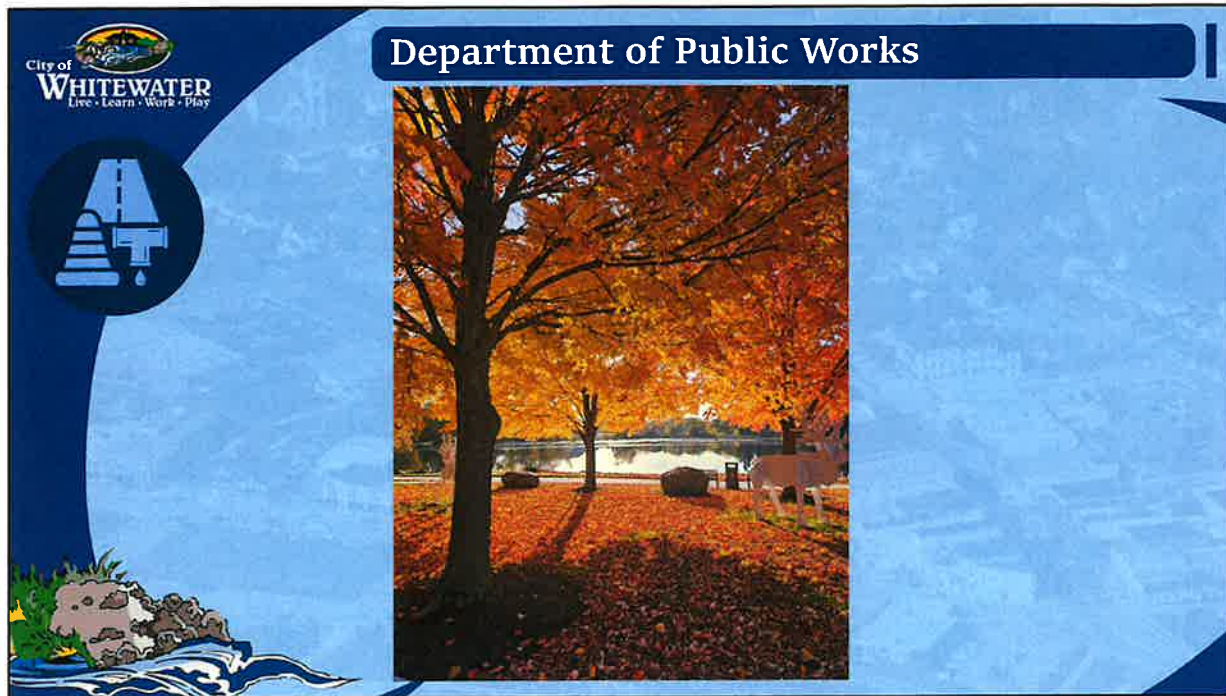


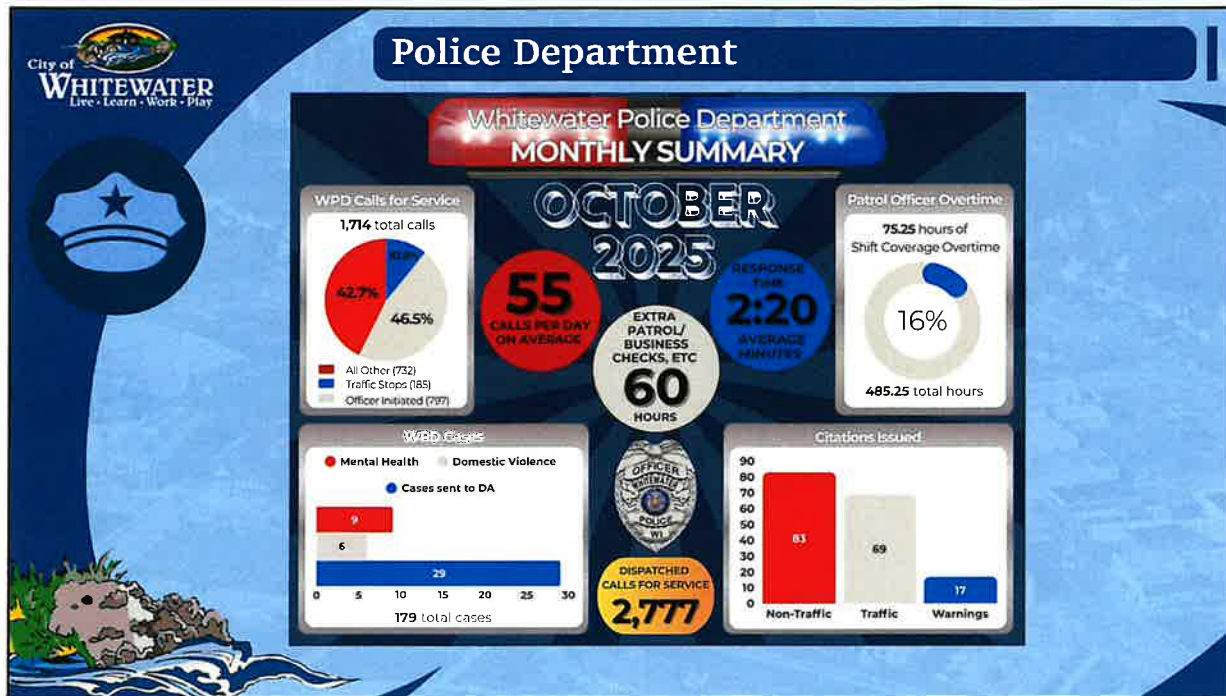
