

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: Jen Keller, Administrator
Date: January 15, 2021
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

Officer Jennifer Gerke was one of several law enforcement officers honored by Sheriff Schulteis at the Washington County Board meeting on Wednesday evening. Officer Gerke was initially the lead officer assigned to the August 2020 investigation into the disappearance of Stephen Lombard. Officer Gerke completed a tremendous amount of legwork early in the investigation which proved crucial to find Mr. Lombard's remains and provide closure for his family. Officer Gerke worked in concert with investigators from the Washington County Sheriff's Office throughout this lengthy and complex investigation. Those investigators were also commended by Sheriff Schulteis for their great work on this case.

Chief Vossekul completed our 2020 Use of Force review analysis. In 2020, JPD officers were involved in a total of two (2) use of force incidents. Both involved suspects resisting arrest and neither resulted in injury to the suspect or the officer. JPD officers investigated several unrelated fraud cases this week where residents were scammed by unsolicited callers.

In one incident, a resident was setting up an Apple TV and googled the phone number for apple support. The resident unknowingly was calling a scammer and not the correct number for Apple support. The resident was tricked into transferring \$1,500 to the scammer.

A separate incident occurred this week when a woman noticed an unauthorized charge on her credit card. The officer investigated the matter and determined that the card had been stolen and used at a Wal-Mart in Chilton to purchase orange juice and a television. This matter is under investigation.

A resident was called by a scammer that tricked the victim into believing she owed \$400. The victim allowed the scammer remote access to her bank account and \$999 was transferred to the scammer. The victim's son stopped over and realized it was a scam and hung up the phone preventing further loss.

The Jackson Police Department would like to remind our residents to not give out personal information over the phone to unsolicited callers. If there is a question regarding the authenticity of the caller, call JPD for assistance. More information on scams is available online at jacksonpolice.org/index.php/information/common-scams/.

On Thursday evening, an officer on patrol noticed a wanted person sitting in a vehicle in a parking lot of an apartment complex. The officer arrested the man for two Washington County warrants and one Dodge County warrant. The man was transported to the Washington County Jail.

Fire Department

This week, the Jackson Fire Department (JFD) responded to 13 EMS and seven (7) fire calls. Fire Calls included an attic fire, smoke in a basement, a chimney fire, a shed fire, a false alarm, a house fire which turned out to be a controlled burn, and a single vehicle car accident without injuries. On Monday, new tires were installed on engine 1261 which was budgeted for 2021.

In terms of training, CPR recertification continued Monday night. In accordance with COVID-19 safety precautions, JFD is conducting CPR recertification for the entire department in five (5) small groups instead of the usual two (2) classes. The two (2) newest recruit completed week 2 of Recruit Academy.

Thursday afternoon was spent at the new municipal building reviewing outlet and data box locations before wires were pulled next week. Saturday, a gymnastics competition being held at the Washington County Fair Park has contracted with Jackson Fire Department to provide medical coverage. An EMT will be on site from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The Tuesday 60+ Ping Pong and Pool League started. They meet Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Winter Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Leagues began on Wednesday evening. The Quilting Guild is back and meeting on Thursdays. Open gym is on Fridays from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Reminder, masks are required when at the JACC. There is a free fitness orientation for JACC fitness members Saturday at 9am. If you are interested, please

contact the community center to get signed up. Many seniors qualify for free memberships through their insurance. Come and check out our new Strength Training Circuit Equipment and new flooring. Registration opens for the 2021-2022 School Year on Monday, February 8th. Registration is to be completed online. Please call Kelly at (262) 677-9665 x103 or via email at kelly.valentino@villageofjackson.com if you have questions, if you would like a tour of the Jackson Community Center 4K Site, or if you need assistance with registration.

Wednesday, January 20th is the Greater Jackson Business Alliance (GJBA) first meeting of 2021 at JACC. Any interested businesses or community leaders interested in joining this amazing community network should contact Tim Meffert at tim.meffert@proforma.com

Monday, January 25th from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. there is a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross at the JACC. For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointments are advised!

Building Inspection

Permit submittals picked up slightly this week. Inspection volume continued to be steady as several new projects are beginning and existing projects are nearing the finishing phase. Foundation work has begun on replacing the 4-unit apartment building on Georgetown Drive that was damaged by fire in early 2020. Occupancy inspections were completed on Building #1 (12-units) and the Office building at Jackson Rosewood Apartments. Occupancy will likely be issued sometime next week once crews correct various deficiencies. Rough inspections were completed on three of the new single-family homes under construction in the Laurel Springs II subdivision.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility has started the meter changeout program for 2021. There are 15 meters from 2020 and 252 meters for the year of 2021 to be changed.

The Street and Parks Department crew has increased the frequency of cleaning buildings. After review of some residential courts and dead ends, piles of snow which accumulated after several snow removal operations were removed. Christmas trees pick up continues until completed. Please leave your trees out by the curb and a member of Staff will collect it as they see them.

At the WWTP, a waste gas burner repair project continues. A sewer streetlight was repaired at the corner of Alcan Court and Alcan Drive. The sewer lateral for the Georgetown Dr apartment building that is being re-built has been recognized by Staff as being made of cast iron. The 26ft of 4-inch cast iron pipe is about 3-inch inside diameter as of now and will continue to shrink. Thus, replacement will be necessary.

Clerk and Treasurer

On Wednesday, Staff participated in a Wisconsin Elections Commission webinar on "A Review of 2020 Elections and a Look Ahead to 2021." Ballots have been ordered from the County for the February 16th Spring Primary Election. On Thursday, Staff participated in webinars with NeoGov and ETF Retirement. The end of year mailings of W-2 and 1099 tax forms to Village employees has been completed. Staff are preparing for the 2020 Audit to commence the third week in February.

Administrator

On Tuesday, Mrs. Darlene Smith was appointed Village Treasurer. Darlene has diligently served as the Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer since November of 2019 and brings a decade worth of experience in the realm of Municipal Accounting to this team. It is my pleasure to congratulate Darlene on this wonderful new chapter. We are all very thankful for Darlene's dedication to serving the Jackson Community.