

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: February 7, 2020
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

A vehicle was reported as stolen on Tuesday morning. When officers located the suspect, they took her into custody for a parole violation. During the search, suspected methamphetamine and a prescription medication that she did not have a prescription for were found in her wallet. The adult woman was taken to the Washington County Jail and charges are pending.

We provided a safety talk to the 3K and 4K students at Living Word Childcare Center.

Officer Gerke attended the “Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Policing” annual conference last week. She gained insight into what other police departments are doing to further their community policing efforts. We are excited to announce that we are planning our first “Coffee with a Cop” event this Spring at Coffeerville. Watch for more details soon.

Work continues on our Core Standards Accreditation, our hiring process, and on pre-construction meetings for the new police department.

Yesterday (February 6) at 2:28 p.m., the Jackson Police Department received a report of a stolen vehicle traveling southbound on USH 45. The driver, a 22-year-old West Bend man had a warrant for his arrest. A Jackson police officer observed the vehicle approaching STH 60 in the Village. The suspect vehicle exited at the off-ramp to STH 60 at a high rate of speed and crashed into a guardrail on the off-ramp. The driver sustained serious injuries as a result of the crash. He was transported by the Jackson Fire Department to Froedtert West Bend and was subsequently flown by Flight for Life to Froedtert Milwaukee. The Jackson Police Department was assisted at the scene by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and the Jackson Fire Department. The Washington County Sheriff’s Office Accident Reconstruction Team was requested to respond to the scene and reconstruct the crash.

Fire Department

There were twenty-one medical and three fire calls this week, including investigation of a gas smell (with no hazard to the residents;) response to Allenton with the ladder truck for a corn dryer on fire; and response to a car crash on the USH45 off-ramp at STH 60.

This week’s training featured vertical ventilation on the ranch house on the former Schmahl farm. Preparations were also made for the final burn scheduled for Saturday.

The new radios have arrived and are being installed in the trucks. Communications within buildings should drastically improve. Communication is a priority for the safety of our firefighters inside a burning building. It is also important for all parties to be able to clearly communicate while on an active EMS call.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Thank you to BMO Harris Bank for continuing its corporate sponsorship of Monte Carlo Night, and to the many other great business and individual sponsors and donors. The event was our largest ever. Ticket sales and attendance doubled, with 254 tickets (of which only a dozen were sponsor tickets.) A total of 232 passed through the doors! Kudos to our volunteers and staff who did an amazing job to make the night entertaining for our patrons! Mark your calendar for next year’s event – Saturday, February 6, 2021.

South Eastern Park & Recreation Council (SEPRC) will be hosting a “Park and Facilities Tour” featuring communities in Washington County including Jackson, West Bend, Slinger, Hartford, Germantown, and Washington County on September 23, 2020. Jessica Loomans is Chair-Elect for SEPRC and will be working on the tour for Jackson.

Thursday was Lauren Dohman's final day with the Park & Rec. She began four years ago as our first 4K teacher. We wish her all the best on her new adventure in Ohio. She will be greatly missed!

The WPRA Leadership Academy was held Wednesday through Friday at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Jessica attended year one of the two-year academy.

We are excited to have over 200 responses to our online Parks & Recreation survey! If you have not yet completed it, you can find the link on our website at: jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com. It's only ten questions taking only a couple minutes to complete. Your answers will help to guide our future planning and prioritizing. Thanks for the input!

Family Movie Night is tonight at 7:00 at the JCC featuring "Toy Story 4" (Yes, we have the proper license to show it). Bring your camp chairs, pillows, and blankets and we'll have lots of concession treats.

Building Inspection

Inspection volume picked up this week while permit volume continued to be slow. General housekeeping projects continue as time permits.

Staff met with the Washington County Land Resources Manager on Monday to review the proposed floodplain mapping changes affecting the Village. There are some significant changes to the Village floodplain maps that are likely to affect existing developed areas as well as certain areas with pending development areas impacted by Cedar Creek. The project is now in the 90-day public comment phase which will end on or about April 9th. Staff will continue to provide updates as the process continues.

Staff attended the annual organizational meeting of the Southeast Wisconsin Electrical Inspectors Association on Wednesday.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility completed the annual Cross-Connection Inspection Report and sent it to the DNR for review. The 2020 first quarter sewer and water bills were due February 5th, with 797 unpaid bills incurring additional late fee charges. Another fifty-one customers have signed up for easy direct withdrawals, with over 600 customers now enrolled. Four frozen water meters were discovered this week: three on Georgetown Drive and one on Main Street.

The Street & Parks Department crew began tree trimming in the street right of way in the northeast part of the Village, east of the railroad tracks and north of STH 60. The detour has been set up for the Saturday, February 8th fire training at the new Municipal Complex site. The 2003 5-yard patrol truck is having hydraulic problems with the plow and salter; and a fuel tank problem is being investigated on the Bobcat.

At the WWTP: Lateral inspections continue together with water meter changeouts. The SCADA System is receiving special attention this week by the contractor who installed the programs.

The Traffic Impact Analysis began this week for the TID #7 area.

Clerk

Updates and testing were completed this week on the Badger Books (electronic poll books.)

Preparations continue for the February 18th Spring Primary. Voter registration and in-person absentee voting is available at the Village Hall until Friday, February 14th.

Treasurer

The February tax settlement was sent to the Washington County Treasurer on Wednesday. Payments to taxing jurisdictions are due to them by February 20th. Washington County will now be responsible for all remaining real estate tax collections. Personal Property tax payments will still be paid to the Village.

Don't forget to register for the March 4th On-Site Health Screening for Village employees and their spouses. Register at wellwisconsin.staywell.com. Ten of thirty slots are currently filled.