



City Manager's Report

with John Weidl

10/06/2026





Construction Projects:

- **Jefferson Street:** Storm sewer work is wrapping up. The contractor will be starting to remove the remaining street items in preparation of building the street.
- **Universal Water Main:** Curb and gutter has been replaced and the gravel has been fine graded with asphalt schedule for the week of October 5.
- **Universal/Technology:** The binder has been placed in areas where the full depth asphalt removal occurred. The contractor still needs to mill off 2 inches of the existing asphalt and place the surface layer of asphalt.
- **Lakeview and Amber:** The binder course of asphalt has been placed. The contractor is scheduled to place the surface layer of asphalt during the week of October 5.
- **Wisconsin Street:** The street has been pulverized and shaped. The contractor is scheduled to place the binder layer of asphalt during the week of October 5.

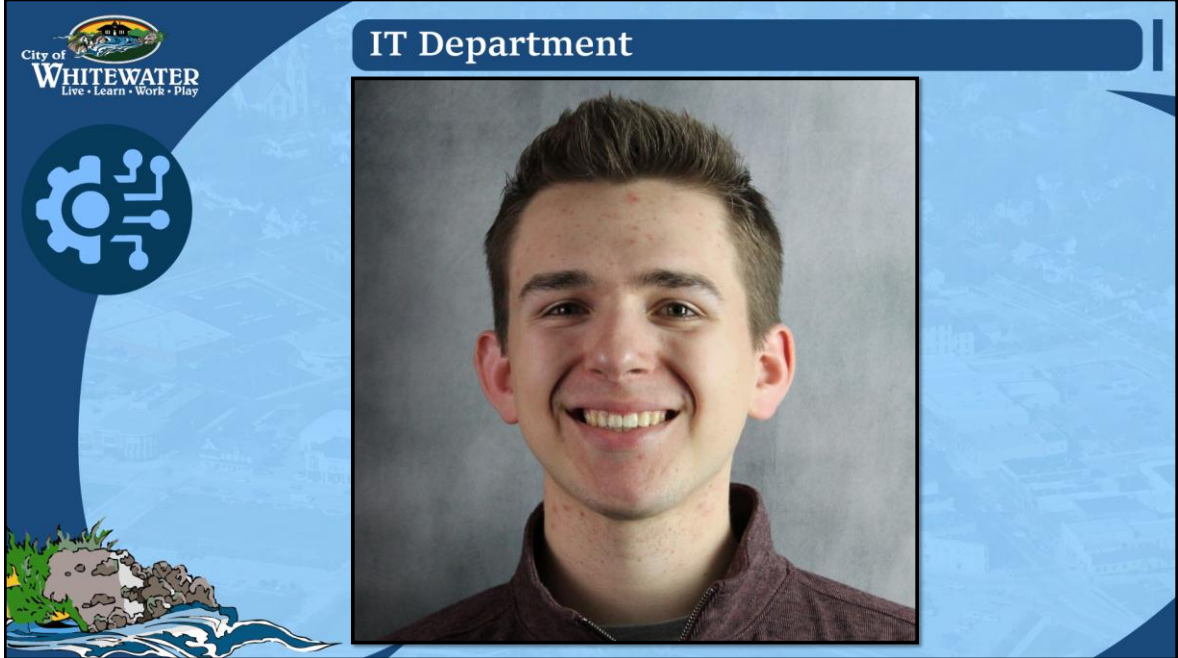
The Rock River Storm Group had their annual clean up event on September 26. In Whitewater, approximately 40 volunteers showed up to help clean up the Cravath Lakefront Park, the drainage ditch on Ann Street and other areas

in the downtown. (pictured above)

In the Street Department, staff helped with the Discover Whitewater Run by providing barricades for the event and the Food Truck Fest with providing additional garbage bins and picnic tables. Other work included maintenance of the compost piles, maintenance at playgrounds, concrete prep and installation, removing hanging baskets, storm sewer work, and tree trimming.

In the Water Department, the leak study was completed by a third party with minimal leaks found. Staff worked on required water valve exercising and turning, worked with a contractor who was installing a water hammer arrestor at Fairhaven and worked with the contractor installing water main on the Moraine View Multifamily project. Staff are down to 2 large meters to be tested in house. And on the residential meter replacement project, the remaining house has had their water shut-off for not responding.

