



City Manager's Report
with John Weidl

4/21/2026



Highlights

Tis the season, Construction season:

STH 59 – The contractor is working on replacing pedestrian ramps and installing temporary signals at the Highway 12 intersection. Asphalt milling on phase 1 is anticipated to start the week of April 20.

Putnam Street – The contractor started installing water main the week of April 13. Once water main is completed, the contractor will start on storm sewer.

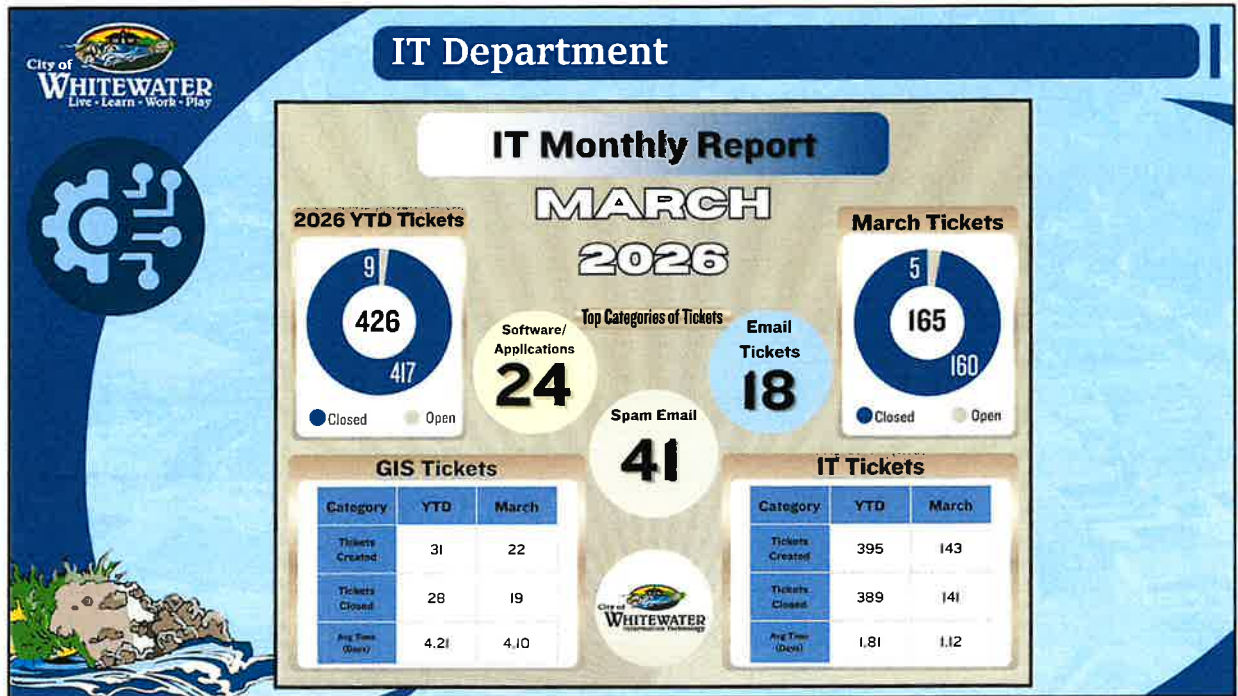
In the Street Department staff helped clean up a cattail blockage along Whitewater Creek near the Skateboard area. The blockage was causing the creek to back up almost 2 feet. Other work included picking up bagged yard waste from residents, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, patching potholes, unloading trees for spring planting, and ballfield clean up and prep.

In the Water Department three staff attended training in Jefferson. Work included backwashing filters and sampling, locating mains at the High School, residential meter replacements and meter testing, preparation for

hydrant flushing the week of April 20, and distributing disconnect notices.

