

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
Date: October 30, 2020
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

Late Tuesday night, the Washington County Dispatch Center received a call of a domestic violence incident at a residence on Ridgeway Drive. Officers responded to the scene and found two victims who had been stabbed by a family member. The suspect, a 33-year-old Jackson man, was taken into custody. The victims' injuries were serious but not life-threatening. They were treated at a local hospital and released. The following charges were filed by the Washington County District Attorney's Office: Count 1 – First Degree Reckless Injury, Use of a dangerous weapon; Count 2 – First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Use of a dangerous weapon; Count 3 – Second Degree Reckless Injury, Use of a dangerous weapon; and Count 4 – Second Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Use of a dangerous weapon. This was an isolated incident and there is no threat to the community. The Jackson Police Department was assisted on scene by the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Slinger Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Jackson Fire Department.

The second-annual DEA Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday was a success, collecting 220 pounds of medications on Saturday, surpassing last year's total of 147 pounds. When combined with the medications collected over the year in our permanent drug drop box, 327 pounds of expired/unneeded medications were turned over to the DEA. If you missed the event on Saturday, we have a drug drop box in our lobby which is available year-round. More info on our permanent drug-drop box available here: jacksonpolice.org/index.php/services/drug-drop-box.

Fire Department

There were seventeen medical and four fire calls this week of which two were quickly canceled. Tuesday afternoon a Jackson Chief and Engine assisted West Bend Fire Department for a fire in a bedroom of a home on Chestnut Street in West Bend. The fire was quickly extinguished. Residents were at home at the time and were alerted by their smoke detector. They closed the bedroom door as they exited the house, which helped to confine the fire damage to the room. There was smoke damage throughout the home. There were no injuries; damage was estimated at \$50,000. The second fire call was for a ductwork fire at a business in West Bend.

Monday evening training featured Sam (Samantha) Nolan, Stroke Coordinator for Froedtert Health, who spoke about the signs and symptoms of strokes and reviewed protocols and procedures for treating the patient. She has been a great help to the Jackson Fire Department over the years. She will be missed as she will soon be taking a new position.

Our ladder truck is having warranty work done. It should be returned early next week.

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday. It's a good time to change your smoke detector batteries.

Joint Parks and Recreation

On Monday, Kelly met with Eagle Scout candidate Diego Christy to sign off on his project of constructing two shared book-sharing library boxes. Well done, Diego! Thanks to Robin Busche, who has graciously volunteered to keep the boxes stocked. There are now books in the boxes.

Jessica is working with three different teams to try to squeeze them in for a few more practice times in our gym. Unfortunately, we are really booked on space currently M-F until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday until 1:00 p.m. We welcome anyone needing space but only at regular rates after those times.

Renee shared that our Karate instructors, J.K. Lee Black Belt Academy in Germantown will be hosting a Trick or Treat obstacle course Saturday. Check the J.K. Lee website for details or the JPR Facebook page.

Jessica accepted the volunteer position as Executive Sessions Speaker Coordinator for the 2022 WPRC Conference Committee. As well as serving as WPRC Region IV Chair for 2021, she is excited to be able to represent Jackson Park and Rec at the state level. She also submitted Hickory Lane Park Playground photos to the WPRC for use in some promotional materials, which we were informed Tuesday will be used to promote the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) virtual course coming up in February, sponsored by WPRC and NRPA. The photos will only appear on WPRC materials: email blasts, PR Monthly, and social media posts. WPRC will give our department photo credit.

The Jackson Park and Rec Scholastic book orders are starting to pick up. If you are looking for any books for gifts, please consider checking Scholastic first. Our classroom gets lots of free books and classroom items from this program. You can even have books shipped to your home. Sign in or create an account. Order online at: clubs.scholastic.com/home. Connect by entering our Class Code:J9DW2

If you are shopping on Amazon, make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for Friends of Jackson Joint Parks & Recreation.

We received numbers from Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin from the Drive we hosted Thursday, October 22nd. Fourteen units were collected saving forty-two lives! Thirty-six units have been collected this year compared with last year's twenty-five. One more Versiti drive is scheduled for December 30th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. For an appointment call 1-877-BE-A-HERO (1-877-232-4376) or www.bcw.edu.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, November 24th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Be sure to make an appointment (as these fill up quickly) at 1-800-733-2767 or at redcrossblood.org.