City Manager's Report with John Weidl

11/18/2025



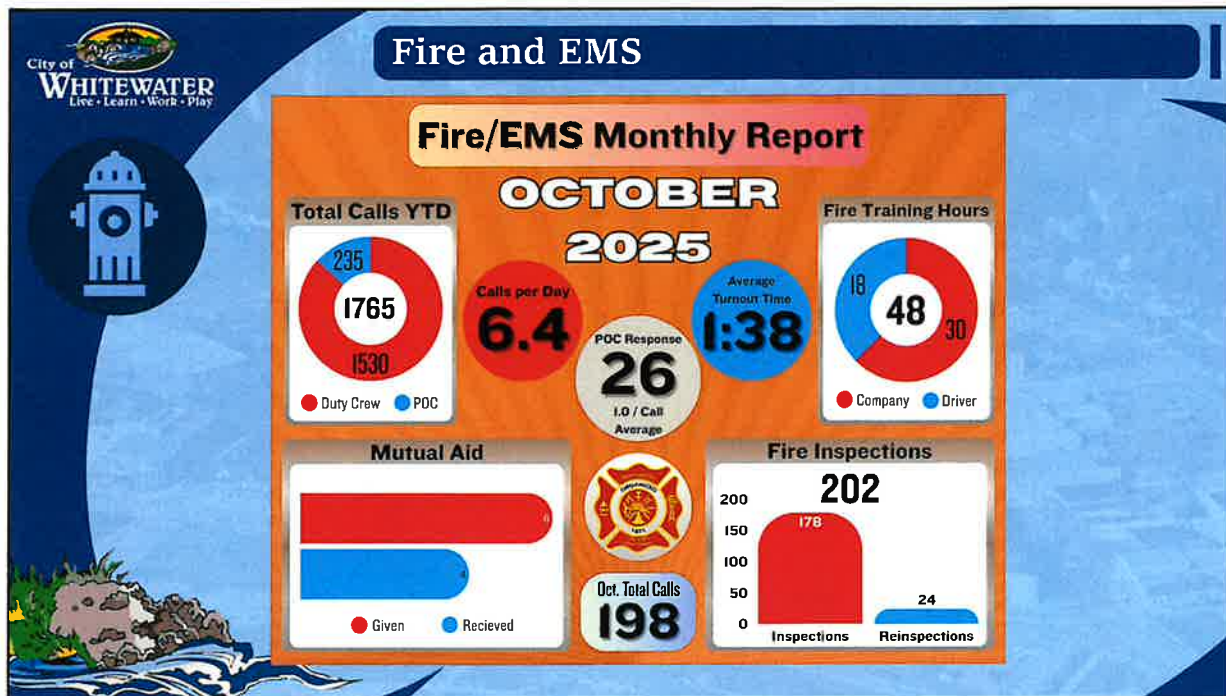
Highlight:

