





For the week of April 21

Highlights-

- The Street Department took delivery of trees for the Tree Sale that was held at Starin Park. They also reinstalled the Territorial Oak signage. Other work included street sweeping and inlet cleaning; Starin Park cleanup; ball diamond prep, outfield mowing and outfield light repair at Treyton Field; and mowing around the downtown areas.
- The Water Department continued replacing residential meters. Other work included backwashing of filters at the wells; prepping for hydrant flushing which began April 28 and runs through May 9; touching up landscaping around last year's projects; and assembling information for the Lead Service Line project tentatively scheduled to begin in early June. Information letters will be sent to the affected homeowners beginning in early May.
- In the GIS Department staff worked with the Post Office and Johns Disposal on address discrepancies; began researching how to standardize addresses in the city; and for the Park Department created maps for the Lake District and printed posters and brackets for baseball.



Highlights-

- **Tickets Closed (4/20 – 4/26)** A total of 31 tickets.
PC Refresh Update-6 new PCs have been deployed in the past week-Library: 2,PD: 3,Finance: 1
- **Spring Splash-** IT staff will be on hand to assist the PD with Spring Splash on 5/3. We will be setting up workstations, additional camera feeds, expanded wifi, etc. across City Hall ahead of time.
- **Server Replacement Project Update-**Almost all VMs are now on the new host appliances. Phase 3 is beginning where operating systems and SQL will be upgraded wherever possible. 4/30 monthly server updates will be a test of their capabilities.
- **2026/2027 Budget Planning-**IT separately met with PD command staff and the FD to assist in their planning of the upcoming budget cycle. Based on their needs, it was determined no capital projects are needed at this time; however, security camera upgrades and additions, new and replacement MDCs, and other technology will be needed in their respective operating budgets. By October, all

computers in the PD will be no older than 2022.

Details-

Innovation Center Room #105 AV Update-IT and Media Services staff analyzed the current status of the AV in the room and put together something to limp on by with; however, it is highly dependent on users of that room to not touch the set up. Previously, representatives from UWW who used that room partially took it apart which led to it being inoperable prior to the LWM meeting a couple weeks back. Media Services is searching for vendors to put together a long term plan, and IT is assisting wherever possible.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Highlights-

- Detective Kevin Gowan (GA-Win) was sworn in. He'll now complete an initial administrative training week as well as a modified field training schedule on patrol before assuming his detective role. Congratulations Kevin, and welcome! (photos above)
- SRO Garcia attended the International Children's Day celebration at Lincoln Elementary (photos above).
- We'd like to give a huge "thank-you" to our dispatchers as it's was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Thank you to Heidi Gempler, Jeannette Gonzalez, Maci Shrock, (SUR-OCK) Kirsten Bishop, Kenna Shrock,(SUR-OCK) Emma Girling (Girl-ing) and Adam Moore for all that you do to serve this department and the community!
- As well it was Administrative Professionals Day. We want to thank Cathy Swartz, Angela Sahr (SA-R) and Jamie Hough (HOFF) for the excellent work they do daily to make our department and our community better.

Details-

Monday, April 14th = Our patrol and detective bureaus both did a great job working through two back-to-back search warrants in the early morning hours related to an incident where a young child had been exposed to illicit drugs. A number of individuals were arrested and transported to the Walworth County Jail.

Wednesday, April 16th = The Police Department hosted Human Trafficking Investigation training at the Innovation Center. The training was federally funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC).

Thursday, April 17th = Police Department supervisory staff took part in our bi-monthly staff meeting. Department updates and operations were discussed

Tuesday, April 22nd = Interviews were held of 13 patrol officer applicants. Our top candidates will now move into the background investigation phase of the hiring process.

Wednesday, April 23rd = Capt. Vander Steeg and Capt. Taft met with representatives from Blue Line Logix to explore the company's capabilities with AI-assisted report writing.



Highlights-

Wednesday, April 9th through Wednesday, April 16th.

- Staff responded to 56 calls for service, making the daily average of 7 calls for service each day. 7 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 2.85 per call.

Mutual Aid was requested 5 times from Whitewater during this time and we requested Mutual Aid once.

- Wednesday, April 9th we responded to a mobile home fire with 2 exposures in the 700 blk of n. Tratt St. Lagrange assisted with mutual aid with an Engine and a Chief.
- Saturday, April 12th we responded to Fort Atkinson for a MABAS call with a UTV and a Chief for a brush fire.
- Saturday, April 12th a Pass was taken to a MABAS request from Fort Atkinson for an Engine and Chief due to the Annual Awards Banquet.
- Sunday, April 13th we responded to Jefferson for a MABAS call with an Engine and a Chief for a structure fire.
- Monday, April 14th we responded to Lakeside for a MABAS call with a Brush Truck and a Chief for a brush fire.

Thursday, April 17th through Wednesday, April 23rd.

- **Staff responded to 45 calls for service, making the daily average of just over 6 calls for service each day. 12 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1 per call.**

Mutual Aid was requested 1 time from Whitewater during this time.

- **Tuesday, April 22nd we responded to a semi-trailer and contents fire at a local trucking company. The trailer was located in a storage yard with no exposures. While on scene, Lagrange Fire requested an Engine and a Chief for a structure fire. Due to the ongoing call for service, a Pass was taken for the Engine, Chief Freeman responded to fill the Chief request.**

Details-

Wednesday, April 16th AC Dion attended a meeting at the Walworth Co Sheriff's Department regarding the radio project.

Wednesday, April 16th staff attended the monthly EMS training presented by Mercy health System. This month's training focused on medication.

