



City Manager's Report

with John Weidl

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Department of Public Works

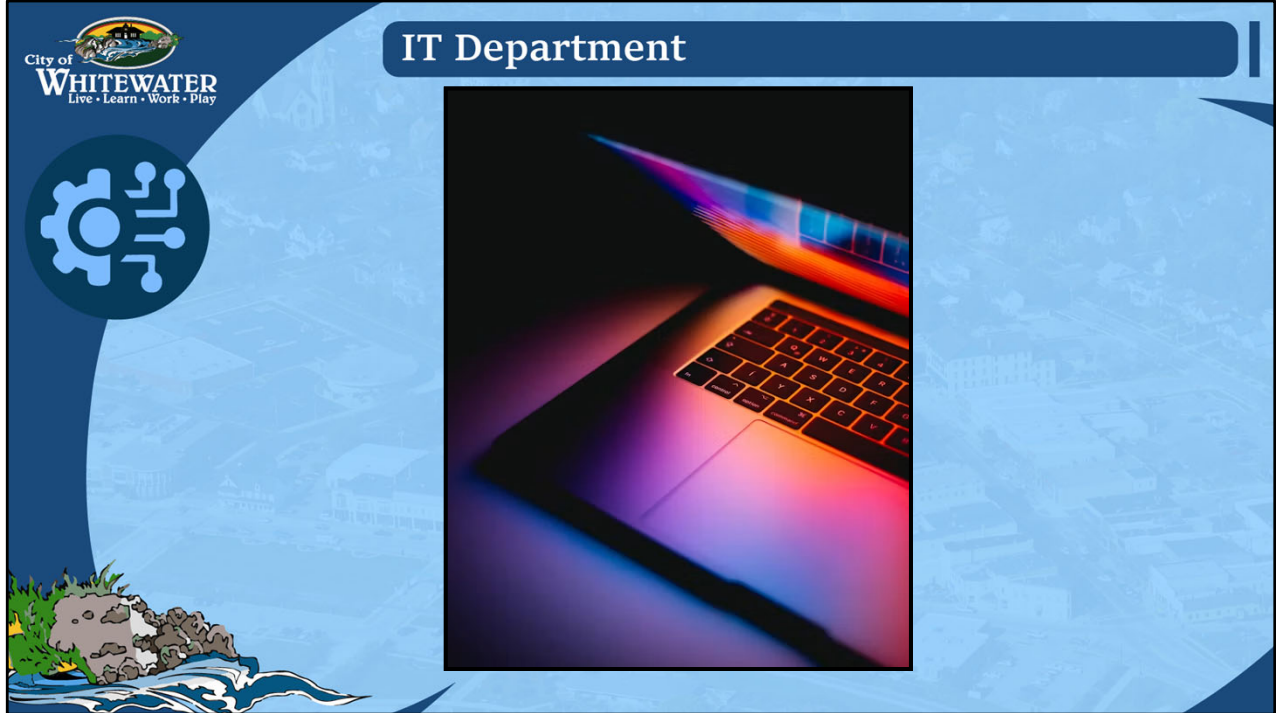


Construction Projects:

- **Main and Franklin:** Project is completed and open to traffic. Some minor punch list items for the contractor to take care of.
- **Jefferson Street:** Section north of Starin Road is paved but still needs final restoration. Water main is installed from Starin Road to Cravath Street. Once safe samples are achieved the contractor will be working on sanitary and water laterals to the houses.
- **Universal Water Main:** All water main has been installed. Once safe samples come back, the laterals will be reconnected to the businesses. The contractor will be working on removing the subbase and installing underdrain before repaving takes place.
- **Street Improvements:** The contractor is planning on starting after Labor Day on Lakeview and Amber Street, followed by Wisconsin Street and then Universal Blvd and Technology Dr.
- **In the Street Dept,** crews worked on miscellaneous concrete curb and gutter repairs, repaired traffic signals and streetlights, repaired catch basins, did maintenance at the compost site, treated Ash trees, repaired

playground equipment, and installed garbage cans on Main Street.