- Residents just a reminder that this is the last week for bagged leaf pick up. Have your bags to curb by Thursday night. The last Wednesday for the compost site is tomorrow November 19. The compost site will be open on Saturdays until December 6, weather permitting. There is also a dumpster located at the city garage, 150 E Starin Road, from November 24 to December 5 for residents to dispose of yard waste during normal work hours.
- In the Street Department crews have been picking up bagged leaves and street sweeping throughout the city. Staff have been getting ready for winter and the holiday season: reorganization of the DPW shop area for winter operations; moving picnic tables under shelters; preparing Christmas lights; and hanging downtown snowflakes.
- In the Wastewater Department contractors were back on site to work on punch list items on the Vanderlip Pumping Station project. Staff mowed the prairie grass per DNR recommendations to maintain our phosphorus credit and also worked on fixing some outdoor lighting issues. The year end Phosphorus Optimization Report is being prepared for submission.



Highlights:

- Interviews were held for the open dispatcher position. The top candidates are advancing to the background investigation stage of the hiring process.
- Our Communications Center successfully transitioned to ESINet (Emergency Services IP Network) which is the foundation of NexGen911 system. The primary change associated with this is now all cell phone 911 calls in the geographic boundaries of the City of Whitewater will be routed to our Communications Center rather than one of the county communications centers.
- WPD hosted interviews for our Detective Lieutenant hiring process. Command staff, HR as well as a PFC representative were on the interview panel.
- Recently, WPD enjoyed spending time with some of our local community members during Coffee with a Cop at Jessica's.



Highlights:

- Ambulance 1282 was taken out of service due to mechanical issues. While operating with only 2 Ambulances, MABAS request will result in a Pass and Mutual Aid provided to Fort and Lagrange will be limited to critical calls for service only. Both Fort and Lagrange offered assistance if needed while our apparatus was out of service.
- On Thursday, November 6th
at 10:47 AM Whitewater responded to a barn fire in the town of Lima.
at 11:05 AM while crews were working at the barn fire an EMS call for service was dispatched and covered by a Janesville ambulance that was responding to the barn fire.
Another EMS call for service was dispatched at 11:51 AM and was covered by Lake Geneva while they were assigned to change of quarters.
At 1:35 PM Whitewater responded back to the barn fire for a rekindle. Lagrange responded with a Chief and their Engine was cancelled while enroute.
- Sunday, November 9th Whitewater responded to a shed fire in the town of Whitewater. Lagrange and Darian provided Auto Aid for the incident Sunday,

November 9th a motor vehicle accident was dispatched while crews were working at the shed fire. Mutual Aid was received from Lakeside and Fort Atkinson for the incident.

- **Engine 1222 was taken out of service due to needed repairs being done at Fire Services Inc in Lake Mills. MABAS or Mutual Aid request for an Engine will result in a Pass until it's back in service.**
- **Ambulance 1282, was again taken out of service due to mechanical issues. While operating with only 2 Ambulances, MABAS request will result in a Pass and Mutual Aid provided to Fort and Lagrange will be limited to critical calls for service only.**
- **Engine 1222 was put back in service following the completion of repairs. All units**

Fire graphic-

The graphic above reflects this information below.

10/2-8

Staff responded to 54 calls for service, making the daily average of 7.7 calls for service each day.

5 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.0 per call.

Mutual Aid was requested twice from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.

10/9-14

Staff responded to 33 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.5 calls for service each day.

3 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 2.0 per call.

Mutual Aid was not requested from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.

10/15-22

Staff responded to 46 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.75 calls for service each day.

7 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.28 per call.

Mutual Aid was requested 3 times (canceled once) from Whitewater during this time, and we requested Mutual Aid/Auto Aid twice (canceled once).

10/23-29

Staff responded to 47 calls for service, making the daily average of 6.7 calls for service each day.

7 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.0 per call.

Mutual Aid was requested twice from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.

Details:

staff attended Defensive Driving training hosted by CVMIC.

2 staff members provided EMS standby services at the UW Football game.

Monday, November 10th and Wednesday, November 12th interviews were conducted for the 3 new positions from the referendum.

AC Dion attended the PARC for an update of the training facility project and stopped by the Community Foundation meeting following.