In the Wastewater Department staff is continuing with required permit sampling. Staff is also formulating a plan to do smoke testing with collection pipes that enter the Fremont lift station and the Beach (Trippe Lake Park) lift station. These two lift stations are impacted by rain events very quickly suggesting there are inflow issues rather than infiltration issues.



Highlights

On September 22, Andrew Swartz completed Wisconsin Cyber Response Team training in River Falls. Administered by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), the CRT is an all-volunteer task force dedicated strictly to supporting public sector entities, state and local government organizations, non-profits, and critical infrastructure. This provides Andrew the opportunity to not only assist other organizations but also be on the front lines of cyber related issues to assist in protecting the City of Whitewater. Congratulations Andrew!



Highlights

All sworn staff completed Taser recertification training.

Walworth County agencies with Flock cameras met to discuss their departments' use of Flock and the outlook moving forward. Details will be included in the monthly Flock update.

All sworn staff completed gas mask fit testing throughout the week at the Whitewater Wisconsin National Guard Armory. Special thanks to the staff there for their time and assistance.

An on-site update meeting was held at the Evidence/Training garage. Construction is on schedule and we anticipate the project to be completed at the end of October.

The interview panel was composed of representatives from HR, PD and UW-Whitewater PD.

Dispatch Hiring Process: Two applicants are moving into the background investigation phase of the process.

Officer Hiring Process: Applications are due Friday, October 9th. The application can be found on the city website.

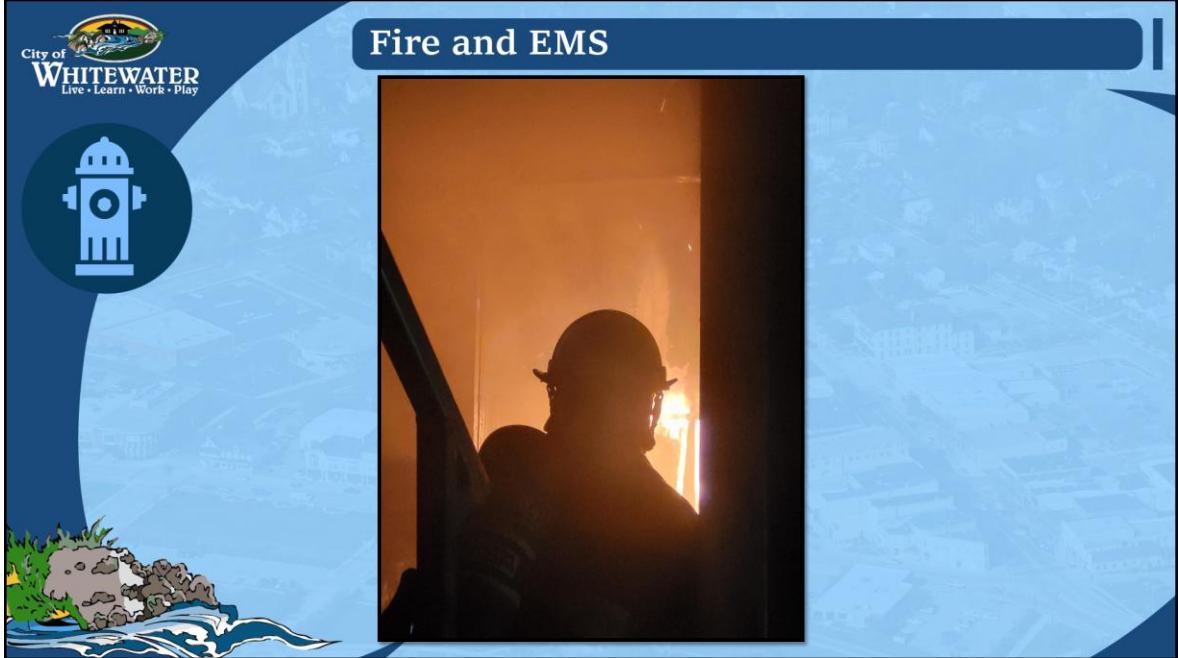
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Thursday, September 24th = Captain Taft assisted in delivering Meals on Wheels for local residents with Becky Magestro.

PD staff conducted an on-site visit at the Waukesha County Communications Center to learn more about their use of Aurelian AI-assisted dispatch.

