

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



Police Department

The Jackson Police Department has been selected by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as the lead agency for a 2019 summer speed enforcement grant in Washington County. We will be working with other law enforcement agencies in the county under a taskforce style initiative to encourage drivers to slow down and obey traffic laws.

The JPD will also be participating in the state-wide “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” initiative from December 14th until New Year’s Day. 169 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes in Wisconsin last year. Whether it’s caused by alcohol, legal, or illegal drugs, impaired drivers endanger everyone. To make roadways safer for all travelers, law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin are watching for impaired drivers as part of this holiday campaign.

“Lunch with the Law” was again hosted on Friday, December 14th at Jackson Elementary School. Lunch with the Law is a new program in Jackson where officers have lunch with students in the K-4th grade. The goals are to enhance our relationship with the youth in the community and to help children to understand that police officers are their friends, while encouraging respectful behavior in school. To earn Lunch with the Law, students have to show respectful and responsible behavior.

Several JPD officers donated their time to the annual “Shop with a Cop” event on Monday in West Bend. Thank you to the Kettle Moraine Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and West Bend Mutual Insurance for hosting the event.

Our police officers were kept very busy over the past week. Some of the notable incidents:

Last Friday, a 43-year-old Jackson man was reported to be slumped over the wheel of his vehicle at an address on Eagle Drive. He was arrested for OWI and believed to be under the influence of prescription medications. A 41-year-old Jackson man was arrested for OWI 5th offense. The man was spotted driving erratically on Main Street and was transported to the Washington County Jail. A theft was reported from Morning Star School. During a basketball game, a Milwaukee woman stole a pair of children’s shoes and her children stole two “Razor” scooters. The woman is wanted for questioning, but we have been able to recover the scooters from a family member.

Tuesday, a 28-year-old Jackson man was arrested on multiple charges stemming from a domestic disturbance. This incident occurred at a Main Street address.

Wednesday, a 47-year-old Jackson man was arrested for disorderly conduct and bail jumping stemming from a domestic disturbance, also on Main Street. The man had been released on bail and had previously been arrested by our department on October 15, 2018 and also on November 1, 2018.

Fire Department

There were fourteen medical and four fire calls this week, including a mutual aid call with an engine, tender, and a Chief to assist at a structure fire in Germantown; a CO alarm activated in Stonewall subdivision; and a smoke alarm on Highland Road. A fire in a recycling bin next to a garage was noticed by a neighbor who immediately called 911, rushed to the location, and was able to move the bin away from the garage, undoubtedly saving the structure.

There was an officers’ meeting Monday evening to review tactics, personnel, data reports, the new radio system, and the process of sizing-up a fire scene.

Tuesday evening the Village Board approved the purchase of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs.) They have been ordered, with an approximate three month lead time. Trucks are being repaired and winterized. Necessary station repairs are being made; hopefully to last until the new station is built.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Jessica from the Washington County Energy Assistance program met with community members that may benefit from their program on Wednesday at the JACC.

Renee had the Hunger Task Force Stockbox program on Wednesday. She also hosted the Annual Senior Christmas Party on Thursday. Tommy Winch performed all his wonderful songs, and the food, bingo, and fun made it a special day for everyone. Thanks to US Cellular of Jackson and the ADRC of Washington County for their donations, helping to make the party extra special this year!

It was a busy day Thursday at the JACC. The WPRA Foundation Board held its annual meeting and holiday breakfast, and the Boys and Girls Club held its countywide Christmas party in the evening. It was lots of fun for all the kids.

Because of heavy program usage in the Art Room/Tot Room; beginning in 2019 we will no longer be renting the room out to the general public.

Jess and Kelly attended the SEPRC (Southeastern Park & Recreation Council) annual meeting on Friday. Jess is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization.

Monte Carlo Night: We are looking for 2019 corporate and table sponsors, as well as silent auction items. Contact Kelly if you can help out at: 262-677-9665 x103. Information can be found on the website.

Kelly is working on a We Energies grant for Arbor Day.

Building Inspection

Plans were received this week for interior renovations to McDonalds.

Office furniture was delivered to the new building inspection office at the Eagle Drive facility. The Building Inspection Department will begin transitioning from Village Hall to the new location in the coming weeks.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility has mailed disconnection notices for a December 18th payment deadline. Late payments are being received and payment plans are being set up. The small equipment trailer used in water main repairs is getting some attention. Preventive maintenance is being done on all equipment at each well house. The We Energies gas meter has been removed from Well house #2, which is no longer in operation. The electric power will remain until we determine what will happen to the building.

The Street & Parks Department removed the trash dumpsters from Hickory Lane and Jackson Parks until spring. The remaining stump grindings from the Ash tree removals in the Village have been collected. There was another round of pot hole cold-patching this week. The concrete floor for the new salt building has been poured. With warmer weather predicted for next week, we will attempt to install the roof. Two more loads of salt were delivered to the old salt building in the interim.

At the WWTP, fire panels in various buildings are being replaced; the equipment will be re-certified once the installation is complete. The push camera for lateral inspection is being re-worked for next year's inspection program. Staff will be discussing how to complete the extra testing being required by the DNR to meet the phosphorus limits per the discharge permit. The storm sewer at the corner of Hickory Lane and Linden Circle was repaired this past week.

The application for Tree City USA has been approved by the Wisconsin DNR and the Arbor Day Foundation. The paperwork for Wisconsin Information Systems for Local Roads has been completed and submitted for 2018.

Clerk/Treasurer

On Monday all tax bills were mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact the Village Clerk/Treasurer. All tax information can be found on the Washington County website on the County Treasurer page.

The Statement of Taxes was submitted to the Department of Revenue and the Tax Roll Certificate was submitted to the County Treasurer on Tuesday.

Delinquent water bills are due Tuesday, December 18th. If you need to set up payment arrangements, please call the Utility Clerk at 262-677-0707 Ext. 10.

Administrator

Two members of the Dementia Crisis Care Task Force of Sheboygan County gave an excellent presentation at the WCMA Region 6 meeting Wednesday; discussing collaborative and multidisciplinary approaches to solve a growing problem as our society continues to age; which affects service responses of EMS, Fire, Police, and Dispatch Centers.