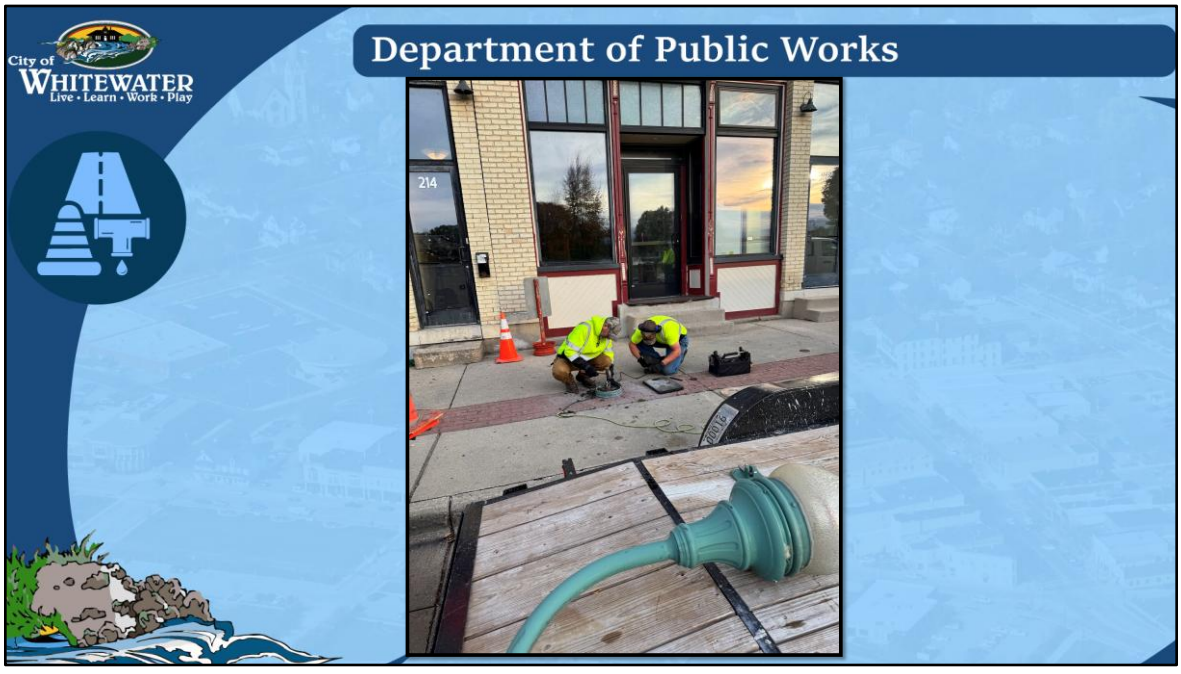

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Construction Projects:

All projects are completed for 2026. Phase 2 of Jefferson Street and the sanitary sewer and water main work along Starin Road for the Hospital Hill sites are scheduled to start in early spring of 2027. While doing a final walk through on the street paving projects we had one car stop on Wisconsin Street and said thank you for doing the street and a resident on Amber Drive that also said thank you.