The bi-monthly PD supervisory staff meeting was held.

PD staff attended Washington Elementary's "Pick a Day, Come and Play" event.



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On Friday, September 11th Tower Ladder 1250 was set up as a memorial for the 25th anniversary of 9/11
- Sunday, September 13th was the Annual Pancake Breakfast. An estimated 600 residents attended the event.
- WFD staff provided CPR training for City staff over multiple days.
- Staff attended a train the trainer training with for the new training facility. The first live fire was conducted during this training. (picture above)
- Sunday, September 27th Mutual Aid with an ambulance was provided to Lagrange for a medical call.
- On Tuesday, September 29th at 19:06 Ambulance 121 responded to a medical call. At 19:12 an All Call was paged out for a motor vehicle accident with injuries involving farm equipment in Lima Township. Engine 121, Ambulance 122 & 123, along with Battalion 12 responded to the incident. At 19:36 another All Call was paged for an activated CO alarm in

the City. With no available resources remaining, Engine 121 cleared the scene of the motor vehicle accident and responded to the CO alarm with an 11-minute response time.

- **Sunday, September 20th staff provided EMS stand by for the Discover Whitewater race.**

Details-

Monday, September 14th Chief Freeman and Chief of Staff Becky Magestro delivered Meals on Wheel to seniors for Fairhaven.

Thursday, September 10th AC Dion attended the Walworth Co ECAC meeting as the department EMS represent.

Saturday, September 12th AC Dion attended MABAS 103 HazMat training in Lagrange.

Saturday, September 12th 2 staff members staffed an Ambulance for the UW football game.

Wednesday, September 16th 2 staff members attended MABAS 103 Dive training in Lake Geneva.

Wednesday, September 16th AC Dion attended Jefferson Co Chiefs/MABAS 118 meeting in Jefferson.

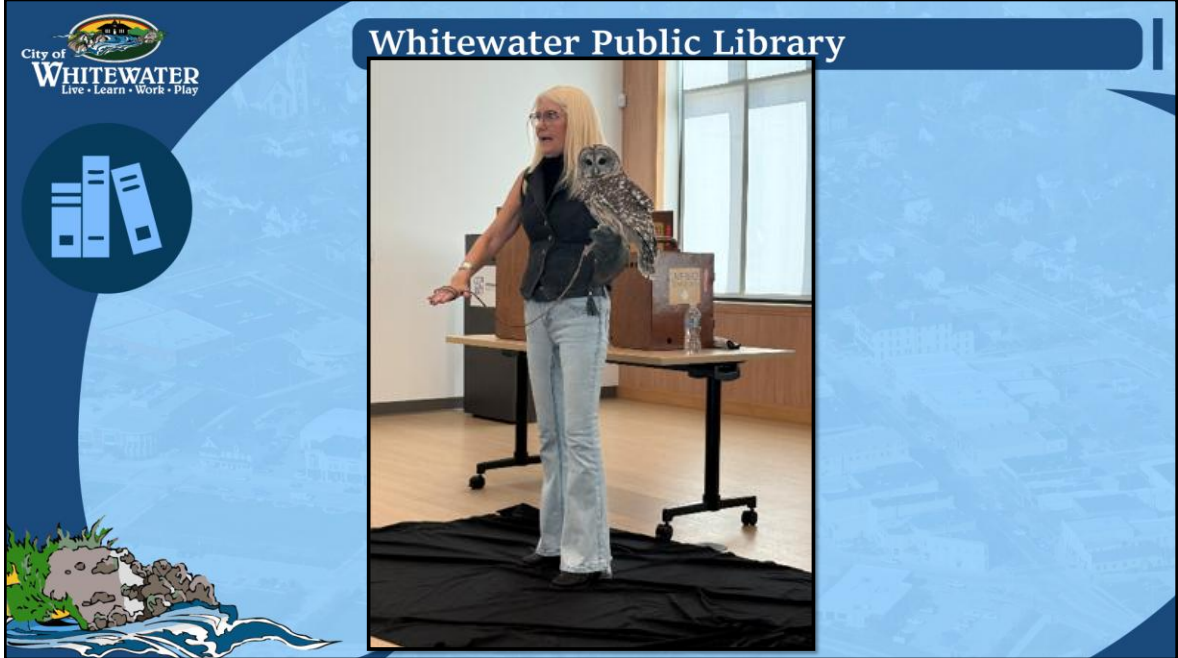
staff attended the monthly EMS training. This month's topic was signs, symptoms and treatment for COPD and CHF.

