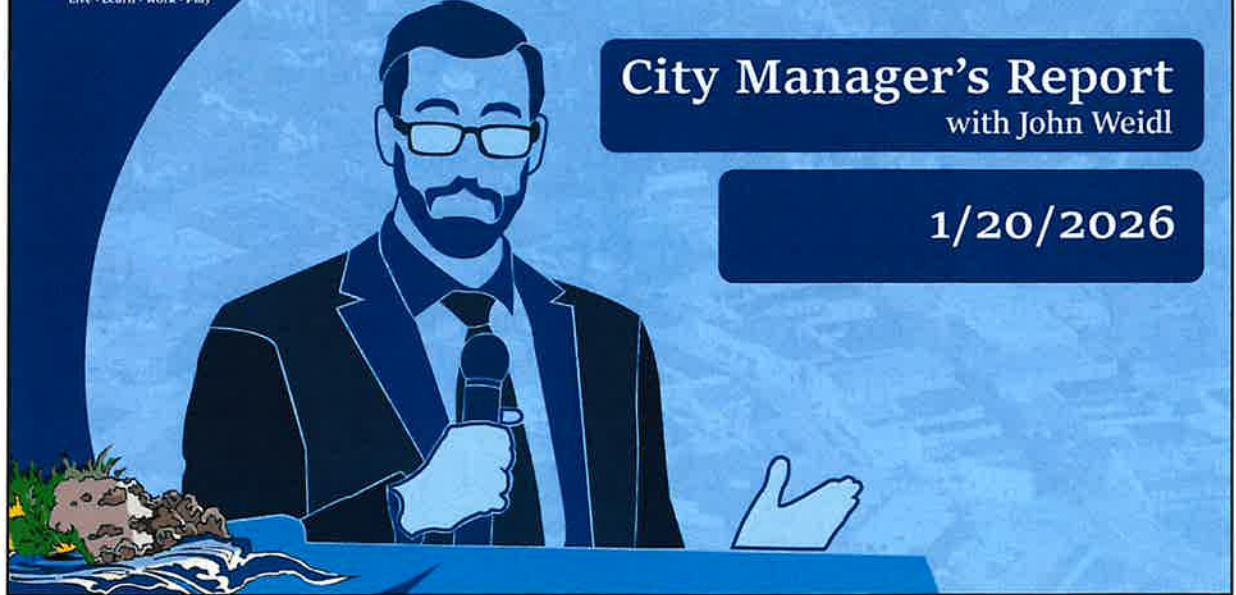




City Manager's Report

with John Weidl

1/20/2026





Department of Public Works



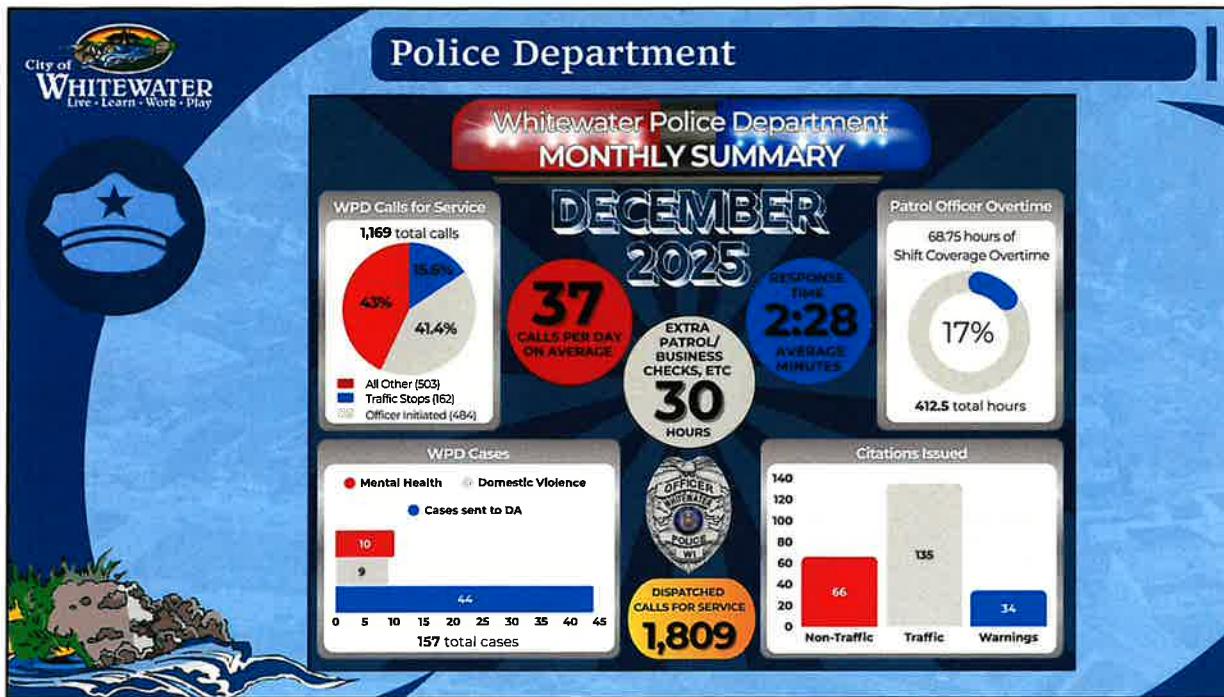
Highlight: For the Week of

In the Street Department crews were busy filling potholes with cold mix. The rain, freeze, thaw cycle is not good for existing potholes. Additional work included traffic signal and street sign repairs; collecting Christmas trees; cleaning, servicing and repairing equipment; removing Christmas decorations; street sweeping and cleaning inlets.

In the Wastewater Department staff submitted the annual Phosphorus report for 2025; installed a new drive chain on the secondary clarifier; completed root cutting in sewers with known root issues; and working on putting together a sewer repair list focusing on interceptors lines which many have not been cleaned or televised before.

In the Water Department staff fixed a service leak at their facility and repaired a water main break on Fraternity Lane just south of Florence Street. The majority of the work at Well 7 is completed except for inside painting and installation of a valve that still needs to arrive. Staff is also working on the PSC report for 2025 and updating the Risk and Resiliency Plan which is due by June of this year. Staff is also working on finding acceptable homes to perform the required lead and copper

testing later this year.



Highlights:

- The Police and Fire Commission met and formally approved Olivia Monson (Mon-sun) for promotion to detective. Detective Monson came to our agency earlier this year with nearly five years of law enforcement experience. In her time as an officer, Olivia's roles as an evidence technician and sensitive crimes team member, as well as her training in forensically downloading electronic devices have prepared her for this transition to our Detective Bureau. Olivia is also a fluent Spanish speaker, which is an incredible asset to our department and the community. Please join us in congratulating Detective Monson!
