

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others  
From: Jen Keller, Administrator  
Date: April 9, 2021  
Re: Weekly Update



### **Police Department**

The Slinger Police Department has requested assistance with four (4) large-scale events at the Slinger Super Speedway in 2021. Staffing in the Village of Jackson won't be affected, as officers will only be eligible to sign up in Slinger if they aren't scheduled to work in Jackson. Overtime and equipment costs will be reimbursed to the Village of Jackson. The Police Department's in both communities have a close working relationship, and we will operate under the terms of our written mutual aid agreement.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> JPD executed a search warrant on Chateau Drive in the Village of Jackson. A 23-year-old Jackson man was taken into custody for multiple counts of possession of child pornography. Charges are pending with the Washington County District Attorney's Office. We were assisted at the scene by the West Bend Police Department's Special Response Team, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice- Division of Criminal Investigation.

### **Fire Department**

The last week JFD responded to 19 medical calls and five (5) fire calls. The fire calls included a mutual aid call, a grass fire, a wire down, a motor vehicle accident with injuries and a fire alarm. As many of you all may have seen on the news a large grass fire in Menomonee Falls required assistance from many area Fire Department, JFD was on scene as well and the fire was contained to swamp land and no damage was sustained to any structures. The motor vehicle accident occurred on Main street and involved two (2) motor vehicles with a transport to a local. Another grass fire was responded to on Spring Valley Road, and JFD was able to contain and extinguish the fire. Additionally, an electrical wire went down and caused a small grass fire on Cedar Creek Road. JFD stood by until power lines were de-energized. Lastly, JFD completed 30 fire inspections.

Training this week consisted of a controlled burn. Controlled burns are facilitated by JFD for several reasons, with the primary reason being to prepare and train for large incidents that could occur during dry conditions. The key to these training operations is that JFD is able to control the scene throughout the training and plan out the exercise extensively before starting the burn. The second reason to this week's burn in a grassy and large field is that this is the best time to practice and really the only time a grass fire can effectively be done. A controlled or prescribed burn, also known as hazard reduction burning, backfire, swaling, or a burn-off, is a fire set intentionally for purposes of forest management, farming, prairie restoration or greenhouse gas abatement. A controlled burn may also refer to the intentional burning of slash and fuels through burn piles. Fire is a natural part of both forest and grassland ecology and controlled fire can be a tool for foresters.

JFD asks that residents not to burn during these times of high winds and arid conditions and note there is a statewide ban on burning at this time. Please check the DNR Burning restrictions, wildfire, and prescribed fire activity at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp> and always call your local fire department and dispatch center before considering burning. If you want to stay connected with the Jackson Fire Department, please subscribe to our Facebook page.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Wednesday Jessica attended the WPRA Board Meeting as the Region Four Representative. There were interesting updates from the state association including an update on the "Be Active Wisconsin" fitness challenge. Thank you to the families and individuals that participated in the "Be Active Wisconsin" program! Jackson was one (1) of only 40 communities in the State of Wisconsin. A total of 2,518,123 active minutes were logged with 1,601 participants. JACC encourages participants to continue to wear your "Be Active Wisconsin" shirts to continue to spread the message of this wonderful program!

The 39th Annual Jackson Village Rummage sale will be held May 15<sup>th</sup>. A virtual map will be available. To register your address online, please [click here](#). To register your address in-person for the Rummage Sale, please visit the Jackson Community Center or the Jackson Travel Center from April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>. “Thank you” to the Kruepke family and the Jackson Travel Center for the advertising and help with this event!

Staff continue to work on the Summer Activity Guide. If your business is interested in placing an ad in the guide, please contact Jessica at 262-677-9665 or via email at: [jessica.loomans@villageofjackson.com](mailto:jessica.loomans@villageofjackson.com). On or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Planning continues for the Jackson Festivals Inc. “Action in Jackson” community festival to take place June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>. Jackson Business will be receiving a Raffle Sponsorship letter from the Legion Auxiliary as well.

