

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others  
From: John M. Walther, Administrator  
Date: October 23, 2020  
Re: Weekly Update



### **Police Department**

The Jackson Police Department in cooperation with the Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day tomorrow, Saturday, (October 24<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. The collection site will be set up outside the garage doors at the Jackson Police Department located at N168 W20733 Main Street.

We encourage citizens to pull their vehicles up and an officer will assist with safely disposing of the below items. There will be no questions asked and participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing it directly into a disposal box or into a clear plastic bag. Blister packages without the medications being removed are acceptable.

**Bring:** Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, inhalers, non-aerosol sprays, creams, vials and pet medications.

**Do Not Bring:** Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, acids, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas), mercury thermometers.

- Liquids will be accepted during this initiative. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging. Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.
- Empty pill bottles will be defaced and donated to the Washington County Humane Society for reuse with pet medications.
- Officers will be wearing masks and gloves and complying with CDC guidelines related to COVID-19.

### **Fire Department**

There were thirteen medical and two fire calls this week, both in Germantown, including a garbage fire last Friday at a large Waste Management facility. Sprinklers contained the fire within a small area of the smoke-filled building. Our crews assisted in extinguishment. The other call was for a vehicle that missed a stop sign and went through a guard rail and rolled down an embankment, trapping the driver. The victim was extricated by our crew and airlifted to a trauma center.

The daytime staff has been completing fire inspections this week, working west on Main Street to the businesses in the Tillie Lake Business Centre.

The main fire engine has been repaired and is back in service.

Our three new recruits are doing well in school and have begun their EMT ride-alongs. We are hoping to have them running calls by the end of the year. There are also two members in Motor Pump Operator school. They are driving the engines and navigating obstacle courses.

### **Joint Parks and Recreation**

Registrations for the Halloween Outdoor House Decorating Contest must be in by Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Brian Mekka for creating a map of the participating homes, which will be online by October 29<sup>th</sup> so families can take a spooky drive and check them out. Watch the JPR Facebook announcements for how you can help judge the “Best Decorated Halloween House.” Thanks again to US Cellular – Connect Cell Jackson for donating a tablet for the winner and to Coffeetown for donating a gift card for the winner.

COVID has affected our 4k classes. They will resume after quarantine on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Great job to Melissa and her team for providing top-notch virtual programming while the kiddos are at home.

The JACC early learning team met virtually on Wednesday and the 4k Site Directors held their monthly meeting virtually Wednesday afternoon.

Diego Christy completed the library boxes for his Eagle Project. He did a very nice job. Friday afternoon Kelly will meet with Robin Busche about stocking the boxes with books.

Flag football completed its season last week. All participants received a goodie bag with their medals instead of receiving them at a normal post season banquet.

Pickleball is picking up and participants have been respectful of the COVID policies in place.

Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin held a blood drive Thursday at the JACC. The next blood drive will be held by the Red Cross on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. These fill up quickly; there are limited walk-in times. Please make an appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### **Building Inspection**

Permit volume increased significantly this week while inspection volume remained steady.

Foundation work has begun on two additional four-unit buildings on Stonewall Drive.

Storm sewer work has been completed on the multi-unit flex building on Northwest Passage.

Work at the new Municipal Complex site continues with masonry and pre-cast wall section installations as well as structural steel and roof elements.

### **Public Works**

The Jackson Water Utility hydrant maintenance program continues. We Energies Electric has begun a program to inspect and replace all damaged or aged poles in the Jackson Utilities service area. The program has caused 262 Digger's Hotline locates in the past week. A water main break occurred Tuesday on Jackson Drive just south of STH 60. The pipe had previously (years ago) been effectively repaired with a repair clamp which was adjacent to the new break. An eighty-inch section of pipe was removed and replaced. The location required extra traffic control due to the proximity of the break to the STH 60 intersection. Well #3 is still offline and being pumped to remove the sand.

The Street & Parks Department crew continues the additional building and park equipment cleaning. Curbside bag and brush pickup will continue each week until November 16<sup>th</sup>. Saturday's one-time Autumn Cleanup Day was well attended. Ten waste dumpsters, two electronic dumpsters, and two metal dumpsters were filled. Seventy-one Yard Waste Cards were issued bringing the total to 238. The Spring 2021 event will be scheduled for the last Saturday of April. The elevator at the Village Hall has passed the annual State inspection. Wings and salters were installed on the plow trucks and other vehicles were maintained.

At the WWTP: The digester building roof had the final trim work done. The rain hasn't helped the progress. Outside oil changes on equipment were done this week. Equipment will be winterized next week. Weather permitting, sludge hauling from the blue tank will resume next week.

Outside walls installations continued this week at the new Municipal Complex site. An inspection of the installed walls was completed this week; some minor repairs will need to be done. The Spruce Street and Ridgeway Drive extension continues to wait for the permits from WisDOT to complete the project.

Curb and gutter have been installed on the south side of the road for the Hunters Road Reconstruction Project. Driveways, approaches, and sidewalk installation will continue. Manholes were adjusted and water valve boxes are being adjusted to final grade.

### **Clerk**

Election Inspector General Election training was held Monday at the Jackson Area Community Center. Staff participated in a Badger Book Election Prep meeting Friday with the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

The notice for the Public Test of the voting tabulator was posted today and will be published in Saturday's West Bend Daily News.

Please remember if you have been mailed an absentee ballot, it needs to be returned by 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020. In-office absentee voting and voter registration will continue next week at the Village Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. until Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurer**

Our final Routes to Recovery Reimbursement is being assembled and will be submitted between November 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be using our entire allocation to the Village of Jackson in the amount of \$116,843.