- Shane Houk (HOKE- like oak), Jacob Golembiewski (GO- LEM-VIEW SKEE) and Adam Moore were formally sworn in as police officers. They will begin the law enforcement academy in early January at Waukesha County Technical College. After approximately four months, they'll return to us and begin field training .
- Community Service Officer Jacob Ihm (like Him without the H) began employment with WPD. Jacob is currently a student at UW-Whitewater studying Criminology.

- PD staff attended the Crossing Guard/Bus Driver appreciation breakfast at Whitewater High School. Thanks to those individuals who work daily to keep our students safe.
- Sabrina Ojibway (OH- HIB- WAY) began Police Staff and Command training through Northwestern University. This is a very challenging course and represents the gold standard of administrative training in law enforcement. Sabrina will complete a total of 10 weeks of coursework asynchronously over the next 22 weeks.
- Special Agents from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue trained our staff in tobacco licensing and inspections. Upon completion of the training, our staff assisted in conducting inspections on local businesses.
- Sworn staff began annual Defensive Tactics training provided by our in-house instructors. All sworn will complete training within the next two weeks.

Details

Monday, December 15th = Staff held a call with the communications supervisor at the La Crosse County Communications Center to learn about their use of artificial intelligence in call taking.

Captain Taft attended the Jefferson County Chiefs meeting.

