

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: Jen Keller, Village Administrator
Date: July 15, 2022
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

On Tuesday, Lieutenant Fristed and Officer Gerke traveled to Orfordville, WI in Rock County for training regarding standard response and reunification protocols for schools. This Department of Justice sponsored training provided updated guidance on response to major incidents at schools, and best practices for reunifying parents with their children when the event is over. Representatives from the West Bend School District also attended the training. Additionally, Staff completed annual handgun qualification course this week as well as a meeting with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) to learn about the updates to the accreditation process. Re-accreditation efforts will commence this Fall for the 2020-2022 reporting period.

National Night Out is less than three (3) weeks away! JPD has received great support from our local businesses and will have many free raffle prizes. Please plan to join JPD on Tuesday, August 2nd, from 5:00PM-8:00PM at Hickory Lane Park!

Fire Department

Last week, Jackson Fire and EMS personnel responded to 18 medical calls and three (3) fire calls, which included a false alarm, smoke reported in a basement, and a motorcycle accident. The smoke in the basement was determined to have been caused by faulty wiring found inside of a wall. The motorcycle accident required the transport of two (2) patients to a trauma center; the incident is still under investigation. Monday night training consisted of an officer meeting. Additionally, the second part of the semi-annual inspections are underway. Staff anticipate the return of the Ladder Truck the week of July 25th.

Staff spent significant time in the last two weeks working alongside the contracted consultants at Public Administration Associates (PAA) for the purpose of reviewing the Fire and EMS department. In addition to internal review, residents are invited to participate in the Community Feedback online, and will remain open through Friday, July 29th. To participate, [click here](#). A presentation and reporting of the study's findings is scheduled to go before the Village Board in September.

Parks and Recreation

Per the American Red Cross, the Jackson Community Center (JCC) year-to-date blood drive numbers include: 119 blood donations collected, and 124 blood donations projected for the remainder of the year. The next blood drive with the American Red Cross is Wednesday, July 27th, from 2:00PM-6:00PM at the JCC. Schedule your appointment online [here](#).

The Jackson Parks & Recreation (JPR) partnership with the Germantown Library is booming. On Thursday, they hosted the "What are you Reading Book Club" at the JCC. The next book club meeting will be Thursday, August 11th, from 4:00PM-5:00PM. Stop in and join the conversation about what you are reading.

Register now for the JCC 4K program starting in September 2022. Children from other communities may open enroll for the JCC 4K program, if that community already offers 4K (i.e., Germantown, Slinger, Cedarburg, etc.). Spots in the program are first come/first served, so, please register early. All registration is completed online through the West Bend School District [here](#). If you have questions about the Jackson Community Center (JCC) site, please contact Kelly Valentino by email [here](#).

Staff would like to thank all the volunteers and support for the Jackson Park Beer Garden event on July 14th and 15th. A special thanks to Matthew Kuehn, H & R Block, and Larry Hatke for sponsoring the event.

Building Inspection

Inspection volume has been extremely heavy the last few weeks, with numerous residential and commercial projects occurring. This week, Staff participated in a permit software presentation. Occupancy was issued for the latest 4-unit condominium in Stonewall Heights. All that remains undeveloped in Phase 1 of the Morning Meadows subdivision is a single lot.

Public Works

The Street and Parks Department Crew completed mowing, ballfield prep, equipment, and picnic table maintenance. The crew also assisted with preparing Jackson Park for the Jackson Beer Garden event, and street sign installation. Tree planting has commenced in the Village, with nine (9) out of 27 trees planted thus far. Lastly, the interview process will continue for the currently vacant Streets and Parks Maintenance position.