Monday, November 10th Chief Freeman attended the Whitewater Community Foundation annual meeting.



Highlights:

- The Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program resumed this week. These visits are being conducted by the Economic Development Director and the Whitewater Area Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director, Karin Silvius. (Kurr-rin Sill-vee-us) The first visit was with Fort Healthcare on November 12th to discuss their Whitewater clinic and future needs. The team met with Jim Nelson and Tiffany Pernat (Purr-nat) of Fort Healthcare (see picture above). A visit to Generac's Whitewater facility is scheduled for the near future.
- Work continues on revising the proposed Home Renewal Program, which will be reviewed by the CDA on November 20th and will return to the Common Council for final approval in December. The new Economic Development Coordinator, Ashwini Rao, (Ash-Winnie Rarr-o) will be administering this program, with assistance from Thrive ED. This program will help revitalize existing single-family housing stock in the community, as well as allow for the reconversion of multi-family units back into single-family owner-occupied housing.
- The Downpayment Assistance Program continues to generate strong interest, with two new applications up for review by the CDA on November 20th. This

program is successfully helping homebuyers move into owner-occupied housing here in the City of Whitewater, and is made possible with assistance from our local banks and credit unions who work with homebuyers to verify their eligibility for this assistance.

Whitewater Public Library



Highlights:

- Adamantine Spine Movers spent six days at the library bringing back the items they stored off site, building bookshelves, placing books on the shelves, and putting together staff workstations. We were very pleased with the service we received from them.
- Curbside service resumed on Monday, November 10. Our patrons were pleased to be able to once again place holds online and pick them up and the library. The library will open completely on December 8.
- The city inspector and fire inspector did a final walk through at the library on November 11, checking that everything was working correctly and up to code. The new front entrance door is now programmed to automatically lock and unlock according to a set schedule.

Details:

- The cleaning company hired by Miron Construction will be here on Friday, November 14 to do a cleaning of the new addition now that the flooring and room partitions have been installed. New furniture for the library is scheduled to arrive

the week of November 24.

- The Library Director attended the Jefferson County Library Service Board Meeting on November 6 at the Dwight Foster Library in Fort Atkinson. All Jefferson County Library Directors are encouraged to attend the meetings and give a report on their library.

November Programs at the Library:

- November 10: Festive Corn Take & Make. Stop by the library during our curbside pickup hours and grab a Festive Corn take & make craft for kids! Available while supplies last. For ages 3 and up.
- November 13: Somatic Release from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with Katy Dixon Wimer at the Cravath Community Lakefront Center.
- November 19: Storytime with Miss Deana from 9:39-10:00 a.m. at the Cravath Community Lakefront Center



Highlights:

- **Seniors in the Park Murder Mystery Party:** Theme was 80's Murder at the roller rink. We had 21 people register and 18 people attend. 2 of our performers were volunteers from the UWW theater department, the other 3 were senior volunteers from those who came to the event.
- **Events: Bench Dedication Ceremony – In Loving Memory of James (Jim) Allen.** This memorial bench located at Trippe Lake Park will stand as a lasting tribute to Jim's spirit — a peaceful place to pause, reflect, and enjoy the beauty of the lakes he cared for so deeply.
- **Christmas At Cravath:** I'm excited to share that the holiday season is just around the corner, and Whitewater's annual Christmas at Cravath celebration will once again bring joy, lights, and community spirit to our city! This year's festivities will run from December 5th, 2025, through January 5th, 2026, and feature a month of family-friendly events designed to bring people together downtown and at Cravath Lakefront Park.

Details:

- Get Out And Enjoy The Parks: Take a Breath, Take a Stroll — Fall in Love with Whitewater's Colors