We shared our Halloween Decorating Contest map for everyone to follow along and send us their votes. easymapmaker.com/map. Voting took place Thursday. You may still vote until the end of today. Email us your votes. Winners will be announced next week. Thanks to Brian Mekka for his participation in the contest, making the map, and suggesting how to get the community involved! What a fun touch!

Pieper Electric is installing new LED bollard lights and wall packs around the JACC and replacing a few egress lights. DPW has been here this week cleaning up the landscaping. Building Supervisors have been replacing light bulbs. Jessica and Kim put in new touchless soap dispensers in the restrooms. We are getting the Community Center ready for Tuesday's General and Presidential Election.

All early childhood classes (3k, 4k and Head Start) are again up and running.

Renee and Brenda will be videoing new virtual training exercises on the large crossing training piece of circuit equipment in the Fitness Center. The video will be available in the next couple weeks.

Building Inspection

Permit and inspection volume declined slightly this week.

Exterior masonry and siding work have begun on the Rosewood Apartment development. Foundation work has been completed on the two additional 4-unit buildings on Stonewall Drive. Final inspections were performed on the various alterations at Kettle Marine on CTH P. A joint occupancy inspection with the JFD will be completed once the contractor corrects some minor violations.

The Village of Jackson has received re-certification as a Delegated Commercial Building Code Enforcement Authority from the State of Wisconsin. This allows us to perform certain limited commercial building plan reviews and authorizes the Village to perform inspections on commercial buildings of all sizes. This certification is renewable in five years.

Municipal Complex work continues with masonry and wall panels and structural steel and roof elements.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility hydrant maintenance program has been completed for 2020. The DNR requires that half of all hydrants be inspected each year. This year 334 of the total of 652 hydrants were maintained. Another sixty-eight Digger's Hotline locates were made for We Energies Electric, which has begun a program to inspect and replace all damaged or aged poles in the Jackson Utilities service area. Fire flows have been completed along with the flushing of mud valves in the water towers. The water main at Laurel Springs Villas has been filled, flushed, sampled, tested safe, and pressure tested. Well #3 is still offline and is being pumped to remove the sand. The triennial DNR sanitary survey went well. Some updates will need to be made to our system maps and contact information.

The Street & Parks Department crew continues the increased building cleaning. Yard Waste Site access cards are still available to Village residents. Curbside bag and brush pickup will continue each Monday until November 16th. Landscaping was taken care of at the Community Center and Jackson Park. The tennis nets have been taken down for the season. The crew also cold-patched, mowed, and helped the Sewer Utility clean the blue tank.

At the WWTP: Final trim work was completed on the digester and filter buildings. The crew, with the assistance of the Water Utility and Street Department, emptied the sludge out of the blue tank. The process required the crew inside the tank to flush the area and scrape the remaining sludge to the drain. The inside of the tank was inspected and looks great. The process will be repeated in five years.

Pre-cast wall panels continue to be installed at the new Municipal Complex site. The Village Hall exterior walls were raised this week. The next area for panel installations will be the Fire Department. Curb and gutter installation on the Spruce Street and Ridgeway Drive extensions is scheduled for next week. The wait continues for the WisDOT permits to complete Ridgeway Drive north to STH 60.

The first lift of asphalt has been installed on the Hunters Road Reconstruction project. Sidewalk will be completed on Monday. The final lift of asphalt is scheduled for Tuesday.

Clerk

The Public Test of the voting equipment was conducted on Tuesday.

Friday afternoon staff participated in a meeting with the County Clerk regarding the election.

Today was the last day to register and to vote by in-person absentee ballot. Per State Statute, no voting is allowed the Monday before an election. If you were mailed an absentee ballot, it must be returned before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd for it to be counted.

The Type D Notice of location and hours of the polling location for the General Election was posted today and will be in the Saturday edition of the West Bend Daily News.

Remember the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd. Voting will take place at the Jackson Area Community Center at N165W20330 Hickory Lane. Photo ID is required.

Treasurer

Work continues on the 2021 budget and on the 2020 tax bills.

All 2021 Open Enrollment changes have been submitted for processing.

Paula will be serving on an Advisory Board for the State's health insurance program. They are looking for input on what works well and what needs improving with the program. Employees should feel free to contact Paula with any comments or suggestions.

Administrator

Preparations for the 2021 Budget continue.

Congratulations to Darlene Smith for achieving the designation of Wisconsin Certified Municipal Clerk (WCMC) from the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association as of October 1, 2020.