Tuesday, September 29th staff provided CPR training for City staff.

Staff provided fire extinguisher training for LaValle Industries.

AC Dion attended Jefferson Co EMS funding listening session in Watertown

Staff attended a block party at the Living Word Fellowship Church.



Highlights

On September 28 we had 70 people attend the Hoo's Woods program where people got to meet and learn about live raptors.

The library has new Explore Passes. We are working with The Young to offer tickets to their family shows starting in October. They will be donating 4, 4-packs of tickets for each show.

We are partnering UW-Whitewater Art Education students for a three-part teen art workshop series where participants develop an original artwork from an initial sketch into a finished acrylic painting. The first session was held on September 29.

Details-

All library staff have successfully completed CPR training for 2026.

The library is now partnering with both the League of Women Voters and Urban Rural Action to offer civics programming for the community.

A metal detector has been added to our Library of Things collection for patrons to check out.



Highlights

- **Summerset Marine Construction groundbreaking:** The City recently participated in the official groundbreaking for the Summerset Marine Construction product, located along Innovation Drive. Representatives from Lifetime Manufacturing, their construction partners, Thrive ED, WCEDA, First Citizens State Bank, and UW-Whitewater were all in attendance. Vertical construction is well underway, and final occupancy of the building is currently expected in Spring 2027. When completed, the project will add approximately \$15 million in value to TID #10 and also completes the Whitewater University Technology Park that was originally started over 15 years ago.
- **Housing Market Study Update RFP:** The Community Development Department recently released a Request for Proposals to conduct an update to the City's Housing Market Study, which was last done in 2023. The selected firm will be tasked with re-evaluating the City's current and future housing needs, for both owner-occupied and rental housing. Additionally, three identified sites for potential residential development

will also be evaluated. Recommendation on a firm from the RFP will likely be brought to the Common Council in December, following staff review.

- **Downtown Activation Initiative Open House:** There will be a public Open House to discuss the Downtown Activation Initiative this coming Thursday, October 8th. Event will begin at 8:30 AM at the Whitewater Area Chamber of Commerce office at 402 W Main Street. All are welcome to stop in and find out more about this program, geared toward beautifying and activating the downtown. Additionally, planning is well underway for Ghoul's Night Out, which will be held on October 29th, 4 PM – 7 PM. This will include a "trunk or treat" along First Street, which will be temporarily closed for the event, along with decorations. Additionally, several downtown merchants are offering fall themed food and drink specials, and there will be a skeleton decorating contest among participating retailers. All are invited to come downtown on October 29th and join in on the fun.



- **Highlights**

Maddi Recob(RE- cub) and Kevin Boehm attended the National Recreation and Park Association in Philadelphia last week with lots of great ideas shared by industry professionals to bring back to Whitewater.

- **Parks and recreation held its first Cornhole League having 6 teams participating**
- **Food Truck Fest was held Saturday, September 26th at Cravath Lakefront Park 11am-6pm. The event saw 500-550 people and welcomed 14 delicious food trucks.**

Details

Baile Folklorico: Baile Folklórico program begins October 20! This fun cultural dance program is open to both youth and adults, and no prior experience is needed. Classes run weekly through Thanksgiving—come learn, dance, and have fun!

Youth Basketball: Our Co-Ed Youth Basketball program starts November 7! Kids in K-3rd grade will learn dribbling, ball handling, shooting, and scrimmaging in a