Our new Engine 1222 was delivered March 14th. Each shift has completed formal training provided through the dealership. Loose equipment continues to be mounted and crews will begin pump training in early May prior to going in service. Bunkroom final inspection was completed on Tuesday, April 22nd. A short punch list of items will be completed over the next week. Furniture should be delivered late April/early May.

April 23rd AC Dion attended the Lima Township board meeting to discussed the reduction in coverage area that's been transferred to Lakeside Fire/EMS.

IRVIN L YOUNG LIBRARY



Highlights-

- While the Library was closed on April 17th and 18th, the new fire panel was installed in the basement. The new water heater and water softener were also installed, and the crew was able to get the water line hooked up to the new addition. The fire panel work was completed on the 17th, and testing was done on the 18th by the fire department. The new fire alarm is now up and running in both sections of the library. The building project is on schedule and Phase 3 of the project will begin mid-June. (photo taken 4/26/25)
- On Saturday, April 19 the library hosted the free program "Music & Art Wonder Club" with Noelle Larson. 20 young children and their caregivers participated and had the opportunity to explore a world instrument petting zoo, create an upcycled process art project, and engage in a whimsical music and movement program. This event took place at the Cravath Lakefront Community Center, and since the weather was so warm, it was held outside.

Details

Deana Rolfsmeyer, Youth Educational Services Librarian, attended the International Children's Day event held at Lincoln Elementary on Saturday, April 12th.

On Thursday, April 24th, Rachel Clift and Sarah French attended the Community-Based Learning annual breakfast held at UW-Whitewater campus.

On Thursday, April 24th I attended the training session “Managing the 12 Most Challenging Library Employees: A Library Supervisor’s Survival Guide”. It was very informative and will be of great use when managing my employees.

We had 6 student volunteers on April 25th for Make a Difference Day. The volunteers assisted with packing up and moving boxes of books and other items to the basement for storage during Phase 3 of the Library Expansion & Renovation Project. The students did a great job! We were fortunate to have the opportunity to once again participate in this great program.



Highlights-

- Ever notice more muskrats hanging around Cravath and Trippe lake lately? It might be because there's been a boom in cattails — one of their favorite foods! They munch on the roots, stems, and leaves, and even use them to build their lodges. More food = more muskrats. It's nature doing its thing.
- **BRAND NEW EVENT THIS SUMMER- CRAVATH AFTER DARK: SUMMER MOVIE SERIES** (pictured above) Get ready for an unforgettable summer of **FREE** movies under the stars at Cravath Lakefront Park! Join us for family-friendly fun, concessions, food trucks, and blockbuster hits on the big screen.
- Something **NEW** is coming to Whitewater this summer- Summer Camp (pictured above) You spoke, we listened — and we've completely reimagined our summer camp experience. Starting July 7, join us for 8 weeks of all-new themed camps packed with exciting programs, fresh activities, and nonstop fun your kids will love. Each week is a new adventure for just \$150/week. Registration opens May 1 — don't miss your chance to be part of something brand new!

Details-

Seniors-Seniors in the park hosted a Dementia Friends Training April 21 at 12:30 pm.

This is the biggest initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way we think, talk and act about the disease. We had 7 individuals attend

Local Fisherman Reels in the Good Times: Big smiles and even bigger catches! Our very own avid local fisherman goes out almost daily, hauling in a *boatload* of fish. From early morning casts to the final reel-in, it was nothing but good vibes, tight lines, and some serious fishing magic. Don't be fooled, Cravath and Trippe Lakes are great for fishing! When speaking with our favorite fisherman, he is very excited to share he is a catch and release believer, so he can let them get bigger and catch them all over again.

Treyton's Field of Dreams Work Day: THANK YOU to all the volunteers that came out on Saturday to help us clean up the Baseball/Softball fields at Starin Park! Many hands make light work and it was evident Saturday April 12th. So much was done and [Treyton's Field of Dreams](#) looks fantastic! Thank you again, everyone!

WAFC Easter Egg Hunt: The Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th was a hoping good time! Over 50 kids enjoyed photos with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt in the pool.



Highlights-

Media Service is hiring a media producer. Interested or might know someone who is? Check out the City's webpage for more details.

The Media Team has been hard at work filming and editing content. They are also continuing to develop graphics and prepare materials for upcoming city projects. Recently, they visited V.I.P. Services in Elkhorn to assist with recording a short promotional video highlighting the organization's services.



Highlights-

- The City is currently accepting applications for Media Producer, Seasonal Help, POCs and Lifeguards.
- If you see a new/old face in Media Services, that is because last summer's intern, Sam Jurgilanis, (JUR-Jih-Lan-Iss) has agreed to help out as we search for a new Media Producer. Welcome back Sam! (pictured above)
- The first time in a long time City Golf Outing is scheduled for June 20, 2025 at Willow Brook Golf Club. Council members are invited to join us for an afternoon of questionable swings, birdies, bogeys and bragging rights. Please let HR know if you are interested in attending.
- Human Resources is actively progressing through the implementation of the new performance evaluation process, focusing on feedback, training, and refinement. Initial training sessions and feedback opportunities were held with department heads and directors on April 16, followed by a session with supervisors on May 5. The insights gathered will be used to shape the next phase of the rollout, which includes informal one-on-one sessions scheduled for July. Broader employee input will be collected thereafter. One department head offered a notably understated endorsement: "It wasn't terrible"—which, in the world of

performance evaluation rollouts, we're happy to count as a positive step forward.



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Thank You!

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Thank You!

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As always, John Weidl, Thank you!