- In the Water Dept, lead and copper testing is completed with the City passing with no issues. Next testing will be in 3 years. Staff discovered a media leak in the Well 5 filter, causing the media to enter the distribution system. After taking the well out of service, the mains leading from Well 5 were flushed. Staff is in the process of determining the extent of the damage to the filter tank. Other work included helping the contractor with locating services on the Universal Blvd project and fixing an air release valve on Well 5.**
- In the Wastewater Dept, staff received sampling coolers as part of the Permit renewal. Staff will plan on starting sampling in the next week or two. Staff worked with the Police Department to reprogram their fobs so they have access through the gate for the Evidence Garage and the shooting range. Staff had to take the Crane Truck in for service due to the crane leaking oil. Fort Atkinson will help provide coverage if needed. Staff worked on providing final documentation to FEMA for reimbursement.**



The City's Cyber Incident Response Plan has been completed. Our next step is a tabletop exercise with our cyber response team in September. The exercise is meant to strengthen our communication and response should a cybersecurity event take place.



Highlights

PD and Park and Rec staff participated in the Back to School Bash at the Armory. All students received a bag of school supplies and had the opportunity to play basketball or soccer with staff. Thanks to everyone who participated!(pictured on the left)

On Thursday, August 27, all City staff participated in Active Threat Training at the Whitewater Public Library. The Whitewater Police Department provided hands-on examples and realistic scenarios to help staff better understand how to respond during an active threat situation and be more prepared and vigilant in an emergency. (pictured on the right)

Hiring Updates

**The Community Service Officer application process has closed.
Interviewing applicants on August 25th.**

We are currently accepting applications for Dispatcher. Applications can be submitted through [governmentjobs.com](https://www.governmentjobs.com) which can be accessed using the city website. Applications are due by September 1st at 4pm.

Details

Capt. Vander Steeg attended the Jefferson County Chiefs and Sheriff's meeting hosted at the Jefferson County Health and Human Services building.

Chief Meyer attended the Walworth County Chiefs and Sheriff's meeting hosted at the Williams Bay Village Hall.



Fire and EMS



Highlights-

- 4 staff members attended Burn Camp for injured youth at Camp Lutherdale in Lagrange. Tower 1250 was used to hoist the flag during the parade of fire apparatus. (pictured above)
- Whitewater responded with an Engine and a Chief to Fort Atkinson for a MABAS request for a gas main break.
- Wednesday, August 19th Whitewater responded with a Truck and a Chief to East Troy for a MABAS request for a working structure fire.
- August 20th a Tender responded to a MABAS request for Palmyra for a commercial working structure fire.
- Friday, August 21st an Engine and Chief were placed on standby to assist with a PD matter.
- Saturday, August 22nd an Engine and Chief were placed on Standby to

assist with a DCI matter.

Details

AC Dion attended the Cold Spring town board meeting.

Tuesday, August 18th AC Dion attended the Town of Richmond town board meeting.

Monday, August 24th staff attended the monthly EMS training instructed by Mercy. This month's topic was cardiac emergencies.

Wednesday, August 26th AC Dion attended the Lima town board meeting



Whitewater Public Library



Highlights

The library had the pleasure of hosting the 2026 Community Stars Gala. The event was a great success. A special thanks goes out to library staff members Susan and Cori for being part of the City Gala committee. The decorations looked amazing and we received a lot of compliments!

The library is collaborating with the UW-Whitewater to provide One-on-One Support and Training for people aged 50+ and people aged 18+ with disabilities. Intergenerational Technology Services (IGeTS)-Mobile sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays starting September 9 from 12:00-1:30 pm in Study Room 2. Services are free and are provided by UW-Whitewater students.