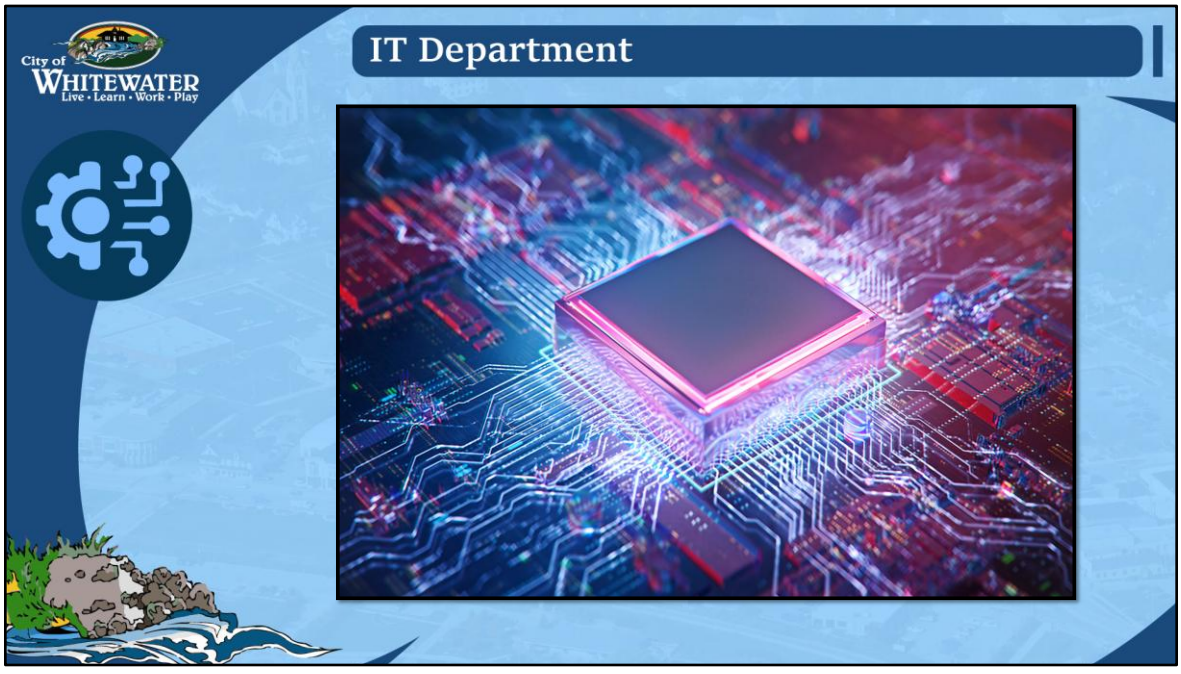
For the week of October 19:

In the Street Department staff continue to get ready for winter. Windscreens were removed at Treyton's Field. Speed bumps, delineators and pedestrian crossing signs were removed. The Birge and Horse Fountains were shut down and winterized. And the Clay Street Nature pier was removed. Other work included maintenance and rotating the piles at the compost site, clean up paint in the Cravath parking lot from pumpkin painting, asphalt paving prep and installation, tree work and brush collection, street sweeping and dealing with a streetlight knockdown. (pictured above)

In the Water Department staff worked on site restoration around Well 7 from

the stand pipe replacement and poured the concrete floor in the well house, replaced outdated fire hydrants, coordinated work to be done for the new bulk fill site on Commercial Drive, and completed backwashing and monthly sampling.

In the Wastewater Department the secondary clarifier was put back into service. Staff noticed a huge difference in the rebuilt pump versus the non-rebuilt pump. Staff will be preparing to rebuild the other two pumps to make them more efficient. Other work included biosolid hauling to farm fields, fixing the overhead crane in the drywell and had a meeting with Strand to discuss phosphorus compliance and the multi-discharger variance application.



The Information Technology Department has several projects in the works.

We are currently working with an outside vendor to replace old copper phone lines that are being phased out by AT&T.

Additionally, a site walk was performed on November 2 for fiber work to improve the connection with the Starin Park Community Building. That work should be completed over the next few weeks.



Highlights

Two new Community Service Officers started with the Police Department. Welcome to both Jaidyn (Jay-de) Mars and Raeanna (Rae- anna) Taylor as they enter their field training program. Both are currently students at UW-Whitewater pursuing their bachelor's degree in criminology.

Lieutenant Johnson, Lieutenant Martin, and Officer Valadez conducted the first round of interviews for the Police Officer vacancy. They have moved the top five candidates onto the Administrative Interview panel scheduled for next week.

Detective Lieutenant Heilberger and Detective Monson both assisted with a Prescription Round Up and Resource Day event that was held at Fairhaven Senior Services. During this event, they collected unused medication to ensure it was safely disposed of to ensure it doesn't get into the hands of our children or enter our waterways and landfills.

