

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: November 20, 2020
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

Last Friday evening the Jackson Police responded to Jackson Park for a report of a man with a gun. A group of teenagers and young adults reported that a male had approached them and told them to leave the park. It was reported that the man had a handgun in his hand and pointed it at a fifteen-year-old girl. Officers searched the park with the assistance of the Washington County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. The suspect was not located. He is described as a white male in his twenties, 5' 5" – 5' 6" tall, with blonde hair, a blonde beard, blue eyes, and wearing a black shirt and khakis. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to contact the Jackson Police Department at 262-677-4949 or contact the Washington County Law Enforcement Tip Line at 800-232-0594. Investigation into this matter continues.

A stolen vehicle was reported last Friday morning on Chateau Drive. The vehicle is a dark gray 2014 Dodge Journey with Wisconsin license 254WCK. The vehicle has been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as a stolen vehicle and an alert was sent to neighboring police departments. Anyone with information on this vehicle theft is asked to contact the Jackson Police Department.

Early last Saturday morning an officer clocked a vehicle at 112 mph on USH 45. The officer stopped the car and determined the driver to be under the influence. The driver was arrested for OWI (1st offense) with a preliminary breath test of .177. After a blood test he was taken to the Washington County Jail.

On Wednesday evening an officer responded to a report of a wrong-way driver on USH 45. The driver was traveling northbound at eighty mph in the southbound lane. The vehicle failed to stop for officers. A Jackson police officer was able to deploy spike strips north of West Bend which deflated the tires and caused the vehicle to come to a stop ending this highly dangerous situation. The driver was a disoriented elderly Illinois man who reported that he was driving from Michigan to Illinois. The man was transported to a hospital for evaluation.

Officer Grant DeMaa has completed the forty-hour basic Field Training Officer School at Waukesha Community Technical College. He is now certified to train new officers.

Officer Dominic Gutierrez has completed all required testing and will begin employment on November 30th. He comes to the Jackson Police Department with one year of prior police experience and will be in field training for twelve to sixteen weeks.

Fire Department

There were sixteen medical and three fire calls this week, including an alarm at Rytex Corporation which revealed an electrical issue, a shed fire near CTH C in the town of Polk that was quickly extinguished, and a fire alarm at Froedtert West Bend Hospital caused by a faulty detector.

Monday evening training included donning HazMat suits, handling hazardous materials, and stopping chemical leaks. We would like to thank Kelmann Restoration for awarding the Jackson Fire Department a \$1000 grant to purchase the new natural gas meter also used in Monday's training.

Inspections continued this week including climbing the water tower with the Water Department to ensure equipment is safely installed (as well as ensuring the adequate recent removal of equipment) at the top.

The SCBA compressor has been functioning erratically. Thank you to Dave Farchione for repairing it, saving the department considerable expense. Although a temporary fix, the repair should extend the life of the compressor until the department's relocation to the new fire station. Dave has been a Motor Pump Operator (MPO) Paid-on-Call member for many years. He has recently been serving as an acting Lieutenant on the department.

Joint Parks and Recreation

The VFW canceled its remaining meetings for 2020. They will revisit meeting again in January pending COVID restrictions.

A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, November 23rd from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. You must make an appointment due to COVID restrictions at: redcrossblood.org. There are no walk-ins.

Wednesday Jessica hosted the WPRA Jumping into Esports presentation with Michael Bodenstein and Kendra Beaver from the National Parks and Recreation Young Professionals Network (NRPA YPN.) Eighty participants were on the call and all received great information on how to run Esports in the community and how local parks and rec departments run their programs. Renee is working on creating an Esports program in Jackson.

Thursday Kelly had an Early Learning Directors meeting with Emily Melstand (from the West Bend School District.) All 2021-2022 4K Registrations will be completed online. Registration will open for the JACC Legacy students in early February and will be open to the public in mid-February. The typical “Parent Information Night” typically held in January will now be held virtually with tours of each partner site.

Beginning Monday, November 30th, Fitness members will be required to make appointments online to work out in the Fitness Center before noon. Mornings seem to be the busiest right now and we’ll continue to monitor other busy times. Members wishing to make appointments from 8:00 a.m. until Noon should click the following link: signupgenius.com or go to the jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com site to schedule their time slot. The Fitness Center will continue to be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Feel free to contact the JACC if you need assistance.

The Boys & Girls Club hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for members only. Thanks to Renee for cooking!

