

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: May 29, 2020
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

This week our Field Training Officers and Command Staff interviewed eleven applicants for the open patrol officer position. Dates are being selected for Police and Fire Commission interviews in June for those selected to move forward in the process.

We have received several complaints of speeding vehicles in various areas around the Village. We are increasing our patrols as time permits and will strategically place the radar trailer when it's available to us. With traffic volume increasing around the Village, please slow down and pay attention to the posted speed limits. If you would like to request extra patrol in a particular area, please call Chief Vossekui at 262-677-4949 or email chief@jacksonpolice.org.

On May 18, at 8:32 a.m., we arrested an adult male for a probation warrant issued by the Department of Corrections. The suspect was argumentative and coughed in the officer's face while the officer fastened his seatbelt. He was transported to the county jail without incident.

On May 20, officers responded to a 911 call for a one-year-old child that had been left unattended while taking a bath and was found submerged and unconscious in the water. Fortunately, the child regained consciousness prior to EMS arrival. The child was transported by the Jackson Fire Department to Froedtert West Bend and then to Children's Wisconsin - Milwaukee Hospital. The matter is under investigation.

On May 23, at 9:52 p.m., officers responded to a report of a 28-year-old male that was not breathing. Upon arrival at the scene, the officers observed signs of a drug-overdose, administered three doses of Narcan, an opiate antidote, which revived the victim, who was then transported to Froedtert West Bend by the Jackson Fire Department. Criminal charges are pending.

On May 28, officers responded to a hit and run crash at the Piggly Wiggly. The driver of a Dodge Caravan was captured on video striking a parked vehicle causing moderate damage. The driver then fled the scene. Photos of the suspect vehicle were posted to our Facebook page. With the assistance of a local resident who enhanced the photos for us, we were able to identify the suspect and a citation was issued for hit and run.

Officer Ronald J. Laabs will retire on Friday, June 5th from the Village of Jackson Police Department after twenty-seven years of service. His record of service to others began at an early age while serving five years as a security specialist with the United States Air Force. He previously served as a constable for the Village of Richfield, the Town of West Bend Police Department, a part-time deputy for the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and a twenty-year career with the Richfield Volunteer Fire Company. He joined the Jackson Police Department on May 3, 1993. He has served in a variety of roles within the Police Department including: Bike Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Taser Instructor, and Tactics Instructor. Officer Laabs received the Jackson Police Department's second-highest award, the "Award of Valor" for his actions on the morning of October 6, 2013, while responding to a report of an armed robbery in progress at Culver's. Upon arrival he, along with two Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies, confronted the suspect who was violently attacking a Culver's employee. The suspect pointed a shotgun at the officers and

Officer Laabs and the deputies were forced to shoot the man, stopping the threat. If you have attended Jackson Elementary School within the past ten years, you likely met Officer Laabs as he assisted the crossing guards assuring safe passage across Main Street before school. He enjoyed greeting the children and wishing them a great day at school. We thank Officer Laabs for his twenty-seven years of service to the Village of Jackson and wish him and his family all the best on his well-deserved retirement. Well-done Ron!

Fire Department

There were twenty medical and two fire calls this week, including a car fire on I-41 near Pioneer Road. Flames were extinguished and the vehicle was removed from the site. The other call was for mutual aid at a house fire in Richfield which began in a crawl space and was contained to the area.

Eleven liquor license inspections remain to be completed. They will take place at the end of June or early July. Second-half inspections will resume in late July.

Retiring Fire Marshal Chuck Ruetten was escorted out of the Village last Friday afternoon by the Jackson Police Department and all Jackson Fire Department vehicles, after a twenty-one-year tenure with the JFD.

Anthony Ewing began his tenure with the Jackson Fire Department this week, coming from Grafton. With ten years of service in various departments, Tony brings a high level of fire and EMS education to the JFD as a critical care paramedic. He has some experience in fire inspections which will help during the transition from our retiring Fire Marshal.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The Summer Activity Guide is now available online at: jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com. If you are unable to view the online Guide, call 262-677-9665 and we will get you a printed copy. Due to ever-changing restrictions associated with COVID-19, the online Guide will be revised as warranted. The cover will show the most recent date of revision. Note that due to COVID-19, many programs have limited numbers of participants; so, register early.