Construction of the Evidence/Training garage is in the final stages with siding installation, overhead doors, and interior finishings scheduled for the next

week. Upon completion, shelving will be assembled and we will plan the migration of our long-term evidence into the facility (photo above).

Details-

Chief Meyer and Dispatcher Maci Shrock attended a CVMIC sponsored Leadership Challenge Workshop training held in Wauwatosa.

Administrative interviews were held for our Patrol applicants. Two applicants will advance to the backgrounds stage of the hiring process.

Capt. Taft and Capt. Vander Steeg administered the physical fitness test for our patrol applicants advancing to the background stage.

Five sworn staff in their roles on the Walworth County Mobile Field Force Team will be assisting Milwaukee PD in securing the Brewers championship parade event.



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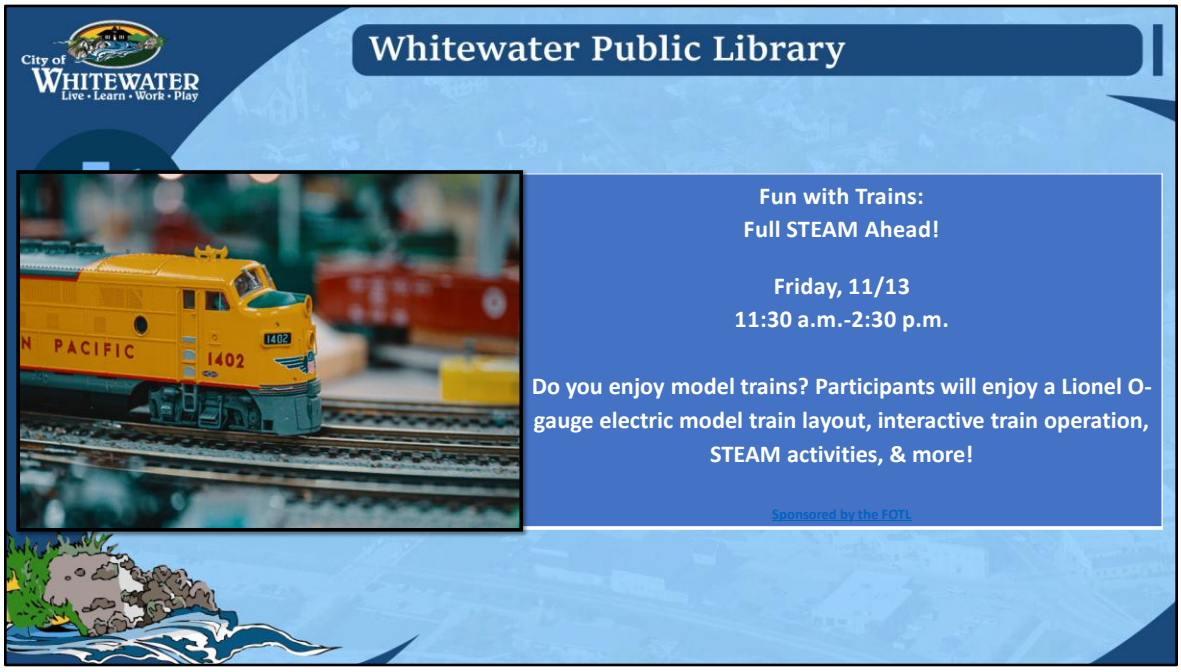
2 staff members attended the UW Homecoming parade with Engine 1222.

2 staff members provided EMS standby for the UW football game.

Staff attended the monthly EMS training hosted by Mercy. This month's topic was seizures and strokes.

Repairs to Engine1221 pump were completed and passed annual pump testing.

Details-



Highlights

Do you enjoy model trains? Participants will enjoy a Lionel O-gauge electric model train layout, interactive train operation, STEAM activities, & more!
Sponsored by the FOTL

Assistant Director, Sarah French, was featured in the UW-Whitewater Community-Based newsletter on August 25.

