



City Manager's Report

with John Weidl

10/7/2025





Construction Projects:

- **Vanderlip Pumping Station:** Project is mainly completed except for some restoration work around the removal of the old Fraternity Lift Station. Besides this small area, the contractor will be working on punch list items.
- **Walworth Avenue:** Completed.
- **2025 Dredging Project:** All three areas, Clay Street, Jakes Way and Stonefield Drive, have been completed and restored.
- **Lead Service Line Replacement:** All laterals associated with the project have been completed. Hard surface restoration is completed and soft restoration work is ongoing.

Streets: In the Street Department, staff helped with the Discover Whitewater race and Run for Trey. Other work included dealing with a traffic signal knockdown after hours, replacing downtown street lights, playground equipment repair, street sweeping, and storm sewer inlet cleaning and repairs.

Water: In the Water Department, staff have replaced two fire hydrants on Bluff Road that were hit by vehicles. The contractor has started replacing piping inside

the facility as part of the Well 7 modification project. Staff dealt with calls regarding water quality, but in all cases, the issue was related to the water softener being at its end of useful life.

Wastewater: In the Wastewater Department, crews helped clean out a storm sewer pipe related to the detention pond project on Stonefield Drive. Staff is still dealing with issues from a storm event. Most recently faulty has sensors were replaced in Building 800. Staff is preparing to clean the scum pit to install a protective coating.



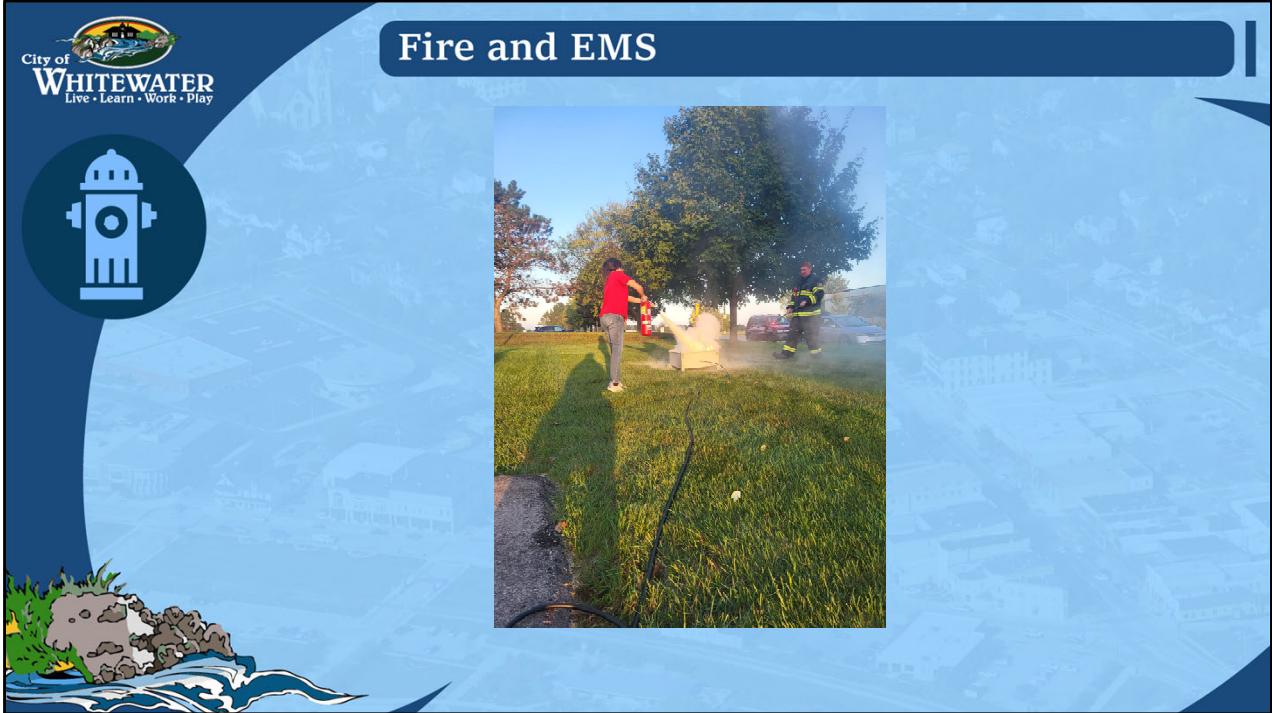
Highlights-

Sabrina Ojibway led the transition of our dispatch consoles and radios to Walworth County's new radio system. While there may be minor tweaks in the coming weeks, we are now fully integrated with our equipment. There are many benefits to the new system, but communicating directly with Walworth County personnel is one of the biggest improvements.

