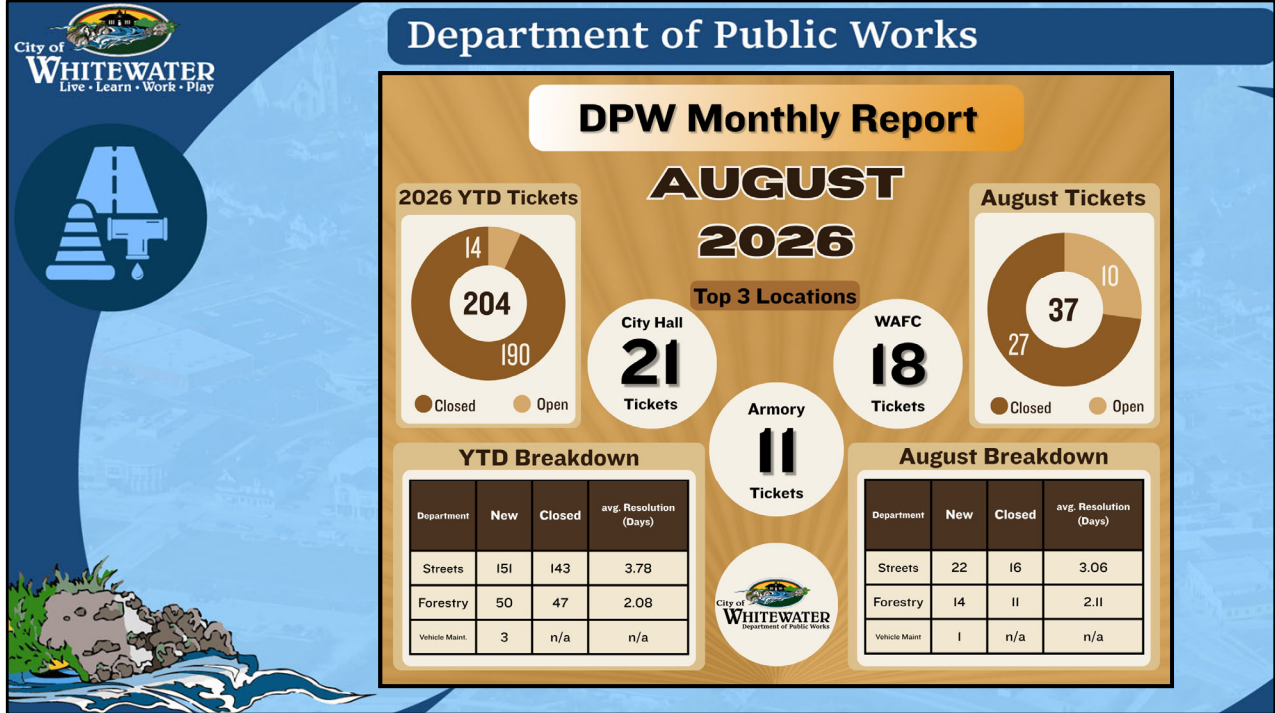




# City Manager's Report

with John Weidl

9/15/2026



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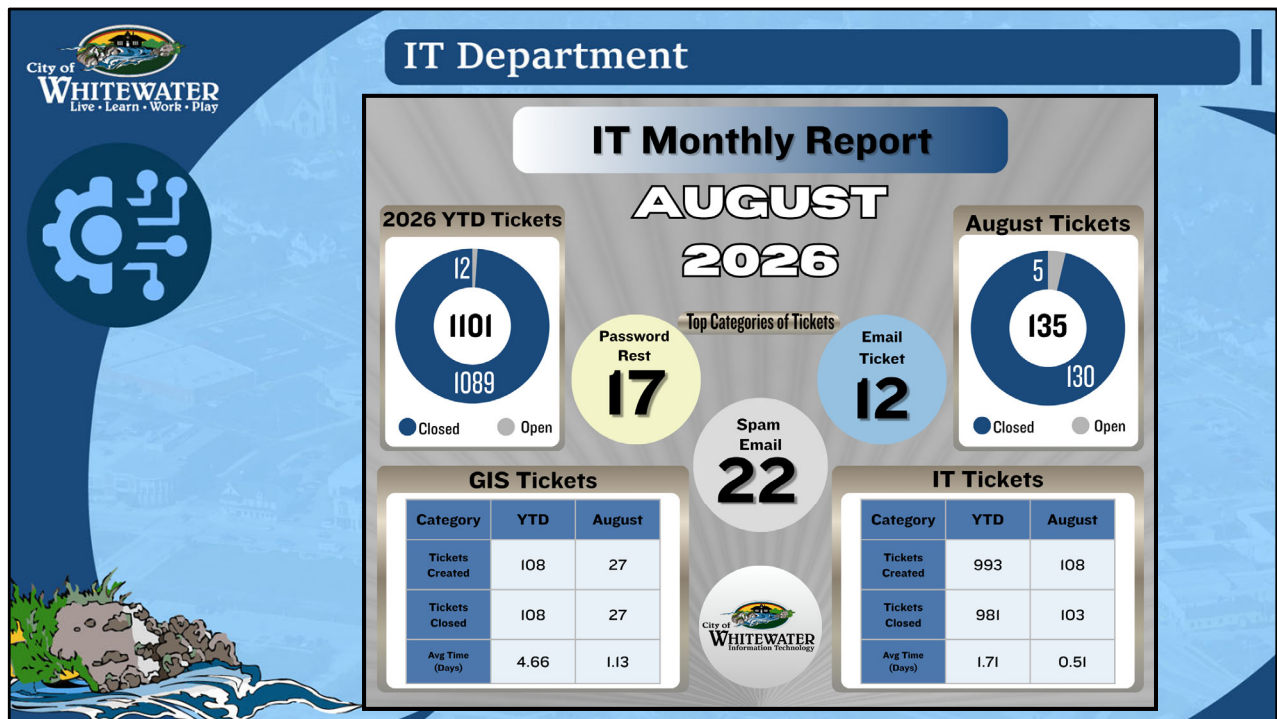
- **Jefferson Street:** Work continues between Cravath Street and Starin Road replacing sanitary and water laterals. WE Energies is in the process of relocating a 3-phase electrical line from the north side of Starin Road to the south side of Starin so sanitary sewer can be installed along the north side of Starin Road.
- **Universal Water Main:** All water main has been installed. The contractor is prepping for concrete curb replacement and building the base for asphalt placement.
- **Street Improvement Project:** Work has begun on Lakeview Drive, Amber Drive, Wisconsin Street, Universal Blvd and Technology Drive with asphalt removal.

In the Street Department staff began cleaning up downtown sidewalks by removing and killing weeds. Other work included maintenance on the

**Birge Fountain, installing remaining trash cans on Main Street, clearing branches overhanging sidewalks, street sweeping, cleaning up Starin Park after a shelter rental, and removing wasp nests.**

