



City Manager's Report with John Weidl

11/04/2025



Department of Public Works



Construction Projects

- **Well 7 Modification:** The contractor has been on site removing asbestos containing material on the reservoir tank before the demolition and removal. Internal piping in the water facility has been removed and modified. The filter tank had the filter media removed, tank cleaned, and new filter media installed.
- **Moraine View Parkway:** Public water main in Phase 1 has been installed and tested.

Street Department

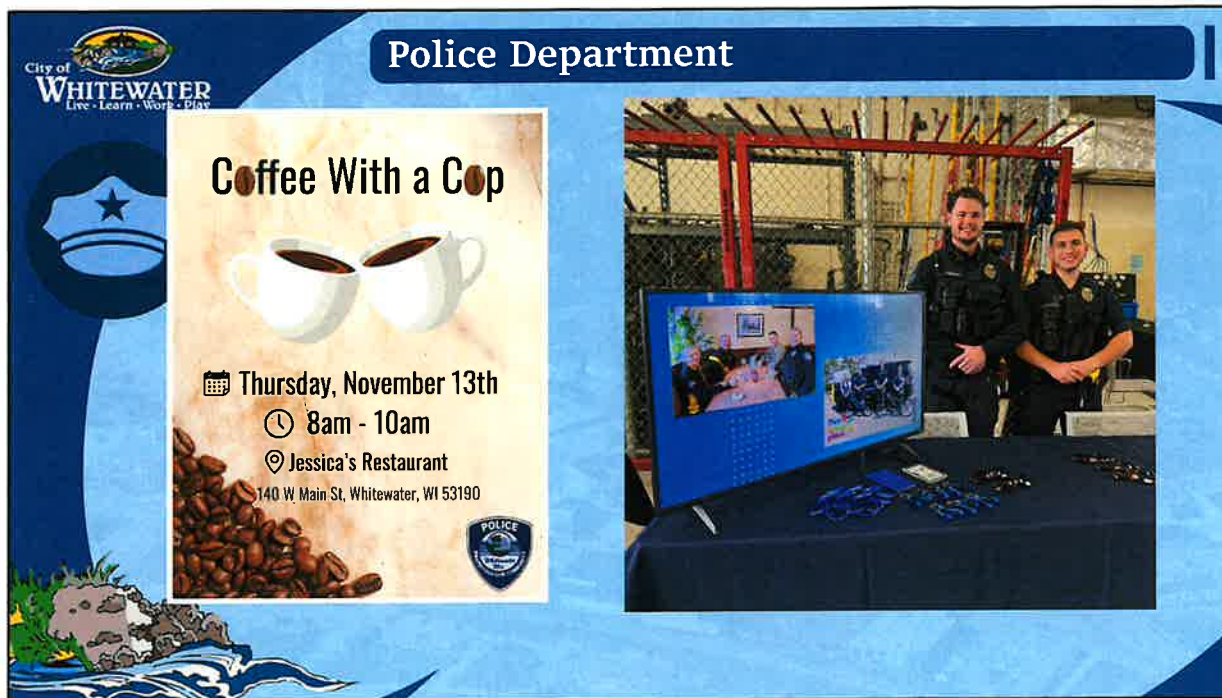
- In the Street Dept, bagged leaves collection started last week. No collection takes place this week. Bagged leaves will again be collected the weeks of November 10 and 17. Other work included staff attending a saltwise training session at Walworth County; street sweeping throughout the city; concrete pours on Rice Street, Trippe Lake sidewalk and bench pad (pictured above), and Black River Court sidewalk; and removal of tree water bags and re-mulching of new trees.

Water Department

- In the Water Dept, staff worked on fixing driveways from curb box repairs; performed hydrant flushing throughout the city; performed pressure testing on water main off of Moraine View Pkwy; and pulled seasonal water meters.

Wastewater Department

- In the Wastewater Dept Staff worked with Cris from IT and Dan from GIS on new processes for uploading televising videos into AWS (Amazon Web Serves); keeping an eye on foaming in the aeration basins and effluent ammonia; and working with the biosolids hauler on hauling our biosolids to farm fields.