The Community Center will be closed next Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Join us for Open Basketball Saturday, November 28th, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Come and play! We provide all the basketballs and have six basketball hoops available. It’s a fun time for families or adults just looking to improve their shot. Children under eighteen must be accompanied by an adult. The fee is \$3 for resident individuals, \$10 for resident families, \$5 for non-resident individuals, \$15 for non-resident families, or play for free using your Community Center fitness membership! Masks are required and there is a limit of fifty people allowed in Gym to allow for social distancing.

We would like to thank Boy Scout Joseph Olson for doing an amazing job restoring the American Flag Recycle Box located at the Village Hall. Great job Joseph!

We hope your Thanksgiving Holiday is filled with gratitude for all the things that we usually take for granted.

Building Inspection

Permit submittals were minimal this week. Inspection volume continued to be steady throughout the week.

An occupancy inspection was completed on the single-family home in Cobblestone Meadows.

Interior underground plumbing work continues at the Delaney VI development on Northwest Passage.

The building shell has been completed for the new Snow Studs building on Alcan Drive.

Interior plumbing work continues at the Municipal Complex. To date, all first-floor underground plumbing work has been completed in buildings A (Police Garage), B (Police Administration), and D (Fire Administration.)

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility has chlorinated, filled, sampled, and tested safe the water lateral for the multi-tenant building on Delaney Court. The crew climbed both water towers and inspected the antenna removal. A report is being created. Hydrant flags are being installed. Louvers at all sites were insulated to prevent heat loss.

Fourteen water meters were installed in Building #2 on Rosewood Lane. The concrete replacement was completed for the water service break on Woodland Trail. The asphalt patch is scheduled for next Tuesday.

The Street & Parks Department: Chipping and bag pick-up has officially ended for the season. If you still have yard bags and are a Village resident, you may still sign up for a Yard Waste Site access card and bring your bags to the site. Call 262-677-0707 for information. Leaves are being removed in the parks. Park restrooms will only be open during workday hours. Weather conditions will determine the remaining weekend use. Plow markers are being installed. The collapsing storm sewer at Hickory Lane and Forest View has been temporarily repaired. Christmas decorations were installed along Main Street this week.

At the WWTP: Staff helped repair the storm sewer along Hickory Lane at Forest View. A valve was replaced in the Aqua Storage Building (next to the blue tank.) Paved areas were marked for plowing. Most of the remaining scrap metal has been collected.

The external wall panel installation is nearly complete at the new Municipal Complex. The Spruce Street and Ridgeway Drive extension will have the ditch work completed after Thanksgiving. The street will then be closed until weather permits in 2021. WisDOT has responded with their comments for the section of Ridgeway Drive near the intersection with STH 60. The items will be addressed for permit approval.

The individual mailboxes have been installed on the Hunters Road Reconstruction project. Installation of the streetlights is the remaining item to be completed.

Clerk

Dog and cat licenses for 2021 are now available at the Village Hall. All licenses expire December 31st. Dog licenses are \$10 for spayed/neutered and \$15 for unaltered. Cat licenses are \$7 for spayed/neutered and \$10 for unaltered. A copy of the animal's current rabies certificate is required for issuance of the license.

Renewal letters for Entertainment, Manufactured Home, and Massage licenses were mailed this week. The current licenses expire December 31st.

Treasurer

The Village submitted its fourth and final Routes to Recovery reimbursement request to the State. The amount requested was \$69,465.24.

The Village received its third quarter franchise fee from Charter/Spectrum in the amount of \$16,965.10.

Reminder to employees that our AFLAC representative will be at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 2nd to enroll you in your 2021 benefits.

Administrator

Special thanks to Mr. Tim Meffert of Proforma Effective Solutions (and President of the Greater Jackson Business Alliance) for conducting individual tours of the Village on Wednesday for each of the four finalists in the recruitment for the Village Administrator position.

Each of the four finalists for the position received a forty-five-minute guided tour of the Village, met with Village Department heads for one-hour informal conversations, completed hour-long emotional intelligence online assessments and writing exercises, and finally interviewed with the Village Board in one-hour sessions.

On Wednesday afternoon the Village Board extended an offer to Ms. Jennifer Keller of Mequon, Wisconsin to be the next Administrator for the Village of Jackson. Ms. Keller is in the process of evaluating the offer. The Village Board anticipates finalizing an employment agreement at its regular December Village Board meeting.

A belated thank you to POC EMT/Firefighter Mark Oestreich from the Jackson Fire Department for providing quick and ample assistance to the Administrator with the resolution of a technology issue during the set-up for the candidate interviews. It allowed for a smooth process for the day's deliberations of the Village Board.

There will be no Wupdate November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!