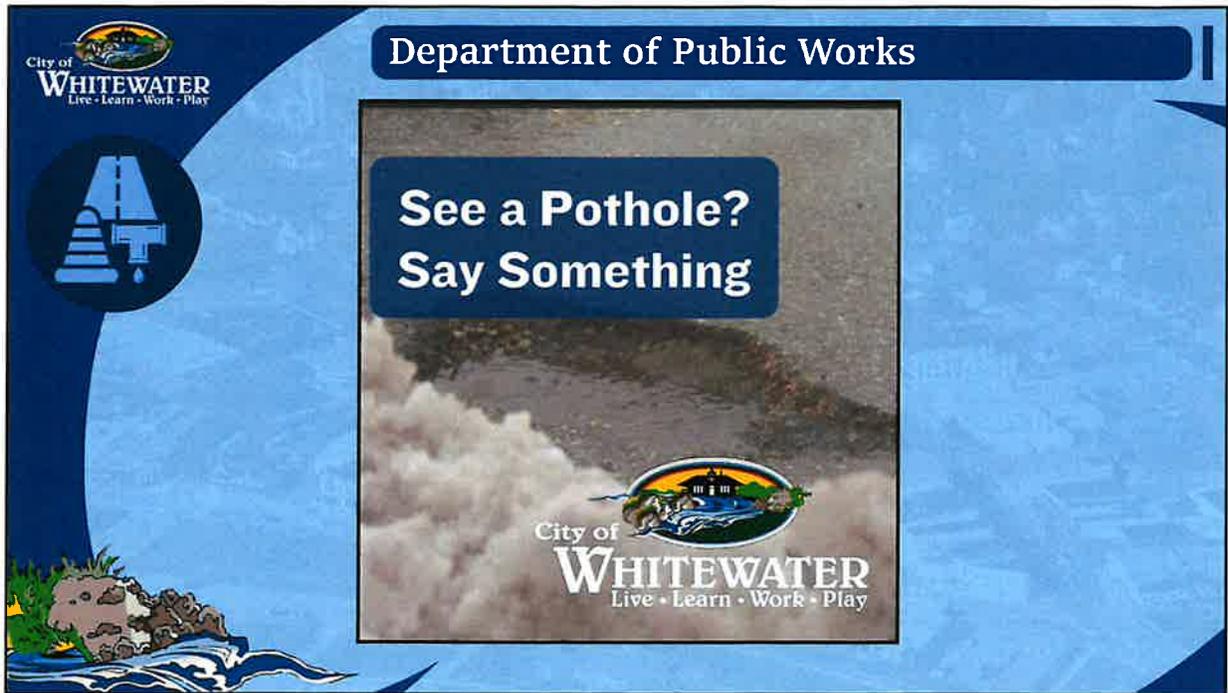




City Manager's Report
with John Weidl

3/3/2026



Highlights

For the week of February 16th- The Street Department, crews worked on tree trimming, preparing signs for updated ordinances, patching potholes, catching up on inventory, catch basin cleaning, repairing a knocked down streetlight, reinstalling the streetlight on Prospect Drive that was removed to repair a water main break, and locates.

In the Water Department, Edge Broadband began removing antennas and wiring on the Cravath Street water tower. The upgrade to the SCADA system was completed and working without issues. Staff attended AWWA (American Water Works Association) classes and a DOT presentation.

In the Wastewater Department, representatives for the centrifuge were onsite to remove parts for maintenance and replacement. Staff completed root cutting in problem areas of the collection system and installed a new sensor cable on the Diffused Oxygen probe in Aeration Basin 4.

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Police Department

Whitewater Police Department

WE ARE HIRING

Police Patrol Lieutenant

Qualifications:

- Associate's Degree or equivalent to two (2) years of college required.
- Successful completion of law enforcement leadership training preferred.
- Current sworn status with three (3) years of law enforcement experience or any equivalent combination of related education and experience.
- Supervisory experience is desired.
- Ability to perform all of the functions required for classification as a police officer.