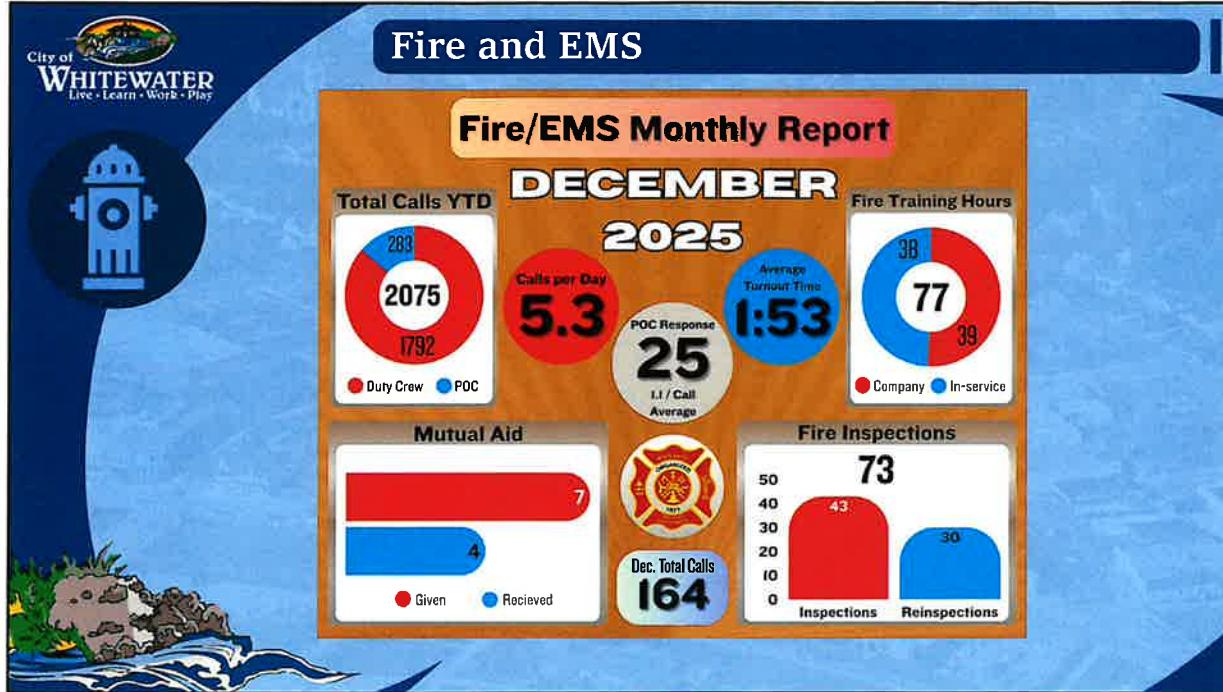
WPD is looking for our next Patrol Officer Applications will be accepted through February 5th.

Wednesday, January 14th = PD and IT staff met virtually with Angus-Young staff to continue to firm up plans for the PD Evidence/Training garage. We expect to have a finalized design in February.

Thursday, January 15th = PD supervisory staff held our bi-monthly staff meeting. These meetings provide the opportunity to discuss challenges or concerns and ensures we have a common understanding of any operational changes.



Fire and EMS



Highlights:

- Week of December 4th -10th -
- Staff responded to 37 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.28 calls for service each day.
- 4 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.0 per call.
- Mutual Aid was requested once from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.

- Week of December 11th -17th -
- Staff responded to 45 calls for service, making the daily average of 6.4 calls for service each day.
- 8 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.25 per call.
- Mutual Aid was requested twice from Whitewater during this time, and we requested Mutual Aid once.

- Week of December 18th -24th -
- Staff responded to 32 calls for service, making the daily average of 4.5 calls for

service each day.

- 5 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 0.8 per call.
- Mutual Aid was requested twice from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.
- Week of December 25th-31st-
- Staff responded to 34 calls for service, making the daily average of 4.8 calls for service each day.
- 5 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 0.4 per call.
- Mutual Aid was requested once from Whitewater during this time, and we requested Mutual Aid once.
- FF/Paramedic Ashley Dodd's last day. We wish Ashley all the best as she begins her new position with Madison Fire Department.
- Whitewater was requested with an Engine and a Chief for Change of Quarters by Elkhorn for a working structure fire. Units were cancelled before going enroute.
- Whitewater was requested with a Tower Ladder and a Chief by Elkhorn for a working structure fire. A pass was taken for the Chief, and the Tower Ladder was cancelled enroute.
- Whitewater responded to a fatal MVA. (press release attached)
- LaGrange was requested with an Engine and Chief as Auto Aid for a possible structure fire. Command cancelled Lagrange prior to arriving on scene after confirming the incident was able to be kept to a single Engine response.
- Whitewater was requested to Milton with an Engine and a Chief for a working structure fire. Lakeside FD pulled MABAS Box 30-4-2 to the box alarm. Whitewater responded with an Engine and pass was taken for the Chief.
- Whitewater was requested to Fort with an Engine and a Chief for a Natural Gas leak. MABAS Box 81-21 was pulled to the Alarm level. Whitewater responded with an Engine and a pass was taken for the Chief.
- Fire/EMS responded to Lake Geneve for a change of quarters with an Ambulance for a MABAS call for a working structure fire. Ambulance 123 responded to 1 call for service while providing station coverage.
- Fire/EMS responded to a single-family residence in the town of Richmond for the report of smoke inside the home. Crews found embers smoldering in the subfloor and in the wall near a service door. Auto Aid was provided by Darien with a Tender and Lagrange with an Engine and Chief
- Monday, January 12th started the final week of the recruit academy for the new hires.
- Tuesday, January 13th Whitewater was requested with an Engine for mutual aid by Lakeside for a forklift on fire inside of a commercial building. The Engine