The Summer Reading Program came to an end on July 31. The children's department hosted 28 programs which were attended by 342 people. 139 children and teens registered for this year's program. We had 13 volunteers who worked a total of 170 hours at the children's desk. We had 106 adults participate in the program with 640 total books read. The staff had their own

program with 9 participants and 64 books read.

Details-

The library hosted an Active Threat Training on Thursday, August 27 for all city staff. The training was led by the Police Department and designed to provide practical, hands-on experience using nationally recognized response strategies.



Highlights

BRE visit to Fairhaven: The Community Development Director and the Chamber's Executive Director met with Director of Marketing and Leisure Services, Brian Robinson, at Fairhaven Senior Services this past Tuesday on a Business Retention and Expansion visit.(pictured above) Items discussed included Fairhaven's current operations, staffing needs, and desire to see improvements in the downtown and more new home construction in the City of Whitewater. As a reminder, any Whitewater business can arrange for a BRE visit by reaching out to the Community Development Department.

CDA Loan Approval for Stellar Vintage: At their August board meeting, the Community Development Authority approved a loan for Stellar Vintage to purchase the building they currently occupy on South First Street. The loan was previously reviewed by the CDA loan review committee and the City's comptroller. The applicants thanked the CDA and stated this loan will allow them to remain in Whitewater and continue growing their business in the City's downtown.

Downtown Activation Initiative: Community Development Department staff recently met with a variety of stakeholders, including representatives from the Whitewater Unified School District, the Whitewater Arts Alliance, and UW-

Whitewater, to discuss the Downtown Activation Initiative. Several concepts for future downtown events have been discussed, and the department is planning to reach out to downtown businesses in the very near future to discuss the program. Additionally, a plan for City staff to engage in weed removal and power washing of the downtown sidewalks has been initiated.



Highlights

The Seniors In The Park is hosting a car show on September 3rd. Anyone who brings a car eats for free! Register by calling 262-473-0535

Join us for a Welcome Party to meet and greet Ashley, our new Senior (Ashley and family pictured above) our new Adult Program Coordinator, Thursday, September 24th from 12:00-2:00 pm. Stop in, say hello, enjoy a slice of cake, and help give Ashley a warm welcome. Come ready to chat, laugh, and maybe give her a few pointers on how things really work around here!

Join us at Cravath Lakefront Park for the third annual Food Truck Fest on September 26th from 11:00-6:00. Grab lunch or dinner and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Cravath Lake Park.

Details

A family pack admits up to 2 adults and 4 children. Cost is \$20 for Whitewater

Residents, \$22 for non-Whitewater Residents

After School Program:

Registration for the month of September at our After School Program is now OPEN!

Starting now, any elementary aged child can be signed up to join us at Washington, Lincoln, or Lakeview Elementary after school from 3-6 PM. Snacks, games, crafts, and more are provided for your children.

Sign up at wwparks.org and call Maddi Recob with any questions at (262) 473-0119

Swim lesson registration for our Fall 1 session is open and on-going, with lessons beginning the Tuesday (9/8) after Labor Day. Our Summer Session had 95 registrations and wrapped up last week!

Piper Road Spring Band & Kids to Kids Rummage: The Concerts Season came to an end on Tuesday, August 25th with a double event of the first ever Kids to Kids Rummage and the all-time favorite Piper Road Spring Band.

Our Kids to Kids Rummage Sale was a huge success! 26 young entrepreneurs worked hard setting up their tables, pricing their treasures, making sales, and even doing a little shopping of their own. It was so much fun watching the kids take charge, practice their people skills, and proudly earn a few dollars along the way. A great evening of kids selling to kids and giving old treasures a brand-new home!



Highlights

Artificial Intelligence Training wrapped up on August 20, with 25 employees participating. The training focused on the dos and don'ts of using AI in the workplace, with particular attention to accuracy, responsible use, and City marketing standards. The sessions were recorded for employees who were unable to attend in person.