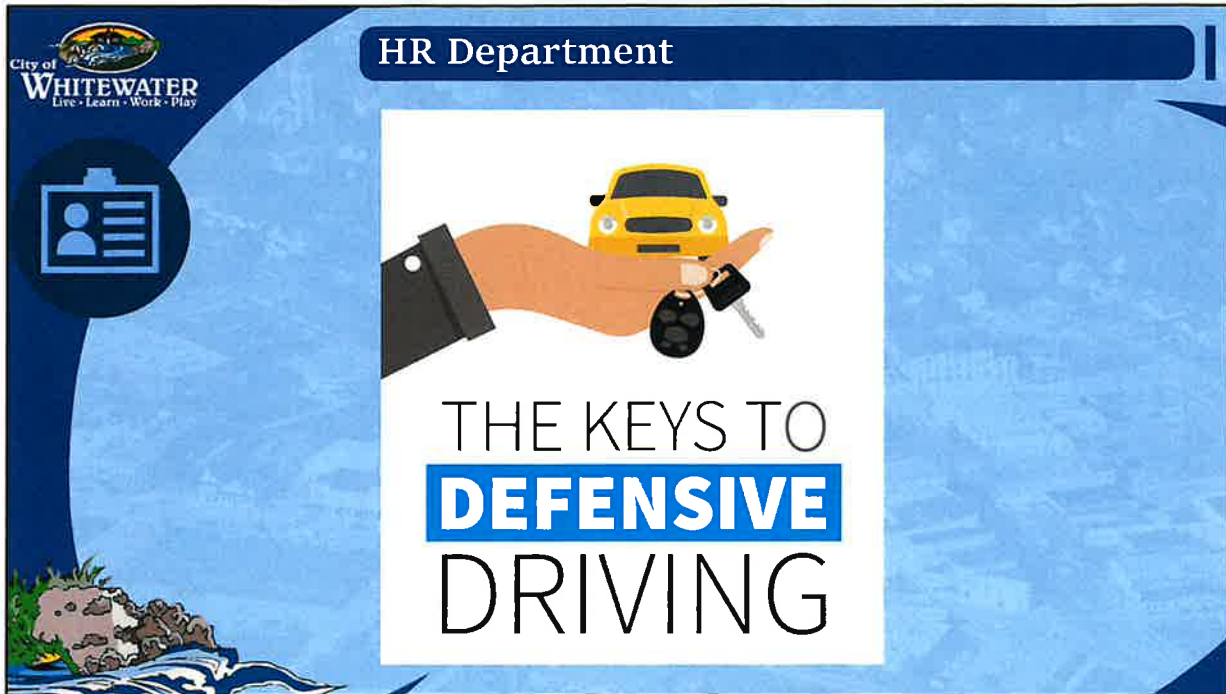
There's something truly magical about fall in Whitewater — the crisp air, the golden sunlight, and the brilliant colors that transform our parks into a painter's masterpiece. Getting outdoors this time of year isn't just beautiful; it's *good for your health too!*

- REAL REINDEER! Santa's sleigh team is stopping in Whitewater! You Can't Miss This One!

Come meet REAL reindeer, have a bowl of chili & soak up the holiday cheer — Dec. 18, 5–7 PM at Cravath Lakefront Park!

Bring your antlers and your crew — it's going to be magical!

- After School Program: Students in the afterschool program had a fun and hands-on experience making pinecone bird feeders to help care for local wildlife. The kids spread peanut butter on pinecones and rolled them in birdseed, creating tasty treats for neighborhood birds. It was a great way to combine creativity, nature, and kindness — and the birds will surely appreciate the extra snacks this season!



Highlights:

Recruitment and Selection

- **Thirty-nine applications were received for the Firefighter positions created through the successful referendum. Phone interviews were completed, and twenty-six applicants advanced to in-person interviews. Following those interviews, candidates will move on to background checks, Police and Fire Commission interviews, physical testing, and psychological evaluations. Many applicants have shared positive impressions of the Whitewater Fire & EMS Department, expressed strong interest in the training facility, and noted their appreciation for the recruitment video.**