PD supervisory staff met for a bi-monthly staff meeting. Attorney Chesebro also attended a portion of the meeting to meet our staff and discuss municipal prosecution topics. A number of operational items were also discussed.

PD staff attended "Pick a Day, Come and Play" at Washington Elementary – pictured above

We are also accepting applications for Community Service Officer (closing October 10th at 7am)



Highlights-

September 11th -17th- Staff responded to 53 calls for service, making the daily average of 7.5 calls for service each day.

11 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1 per call.

Mutual Aid was requested once from Whitewater during this time and we request Mutual Aid twice.

On Sunday, September 14th between 02:28 – 03:10 we received 4 EMS related calls for service. Fort Atkinson was requested with a Paramedic Ambulance for 1 of the calls due to both Medics being on other calls and the need for ALS treatment.

Lagrange was also requested for the 4th call for service due to no POP response and no Ambulances available.

September 18- 24th- Staff responded to 44 calls for service, making the daily average of 6.2 calls for service each day. 2 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.0 per call. Mutual Aid was not requested

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

September 25th – October 1st- 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 .85 per call. Mutual Aid was requested once from Whitewater during this time and we request Mutual Aid twice.

- 40 employees from Hexpol (736 Executive Dr) received fire extinguisher training using our live fire training prop on Wednesday the 24th.
- With the radio transition complete, AC Dion is working on decommissioning the legacy VHF radios and preparing them for surplus auctions. Some of the old stock will be maintained in house for training purposes.
- Janesville FD was requested for Mutual Aid with an Ambulance for an MVA. This call for service was a 3rd out call and there was no POC response.
- Whitewater provided Mutual Aid to Fort Atkinson with an Ambulance for change of quarters due to high call volume.
- We received confirmation from the DNR that AC Dion successfully secured an FFP grant (Forest Fire Protection). This Grant is a \$1,700 match Grant that will be used to fund a new skid unit and hand tools for the department's UTV used in wildland fire suppression. The balance of the skid and hand tools will be paid for using funds from the pancake breakfast.

Details-

Thursday, September 11th AC Dion attended the Cold Spring Town Board meeting to answer any questions regarding the 2026 contract for service.

Friday, September 12th Jefferson FD requested a Chief for a possible structure fire. Battalion 12 was cancelled while enroute.

Saturday, September 13th the duty crew attended a block party at the Living Word Fellowship Church.

Monday, September 15th Whitewater went live with the new Walworth Co radio system.

Wednesday, September 17th 2 staff members attended the Walworth Co dive training at Pleasant Lake in the Town of Lagrange.

Wednesday, September 17th staff attended the monthly EMS training. Mercy provided training on Prehospital Postpartum Emergencies.

Wednesday, September 17th AC Dion attended the Jefferson Co/MABAS 118 Chiefs meeting.

Saturday, September 20th Whitewater Fire/EMS, Whitewater Police Department and the City of Whitewater hosted Post Traumatic Purpose presented by Travis Howze.

Sunday, September 21st 7 staff members provided EMS stand by services for the DWS Race.

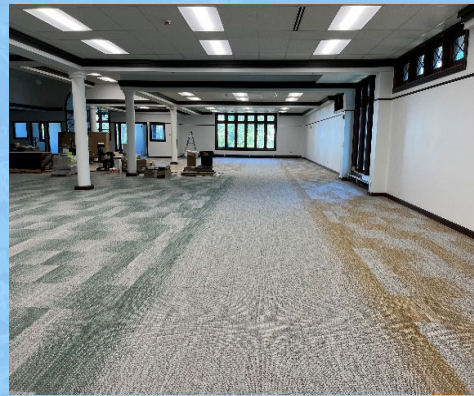
AC Dion attended Lima Town Board Meeting on 9/24

AC Dion assisted with a send off parade for UW Whitewater National Champion Enactus students on 9/18, they will be competing abroad in Thailand for the World Cup

Thursday, September 25th AC Dion and LT/Fire Inspector Maas provided fire extinguisher training for Lavelle Industries.

Wednesday, October 1st C Shift attended Pick a Day and Play at Washington Elementary.

Whitewater Public Library



The library's Expansion & Renovation project is wrapping up soon! We thank the community for their patience and are excited to see everyone in the new library soon! Here's an updated timeline:

- October 27-November 8 - Library Closed
- November 10-December 6 - Curbside Pickup Services
- December 8 – Projected Reopening
- The League of Women Voters donated books for the children's collection about civility and voting rights. This is the second year in a row they have donated books to the library.
- The library started a gardening club for teens and adults and had their first meeting on September 19. We will have a community garden area in the newly landscaped area and are excited to bring the community together to grow a garden and help maintain the plants recently planted.

