

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



Police Department

Officers Brinks, Gerke, and Lieutenant Fristed had lunch with the K-4th graders at Jackson Elementary School on Monday as part of our “Lunch with the Law” program. The participants of Lunch with the Law get chosen by random drawing of “JJ” (Jackson Jaguar) tickets that every student can earn by behaving well and being an overall good citizen. This month’s winners were: Harry, Paige, Samantha, Kellen, Laura, Aaron, Kate, Haleigh, Cora, Jalen, Decker, Eva, and Zachary.

The Jackson Police Department has joined the Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. By joining this state-wide task force we’ve agreed to follow best practices when investigating internet crimes against children and to work cooperatively with other law enforcement agencies across the country. We are also eligible for grant assistance for ICAC-related training and expenditures.

We conducted a test of our 911 call notification system with the West Bend School District. Each of the squad car phones, as well as JPD administrative phones were programmed to be notified if a 911 call is made from Jackson Elementary School – an additional level of safety. The testing went well.

Jackson has been ranked the 6th Safest Community in Wisconsin according to the fifth annual SafeWise Safest Cities report. Wisconsin has relatively low rates of violent and property crimes, both below the national averages of 4.49 incidents per 1,000 people for violent crime and 27.11 for property crime. Jackson was ranked as having .14 and 10.49 respectively. Slinger was ranked 8th. We strive to make Jackson the safest place to live and to work and we could not do it without the strong community support that we receive. We thank the community for making us and the Village as great as it is. Thank you!

The severe weather spotter course held at the Jackson Area Community Center was well attended. Our thanks to the National Weather Service Milwaukee/Sullivan Office for the quality presentation.

Fire Department

There were twenty medical and five fire calls over the last two weeks, including a carbon monoxide detection in the Town of Jackson, motor vehicle crashes on Sherman Road at USH 45 and on Main Street at Jackson Drive, a false alarm, and a broken sprinkler head at a building on Stonewall Drive.

Fire Officer I class is now complete, with five members successfully passing the practical exam. They await their written test results. Training involved recruit instruction. All new hires from last year have completed their training. Some will begin EMT school while others will begin their Firefighter I instruction. We are beginning a new hiring process for this year. Please notify us if you or someone you know might be a great candidate for the Jackson Fire Department,

Monday, we participated in a flag raising ceremony at St. Joseph’s Hospital to honor organ donors around the country, state, and particularly Washington County. We met a family that received an organ that saved his life. Also, Wednesday an estimated 160 people attended the two sessions of the NOAA 2019 Weather Safety and Spotter Training session at the Jackson Community Center.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Jackson Festivals, Inc. Committee would like to sincerely thank John and Marian Kruepke for agreeing to again sponsor the Action in Jackson Fireworks Show on Saturday June 8th! Wolverine Fireworks will again provide the pyrotechnics for the great evening event! Thank you again John and Marian!

The Park & Rec Youth Dance program spring session began Wednesday. They will begin practicing for their performance at the Action in Jackson event on Saturday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m. Come out and enjoy the show while enjoying a Pancake Breakfast provided by the Moonlighters Snowmobile Club!

Jackson Area Youth Baseball Association held its Coaches' meetings at the JACC on Thursday evening. State Representative Rick Gundrum was at the JACC on Thursday to have lunch and talk with the seniors during the Senior Meal Program. The WPRFA Foundation Board of Directors also held its quarterly meeting on Thursday morning. Visit Washington County (CVB) held its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Thursday morning at the Village Hall.

Saturday morning will be the first day of Spring Soccer for the kids. We hope for some sunshine!

Kelly and Brian will be meeting Monday with Ericka from Northland Recreation and Rick from TP Concrete to get the Hickory Lane Inclusive Playground project back on track. We hope for cooperative spring weather so we can complete the project in a timely manner.

Building Inspection

Inspections are being handled for Collin while he is out of the office this week.

Public Works

At the Jackson Water Utility: All system water meters were read this week. There were only fourteen problems out of a total of 3,384 accounts: four defective radios, three defective meters; six accounts were unable to be read due to communication errors, and a siding contractor had disconnected a radio at an account in the town of Jackson. The hydrant at CTH P and Apple Lane has now been repaired and is back in service. The crew turned on the water at the RV Park at Washington County Fair Park, and surprisingly encountered no leaks. There were fifty Digger's Hotline locates for the month of March averaging 2.3 per day. For first of week in April, there have already been forty-eight locates. Contractors are getting busy.

The Street & Parks Department crew worked on the new salt building installing the roof frame on top of the concrete structure. Once frame work adjustments are made, the tarp roof cover will be installed. We have until the end of April to receive the rest of our allocated salt. The crew continued removing dead or dying Ash trees in the parkways throughout the Village. Cold patching continues. Jackson Park buildings are getting some necessary maintenance. The kitchen building is getting new milk board installed on the ceiling, and Shelter #3 will have the loose paint pressured washed and possibly painted, as well as the facia and siding on the gable ends of the bathroom building. CPR staff training has been scheduled with the Jackson Fire Department next Tuesday. A "work zone safety" meeting has been scheduled with CVMIC for April 11th. The catch basin repair may begin next week along with the concrete for the new playground equipment. Street sweeping is scheduled for the next couple of weeks.

At the WWTP: Lateral inspections continued this week. The drying beds have been cleaned out to start decanting the blue tank prior to hauling. The crew televised a culvert that had sunk along CTH P, for the Washington County Highway Department. There was no hole in the pipe. Staff met with the Washington County Land and Water Conservation Division regarding the stormwater management and education outreach requirement. The Jackson Sewer Utility is hosting the Cedar Creek Farmers Group on April 16th to discuss a joint effort in education outreach for farming and stormwater management.

A meeting has been set for Tuesday with WisDOT to review the plans for the STH 60 Shared Use Path Project from Coffeerville to Eagle Drive.

Clerk & Treasurer

The voter turnout for Tuesday's Spring Election was 46% with a total of 2,044 ballots cast, including 375 absentee ballots and fifty-five Election Day registrations. Thank you to all Election Inspectors and Village Staff who worked tirelessly to make sure the election ran smoothly. The Municipal Board of Canvassers will meet on Monday at 8:30 a.m. to canvas the local races.

Open Book will be held Monday, April 22, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The notice has been posted and published. The 2019 Preliminary Assessment Roll is available for viewing at the Village Hall.

Paula is working on letters for delinquent personal property tax payments and recycling charges.