

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



## **Police Department**

Our training officers and supervisors held panel interviews Wednesday with the top five candidates for our police officer vacancy. The top two candidates will interview with the Police and Fire Commission next week.

Chief Vossekui provided testimony to the Senate Committee on Labor and Regulatory Reform at the State Capitol on Tuesday. Senate Bill 511 has been proposed to provide compensation under the Worker's Compensation law for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to police officers and fire fighters.

Thursday evening the JPD assisted the Washington County Sheriff's Office and other departments with a high visibility criminal interdiction on I-41 and USH 45. A Jackson Officer initiated a traffic pursuit with a vehicle that was traveling over 100 mph. The pursuit ended when other departments were able to "spike" the driver's tires – twice. The suspect, a 27-year-old Menasha man attempted to flee on foot but was quickly apprehended and transported to jail. The man was on parole for homicide and had a warrant for his arrest. Numerous charges are pending at the Washington County District Attorney's Office.

JPD will train at the Schmahl farm property (site of new Municipal Complex) on Monday. The County Sheriff's Office will also conduct training there next week. If residents see a police presence in the area, it's due to training.

## **Fire Department**

It was a rather quiet week with six medical and five fire calls, including two fire alarms, two mutual aid calls to Cedarburg and Newburg, and a faulty smoke alarm. Fire inspections continue in the town of Jackson. Next week the remainder of the annual inspections should be finished up in the Village. If you have been issued a violation, you have thirty days to correct the issue before the re-inspection.

An Officers meeting was held Monday to update policies and procedures and standard operating guidelines, discuss any issues that have occurred, and work on the master plan.

Tuesday, the JFD, Public Works Director, Building Inspector, a representative of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and an asbestos testing contractor met at the site of the new Municipal Complex to discuss demolition of the two houses. The JFD plans to conduct live fire training in one or both houses, but there is a DNR protocol to follow.

Two new-technology battery-powered ventilation fans, originally ordered with the new ladder truck, have been received. They replace the over twenty-year-old gasoline-powered fans.

## **Joint Parks and Recreation**

Thank you to all who made the Kids Rummage & Direct Sales Expo a rousing success! Many thanks to our 4k and Tot Time teachers (Lauren Dohman, Angie Jeske, Ann Marie DiGangi, and Kim Marshall), singers, Eryn Durlam and the Jackson Jingers, and Jackson Park & Rec dance instructor Wendy Iverson (and Sandy) and the P&R dancers! Thanks also to our volunteers and bakers who helped with the cookie decorating and assisted in the bake sale. Thanks also to Rytex Corporation for continuing to sponsor this great community event!

The 4k Partners were present at the West Bend School District Board meeting on Monday evening to share the positive impacts of the Community-Based 4k program. The Board approved the extended three-year contracts for the partner sites, including the Jackson Parks & Recreation Department.

Fall/Winter Adult Indoor Volleyball Playoffs were held Wednesday evening. Winter/Spring leagues will begin in January.

The 4k Site Directors held their monthly meeting on Wednesday. There will be a 2020-2021 Parent Information meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the West Bend High School Auditorium. Any parents looking to enroll their child in any West Bend School District 4k program are encouraged to attend. All the 4k Partners will be there to showcase their site.

Legacy enrollment for 2020-2021 (for those enrolled in our Tot Time program) will begin January 27<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment for the general public will begin February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sites fill up quickly, so we urge people with a specific site and morning or afternoon preference to register early.

Renee and Jess attended the Hunger Task Force Training on Tuesday, as part of the agreement with the Stock Box Program.

The WPRF Foundation Board of Directors met at the JACC on Thursday.

The Best Decorated Outdoor Holiday Homes were judged Thursday evening. The winner will be announced next week.

Today was a very busy day at the Jackson Area Community Center. Sysco hosted a large sales meeting; the Jackson Elementary Kindness Retreat was held; and the Senior holiday party was held this afternoon, featuring Elvis (Yes – He was in the building!)

### **Building Inspection**

Inspection and permit volume remained slower this week.

While the wet weather in late fall impacted some projects, the fewer days of freezing temperatures and frozen ground have allowed other projects to move forward with late-year foundation and underground site work.

The period between Thanksgiving and the New Year is historically slower, allowing staff to work on year-end and various general housekeeping items.

### **Public Works**

The Jackson Water Utility crew continued winter maintenance on the wells, generators, and buildings this week. The fourth quarter water service disconnection date is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. There were 315 disconnect notices mailed out. Information is being collected for next year's maintenance of hydrants, valves, and meter changeouts. The 2020 schedule will include maintenance of 344 hydrants, 807 valves, and a change out of 290 water meters.

The Street & Parks Department crew cold-patched this week and started moving the yard waste pile to Lamm Gardens. Some Village streets were swept again this week since the warmer temperatures on the weekend allowed leaves in the gutter to thaw. The construction of the yard waste site continues.

At the WWTP: The crew changed the motor on the washer/compactor this week. Hauling from the blue tank is completed for the year. The current four-foot level will get us through the winter months. The gas detectors were checked for compliance and required repairs in order to be placed back into service. CVMIC is helping staff to update our confined space manuals.

The Municipal Building Site is being prepared for construction with the removal of the barn, silos, and sheds. We are working with the DNR to allow the Village of Jackson Police and Fire Departments and the County Sheriff's Office train in both houses prior to demolition.

Laurel Springs Addition #1 Subdivision is proceeding with some grading of the roads since the colder weather has made the site drivable. Some roads will be stoned, and then construction of the subdivision will be closed for the winter.

### **Clerk**

Election inspectors for the 2020-2021 term have been appointed. A big thank you goes out to all inspectors who have served the Village in the past, those continuing to serve, and to the new inspectors joining our team. 2020 is going to be a very busy election year.

### **Treasurer**

Property tax payments have been coming in at a steady pace. The first installment or full payment is due by January 31, 2020. Reminder that the Village Hall will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Work has begun in entering the 2020 budget into the Workhorse software system.

The 2020 On-Site Health Screening will be scheduled for late February. This will be for all employees and spouses enrolled in the 2020 health insurance plan through the Village.