Willie Warhawk and Chancellor Corey King visited our library and created a video letting UW-W students know they are always welcome at the public library, and how easy it is to get a library card with their Hawk Card!

Details

The Whitewater City Market is back at the library for their indoor season, which begins Saturday, November 7 from 9:30 am – Noon. They will be in Meeting Room 1 every Saturday through April.

The League of Women Voters will Present: Becoming a Courageous Citizen on Wednesday, November 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Kit Behling and Kent Henning of

Braver Angels will share their path to bridging the political gap. Light refreshments will be provided by the LWV.

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"Whitewater Forward" Comprehensive Plan Update: Final review and approvals for the City's first update to the Comprehensive Plan since 2017 will be taking place next month. A presentation from RDG Planning & Design on the plan will be given at the November 9th Plan and Architectural Review Commission meeting. If recommended for final approval, the plan will be brought to the Common Council on November 17th. The Community Development Department and other City staff appreciate the robust engagement and comments from City residents that have been received on this plan update throughout this calendar year.

Downtown Event Planning: Department staff along with stakeholders from UW-Whitewater have been discussing and engaging in initial planning for a potential spring 2027 music event, to be held downtown as part of the Downtown Activation Initiative. Anyone interested in assisting with this process can find more info or sign up to assist with this project by visiting the Downtown Activation Initiative page on the City website.

Community Engagement Center: The Community Development Department

will be releasing a Request for Interest outreach form on the former Community Engagement Center property in the near future. This is being done with input from the Brookshire Company, which currently has the property listed for sale or lease. The intent of the RFI is to solicit potential businesses or developers to reactivate the property. Staff are also continuing to engage with the property's owners to discuss other potential ways to bring the site back to a highest and best use.



Highlights

Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute Crew 16: Michelle Dujardin graduated on Friday, October 16th from the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute as part of Crew 16th. The Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute is a statewide leadership program designed to equip local residents, volunteers, and professionals with the skills, knowledge, and networks needed to protect and manage Wisconsin's inland lakes.(Pictured above)

Cravath Lake Hunter's Moonlight Paddle: On Saturday, October 24, we welcomed 17 participants to our very first Moonlight on Cravath event. It was a wonderful evening of peaceful paddling, s'mores by the fire, great conversations, and new friendships. The event was a great reminder of how our lakes bring people together and encourage our community to get outdoors. We hope to continue inspiring residents to explore and enjoy both Cravath and Trippe Lakes! (pictured above)

WAFC:

Spooky Splash, held October 24, welcomed approximately 60 participants.
Fall 2 Swim Lessons currently have 71 registrations, with additional openings

available.
Dive In is scheduled for November 20 at 6:00 p.m.
SilverSneakers Classic classes will begin in November, expanding accessible fitness opportunities for individuals with mobility concerns.
Babysitting Certification Classes will be offered November 7 and 14.
Lifeguard Training is scheduled for November 20–22.

Fox 47: Michelle was invited to partnered with the Whitewater Tourism Council to film four promotional commercials highlighting four attractions, activities, and experiences the Greater Whitewater area has to offer. These videos are designed to showcase our community, attract new visitors, and encourage people to extend their visits into overnight stays, supporting local hotels, restaurants, and businesses while boosting tourism in Whitewater.

Soccer Open Gym: Starting Wednesday, October 28th, the Armory gym will be open from 5-8 PM Wednesdays and 3-7 PM Sundays for any high school aged and above community member looking to play some pick-up soccer! No need to sign up, just come and play!

Seniors In The Park: Join The Seniors in the Park for lunch as we honor and thank the brave men and women who have served our Country! We will be serving pulled chicken sandwiches, sides and refreshments. All are welcome to join us as we show our gratitude to those who have served. Deadline to register: Friday November 6. Please call the office at 262-473-0535 or email Ashley at aweber@whitewater-wi.gov to sign up or for any questions.