APPLY NOW:

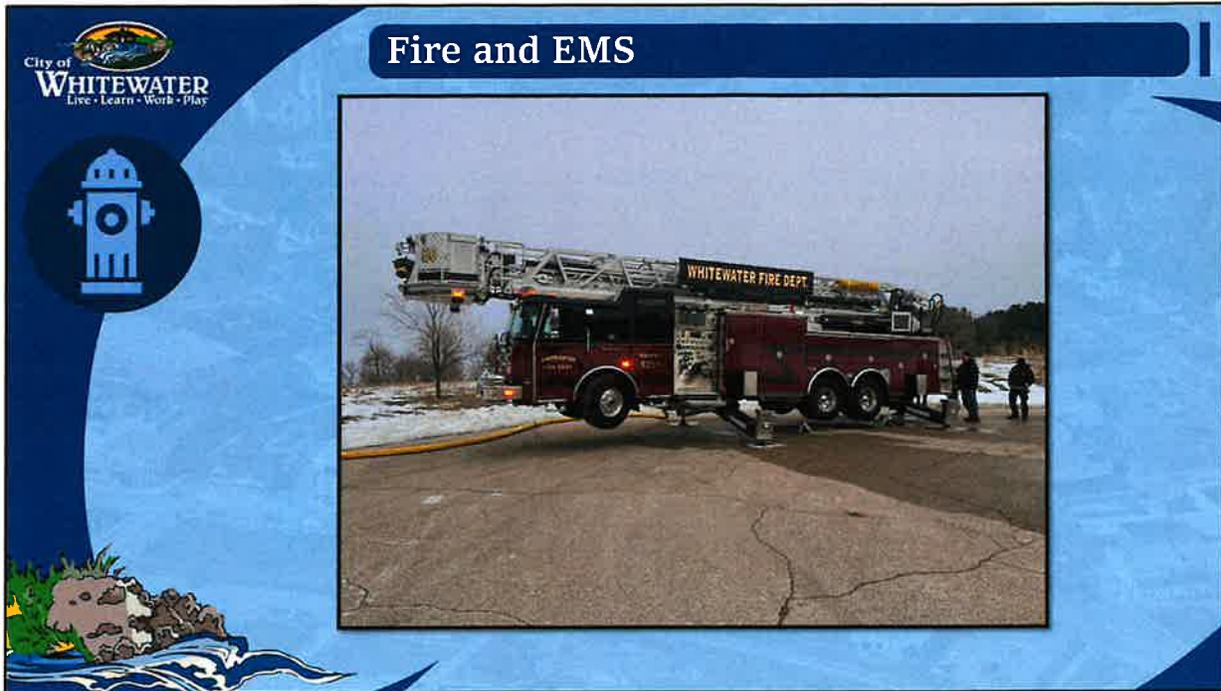
Highlights

- Sworn staff completed Room Clearing and Ballistic Shield training along with UW-Whitewater PD staff provided by our in-house instructors.
- WPD staff on the multi-jurisdictional Mobile Field Force team attended county-wide training focusing on Defensive Tactics.

Hiring updates:

- Command Staff conducted Patrol Officer interviews on February 24th. The top candidates will now complete the Physical Readiness Test and those who pass will move into the background investigation stage of the hiring process.
- We are currently accepting applications both internally and externally for Patrol Lieutenant.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/whitewaterwi>



