

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
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Subject: Weekly Update



Police Department

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Jodi Rohde who celebrated her five-year work anniversary with the Village of Jackson on November 4th.

Chief Vossekuil met with representatives from the West Bend School District Administration to discuss school safety planning. He also provided a presentation on safe driving to an AARP group.

On Saturday, November 3rd at 7:36 p.m., a Jackson police officer was on patrol and noticed a suspicious vehicle in the area of STH 60 and Industrial Drive. The officer ran a routine registration check of the vehicle. The registered owner of the vehicle had a warrant for his arrest. The officer stopped the vehicle and determined the driver to be under the influence of intoxicants. Field sobriety testing was performed and the driver, a 45-year-old Milwaukee man registered a .12% on the preliminary breath test. A check of the suspect's driving record showed that he had previously been convicted of OWI six times, and had a valid warrant for his arrest. The suspect was transported to the Washington County Jail and charges are pending with the Washington County District Attorney's Office. This is the second "seventh offense" OWI arrest in the past three weeks in Jackson.

Officer Lars Krueger has been assigned as our new property (evidence) room manager. Officer Krueger will conduct the annual audits and manage the items that are in our custody.

There were fourteen applicants who completed the written test for our patrol officer recruitment. The test was held at the Community Center. Those that scored highest will be invited for an oral interview with the field training officers on November 27, 2018.

Fire Department

There were thirteen medical and two fire calls this week, including a mutual aid response with Richfield Fire for a pole barn fire. Richfield was out on multiple calls, leaving Jackson and Germantown to fight the fire, which was quickly extinguished; after which the JFD was released from the scene.

Monday night training included Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) and Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) training.

We are continually looking for new Firefighter and EMT candidates. We ask you to consider this important way you can serve your community. Click Employment Opportunities on the Village's website.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Thanks to all the extra help from the staff, Lauren has wrapped up the first quarter information for the 4k kiddos. We have very full classes and everyone is doing an extraordinary job.

The WPRA conference went well last week. Kelly, Jess, and Renee will be meeting to discuss takeaways from the conference including things we can implement to help us step up our game at the JACC. Kelly and Casey will share our takeaways as it pertains to the "Friends" group, and using what we learned to positively impact the Jackson Community once the new playground project is complete.

We discovered there is a grease trap that services the kitchen and all the bathroom drains at the JACC. It's located in the front mechanical room; and after years of trying to fix weird restroom odors and plugged drains, a new service contractor discovered the grease trap. As it should be serviced every year, cleaning the newly discovered grease trap will now be added to our annual maintenance list.

Six of our emergency exit lights have been replaced, along with the battery for our fire alarm.

Thursday we held the AARP Safe Driving Course for Seniors. Thank you to Chief Ryan Vossekul for coming to speak with the seniors.

The Home School High School Girls basketball team is practicing in the mornings at the JACC, so we have revised the Independent Walking morning schedule. It is now Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from Noon – 3:00 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until Noon.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility has relocated the bulk water station to the new Water Department building. We need to complete the interior door installation, and the loading of the water accounts in the door handle program. Weather permitting a new road will be installed for the station. There were 138 Digger's Hotline locates for the month of October, averaging six per day. The Jackson Water Utility hosted another Wisconsin Rural Water Association seminar this week. Topics included "Winter Operations" and "Operator Responsibility for Non-operators." Twenty people attended the session.

The Street & Parks Department continues with bag pick up, and chipping. As of Thursday, the entire Village had been covered. The early snowfall may delay the program, but the crew should be back out next week. The fence project at the new Public Works building has been completed. The salt building construction has begun; footings go in next week. Equipment is being prepared for the snow season, and plows routes are being planned with the limited staff. Yard waste tours of neighboring community sites are scheduled for next week. Lights and heaters are being removed from the old public works building.

At the WWTP: Routine maintenance was completed this week. The crew is readying the building and equipment for the winter season. The first load of grease accepted at the grease station was a bit too much to handle. The crew is adjusting the system and will continue to fine tune the process.

An engineering planning meeting was held this week with Cedar Corp for the proposed Public Safety Building site.

Clerk/Treasurer

There was an 87% voter turnout for the General Election, with a total of 3,525 ballots cast, including 1,288 absentee ballots and 297 Election Day registrations. Thank you to all the amazing Election Inspectors and Village Staff who helped to make Election Day run as smoothly as possible, considering the large turnout. The Municipal Board of Canvassers met today at 11:00 a.m. to finalize the election.

Paula and Jilline attended the Transcendent-Web Tax receipting training at the County on Thursday.

Dog and cat licenses for 2019 are now available at Village Hall. All current licenses expire on December 31st. Dog licenses are \$10 for neutered/spayed and \$15 for unaltered. Cat licenses are \$7 for neutered/spayed and \$10 for unaltered.

Administrator

A three year agreement was reached with the WPPA bargaining unit this week, taking only one session.

Preparation for the 2019 Village Budget is almost complete.