The Community Center will reopen Monday (June 1st) for registration, ticket sales, and for those already registered in a program. Check our website for instructions on how to register for a program and make Fitness Center, Pickleball, and Open Walking Club reservations (which are now required.)

The Boys & Girls Club will also reopen Monday following the firm restrictions required by the Wisconsin Department of Child and Family Services (DCF.)

Thanks to our staff for completing the painting, deep cleaning, and sanitizing throughout the building as we move forward.

The fifth “soft touch” mailing was sent to the JCC Senior Citizen patrons containing activities, recipes and other things to brighten their day.

The WBSD distributed 234 breakfast/lunch packages on Tuesday. Monday (June 1st) will be the final day of distribution in the Village of Jackson (from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Cheese was distributed by the Hunger Task Force on Thursday.

The 4K Teacher annual review and goal setting meeting was completed today.

The Splash Pad opened today. Patrons are reminded to follow the posted social distancing and capacity guidelines.

Virtual Lineup for Week #10 (week of May 25th) included Memorial Day Activities for Kids on Monday, Silver Sneakers Videos on Tuesday, USA Hockey on Wednesday, Mini Pancake Muffins on Thursday, and Summer Fun List today.

Building Inspection

Permit volume declined in the latter part of the week after three weeks of high volume that included issuance of 135 permits.

Inspection volume was heavy this week with several large inspections completed.

Partial occupancy was granted for the warehouse portion of the new OnDemand Transportation building on Alcan Court. Curb, gutter, and approach work will be completed today.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility continues the valve exercising, hydrant maintenance, and meter changeout programs (with apartment buildings next on the changeout list.) The Utility is helping the Sewer Utility repair sanitary sewer laterals in Glen Brooke Drive. The Splash Pad's feature pump motor has been repaired and the Hickory Lane Park Splash Pad is now open to the public daily until Labor Day.

The Street & Parks Department crew continues cleaning and sanitizing buildings, parks, and playgrounds. The last weekly collection of curbside bags and brush for the spring has ended; moving to the third Monday of each month until fall (next pickup is June 15th.) The new Yard Waste Site access cards are now being issued to Village residents. Call 262-677-0707 for information on how to secure an access card. A wood mulch pile is located outside of the fence for residents to take. Phase 3 of street tree planting is scheduled for next week. The concrete slab at Shelter #2 in Jackson Park has been scheduled to be poured next week.

At the WWTP: The leaking sanitary sewer laterals discovered on Glen Brooke Drive during televising are being repaired . . .more next week. Nice weather has allowed an additional 200,000 gallons of sludge to be hauled from the blue storage tank. It will be completely emptied in Fall.

Earth work continues at the new Jackson Municipal Complex. The pond is being dug and the remaining site is being prepared for installation of geogrid. The DNR has approved the last floodplain modeling; we now await FEMA approval. Final approvals to allow beginning the Spruce Street and Ridgeway Drive extension project are imminent.