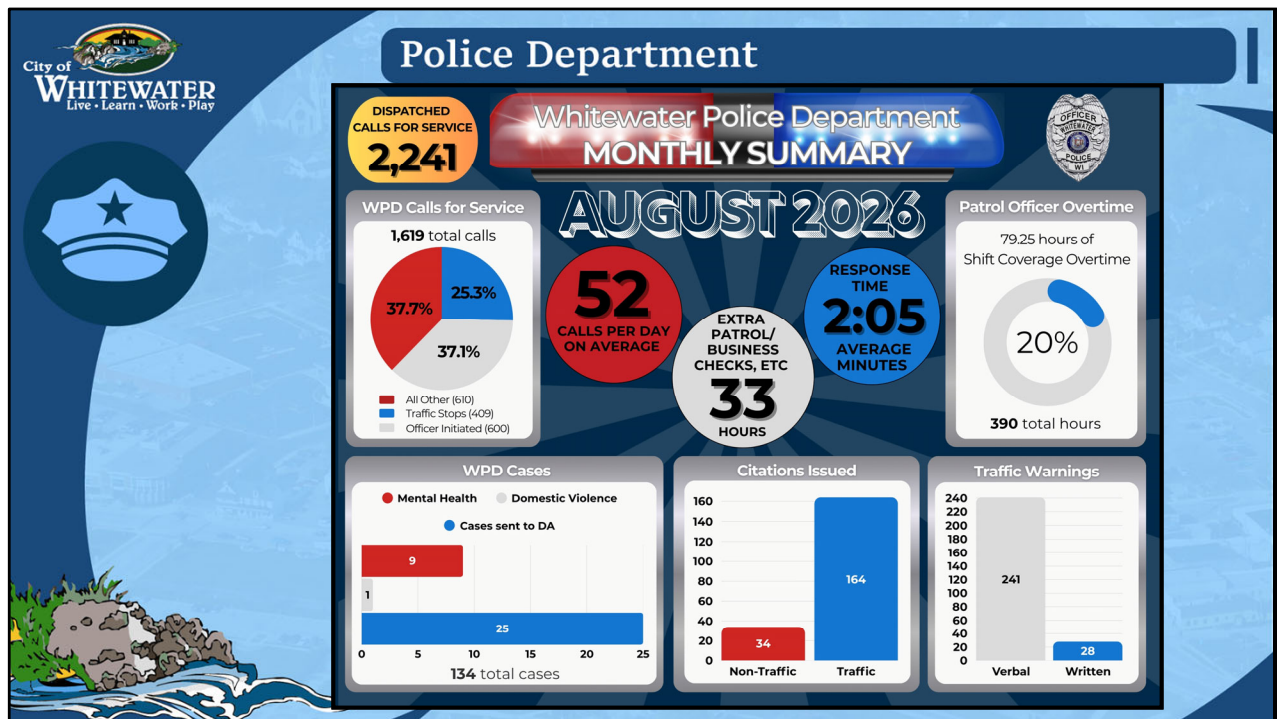
**In the Water Department staff is evaluating the failure of the Well 5 filter tank and possible fixes. Staff helped the Wastewater Department in trying to find a water leak at their facility, completed first rounds of monthly Bac-T samples, completed large meter testing and responded to water main breaks on Elizabeth Street and on Wisconsin Street.**

**In the Wastewater Department staff is trying to determine the location of a leak on the non-potable water lines. Due to the lack of valves, a locating contractor will have to be called in. Staff is working through issues with the centrifuge and with waste activated sludge pumping. Staff assisted the Water Department in hydro-excavating a damaged curb stop for repair.**



### Highlights

The Information Technology Department is partnering with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. CISA offers no cost cybersecurity services to organizations to reduce their exposure to threats by assisting and monitoring attack vectors. The services will include both Vulnerability and Web Application scanning. CISA will provide weekly reports of all findings. The IT Department will also receive ad-hoc alerts about urgent findings. We hope that this partnership will significantly reduce risk and broaden our security horizon.



## Highlights

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> = PD staff responded to the report of an active threat on university property. This was subsequently determined not to be a threat to life safety as the university police investigated the incident. Our staff performed admirably and we will be reviewing our response to determine if any improvements can be made moving forward.

Captain Taft led a debrief with PD staff and outside agencies to review the law enforcement response to the reported active threat at the UW-Whitewater campus on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> = Sworn staff were again offered to complete the physical fitness assessment at Whitewater High School. This is a new contractual opportunity for sworn staff covered by a bargaining agreement to receive a stipend if their physical fitness testing scores are high enough.

Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> = Members of the command staff met virtually with representatives from Flock Safety to ensure all guardrails are put into

effect, and to discuss some of the issues reported by local agencies who have ended their contracts with Flock.

