

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



Police Department

With much of our scheduled training being canceled this year, we have been receiving most of our mandatory training electronically. Staff attended the first in a four-part webinar series from the Department of Justice (DOJ) related to officer-involved shootings. We received an overview of the crime scene processing capabilities of the DOJ.

Staff attended a presentation from a vendor of license plate recognition cameras at Grafton PD. The cameras capture license plate and vehicle images and store them on a cloud-based server. The data is useful to law enforcement agencies when investigating numerous types of crimes. We will continue to review the quotes and options to determine if this system would be beneficial to the Village.

Early Sunday morning, officers responded to a report of a bar fight at a local establishment involving several people, two reporting substantial injuries. A female adult received medical attention for a broken nose and a chipped tooth and an adult man for a chipped tooth, large laceration on his face, and a concussion. The matter is under investigation.

We are investigating a report of a gunshot through a television set which occurred at 1:00 a.m. Thursday. A resident reported that her ex-boyfriend was sleeping on her couch. He woke up and fired a shotgun round through her television. No injuries were reported. The suspect reported that he had been drinking alcohol and must have woken up in a semi-conscious state and shot at the TV.

Officer Kyle Henning has resigned from the Jackson Police Department after twelve years of dedicated service. Officer Henning received the Award of Valor in 2016 for his response to an armed suspect. He also received a lifesaving award in 2018 for his actions in rescuing a child at risk of drowning, was named the American Legion Post 486 Police Officer of the year in 2018 and received a citation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We wish Officer Henning the best in the future and thank him for his service to the Village of Jackson.

Fire Department

There were thirteen medical and six fire calls this week, including a car fire on USH 45 on Friday that was extinguished and the car towed to a safe location; assistance to Richfield to extinguish a structure fire which started in the basement; and an alarm at Cousin's, which was apparently triggered while the cooking equipment was being cleaned. We also responded to Germantown for a structure fire in a single-family home; a two-car accident on CTH G and Pleasant Valley Road with one person taken to the hospital; and a report of a gas smell in the vicinity of CTH NN and Country Aire Drive. Thursday morning, we responded to a three-car accident.

Fire inspections resumed this week and including structures on Main Street and in town of Jackson. Fire extinguisher training was provided to Wisconsin Pharmacal. The JFD can provide safety training for area businesses for \$50 per session. We require smaller groups which accommodate social distancing.

The steering box on the main fire engine failed; repairs will be made today. The twenty-year-old administration vehicle will be retired. The approved replacement will be ordered soon.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The third quarter Washington County ADRC report was submitted this week.

COVID struck our early childhood program this week. The 3k has been isolated and will reopen on Thursday, October 22nd. Fortunately, with the way we are structuring, programs are in small "cohorts" which makes it much easier to investigate and isolate as needed.

Northwoods Disinfectant Sprayers for the classrooms were delivered Monday reducing the electrostatic gun usage. One is being used at Village Hall to sanitize voting booths for in-person absentee voting.

Hunger Task Force – Stockbox was held Wednesday. Seniors may apply for the monthly program. If interested, contact Renee to see if you qualify 262-677-9665 x104.

Jessica working with many rental groups this week on COVID policies, also bringing in a few waiting list groups to fill-in where we have had cancellations. The rental process has been like a dog chasing its tail these days.

Thursday Jessica attended the virtual CVMIC Rec Roundtable. Interesting information regarding bleacher inspections and, of course, COVID.

Flag Football games finished Thursday night. Thanks to our volunteer coaches, referees, and staff for making this season successful despite the health challenges. Thanks to Culver's, Dairy Queen, McDonalds and Texas Roadhouse for sponsoring this year's league.

Pros 4 Technology added a Wi-Fi access point and a router in the gym; plus, some AV work in the Gathering Hall.

Thanks in advance to the DPW for doing some touchup painting for the JACC.

Don't forget to register at: jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com for the Halloween House Decorating Contest.

Building Inspection

Permit volume was relatively steady this week. Inspection volume declined slightly. Plans and permits were submitted and issued for a seventh new home in the Laurel Springs Subdivision Addition No. 1.

Construction has begun on a new single-family home on Renee Way. A demolition/raze permit was issued for the fire damaged four-family building on Georgetown Drive. Demolition will begin once all utilities have been verified as disconnected, an environmental assessment has been completed, and the site secured with fencing.

Work continues on masonry, pre-cast walls, and structural steel and roof elements at the municipal site.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility hydrant maintenance program continues. The bi-annual flushing of the entire water system began Monday. Two valves broke during the process. One broke open and the other is in the closed position. Both valves are scheduled for repair in the next weeks. Fire flows and flushing of the mud valves is next. The Hickory Park Splash Pad building has been winterized. The DNR is requiring a radon test for Well #6. Laurel Springs Villas is having the water main filled. Private well permit program continues.

The Street & Parks Department increased building and park equipment cleaning continues. Access cards are available to Village residents for the new Yard Waste Site; 156 have been issued. Call 262-677-0707 for information. The curbside bag and brush pickup continues through November 16th. Autumn Cleanup Day is tomorrow (Saturday, October 17th) from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Public Works Department (W194 N16660 Eagle Drive.) Access cards will be available tomorrow if you are dropping off items. The white wall along STH 60 and Ridgeway Drive has been washed and is ready for paint. The Eagle Drive roundabout was cleaned up and re-landscaped after semi-truck traffic damage during STH 60 closure.

Additional no parking signs have been installed on Western Avenue from Main Street to South Street. Brush was cut back along Sherman Road. The Village Hall Boardroom has been set up for in-person absentee voting beginning Tuesday. Touch-up painting is being done at the Community Center prior to the November 3rd Election.

A road plowing meeting was held with the town of Jackson on how roads will be plowed in the future and by whom. The final lift of asphalt will not be installed on Cedar Creek Road this year. The conflict apparently begins with the railroad and the required training for inspections during the paving process.

At the WWTP: During the digester building roof replacement, the make-up air unit was reinstalled with the old legs, which collapsed and damaged the roof. The repair cost will be covered by the heating contractor. The toilet has been temporarily repaired. The sludge pump is back in service. Another Village-owned sewer streetlight was repaired.

Outside walls installations continued this week at the Municipal Site, but the higher winds and the shortage of "Wide Load" safety vehicles available slowed the process this week. The street extension project continues to await permits from WisDOT in order to complete Ridgeway Drive to STH 60.

Curb and gutter has been installed on the south side of the road for the Hunters Road project. Driveways, approaches, and sidewalks will again be poured together to reduce the wait time for driveway access.

Clerk

The voting tabulators were pre-tested for the November 3rd General Election. The deadline for voters to register by mail or online has ended. Voters must now register in person in the Clerk's office or at the polling place. Remember acceptable Proof of Residency is required. Staff participated in a webinar with the Wisconsin Elections Commission regarding getting ready for November. The election inspector schedule was emailed. We will have twenty new inspectors working. Thank you!

Treasurer

Reminder to employees that Open Enrollment runs from September 28th – October 23rd. Please submit all changes/additions/deletions to Paula's office before the October 23rd deadline.