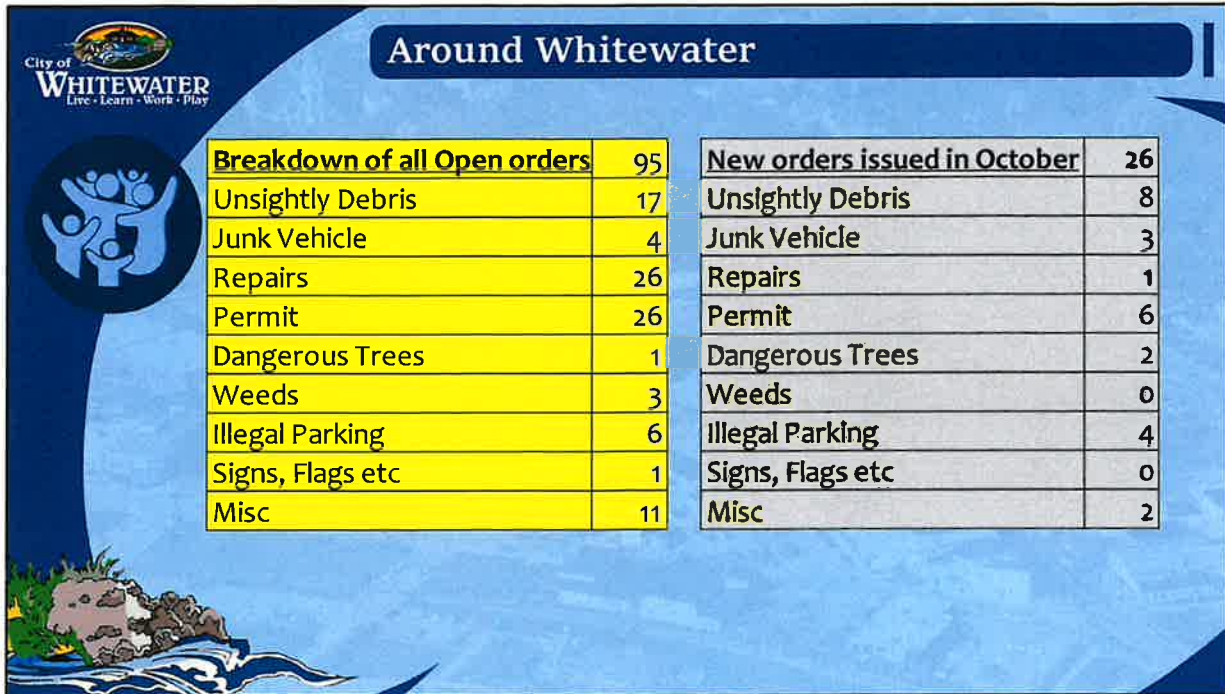
Training

- **On November 6, 2025, sixty-six employees buckled up for mandatory Defensive Driving training presented by CVMIC. Our trainer, Fred, treated us to a nostalgic trip back to our teenage years with pop-quiz questions straight from Wisconsin's driving test—along with a few heart-stopping videos that reminded us why paying attention while driving should not be optional. For anyone who couldn't join the in-person adventure, online options are available.**



Highlights:

- **Parks & Rec Winter Video** – Media Services has created a short video highlighting the many winter activities and events offered through Parks & Rec. The video will be tentatively released the day after Thanksgiving. At the end of the season, you can also look forward to a wrap-up video showcasing all the events from this winter.
- **Food Fight** – Media Services assisted with branding and produced a short promo to help get employees excited for Food Fight 2025. As of today, currently number of items collected – 3503.. FD-327 PD-719
- **Drum Circle** – We’ve gathered additional interviews and footage from Christine Hayes’ drum circle event, including interviews with UWW students and Fairhaven residents about their experience. The full video is expected to be released in December.



Here's a snapshot of what happening in Municipal Code enforcement for the Month of October.



Around Whitewater



The city wishes to recognize DLK Enterprises and the Kachel Family for their recently announced \$250,000 contribution to UW-Whitewater's Winther Hall renovation project. This generous gift continues a long tradition by the Kachel Family of supporting students and strengthening the university's vital role in our community.

UW-Whitewater provides more than 1,100 jobs locally, with about 350 of those employees living in Whitewater, and generates a financial return to our community that is felt both near and far. The university is a major driver of our local and regional economy in many ways, including employment, student spending, and workforce development.

Winther Hall is a core campus facility, housing the university's College of Education and Professional Studies, and major investments like this help the university stay competitive in attracting students and faculty. That directly supports local housing demand, business growth, and the overall economic health of our city.

Philanthropic giving is a key component in local economic development, and we sincerely appreciate DLK's continued partnership with the university, and their

commitment to the people who make Whitewater a great place to live, learn, work, and play.



Any questions?

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