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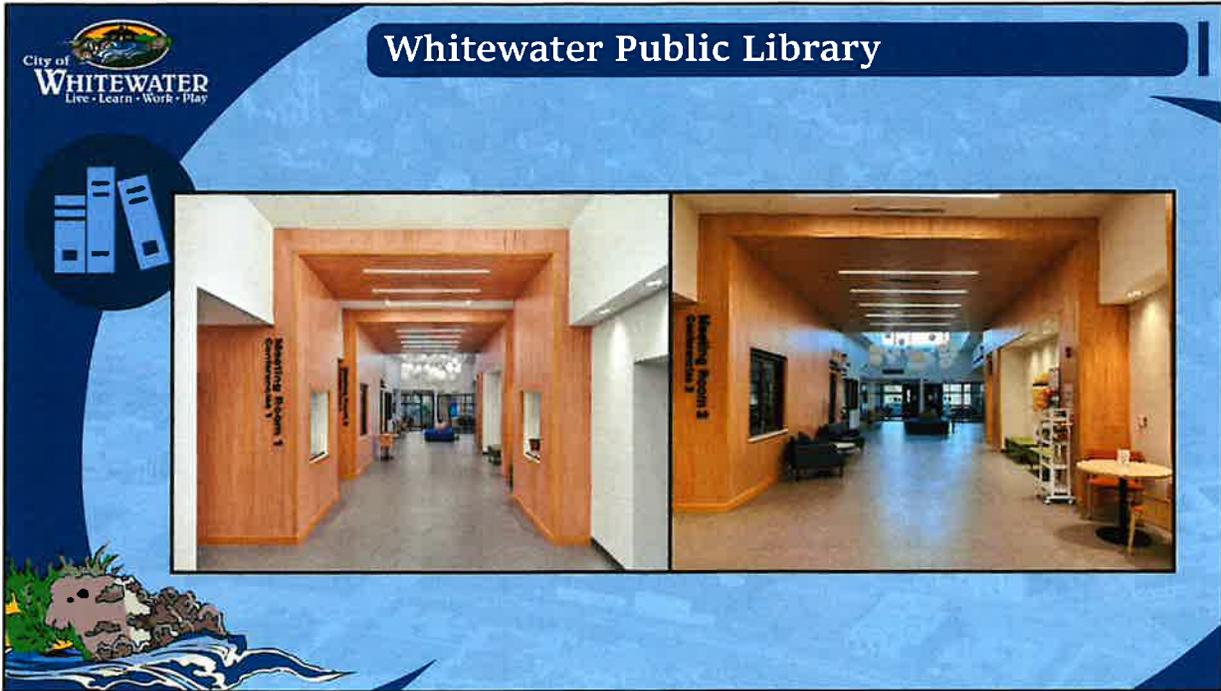
- Loose equipment is in the process of being mounted on the new Ladder Truck. (pictured above)
- AC Dion met with the Town of Richmond to discuss their contract
- We were dispatched to a possible structure fire. Crews found a wooden pillar for a balcony on an apartment complex burning inside the brick masonry. Lagrange responded with an Engine and a Chief as Auto Aid. The fire was contained to the pillar of origin, and the minor damage was contained to the exterior of the building. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

Details

2 staff members attended Walworth Co dive training in Lake Geneva. Staff attended the monthly EMS training presented by Mercy. This month's topic was sepsis.

AC Dion attended the PFC meeting with 3 candidates being interviewed for the eligibility list.

AC Dion attended the Richmond Townhall meeting.



Highlights

- The library has a beautiful, spacious atrium designed for lounging. The photo on the left was taken professionally by Studio GC. The photo on the right is how the atrium currently looks with plenty of seating areas. From the atrium there is access to the Meeting and Study Rooms, The Makerspace, The Teen Room, the Friends Book Shop, the Little Free Pantry and the Seed Library. There are live plants in the middle of the blue seating area located at the back of the photo, near the study rooms.
- Interviews for the vacant Library Associate position will be completed this week. We had sixty-five applicants.
- We are excited to announce that the library has Explore Passes for the community to check out! We currently have passes to the Milwaukee Zoo, Mitchell Domes, and Wisconsin State Parks. Patrons must be at least 18 years old with an up-to-date Bridges Library System card in good standing, and a matching valid driver's license or state ID. The passes are checked out for three days and must be picked up and returned to the front desk at the Whitewater Public Library. Holds are not allowed on the passes, they

are first come, first served. There is a late fee if the passes are not returned on time.

Details

The library is hosting two book discussions in collaboration with UW-Whitewater. The first book to be discussed on February 25 is Martha Blanding's memoir, *Groundbreaking Magic: A Black Woman's Journey through The Happiest Place on Earth*.

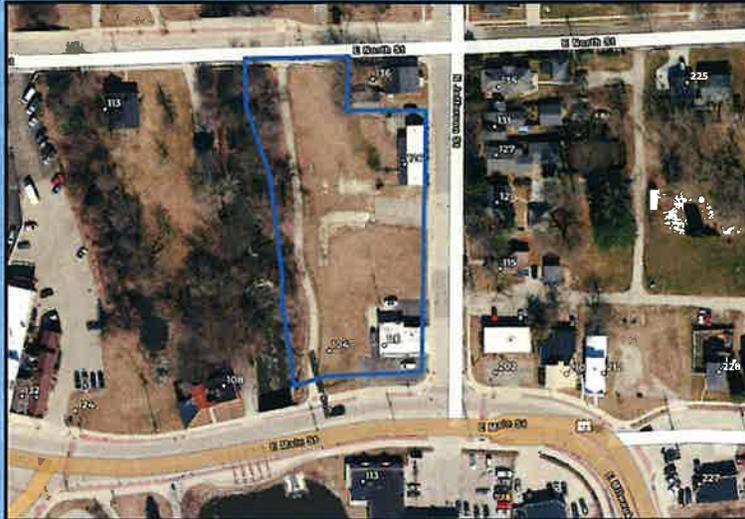
The 2025 Annual Report required by the Wisconsin Department of Instruction has been completed and submitted.

