

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: Jen Keller, Village Administrator
Date: May 27, 2022
Re: Weekly Update



Police Department

Aptive Environmental and a representative from Edward Jones have valid peddler's permits to go door to door to solicit in the Village of Jackson. To obtain a peddler's permit, the applicant is required to pass a criminal background check. If any other solicitors are seen in the Village, please call us at (262) 677-4949.

Jackson Police Department hosted the first-ever, "Coffee with a Cop" event on Wednesday morning at Coffeerville. JPD would like to thank Sandy and the Staff at Coffeerville Company for hosting the event. JPD Staff also completed the majority of statutorily required in-service training this week by sending all officers to Emergency Vehicle Operations and Controls (EVO) training, which was held at the Washington County Fair Park. Call volume has been heavy, particularly on third shift, with several arrests this week for charges related to domestic violence and possession of controlled substances.

Fire Department

This week, Jackson Fire and EMS personnel responded to eight (8) medical calls and five (5) fire calls, which included a lockout, a garage fire, a machinery accident, a house fire, and a grass fire. Monday night's training was led by Behavior Health Division Manager of Washington County. The discussion focused on mental health and different ways to assist struggling patients. On Tuesday, the City of Waupun toured the Municipal Complex.

The ladder truck will be out of service for an undetermined amount of time. Staff and representatives from Pierce have been in communication regarding many issues with apparatus. Because issues could not be resolved on location, the truck has been sent back to the manufacturer.

JFD is partnering with a platform called "Join the Fire Service", which will assist with recruitment of Paid on Call members as well as part-time employees. [Click here](#) to review more information for the currently open part-time firefighter/paramedic position.

Parks and Recreation

The Jackson Park Beer Garden event last week was a success! JPR Staff would like to thank the hard-working volunteers, which included Staff from Village Administration and the Jackson Fire Department. Staff were short on volunteers for the event, and the event would not have been as successful without their assistance. On Tuesday, the Action in Jackson team met to continue the planning process for upcoming festivities. If you would like to volunteer for Action in Jackson on June 10th & 11th or the next Jackson Park Beer Garden on July 14th & 15th, please contact the Jackson Community Center (JCC) by calling 262-677-9665.

"Congratulations" to the morning and afternoon 4K Graduates! The graduation ceremonies were held on Wednesday at the JCC. Also, the 2022 Summer-Fall Activity Guide is online, and all programs are open for registration at: jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com. Printed copies of the guide are available for pickup at the JCC, the Municipal Complex, and local retailers.

This Friday, May 27th, is National Poppy Day, in honor of our fallen servicemembers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Please join the Jackson American Legion Auxiliary in recognizing the sacrifice of our veterans by donating to the veterans Poppy Fund and by wearing a Memorial Poppy. Donations will support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Building Inspection

Occupancy was issued for two (2) additional homes in the Cobblestone Meadows and Morning Meadows subdivisions. Occupancy was also granted for Commercial Property Consultants, a commercial real estate appraisal company located on Eagle Drive. Building plans were received for a new home in the Laurel Springs subdivision. Exterior sanitary and storm sewer work were completed this week for the Morning Star Lutheran School addition project. The building shell should also be completed this week.

Public Works

The Street and Parks Department Crew continues with the curbside yard waste bag collection and chipping program. Other projects also continued to include mowing, ballfield prep, and preparing the Hickory Park Splash Pad for the upcoming summer season.

The Jackson Water Utility Crew continued with locates and meter changeouts. The Village received six (6) applicants for the open Water Operator position. Staff will begin reviewing applications and scheduling interviews in the coming week to fill the role. There will also be potentiality of filling the recently vacant Streets and Parks laborer position with this pool of applicants.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Crew continued with completing work orders, cleaning, and general maintenance this week, which included painting the PVC pipes near the seepage receiving area in order to avoid sun damage. Summer help has arrived to assist with mowing all Jackson Water Utility sites, along with other areas throughout the Village that the Street and Parks Department Crew does not mow. Repairs are underway on the air brake button in the sludge truck. Staff have also secured a vendor booth at the upcoming Washington County Fair, July 26th-31st, which will help satisfy the education requirement for the DNR Storm Water Management Permit and the CMOM Report. Staff are teaming up with local communities with the same education requirement to Staff the booth that week.

Administration

The Month of May carried several appreciation weeks that deserve proper recognition. Staff would like to sincerely thank the men and women of the Village of Jackson Police Department, Fire and Emergency Medical Service, and the Department of Public Works. Without these individuals serving in each of these departments around the clock, the community would not be as safe and prosperous as it is today.

The Village received the 2022 Recycling Grant from the DNR in the amount of \$10,563.22. Debt Service Bond payments were paid this week, which included principal and interest for a total amount of \$1,019,210.50. Treasurer Smith mailed delinquent notice letters for personal property tax payments, utility charges, and other past due miscellaneous billing charges. She also participated in an ETF webinar titled “Additional Contributions”, which discussed ways for a Wisconsin Retirement System employee to make additional contributions to their retirement.

Staff also dedicated time this week to continual communication efforts with Sysco personnel regarding the expansion of their Jackson facility, Neumann Development for the development of a 100-lot single family subdivision “Maple Fields”, and the residential development of a 6-lot single family project referred to as “Little Lamb’s Corner” progress. Those interested in accessing more information for these projects are encouraged to visit the Village public posting locations (Municipal Complex, Jackson Community Center, and Jackson Post Office) and the Village Website for up-to-date meeting agendas and packet materials.



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Boy Scouts of America will Help Honor Washington County Veterans

Town of Trenton, WI – To mark Memorial Day 2022, Washington County and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) are collaborating to gather data at over 7000 Veteran gravesites throughout the County. In a partnership with the Washington County Veterans Service Office, Washington County Parks Department, and BSA, the geocache project provides a public portal to help locate veteran burial sites throughout the County, using name and service period. In addition, there is an opportunity for families and volunteers to place flags and wreaths on the graves of their loved ones in honor of Memorial Day.

“I applaud the volunteers and scouts for their outstanding efforts to memorialize our nation’s veterans. It is our civic responsibility to teach our children about the service and sacrifice our veterans have made for us, and this partnership by the County and the Boy Scouts provides an ideal opportunity for us to have an important conversation with our kids about duty and honor,” said County Executive Josh Schoemann.

As part of the initiative, and in exchange for their participation in the Veteran Geo-cache Project, scouts and volunteers will camp overnight on designated weekends at Sandy Knoll County Park.

In 2019, an endowment was created to ensure permanent funding for the remembrance of veterans each Memorial Day in Washington County. The placing of flags at gravesites costs approximately \$6,000 annually.

“I am proud of this program. It fosters a sense of service and pride in Our Great Community. This is our strength, and we must instill this strength of service - above self - in all who come after us,” concluded Schoemann.

For additional information about the Veteran Geo-cache Project, contact Kurt Rusch, Washington County Veterans Service Office; kurt.rusch@washcowisconsin.gov; 262-335-4457.

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