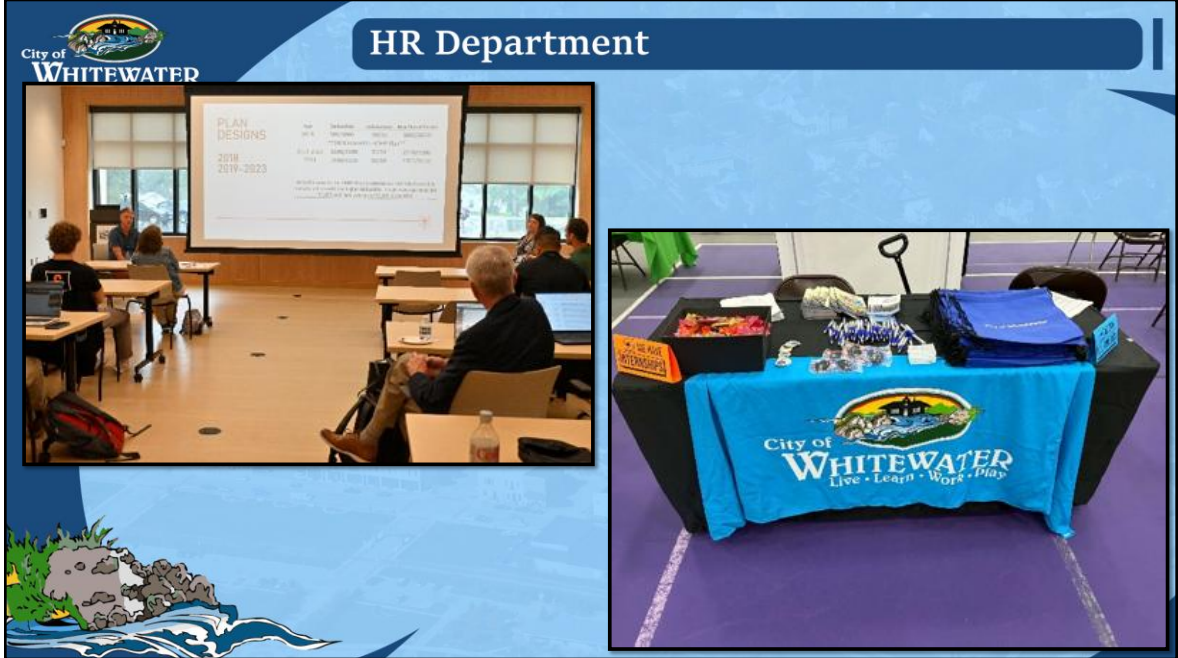
fun environment. Games/practices are Saturday mornings at Lincoln Elementary Gym through December 19. Registration is open now!

WAFC Track Club: Our WAFC Track Club is a great way to stay active this season! Open to ages 8+, the club meets on select Saturdays from 9:00–10:30 AM at the Whitewater High School Track & Football Field. WAFC members are FREE and non-members are \$30 per quarter. Check the WAFC Fitness Calendar for dates!

WAFC Swim Lessons: Our next session of Swimming Lessons begins November 3! Weekday and weekend classes are available for all skill levels, with supportive instructors helping swimmers build confidence in the water step by step.

Registration is open now! www.wwparks.org

Moonlight Lake Paddle: Our Moonlight on Cravath Community Paddle is coming up October 24! Join us for a beautiful evening paddle on Cravath Lake from 5:30–7:00 PM. Bring your kayak or canoe, decorate it with lights and glow sticks, and enjoy the lake after dark! FREE event, but pre-registration is required. A limited number of canoes are available



Highlights

- HR and Finance staff had the opportunity to present at the Self Fund Health Mini Summit on September 17, 2026, at the Whitewater Public Library. The session, “A Strategic Approach to Self-Funding,” brought together area municipalities and school districts to discuss self-funded health insurance, including its benefits, challenges, and lessons learned. The City shared an in-depth look at our own self-funding journey—from why we made the change and the challenges we have encountered to what we have learned and where we are today. (Pictured above)
- HR staff also participated in the UW-Whitewater Internship & Career Fair on September 30, 2026, at the Williams Center Fieldhouse. The event brought together approximately 174 employers, including businesses, municipalities, counties, school districts, and other organizations.
- In addition to connecting with students and promoting career opportunities with the City, staff learned an important recruiting lesson: single-serve mac and cheese and ramen noodles are apparently a very effective way to draw college students to your table! (Pictured above).



Upcoming events

Reach out to our Parks Department or wwparks.org for more info

CO-ED YOUTH BASKETBALL- K- 3RD GRADE- starting November 7th

Track Club- Saturdays

Moonlight on Cravath- October 24th

Baile Folklorico- Starting October 20th.

Ghouls night out- October 29th 4:00-7:00 on 1st street

Trick or Treat- Saturday, October 31st 4:00-7:00



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