- Patrol Officer interviews were recently conducted by command staff and Human Resources. Applicants advancing in the process will now complete a physical readiness test before entering the background investigation stage.
- Additionally, the Police Department provided an update to residents at Fairhaven.
- As part of ongoing recruitment efforts, Officers Derek Johnson and Ryan Kozlowski (Koz-Low-Ski) represented the department at a career fair hosted by Madison College, helping to strengthen our outreach and visibility (photo above).
- On Thursday, October 30th, Captain Taft also assisted the Delavan Police Department by serving as an interview panelist for their Sergeant promotional process.
- Special Event: Join us for Coffee with a Cop at Jessica's on Thursday, November 13th from 8am-10am (photo above)



Highlights-

- Whitewater responded to Johnson Creek with a Chief for a MABAS call involving a corn dryer fire, received Auto Aid from LaGrange with an Engine and Chief for a smoke investigation in a commercial building, and responded to Elkhorn with Tower Ladder 1250 and Battalion 12 for a working structure fire.
- Whitewater was requested by Lakeside FD for an Engine to respond to a structure fire in Milton; Engine 122 was cancelled while enroute. Whitewater later requested mutual aid from Lakeside with an Ambulance for a motor vehicle accident involving multiple patients, which was also cancelled while enroute.
- Whitewater was requested by the Clinton Fire Department for an Engine to provide a Change of Quarters and by the Elkhorn Fire Department for an Engine and a Chief for a structure fire; both responses were affected due to no POC response, resulting in a pass for Clinton and a delayed turnout for Elkhorn.

Details:

Wednesday, October 15th staff attended the monthly EMS training. This month's topic was

documentation and new Ambulance orientation.

Friday, October 24th 2 staff members provided Fire standby for the UW Homecoming Bonfire.

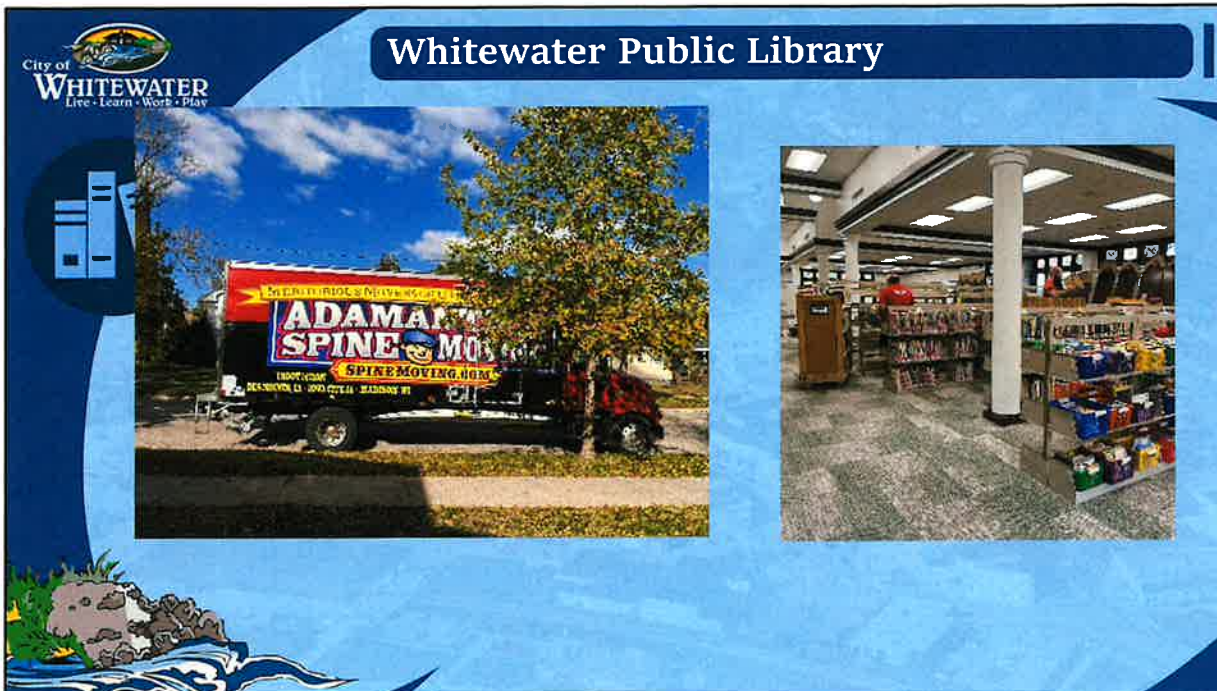
Saturday, October 25th a piece of apparatus was provided for the UW Homecoming parade.

Saturday, October 25th 2 staff members provided EMS standby for the UW football game.

Saturday, October 18th 2 staff members provided EMS standby at the UW Whitewater for the State Marching Band Competition.



