants near your homes and businesses clear of snow.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The snow and cold weather caused the postponement or cancellation of numerous activities this week. The Jackson Community Center follows the West Bend School District in its closing procedures. Kelly and Renee have continued to be busy working on preparations for the Monte Carlo Event. Although a bit behind, we’ll still be ready for an awesome event Saturday evening!

Jess has been out on medical leave most of the month, but thankfully has been cleared to return Monday. We have really missed her and it’s been difficult being down one person, especially with our biggest fundraising event coming up tomorrow (Saturday.)

MONTE CARLO NIGHT: It’s going to be a beautiful evening and we still have tickets available. Come on out for a great time and a fantastic mashed potato bar! **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED**: We could still use four more people to help in the kitchen or with the raffle and auction. If you are willing to help, please email Kelly at: kvalentino@villageofjackson.com or give her a call at: 262-677-9665 x103. Thank you in advance.

Remember: Family Movie Night at the JACC – 7:00, Friday, February 8th, featuring “Incredibles 2”.

Building Inspection

Due to the extreme weather most of the week, no inspections were conducted as most trades were off.

Sign violation letters went out to two property owners on Main Street.

Code violation letters were sent to two residential property owners for failure to obtain building permits.

Final inspection requests are anticipated for two large industrial projects sometime next week.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility crew is checking buildings more frequently due to the cold weather. The crew helped with the snow removal process. They continue the meter testing and changeouts. Only two water service freeze-ups have been reported so far; one stemming from an open garage service door, and one caused by limited wall insulation. Hydrants in the snow piles were cleared this week.

The Street & Parks Department snow operation went satisfactorily. Some mailbox damage calls have been received. The newest plow truck is scheduled to be transported to Burke Truck on Monday for maintenance and resolution of the electrical issues with the salter. Three of the other plow trucks had minor issues but survived the plowing operation. All equipment is being readied for the next storm. The snow remaining on Main Street (STH 60) will be monitored next week to determine if removal is warranted. Property owners are reminded to remove the snow from the public sidewalks; and it is illegal to plow or deposit snow into or across a Village street.

We welcome Kurt Rathke to the team as the new Public Works Maintenance person. The Village has accepted the resignation of William Waech. We thank Mr. Waech of his fifteen years of service. He had suffered a serious ankle injury in fall while playing soccer, and has been working hard at rehab to return to 100%, although he has decided to pursue other opportunities where the duties are less physical in nature. We are reviewing the list of candidates in the process of filling another position.

At the WWTP, the septage receiving screen needed to be heated this week in order to keep functioning. The methane waste burner and the flame arrestors on the top of the digester tanks froze this week. After three days of thawing with heat tape, the equipment is back in working order.

Clerk/Treasurer

Final property tax payments received by mail are being processed. Any future payments are to be paid to the Washington County Treasurer.

Preparation for the 2018 Audit continues.

Paula filed form WT-7 Annual Reconciliation with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Administrator

Along with the snow and exceptional cold this week came a flurry of phone calls regarding garbage and recycling pickup (or lack thereof.) Garbage and Recycling collections will not be made anymore this week. Garbage collection will resume next week and Recycling collection will resume the next week (the week of February 11th) – to allow the return to the normal Tuesday – Wednesday schedule.