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> = “National Police Woman Day”.** The women of the Whitewater Police Department serve every day with exceptional courage, professionalism and compassion. Thank you Officer Cal Russel, Detective Olivia Monson, and Officers Alicia Radtke and Kayce Barthel (Bar-thel) who are both in the process of completing their academy training.

#### **Hiring Updates:**

**Lt. Promotional Process:** Our internal promotional process has closed. The next step for our applicants is completion of a project that includes an essay response and presentation. Interviews will follow.

**Dispatch Hiring Process:** Applicant interviews will be held on **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

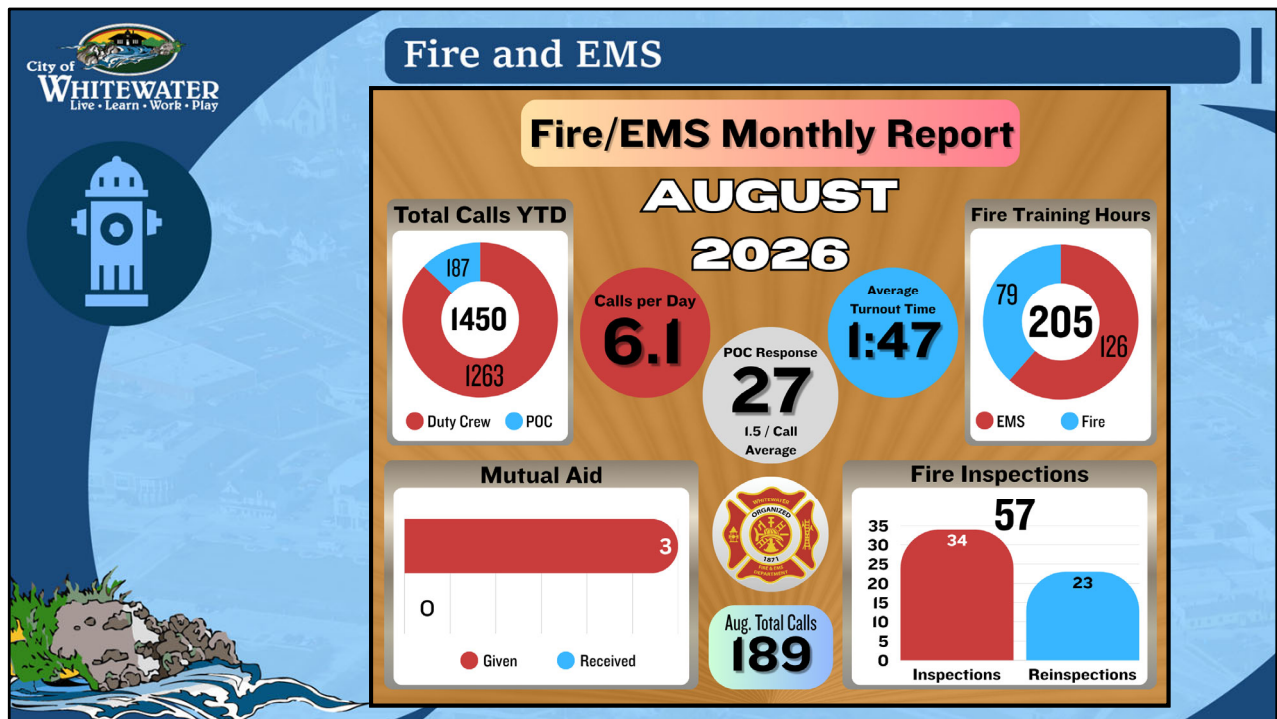
**Officer Hiring Process:** A new hiring process is underway with applications due **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.** The application can be found on the city website.

#### **Details-**

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> = Chief Meyer attended the Walworth County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee meeting held at the Walworth County Judicial Center.

Captain Vander Steeg, Captain Taft, and SSM Ojibway attended a 3-day internal affairs training at Waukesha County Technical College.