- As part of the transition from the Neighborhood Services Department to the new Community Development Department, Liana Dostie (Dot- see) has been reclassified as Zoning Specialist, reflecting her work processing zoning codes, permits, and PARC applications. Liana also completed the monumental task of organizing and updating 7,400 department files—bringing order to years of records and earning a well-deserved appreciation for coffee and file labels!
- City staff held a kickoff meeting with staff from RDG Planning & Design for the update to the city's Comprehensive Plan. This important planning project will be underway over the next 12 months and will include soliciting community ideas and feedback to help guide and shape the future of the City of Whitewater.
- The Economic Development Director is continuing to work on revisions to the new Home Renewal Program, which was recently reviewed by the CDA and Common Council. Work includes drafting a program manual and preparing documents for review by the city attorney. This program is planned to launch by end of first quarter 2026.



- The movers are back at the library getting the shelving and books placed in the renovated part of the library. The library is currently closed for two weeks. Curbside service will resume on November 10 and the library will open completely on December 8.
- The library's parking lot was paved this week and starting next week staff will be able to utilize it.
- Youth Services Librarian, Deana Rolfsmeyer, (Rahlfs-my-er) met with Samuel Karns, the WUSD Superintendent this week. The purpose of their discussion was to explore potential areas of collaboration between the public library and the school system.

Details:

- Library Director, Diane Jaroch, is enrolled in the 10-week Leadership Action Series provided through CVMIC. The series begins November 5 and runs through April 1.
- Assistant Director, Sarah French, is enrolled in the Library Management Training class series. This class is an 8-week intensive, online course to prepare library managers. The class covers fundamentals of staff relationships and management, managing difficult conversations and staff feedback, crisis and incident management, and more. This class is provided through Library Journal Professional Development.

- **Library Staff have been enrolled in the Defensive Driving training taking place on November 6 through CIVMIC.**
- **Assistant Director, Sarah French, was interviewed by the Royal Purple this week.**
- **We received some hand painted tote bags from the Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority. They will be used for children's programming.**



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Parks and Recreation



Pallet Tree Creations Program

Holiday pallet tree creations are back!

On Friday December 5th, Christmas At Cravath kicks off.

Your friends at the City of Whitewater Parks & Recreation Department want to help add some extra cheer and lights to Cravath Lakefront Park this year!

Would you like to contribute to the beauty of this wonderful event?

Purchase your choice of pallet tree from the image above for \$50, decorate the tree however you would like, and return it to City Hall by November 19th.

If you choose to light your tree, solar lights are required. You may pick up your tree from the park on Monday, January 5th, 2026.

Reserve your tree today! Email Michelle Dujardin at mdujardin@whitewater-wi.gov

Check out some examples here: [pallet trees](#)



Christmas At Cravath
Trees Light Up Displays
Every Night Starting
First Friday of December
Cravath Lakefront Park

- **Christmas at Cravath is in full swing. The Pallet Creations are BACK! Get ready to light up Cravath Lakefront Park with your own creative touch! Contact Michelle Dujardin to reserve your pallet project.**
- **Also, the Letters to Santa mailbox are coming soon. Get ready for one of Whitewater's sweetest traditions — our Letters to Santa program! Starting November 14 through December 8, kiddos can drop off their special letters to Santa at the City Hall south entrance (open 24/7). Don't forget to include a return address so Santa can send a letter back before Christmas!**
- **Did you know? You can take fitness/swim classes at the WAFC even if you are not a member. \$5 for residents, \$6 for non-residents**
- **UWW Homecoming Parade: Thank you to the Hicks Family for helping us program Christmas At Cravath at the UWW Homecoming Parade. (pictured above)**

Details-

In the Rec department-

 **Little Dribblers and Shooting Stars Take the Court!**

Our *Little Dribblers* and *Shooting Stars* youth basketball programs are off to an amazing start this season! We're thrilled to share that participation has doubled compared to last year — a true slam dunk for our growing community of young athletes.