request was cancelled by Lakeside prior to Engine 122 going enroute.

Details:

Staff participated in the Holiday Parade with apparatus.

AC Dion participated in the Lake Geneva Holiday Parade with Tower Ladder 1250 to haul Santa due to their Ladder being out of service.

Chief Freeman attended the biannual meeting with WFD Inc.

AC Dion presented a fire safety class for ESL students at the high school.

Lt Lewis has completed the Plymovent relocation project within the fire department apparatus bay. This project received an estimated project cost of \$5,000 from Hastings our local dealer rep for Plymovent. Lt Lewis was able to complete the entire project in house for less than \$500.

Staff attended the December operational meeting. Thank you to City Manager Weidl and Chief of Staff Becky Magestro for providing dinner for the staff.

Whitewater was requested by Fort Atkinson for an Engine on MABAS Box 81-21 for a structure fire. Engine 122 was cancelled while enroute.

4 candidates interviewed with the Police and Fire Commission. conditional offers of employment were sent on Thursday, December 18th .

B shift attended Doughnuts with Heros at Lincoln Elementary.

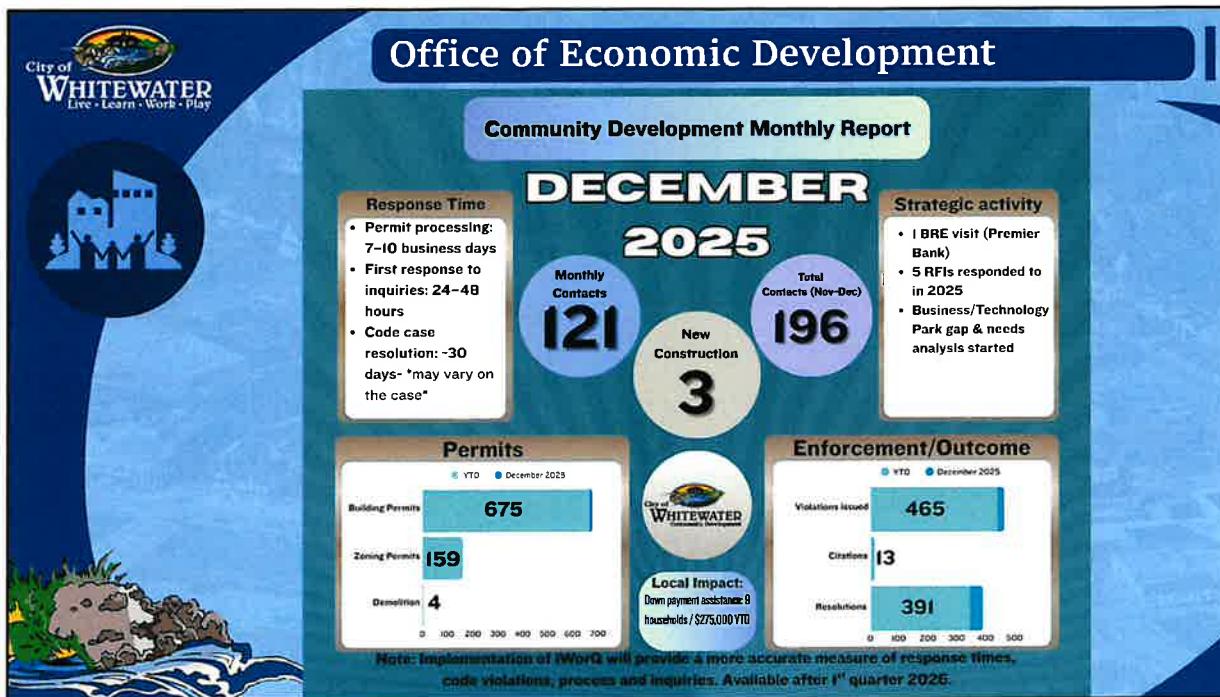
Staff attended the monthly EMS training conducted by Mercy Hospital. This month's training was skills check off.

