

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



Police Department

We met with Kelly at the Jackson Area Community Center this week and reviewed their emergency plans. Kelly and her staff have invested a great deal of effort in ensuring the safety of the visitors and staff at the facility.

Nine applicants have been invited to oral interviews with our field training officers on November 27th. Several of the candidates have prior law enforcement experience.

Sergeant Fristed attended a two-day Public Information Officer (PIO) course sponsored by Wisconsin Emergency Management. The Emergency Management Public Information Officer training program is designed to provide PIOs with the essential knowledge, skills, and abilities to support proper decision-making by delivering the right message to the right people at the right time.

The Washington County Chief's Association supports the WeTip program. Crime tips may be submitted anonymously with awards provided for reliable information. More information is available on the Jackson Police Department Facebook page.

Fire Department

There were thirteen medical calls this week.

On Saturday, we covered the Fillmore and the Boltonville Fire Departments' coverage areas due to the funeral of a Firefighter. Assistant Chief Bruce Koehler of the Waubeka Fire Department was involved in a fatal accident. We express our sincere condolences to the Koehler family and to the fire departments that worked so closely with him.

We continue to interview new Firefighters and EMTs. Four individuals have joined the department, with the addition of two more next week. Please apply with the Jackson Fire Department soon so that we can run our four month academy class. Applications can be accepted on the Village's website: www.villageofjackson.com under Employment Opportunities.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Progress is being made on the Hickory Lane Inclusive Playground. Northland Playgrounds hopes to have most of the structure up by Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

The Joint Park & Rec Committee will not meet in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The 4k Site Directors met on Wednesday. WBSD Superintendent Don Kirkegaard introduced himself to the team and discussed the importance of the 4k partner program.

Kelly met with Chief Vossekul to review emergency procedures at the JACC.

The JACC will be closed to the public on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday and Friday; although there will be a private rental on Thursday. The JACC will reopen on Saturday, November 24th from 8:00 a.m. until Noon (if you wish to work off that turkey dinner.)

There is a new Book Club forming at the JACC on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. It begins November 29th. There is no cost to join. Please call for more details 262-677-9665 X102.

Registration is now open for the annual Pickleball Tournament to be held Saturday, January 26th.

Public Works

During the regular monthly sampling, the Utility encountered a bad water sample from the St. Joseph Hospital reservoir. The second sample returned as safe. The Utility is working with the hospital and the DNR in order to improve the hospital's reservoir maintenance procedures. An additional sampling tap will be installed to sample the water before the reservoir. The water system in the Cobblestone Meadows Development has been given the okay prior to the paving of the streets, now scheduled for Monday. Finally, there was an increase in the number of new meter installations this week.

The Street & Parks Department continues to pick up bags and chip brush. Next week will be the last round for the year. The crews will be ready for the snow expected this evening. They were out salting this morning. The Christmas decorations are up along Main Street. AJ Outdoors has been contracted to remove over ninety street trees throughout the Village. The equipment is being installed at the Hickory Park playground project. The footings have been poured for the salt building; the walls will come next.

At the WWTP, the plant received a mysterious waste load from a hauler or an industrial user of the system sometime Monday, which sent the phosphorus level over the limit. The plant is coming back to normal after the addition of alum to balance the system. The digester is back to normal after the extra load of grease received last week. The crew will try a small load of grease in the coming weeks. Sludge hauling from the blue tank is scheduled for next week. In advance of next week's scheduled paving at the Cobblestone Meadows Development, the crew will inspect the sanitary sewer system.

A Phase 1 Environmental Assessment was done this week for the old street department and fire department sites.

Clerk/Treasurer

The Notice of Spring Election on April 2, 2019 has been posted and will be published in the Daily News on Tuesday, November 27th. The Village President and three Village Trustee positions will be on the ballot for the Spring Election. Candidacy paperwork is available upon request. The first day to circulate nomination papers is Saturday, December 1st. The final day for incumbents to turn in non-candidacy paperwork is Friday, December 21st.

Jilline attended the Metro Municipal Clerks Association (MMCA) meeting in Cudahy on Wednesday.

Administrator

The CVMIC Board meeting was held Wednesday. The Village Staff had Accident Analysis and Employment Practices Liability training on Thursday morning with two representatives from CVMIC.

On behalf of the staff at the Village of Jackson – Happy Thanksgiving!

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday. There will be no Wupdate next week.