Details-

October Programs:**Storytime**

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Cravath Lakefront Community Center

Science in a Bag

10/16 - 10/25

Stop by the library to pick up a Science in a Bag STEM kit, courtesy of the Wisconsin Science Festival! These bags are filled with hands-on activities perfect for kids who love exploring science!

Guided Journaling Workshop with Katy Dixon Wimer

Thursday, October 23 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Cravath Lakefront Building

Get to know your mind, body, and spirit through writing prompts and oracle cards.

Halloween Bingo

Thursday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cravath Lakefront Community Center

Bingo is geared towards children 6-10 years old, but older and younger siblings are always welcome!

Teen Cemeterarium

October 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cravath Lakefront Community Center

Make your very own cemetery in a terrarium! A cemeterarium!



Highlights-

Jennifer and Michelle from the Park & Rec dept. were awarded a grant in 2024 which was a feature at the National Parks and Recreation Conference for Intergenerational programming. The main feature was the Whitewater Polar Plunge along with some amazing adult programming. It was a great honor to be recognized at such a large scale conference.

The 2nd Annual Food Truck took place on a beautiful Saturday morning and was a hit. 13 Trucks filled the Cravath Lakefront Parking Lot, Informational tables lined the park steps, while Cold Sweat and Brew City Horns filled the park with music. There was an estimated 2,200 people that attended the event. (pictured above)

Recently, both of Whitewater's 2nd/3rd grade football teams line up against each other on the grid iron. Only one could be crowned Hometown Champion. This year, that title belongs to Whitewater 1. (pictured above)

A New Friendship Has Been Made: The Cravath Lakefront Decoy Swan has a new

best friend, the Double-crested Cormorant. A common sight in Wisconsin wetlands, lakes and rivers who are known to be some the best fishers in the state. (pictured above)

Details-

HR Department



You know what they say: when one road opens, another one closes. Or something like that



Best in Show



People's Choice

Highlights-

- The City Manager's Office, with HR assistance, has begun a series of departmental Listening Sessions to better understand employee perspectives on workplace needs and priorities. Sessions have been held with the Water, Wastewater, Finance, and Streets divisions, focusing on areas such as job responsibilities, staffing levels, and compensation. These conversations are helping to identify common themes and department-specific concerns, which will inform future organizational planning and workforce initiatives.
- As part of our ongoing employee engagement efforts, the City recently hosted a week-long *Caption This* contest featuring photos from the Media Services archive. Staff were invited to submit witty captions and memes, with cash prizes awarded. Congratulations to all the winners!
- Best in Show – Thomas Cushman
- People's Choice – Mikayla Fehl (Fe-LL)

To see more pics and winners:

[\[Click here to view all the winners\]](#)



Highlights-

PD and FD Recruitment Video- The Police Department Recruitment Video has been completed and released across all WCTV platforms. It has already gained more than 750 views on YouTube and continues to grow, hoping to help the Whitewater Police Department find potential candidates. Meanwhile, the Fire Department Recruitment Video is in its final stages, with an anticipated release date of October 1st. Once launched, it will also be available on all WCTV platforms.


Bridge to Whitewater Episode 5: *Civic Matters* is now available on all WCTV platforms after a 5-month hiatus. Future episodes will be release shortly

Channel 990/WCTV coverage expansion- The City and WUSD have recently discussed the possibility of recording and streaming school sporting events. As WCTV continues to strengthen its partnership with WUSD, we look forward to expanding coverage of more live activities throughout Whitewater.

Around Whitewater



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Make a Difference! Do your Civic Duty!

- ★ Paid Position, \$11 an hour
- ★ Paid Mandatory Training
- ★ Bilingual Welcome/Bienvenido bilingüe
- ★ Must be a US Citizen, Eligible to vote, and a resident of Walworth/Jefferson County
- ★ Or over the age of 16 with Parent's/Guardian's Permission

For more information, email
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seas un
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DE LA
ENCUESTA**



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- ★ Pago de Posis. \$ 11 por hora
- ★ Capacitación Obligatoria Pagada
- ★ Bienvenida Bilingüe
- ★ Debe ser Ciudadano Estadounidense, Elegible para Votar y Residente del Condado de Walworth/Jefferson
- ★ O la edad de 16 años con el Permiso de los Padres/Tutores

Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a
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Want to be a poll worker? Email or call the City Clerk for more information.



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