AC Dion attended the ELL group meeting at the High School and the Richmond Townhall meeting.

2 staff members staffed an Ambulance during the UW commencement ceremony.

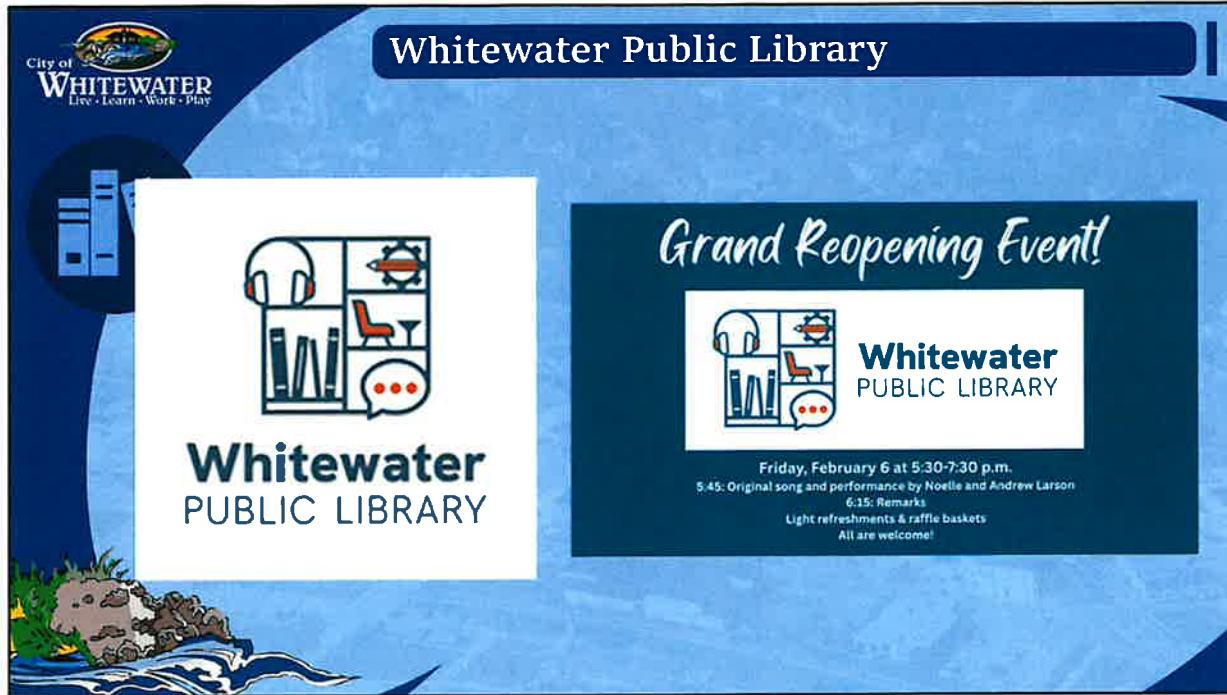


Office of Economic Development



Highlights:

- HEXPOL(HEX- POL) BRE Visit: City staff and the Whitewater Area Chamber of Commerce met with HEXPOL leadership at the Whitewater facility to discuss operations, workforce needs, and future plans. HEXPOL employs approximately 40 people locally and reaffirmed its commitment to being a preferred employer in the community.
- Comprehensive Plan Update: RDG will be in Whitewater the week of February 9 to present to the Plan & Architectural Review Commission and conduct community listening sessions. The Comprehensive Plan update will continue through 2026.
- Jefferson Street Project: City staff are working with Redevelopment Resources to evaluate redevelopment options for three CDA-owned parcels at Jefferson and East Main Streets, with the goal of returning the property to the tax rolls. A recommendation will be presented to the CDA at a future meeting.