School Resource Officer Ellis returned to the schools full-time as the schoolyear got underway.



### Highlights-

#### July 30- August 5

Staff responded to 51 calls for service, making the daily average of 7.3 calls for service each day.

6 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was .83 per call.

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

#### August 6-12

Staff responded to 42 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.7 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.

#### August 13-19

Staff responded to 41 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.8 calls for

service each day.

8 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was .8 per call.

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

### **August 20-26**

Staff responded to 39 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.5 calls for service each day.

8 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 2.75 per call.

Mutual Aid was requested 3 from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.

### **August 27 – September 2**

Staff responded to 46 calls for service, making the daily average of 6.5 calls for service each day.

5 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 0.8 per call.

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

### **Details-**

- **WFD had a record day for the department outside of a weather-related incident. The day began with both of the scheduled Paramedics calling in sick causing 2 Paramedics from A-Shift to be mandated to hold over until a part-time Paramedic was able to relieve 1 of them at noon. The other A-Shift Paramedic covered the entire shift, working 72 consecutive hours. B-Shift covered 16 calls for service in 24 hours. Calls included 1 motor vehicle accident with transport to an area hospital, 3 activated fire alarms, 1 HazMat response for a fuel spill, 7 additional EMS transports to a local hospital, one being a critical patient and 4 EMS calls for service with no transport. All 16 calls for service were covered without the use of mutual aid.**

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> staff attended the Active Shooter training hosted by Whitewater PD.

Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> to full-time staff members started Paramedic class at Mercy Hospital

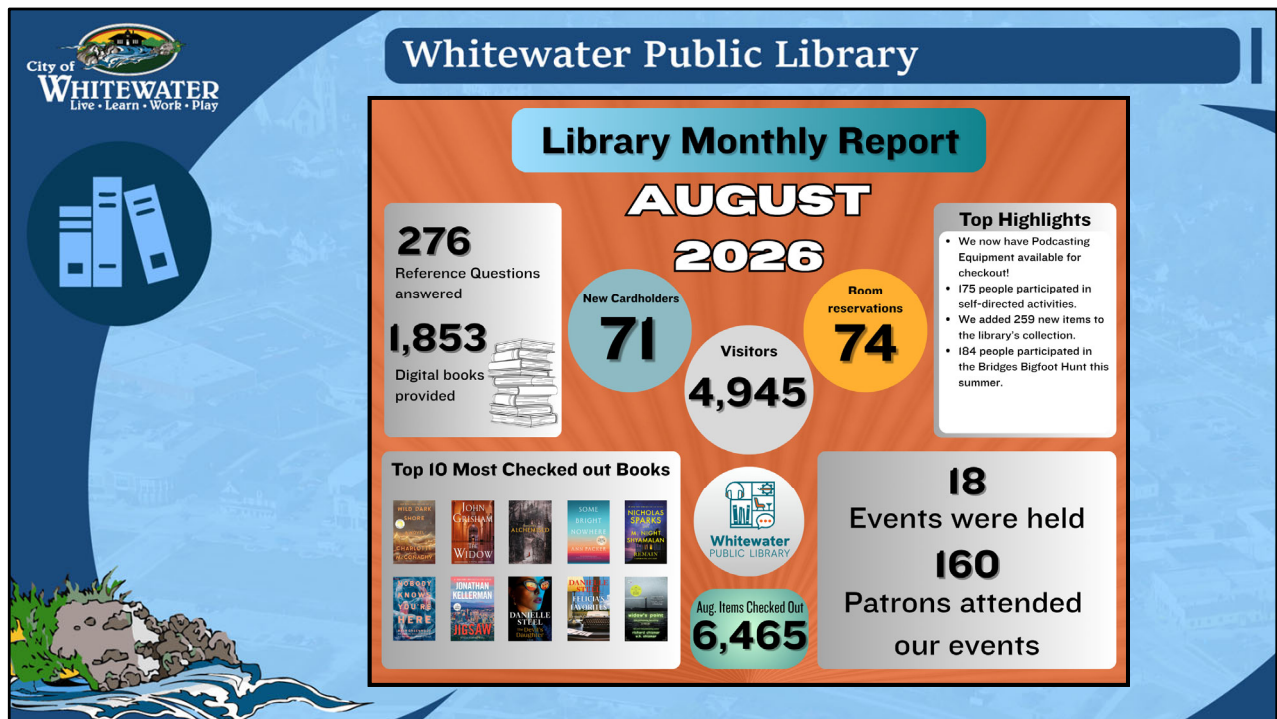
Fire Inspector Maas attended a weeklong HazMat tech class hosted at the Janesville Fire Department.