### **Public Works**

The Jackson Water Utility changed out 52 remaining meters and had 110 digger hotline locates for the month of March. The Streets and Parks Department Crew did ballfield preparation with field lights now working. A new garage door has been installed in the Jackson Park Restroom Building storage area for lawn mowers and ballfield rake. The equipment was being stored in the kitchen building. This change allows the kitchen to be rented anytime. The Yard Waste Site is now open for the season, and access cards can be picked up at the Public Works Office at W194 N16660 Eagle Drive between 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Over 300 have been issued thus far.

At the WWTP, four (4) more sewer lateral inspections were done this week along with the meter changeouts. The waste gas burner is now working properly with a good flame burning off the methane gas. The storm sewer pipe in Riverview Drive discharging into the detention pond at the corner of Riverview Drive and Jackson Drive has now been cleaned on roots and the end wall reinstalled. The Jackson Sewer Utility is working with CDM Smith is securing a DNR grant for stormwater management around the Hickory Lane Bridge, and along Hickory Lane from Eagle Drive south to Forest View Drive. The ultimate is with new storm sewer management along the roadway, then Hickory Lane pavement would be reconstructed.

Morning Meadows Phase 2 utility installation has the sanitary sewer completed and the water main in the process of being completed.

### **Building Inspection**

Building plans and permits were submitted this week for the first four (4) homes to be constructed in the new Morning Meadows Subdivision. Building Plans and Permits were submitted for the twelfth new home in the Laurel Springs Addition No. 1 Subdivision. Building Plans and Permits were submitted for the third new home planned for the Cobblestone Meadows Subdivision. Pending completion and passage of a background check, a part-time Inspector will be brought onboard in the Building Inspection Department in the following weeks. This part-time employee will work just one (1) day a week to start with opportunity for additional hours moving forward. To date, 242 permits have been issued compared with just 110 in 2020 and 135 in 2019.

### **Clerk**

The voter turnout for Tuesday’s Spring Election was 25% with a total of 1,349 ballots cast, including 354 absentee ballots and seven (7) Election Day Registrations. The total votes for Village President: Mike Schwab-899. The total votes for Village Trustee: Randy Matter-669, Tim Engelhardt-605, Brian Emmrich-561, Don Olson-499, Debbie Kurtz-352 and Jack Lippold-337. The Municipal Board of Canvassers will meet on Monday to canvas the local races. On Wednesday, Staff were notified from the Village Assessor that reevaluation letters have been sent to property owners. Notice that the Assessment Roll is Open for Examination and Open Book is posted and will be published in Saturday’s Daily News. The 2021 Preliminary Assessment Roll is available for viewing at the Village Hall during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8AM-4:30PM. Those interested in speaking to the assessor may reach Mike at 262-253-1142 or via email at [mikes@wi-assessor.com](mailto:mikes@wi-assessor.com).

## Treasurer

Treasurer Smith participated in CVMIC virtual training this week related to Employment Law as well as on the topic of HR and Professional Communication for Leaders. Lastly, the Village of Jackson received the First Quarter State General Transportation Aid (GTA) Payment of \$78,651.54 on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Administrator

On the following pages of this publication, information has been included regarding the Washington County Office of Emergency Management announcement of the 2021 Wisconsin Statewide Tornado Drill on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Economic Development Washington County (EDWC) and Washington County have partnered to create "The WashCo Small Biz Loan". [Click here](#) to learn more!

National Weather Service Milwaukee

# 2021 Wisconsin Statewide Tornado Drill

- Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Please reserve 15 minutes to practice your own tornado and severe weather safety plans (1:45pm and 6:45pm)
- Local municipalities may still sound sirens
- TV stations may cut in to discuss drill
- You may see messages on social media reminding people at home to discuss their sheltering plans

What will **NOT** happen...

- Test Tornado Watch/Warning from NWS
- Alert via NOAA Weather Radio
- EAS alerts through TV/Radio
- Cell Phone Alerts (WEA)



3/22/2021 10:51 AM

www.weather.gov/mkx



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**Applications accepted starting April 7th. Don't delay!**

### Is Your Business Eligible?

The [WashCo Small Biz loan](#) is available to Washington County businesses in good standing that meet the following qualifications:

- privately held / for-profit business
- 25 or fewer FTE employees
- revenue < \$5 million
- in business for at least one year
- no affiliates that received the loan
- within specified industries

For more details on eligibility requirements, visit EDWC's website.