And, in the spirit of the training, take a close look at the promotional graphic above/below—how many AI “mistakes” can you spot?

City of Whitewater at the Ballpark – Employees and their families enjoyed an eventful day at the ballpark! Between dodging falling tables, weathering monsoon-like rain and wind, and sitting through extra innings, there was no shortage of excitement. In the end, the Brewers made it all worthwhile, defeating the Twins 4–3 in extra innings.



Highlights

Key projects: Production has started on the next PD Series video about the WPD Specialty Training programs. Pre-Production and location scouting happened a few weeks ago for the next Bridge to Whitewater episode.

Accomplishments: Prepared and then presented AI Training to department heads and City employees utilizing AI.

Upcoming initiatives: Bridge to Whitewater episode 8 filming starts in September, this week (Aug. 27th) we'll be capturing footage for the Specialty Training PD video.

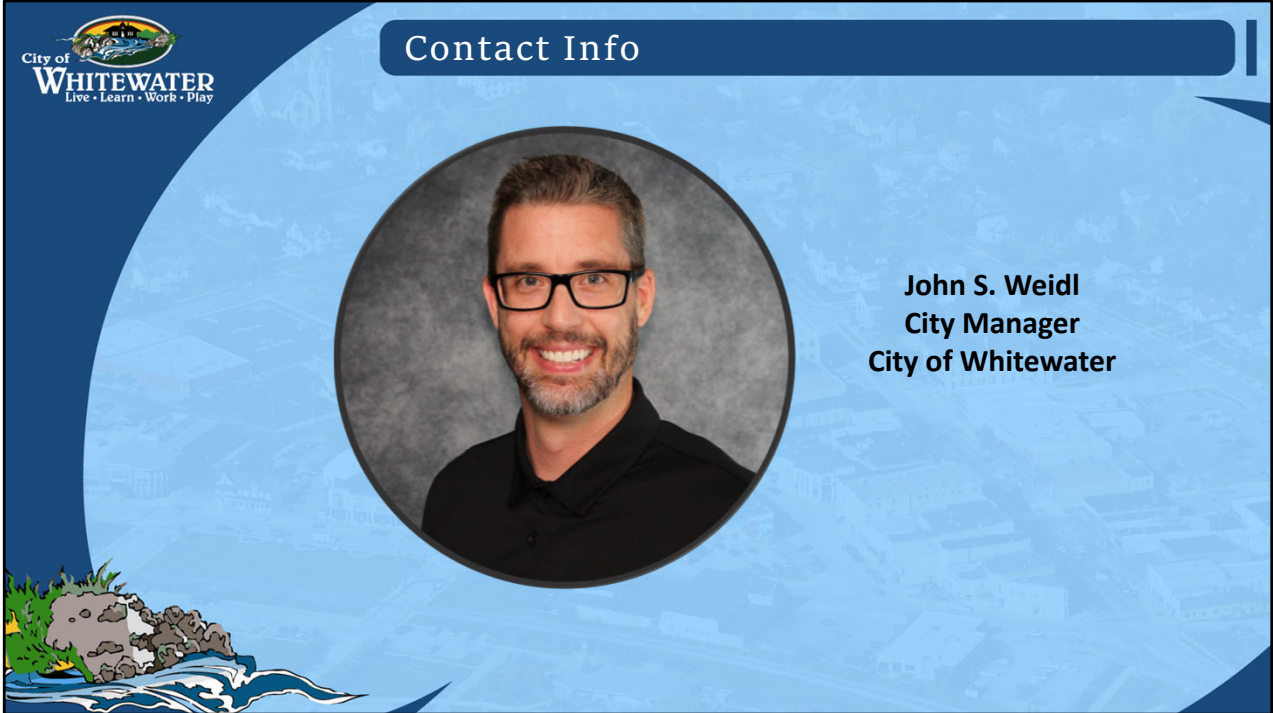


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