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> AC Dion attended the UWW Safety committee meeting on campus

Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2 members staff an ambulance for the UWW football game.

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Chief Freeman and AC Dion attended the Rock officers/MABAS 104 meeting.

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> AC Dion meet with the town of Richmond to discuss the service contract.



### Highlights

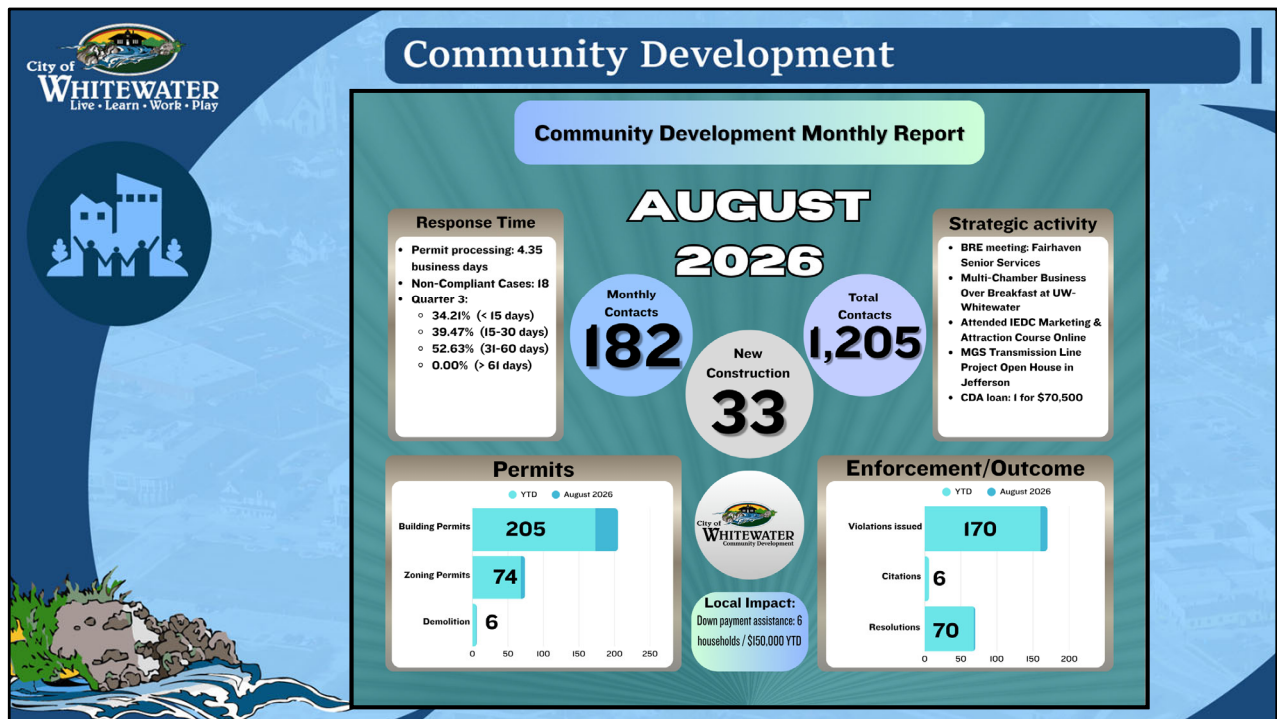
- The donor wall in the atrium of the library has been completed. Come in and check it out!
- We are hosting a UW-W practicum student for the fall semester. She will be shadowing in different library departments and working on some special projects, including programming and collection development.
- We are raising some Monarch butterflies in our atrium. We have several caterpillars and a Chrysalis waiting for the Monarch to emerge from.