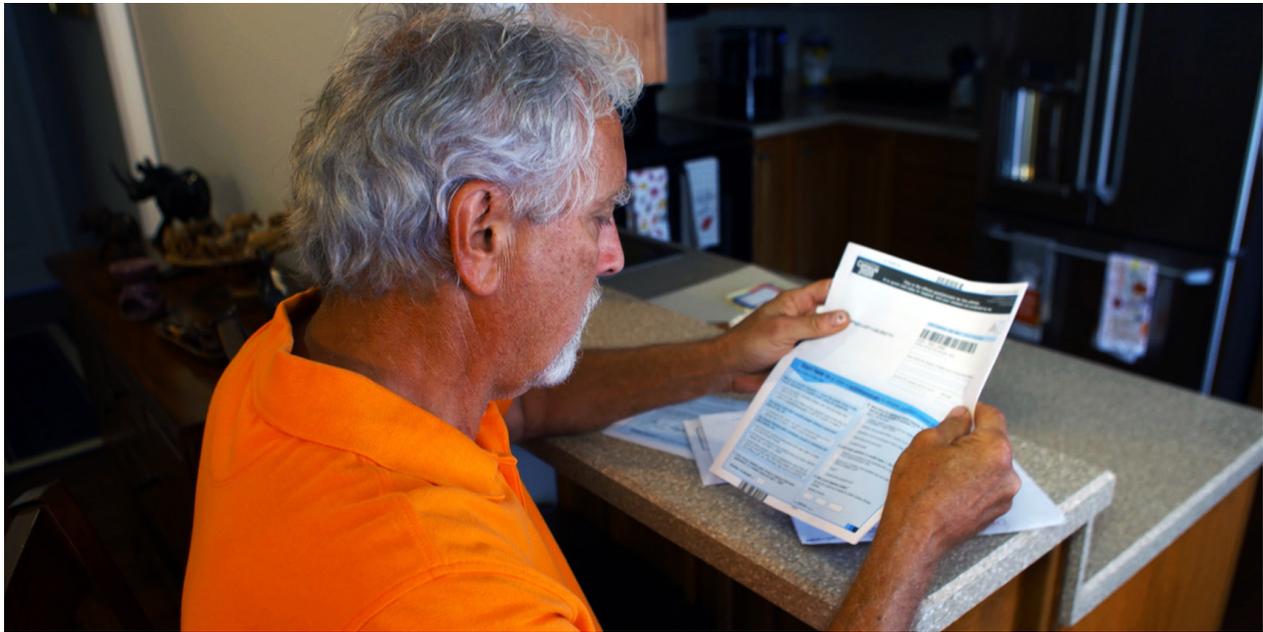
Clerk

Steady and routine.

Treasurer

A \$200 million local government grant was announced this week as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, designed to aid local governments with unbudgeted expenditures between March 1st and October 31st, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Village has been allocated up to \$116,843 toward these expenditures.

Also announced this week through the CARES Act was a sub-grant to municipalities to help with the increased cost of conducting elections due to COVID-19. Municipalities will receive a base amount of \$200, plus an additional \$1.10 per registered voter in the municipality as of June 1, 2020.



Respond When You Receive Your 2020 Census Invitation

If your area hasn't received census materials yet, we will deliver them soon. Please respond when you receive yours.

Why haven't I received a census invitation yet?

Census workers drop off census materials to some communities that don't generally receive mail at their home using a city-style address like "101 Main Street." COVID-19 delayed delivery to some communities.

What areas are affected?

Census workers will deliver census materials soon to areas that:

- Have homes without city-style addresses.

- Have city-style addresses for emergency services, but they are not used for mail.
- Receive mail at PO Boxes.
- Have had homes or mail delivery significantly affected by major disasters (for example, parts of California affected by recent wildfires).
- Have high concentrations of seasonally vacant housing.
- Have a mixture of the above examples.

Can I respond now?

Please wait to respond until you receive your census materials.

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For more information:
[2020CENSUS.GOV](https://www.2020census.gov)
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In your area, the best way to respond is with the unique Census ID we provide. When you receive your materials, you can choose to:

- Complete and mail back the enclosed paper questionnaire.
- Call to respond using your Census ID.
- Respond online using your Census ID.

What if I've already responded?

We're working to match the address you provided to our address list, but we may need to visit you later.

If we can't match your address, census takers may visit to verify the address you provided and may visit to collect your responses in person. We want to ensure we count everyone.

Will I have time to respond before the census ends?

We've extended the deadline to respond. Census workers will drop off census materials soon, and you'll have plenty of time to respond with your Census ID.

If you don't respond when you receive your Census ID, a census taker will visit later to collect your responses in person.

Why can't you mail me the census information?

The census counts people where they live. Many households in your area don't receive mail at their home's physical location.

To make sure we reach everyone, census workers will:

- Canvass the area for places people might live.

- Use a laptop to update our address list.
- Link a census questionnaire to your home's physical location and leave it at your front door.

Why can't I respond now without my Census ID?

Responding with your Census ID ensures you are counted in the right place.

For 95 percent of the country, we can link responses to the right place by using a mailing address. This doesn't work in some communities. For example:

- If the post office delivers your mail to a PO Box, we can't count you at the post office or follow up with you there if you don't respond.
- Rural route addresses (e.g., RR5, Box 9) may represent a mailbox along a roadside, not necessarily your home's location, making it harder to count you in the right place.

How can I track my community's response?

View our interactive 2020 Census Response Rate map at <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>.

When will you drop off the materials?

The Census Bureau is resuming dropping off materials on a phased schedule across the country. This effort does not require interaction with households, and census workers will follow the most current federal, state, and local guidance.

Find the latest updates at <https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html>.

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