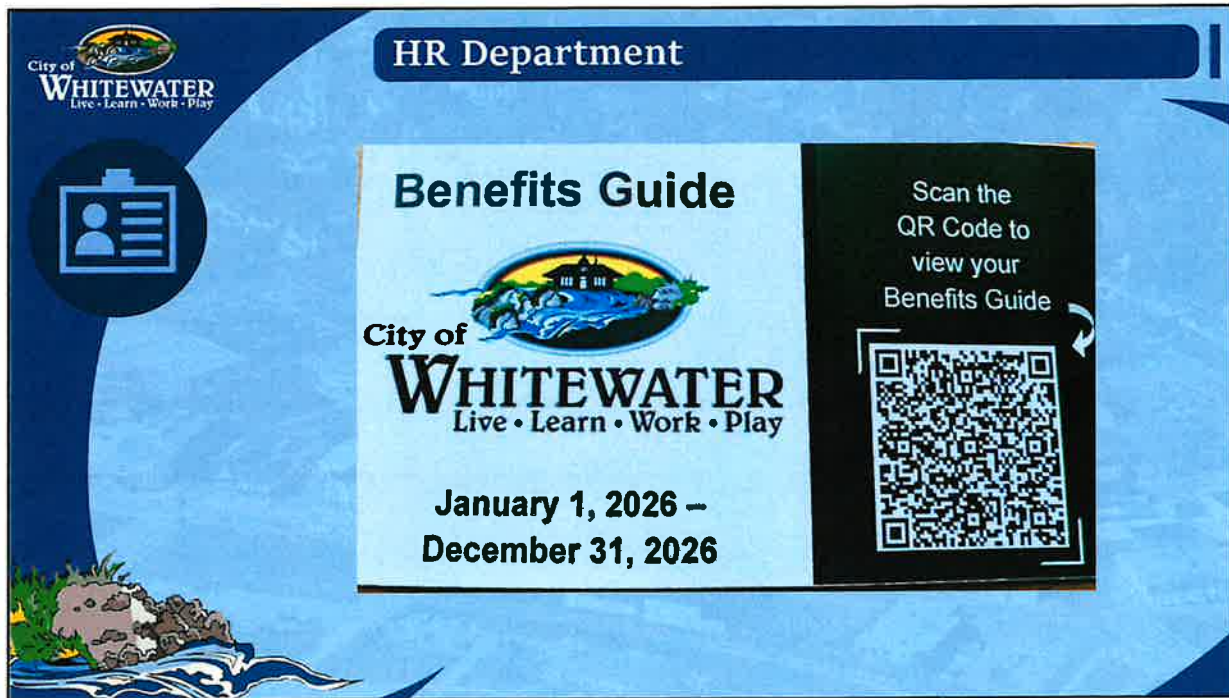
The Lincoln School gym was buzzing with energy as eager ballers took to the court, ready to learn new skills, make friends, and have fun. We're proud to see so much enthusiasm for the game and can't wait to watch these players develop over the coming weeks!

 **Afterschool Students Celebrate Halloween Fun!**

Our afterschool students got into the spooky spirit with a week full of Halloween-themed activities! From playing *Halloween Bingo* to creating festive *wreaths* and *scary masks*, creativity and laughter filled the room.

Everyone had a frightfully good time showing off their artistic side and celebrating together. It was wonderful to see so many smiles (and spooky faces!) as we wrapped up this fun seasonal celebration.

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- We are currently accepting applications for Summer Camp and After-School Activity Instructors as well as Lifeguards. Recruitment for Firefighter positions closed on November 3, and phone interviews are already underway.
- We're excited to welcome Ashwinni Rao (Ahsh-WIH-nee Row) to the City as our new Economic Development Coordinator, starting November 10. Ms. Rao (Row) holds a Master's in Public Relations from Syracuse University and brings over 20 years of experience in economic and community development, business consulting, and communications. She previously served as Senior Community and Economic Development Manager at Alliant Energy and held positions with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network.
- It's that time of year again—Open Enrollment is underway! Staff are currently assisting employees with selections for the 2026 benefits package, including dental, vision, and health insurance. Additional information and updates will be shared soon



Media Services

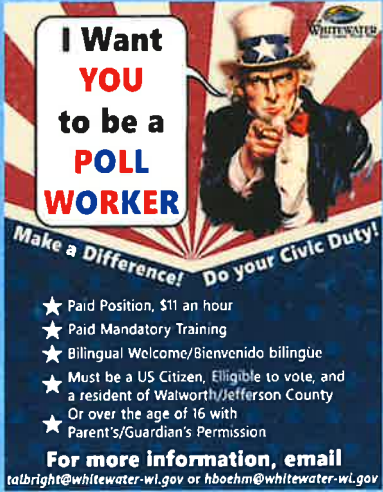


- WCTV 990 recently recorded its first sporting event under our new partnership with the Whitewater Unified School District the Girls Varsity Swim Meet 10/22! The full event is now available to watch across all WCTV platforms. We're excited to continue expanding our coverage of local sports and hope to bring even more events to our viewers, with plans to begin live streaming in the near future.
- We've also captured some new pictures of the newly renovated Whitewater Public Library. More pictures and videos will come out once the library reopens.



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Want to be a poll worker? Email or call the City Clerk for more information.

 **Any questions?**

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