### Details-

The library director and other professional staff will be attending Tech Days next week. Tech Days is a 2-day webinar series focused on technology topics related to librarianship. This year many of the sessions will highlight the use of artificial intelligence in libraries.

The library director will be attending the Jefferson County Finance Committee's 2027 budget hearing about library service on Wednesday morning, September 16, at the Jefferson County courthouse.

We now have a pop-up tent for use during children's programming. The tent can be set up as a calming corner for kids complete with a sensory bag full of items for those who need it during programming.



### Highlights

- The Economic Development Coordinator recently assisted in the submission of a grant application to the USDA's Rural Business Development Grant Program. Word was received this week that the application was successful, with nearly \$50,000 awarded. The Fort Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce is serving as the lead on the program, titled Open Doors Wisconsin, with the City and Chamber of Whitewater, City and Chamber of Edgerton, and Enactus also involved. Grant funds will be utilized to run workshops that address reducing barriers that prevent entrepreneurs and small businesses from launching, expanding, and occupying available commercial spaces. The project will create new opportunities for business development while strengthening downtown economies throughout the area.
- Stonehaven Development Update: Five homes are currently under contract, and two have been sold—meaning seven of the 14 homes are already spoken for!

- **The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Governor Evers announced that the southside Kwik Trip near Highway 12 was one of 42 locations in communities across the state to receive funding for new electric vehicle charging stations through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Whitewater project will receive over \$420,000 in federal grant funding. The City had provided a Letter of Support for Kwik Trip's application for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program.**
- **The department has released a Request for Proposals for a 1.00 acre lot on Bluff Road currently owned by the Community Development Authority. This was previously going to be the site of the "Royal Hounds" project which did not move forward. The CDA reclaimed ownership of the property earlier this year. The RFP is seeking proposals for new business development that could compliment this thriving and growing neighborhood, as this parcel is adjacent to the Stonehaven Development and near the proposed new Piggly Wiggly and childcare center. The RFP is now available for review on the City website.**



### Highlights

- The Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center held two events open to both members and non-members. The Back-to-School Party and Creamsicle Day were enjoyed by 118 participants.
- The Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center, in cooperation with Fort HealthCare, will be offering a FREE Community Health Screening on Wednesday, September 23 from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Participants can learn their cholesterol and glucose levels and take a simple step toward staying on top of their health. Preregistration is required at the Fitness Center Desk or online at [www.wwparks.org](http://www.wwparks.org)
- The Whitewater Food Truck Fest is coming up Saturday, September 26th from 11 AM–6 PM at Cravath Lakefront Park! We're bringing together a great variety of food trucks for a fun day of great food, local flavor, and community fun—so come hungry and help us make this event a success!

- **The Senior Bus was on the move this month visiting Wisconsin State Fair, Janesville Shopping, Surrounding Fish Fry Favorites, and Taste of Madison**

### **Details**

After School registration for the month of October is now OPEN!

Any child from 4K through 5th grade at our elementary schools 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 ends on September 30th. Registered children from Lakeview Elementary will be transported to Washington Elementary daily, arriving at 3:45.

Our Youth Cheer program is back with 18 participants enrolled, and we're excited for another season filled with energy, teamwork, new skills, and LOTS of spirit!

The Cravath Lakefront Park was full of joy and excitement the last month hosting Messy Fest, The Palmyra- Eagle Community Band, Kids to Kids Rummage, Piper Road Spring Band, and Wicked for Good Movie.