Highlights

Benefits

Open Enrollment is underway, with staff showing interest and curiosity in the City's new Coordinated Care Health Plan option for 2027. The new plan has sparked thoughtful questions and discussions. More information to follow in a staff report coming soon.

Recruitment

Recruitment efforts are ongoing for the Assistant Chief, Facility Maintenance, Basketball Assistant, and Lifeguard positions. Staff is also continuing the interview and selection process for the DPW Superintendent – Streets, Forestry & Parks position.

Anniversaries

Angela Sahr – PD – 19 years
Kristyn Kachel – Library – 8 years
James Jaquith (JAY-kwith) Streets – 8 years
Karen Esparza (ess-PAR-zah)– Library – 7 years
Ben Chapman – Streets – 4 years

Matt Rollins – FD – 3 years
Kristina Letson – HR – 3 years
Ryan Schroedl – Wastewater – 2 years (this time!)
Ashwini Rao – Community Development – 1 year

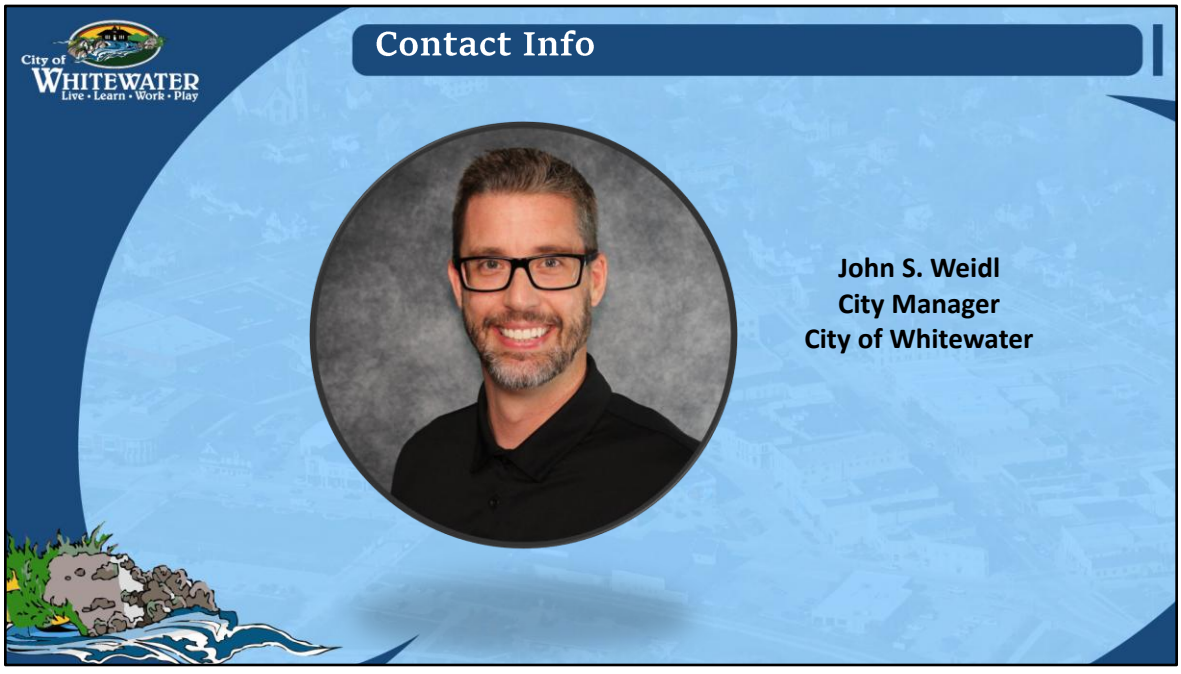


Upcoming events

Mark your calendars for these events!



For questions or concerns- reach out to Becky Magestro, Chief of Staff, 262-473-0101 or bmagestro@whitewater-wi.gov



As always, I am John Weidl, City Manager of Whitewater.