

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: May 11, 2018
Subject: Weekly Update



Police Department

Reminder: the annual law enforcement memorial ceremony is next Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the County Fair Park Pavilion building. The Village of Jackson is this year's host community.

Fire Department

There were fourteen medical and eight fire calls this week, including two motor vehicle accidents: a rear-end collision on USH 45 with one injured; and a three vehicle accident on Sherman Road and South Jackson Drive – a truck with a trailer was struck, sending a four-wheeler airborne and landing on a passing vehicle. The JFD also assisted Richfield fire Department with a structure fire last Friday.

On Monday the chief was part of the Trauma Level III recertification at St. Joseph's Hospital. The auditors present were very pleased. The hospital should report within six weeks if it will repeat the course.

Monday night the newer members were trained in extrication. The new officers had command training. A guest speaker from St. Joseph's Hospital made a presentation on potential dangers associated with MRI machines. Clothing and equipment containing any metals (e.g. cots, oxygen cylinders, and other fire fighter tools) can become projectiles if not removed from the inside of the machine before it is activated.

The ladder truck was repaired this week, all annual pump testing and maintenance were completed, and the operational plan was recertified with the State of Wisconsin.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Thanks to all who made the 16th Annual Scotty Schoen Kids Fish Derby a huge success! This was the first year, in sixteen, that we had beautiful weather. Thanks to Jackson Auto and JCL & Sons for continuing to sponsor this event, Scout Troop #765 for helping out each year, and the Wisconsin DNR. Thanks also to Sara Mittelsteadt and Jeff from Jackson Crossing for each providing some of the prizes, Rick Kaisler for taking photos, Paul Purgett for being our on-site EMT, and Mr. Ray and Jennifer Wolf for helping measure the fish. There were 116 kids participating, and close to 300 total in attendance at the event.

The Spring/Summer Activity Guide has been mailed to the Village residents; Monday it will be sent out to town residents. Online registration is open at: jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Action in Jackson is looking for event volunteers for June 8 and 9 to help in the kitchen, with the wood carving auction, and with the fireworks (not the actual show; we have professionals for that.) Contact Scott at: horizondesign@charter.net.

The Jackson Beer Garden is looking for event volunteers for each night, June 13 – 17 (from 3:30 – 9:30 in the evening). Contact Jess at: parkrec@villageofjackson.com.

Sunday is the deadline to register to have your residence placed on the map for the Jackson Rummage Sale to be held Saturday, May 19th. Sign up at the East Side Mart or the JACC.

The 4K Directors meeting was held Wednesday to finalize the 2017-2018 school year and get things in order for the 2018-2019 school year. The 4k graduation will be held Thursday, May 24th, at the Hickory Lane Park Pavilion. There will be two ceremonies, one for the morning class and one for the afternoon class. The JACC will host a 4K staff appreciation breakfast on Tuesday, May 29th.

The "Friends" are working hard to raise the last \$50,000 to begin developing the Inclusive Playground. This could provide recognition, awareness, and advertising for your business at a busy park visited by residents of many area communities, for the next twenty years! Please consider helping us hit that last \$50,000.

At its regular May meeting, the Village Board recognized Jessica Loomans, Operations Manager for the Jackson Parks & Recreation Department, with a Resolution of Congratulations and Acknowledgment for passing the national exam designating her as "Certified Parks & Recreation Professional." Great Job Jess!

Building Inspection

Inspection requests have been very busy this week.

Two properties (a single family and a duplex) located on Main Street were inspected. A Raze Order had been issued by the Village 26 years ago to demolish both residences, but had not been carried out. It was discovered when the properties were recently put up for sale. The title search document revealed the order, initiating a contact with the inspector by the potential buyer. A walk-thru was completed, revealing that work had been completed on two of the three units. One unit will be restricted from occupancy until it is remodeled and is able to be occupied. The Village will need to rescind the 1992 recorded raze order.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility completed flushing the mud valves on the water towers. The project to lower the water main prior to the reconstruction of CTH P has been completed and the system is back in service. The existing hydrants will now be relocated and adjusted to the proper height. The water main to the Washington Fair Park and St Joseph's Hospital has been flushed. The water to the RV Park on the fairgrounds has been turned off due to leaks being discovered in five of the yard hydrants.

The Police Department contacted the Water Department Thursday night to shut off the water to a house that was reported to have a broken water pipe. Around 11:30 Sunday morning the hose bibb on the exterior of the house was apparently hit by a lawn mower operator. The homeowners were on vacation, and the people checking on the house heard water running. Meter data shows 75,000 gallons had flowed through the break during the period from Sunday to Thursday, at a rate of thirteen gallons per minute.

The contract with Water Tower Clean and Coat has been signed for the exterior cleaning of the white water tower, and the interior cleaning and inspection of the blue tower. The cost is \$2,000 less than three years ago, as this time the bid includes the cleaning and inspection of the other tower.

At the Street & Parks Department, curbside pickup of bags and brush chipping continues. The chipper required new blades, so chipping was only done on Thursday this week. It will resume next week after yard waste bags are collected for the week. Mowing has begun. The crew had a monthly safety meeting on Friday by CVMIC staff. The splash pad in Hickory Park is being readied for the upcoming season.

At the WWTP: the gravity thickener has now been repaired and the final adjustments have been completed. The plant is experiencing high flows this week due to the rain. The SCADA system is being adjusted to adapt to all operations and situations occurring at the plant. The Jackson Sewer Utility helped a sewer contractor cleanout a sanitary lateral being installed in English Oaks Subdivision. The time and equipment used will be invoiced to the contractor.

Preliminary assessments for the Ridgeway Drive reconstruction project and the final paving project are being finalized and mailed to property owners.

Due to the rain and the utility contractors already behind in moving their utilities along CTH P for the County's CTH P reconstruction project, the start date has been moved back to May 29th.

Clerk/Treasurer

A new pet licensing program from the County was installed this week. It will dovetail with the new tax receipt program that is forthcoming. Paula and Carla are entering all of the existing data into the program, which will replace the J. Mauel program currently being used. More information will follow.

Administrator

Congratulations to Jessica Loomans for earning the designation of distinction as "Certified Parks & Recreation Professional." That's a great accomplishment!

The Wisconsin DNR Remediation & Redevelopment Program held a valuable Brownfields Conference for Local Government Thursday in Stevens Point. Christian Tscheschlok of EDWC and Dave Holmes of Stantec Consulting Services provided an excellent presentation of Washington County's Collaborative Site Assessment Initiative and how the coalition of communities, of which the Village is a partner, obtained EPA funding for brownfield assessment work and proactively created an impressive county-wide site redevelopment program.