The Jackson Water Utility Crew continued the necessary prep work for next year's STH 60 Utility Upgrade Project by inspecting hydrants along Main Street (STH 60). A service line leak on Woodland Trail was discovered and repaired. Staff are also inspecting the utility in the road of the for final paving later this month. Second interviews have been completed for the opened Water Operator position. The second quarter Jackson Utilities bills have also been mailed this week. Also in the Utilities Department, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Crew continued with work orders, maintenance, and the utilities inspection for the Morning Meadows subdivision in both Phase I and Phase II.

Lastly, Staff are preparing with Gremmer & Associates engineers and WisDOT on Tuesday, July 19th, for the STH 60 Utility Upgrade Project. Plans nearing final stages but require WisDOT input to complete the process. The process of bidding and Board approvals is scheduled for completion Fall of 2022. Maple Fields Subdivision Phase 1 utility installation has started this week. Lastly, Staff have received good responses so far from stormwater pond owners, for the compliance inspection project per Village Ordinance and a DNR requirement for MS4 compliance.

Administration

Those interested in viewing the Jackson Quarterly newsletter online can visit the [Village website](#), where an expanded version with event reminders and community updates is available. Also, citizens interested in filling two (2) recent vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Public Works may visit the [Village website](#) to learn more about the committees and to locate the Citizen Committee Appointment Application. Applications will be reviewed the first week of September.

On Monday, a pre-test of the voting equipment for the August 9th, 2022 Partisan Primary Election was successfully conducted. On Tuesday, the Type E Notice of absentee voting instructions and information for the upcoming election was posted and published in the Daily News. On Thursday, Clerk Dobratz participated in a Polling Place Set-up webinar conducted by the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

The Village received its second quarter General Transportation Aids from the State in the amount of \$78,098.59, which is slightly less than the amount of \$78,651.54 received in 2021. The 2021 Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements were finalized and approved at the July Village Board meeting. Treasurer Smith completed the 2022 Annual Continuing Disclosure Questionnaire for Ehlers, who will then complete and submit the Annual Disclosure Report on the Village's behalf. Treasurer Smith also dedicated time this week to the month end processes and second quarter reports. As a reminder, the final installment for property taxes is due by July 31st. Payment must be made to the [Washington County Treasurer](#).



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Washington County Reveals New “Change the Ending” Campaign

Initiative supports helping residents find easier access to mental health and substance use resources

WEST BEND, Wis. (July 11, 2022) - The Washington County Department of Health & Human Services has announced a new mental health and substance use campaign to increase awareness of available resources. The “Change the Ending” campaign was developed to help direct residents who may be suffering from mental health or addiction and their loved ones to connect with appropriate treatment options in Washington County.

“I’m very proud to see our community coming together to create an atmosphere of compassion, empathy, and support for those in need,” said Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann. “We’re committed to seeing this campaign thrive and have a strong network of programs, services, and facilities committed to connecting individuals with the support, assessment, and treatment needed to recover.”

The end of anyone’s battle with addiction or depression has the potential to be the most devastating, and arguably the most impactful. The campaign focuses on the end of that story and invites those needing help to change the ending. What came before doesn’t have to control what happens to them next.

Digital advertising, radio and TV commercials, and social media content will all drive individuals in need of help to the website, www.changetheend.com, where users answer three simple questions to help identify the right resources for treatment needed to recover.

Mental Health America reports that over half (56%) of adults with a mental illness receive no treatment for their condition. This means that more than 27 million Americans experiencing a mental illness are going untreated in the United States. In addition, co-occurring substance use and mental health ailments are more common than many people realize.

According to reports published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, roughly 50% of individuals with severe mental health disorders are affected by substance use. And, 37% of alcohol users and 53% of drug users also have at least one serious mental illness.

“Our goal is to make community resources as accessible for everyone as possible,” said Julie Driscoll, Washington County’s Chief Health and Human Services Officer “We realize the work that is needed to help remove barriers and increase access to effective, quality treatments and resources. That’s why we’ve created this initiative—it needs to start happening now and we’re willing to lead the charge.”

To learn more about the campaign or how to find support, visit changetheend.com.

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