Highlights:

- Our library patrons saved **\$1,379,746.50** collectively by using our public library in 2025.
- We are busy planning our **Grand Reopening Event** which will take place on **Friday, February 6th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend! FYI: **February is Library Lovers Month!**
- We had great attendance at the library programs we held the first week of January in our new space. The Girl Scouts used Meeting Room One for their meeting on Thursday, January 8th and had nothing but wonderful things to say about the accommodation. Here is an excerpt from the thank you email we received from the Sarah Hoots, Troop Leader: "I just wanted to gush for a moment about how amazing Girl Scouts went tonight! We loved the new space...the tables are so easy to move around, it really is such an easy space to setup and teardown. I'm excited to refer other community groups to checkout the space."
- The library has many new and renovated spaces to offer the community. A new

addition to the library is the seating area located outside of the Whitewater Room, which houses local materials pertaining to Whitewater and authored by Whitewater residents. We have made the local materials more accessible to our patrons and provided a comfortable, updated seating area located in the central part of the library, near the adult materials collection. There is also a cozy study room to the right of the Whitewater Room that can be reserved.

Details:

Itty Bitty Art Show, January 20-February 23 (Pick up a canvas and return by Feb. 23)

Winter Reading Challenge, January 20-March 12 (This challenge is for all ages)

Tech Tuesdays, January 20-March 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Storytime, January 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Teen DIY, January 21, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Teen Gaming, January 22, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Tarot 101: Year-Ahead Spreads, January 22, 6:00 p.m.

Coloring Club, January 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Adult D&D, January 26, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Vinyl Club, January 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Teen Movie Night, January 28, 4:00 p.m.

Make Games with bitsy, January 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Free Play Friday, January 30, 3:30-5:00 p.m.



Parks and Recreation



Highlights:

- We are excited to announce that Discover Whitewater has committed to contributing \$50,000 toward the new electronic sign to be erected at Flat Iron Park. This project will eliminate the need for City staff to be in the street and placed in harm's way while hanging banners across Main Street, significantly improving safety and efficiency. The total estimated cost of the project is \$65,000, this is a budgeted capital improvement project.
- This year we had 6 participants and 69 attendees that purchased bowls or mugs for our Chili Cook off. This year we raised \$440 which is an increase of \$240 from last year!
- The Armory dance studio was full of energy this week as 21 youth cheerleaders kicked off our brand-new cheerleading program! The students were excited to get started and can't wait to show off their school spirit.
- That's a Wrap on Christmas at Cravath! What an incredible season! From twinkling lights and festive markets to cookies with Santa, family activities, and cozy community moments — Christmas at Cravath was filled with joy, laughter,

and homemade holiday magic. Thank you to everyone who joined us, volunteered, donated, decorated, and helped make this season so special. Your creativity and community spirit truly brought Cravath to life and made memories we'll carry long after the lights went out. As we officially say goodbye to the season, we're already dreaming of what's to come. Until next year — thank you for sharing the magic with us!

Details:



HR Department



Highlights:

In recognition of the holiday season, treats were delivered to City departments to thank employees for their continued dedication and service. The Employee Lunch was held on December 16, 2025. Thanks to the City Manager for preparing the meat!



Around Whitewater



Brenda Schumacher



Lynette Brown

On January 6th at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Leisure Pool, a toddler under 24 months old fell face-first into the water and became fully submerged and unable to self-recover. Lifeguards Brenda Schumacher and Lynette Brown immediately recognized the emergency and entered the pool from across the leisure area, removing the child to safety within approximately six seconds. Their swift, decisive response prevented a potentially catastrophic outcome and exemplifies the highest standards of public safety and professional lifeguarding. The City of Whitewater is extremely grateful for their professionalism, preparedness, and exceptional commitment to public safety.



The image is a recruitment advertisement for the City of Whitewater. It features a blue background with a white central box. In the top left corner, the City of Whitewater logo is displayed, which includes a circular emblem with three stylized figures and the text "City of WHITEWATER" with the tagline "Live • Learn • Work • Play" below it. In the top right corner, the text "Around Whitewater" is written. The central box has a dark blue header with the text "We Are HIRING" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the text "Open Positions" is followed by a bulleted list of four job titles: "Firefighter/EMT/AEMT/ Paramedic", "Lifeguard", "Police Patrol Officer", and "Media Producer- Digital". To the right of the list is a circular image of a modern brick building with large glass windows. Below the circular image is a QR code with a white arrow pointing to it from the text "Scan here for more information! or visit whitewater-wi.gov". The bottom left of the central box features a stylized illustration of a tree and water.

We are hiring. Come and join the City of Whitewater Team!

WPD is looking for our next Patrol Officer.

FD is looking for a firefighter/EMT/paramedic

Media Services is looking for media producer.

WAFC is looking for lifeguards.



Any questions?

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As always, I am John Weidl, City of Whitewater, City Manager.