## HR Department



### Highlights

#### **Anniversaries**

**Deana Rolfsmeyer (Rolfs- Meyer) – Library – 12 years**

**Kenna Shrock – PD - 4 years**

**Emma Girling – PD – 3 years**

**Ryan Kraus – Wastewater – 3 years**

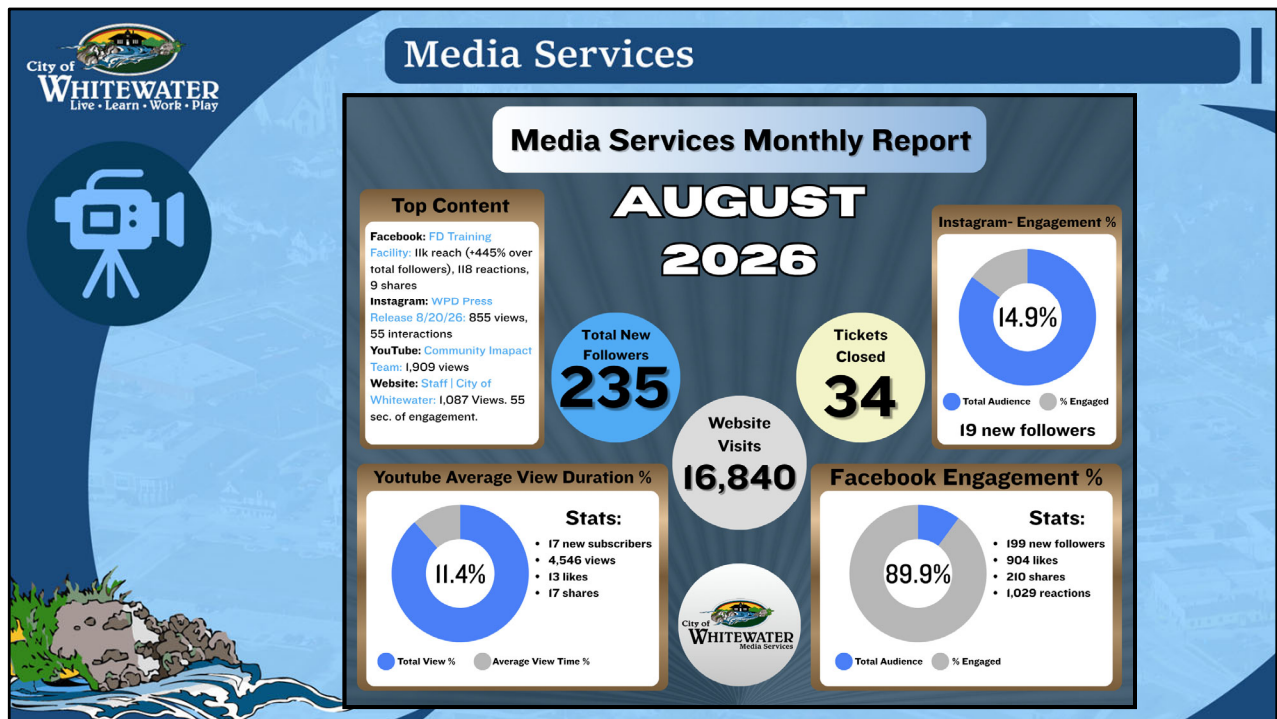
**Hunter Swanson – Library – 1 year**

**Dan Boldt – GIS – 1 year**

**Sam Jurgilanis (Jur-lantas) – Media Services – 1 year**

**Jack Bridleman – PD - 1 year**

**Thank you for everything you do**



### Highlights

Media Services has been busy filming active threat training, editing footage from the Summer Concert Series, and creating and reviewing media content.



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**Book drive- September. 8- 25**

**Food Truck Fest- September 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00-6:00**

**Discover Whitewater Series – September 20**

**Whitewater Pride Rally- October 3**

**Run for Trey- October 4**



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