The library hosted the Whitewater Area League of Women Voters special public program, "The State of UWW, The State of the City of Whitewater, and The State of the Whitewater Unified School District," on Thursday, February 19.

Hunter Swanson, Programming & Makerspace Librarian, took part in the 4K Discovery Day on February 20 at Lincoln Elementary.



Community Development



Highlights

- **WUSD Strategic Planning:** Community Development staff participated in WUSD's Strategic Planning Sessions on February 24–25, discussing curriculum updates, enrollment trends, and stakeholder feedback. The sessions reflect continued city collaboration as the district plans its future direction.
- **Commercial Development:** Dunkin' has begun interior renovations at 1185 W Main Street, with additional site work ahead and a projected June opening. The department appreciates Dunkin's communication throughout the process. Interest from other national brands remains strong, signaling continued commercial momentum.
- **Jefferson & Main Property:** The CDA approved demolition of the former "Wrap and Ship" building at 116 E Main Street. A site analysis from Redevelopment Resources will be reviewed March 19, and staff plan to seek approval to issue an RFP for redevelopment of this key downtown-edge site.



Highlights

- **Free Open Swim: Saturday, March 7th Noon-5pm:** Don't miss out on a fun-filled day at the WAFCI! Join us for open swim where kids and adults swim for free. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy some quality family time and make a splash!
- **WAFCI: Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us for a fun-filled morning at the Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday, March 28th.

Facilities:

Facilities staff closed 49 help desk tickets in January.

20 general maintenance tasks – Assembling, installing, removing, and relocating items.

19 facility repairs – Fixing sinks, toilets, windows, doors, drawers and more

9 heat related repairs

Staff performed snow and ice removal from all buildings and sidewalks through the month.

Details

After School Program: In preparation for Valentine's Day, our Afterschool attendees created paper flowers and vases to help brighten someone's day.

Throwback Thursdays: For the month of February, the Parks and Recreation Facebook Page showcased some amazing blasts from the past to get people energized for upcoming baseball/softball season.



Highlights

- **HR and Park & Rec staff attended the UW-Whitewater Internship & Career Fair on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Apparently, Willie is the newest member of our recruitment team! (pictured above)**
- **We are accepting applications for seasonal positions - also known as a great opportunity to remind teenagers that the couch is not a long-term career path. If you know a young adult who has mastered the art of sleeping until noon and perfecting their screen time stats, we have a constructive alternative involving fresh air, sunshine, and a paycheck.**

Anniversaries

- **We would like to congratulate the following employees on major work anniversaries in the month of March:**
- **Dan Buckingham – 10 years**
- **Blaine Walenton (WAL-en-ton) – 5 years**
- **We truly appreciate all you do!**

Retention

- **We've been working to modernize our employee evaluation process by moving it online for greater consistency and accessibility, while also partnering with departments to develop clear, measurable SMART goals that better align individual performance with organizational priorities. As of February 26, 47 employees and 17 supervisors have participated in training that undoubtedly ranked high on everyone's list of most exciting ways to spend an hour!**



SAVE THE DATE, WHITEWATER! September 26th!

Get ready to roll up your sleeves for the BIG CATTAIL SHOWDOWN happening Saturday, September 26th!

We're turning cattail pulling into an epic community competition filled with:

Fun prizes

The Golden Boot Award

Costumes & team spirit

Individual & team challenges

And plenty of community fun!

Whether you're in it to win it or just want to cheer on the teams, this is your chance to be part of something uniquely Whitewater.

More details coming soon — but for now... mark those calendars!



Highlights

- **Media Services recorded and photographed (picture above) the State of Whitewater 2026, and the video is now available across all of our platforms. This event would not have been possible without the assistance of Cris from IT, and we sincerely thank him for all of his help and support.**
- **Media Services has officially purchased the TelVue broadcasting service, enhancing WCTV 990 and expanding how viewers can access content. This upgrade will allow TDS to air with us and eliminate the need for Spectrum or TDS to watch regular programming. Soon, content will be available on streaming apps including Roku, iOS, Android, Apple TV, and Fire TV. Installation details are still being finalized, with launch expected soon.**
- **In addition, Media Services has recorded multiple training sessions for various departments, allowing employees who were unable to attend in person to view the content at a time that works best for them.**



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