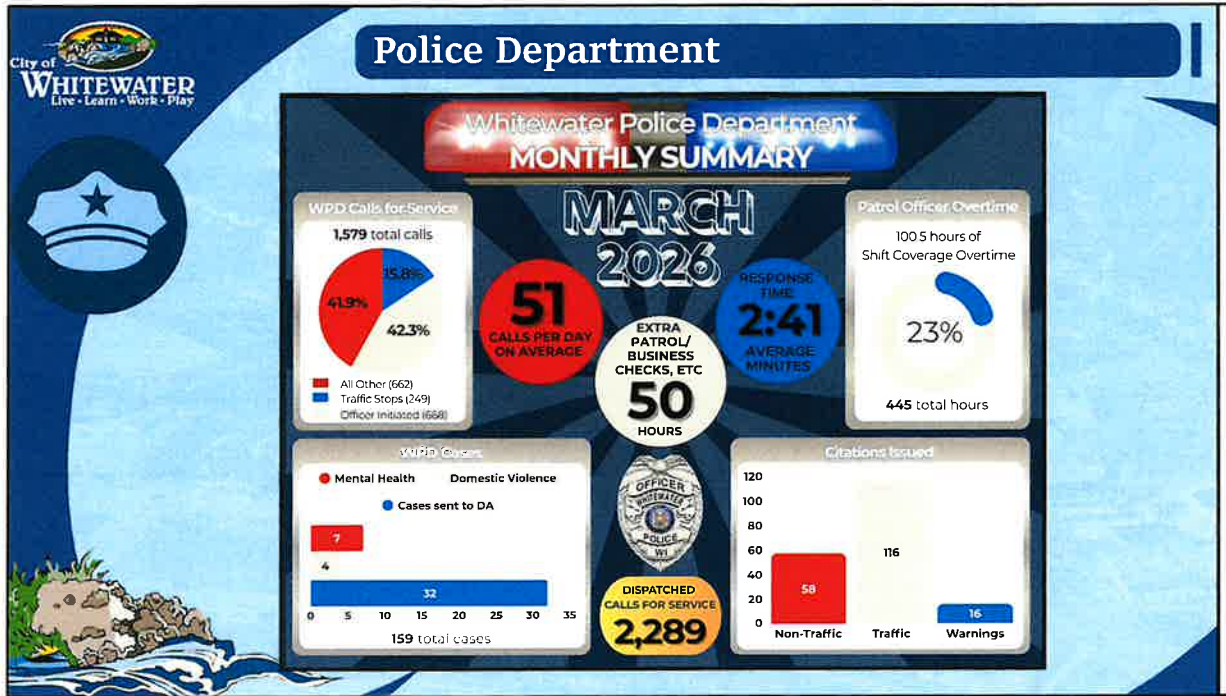
In the Wastewater Department, staff cleaned the weirs on the secondary clarifiers, installed new ballasts on the UV Disinfection system, cleaned the post aeration and UV channels in preparation of the UV Disinfection system installation, and helped with lift station generator maintenance.

******On Thursday April 16, 2026 the Wastewater Facility was treating a flow of 6 MGD (million gallons/day). On a typical day the flow is 1.3 MGD.**



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March showed a lower overall ticket volume compared to the year-to-date totals, with 165 IT tickets and 22 GIS tickets, indicating a lighter workload. Despite this, performance improved, as reflected in faster average resolution times and a very low number of open tickets (only 5), demonstrating strong efficiency and backlog control. Email and spam-related work remained a noticeable portion of activity, suggesting an opportunity for further automation or filtering. Overall, the month reflects effective operations with quicker turnaround and minimal outstanding work.



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The Police and Fire Commission met and formally promoted Blake Dorman (Door-man) to Patrol Lieutenant (photo included). Lt. Dorman (Door-man) joined the Whitewater Police Department in 2020 and has made significant, positive contributions to both the department and the Whitewater community. He serves as a Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, member of the Search Warrant Response Team, and the Drone Team Coordinator. Beyond his operational roles, Lt. Dorman has proven to be an excellent mentor and a positive role model for our staff. His professionalism, leadership, and commitment to service make him an outstanding fit for this new position. Please join us in congratulating Lt. Dorman as he steps into his new role as Patrol Lieutenant!

The PFC also approved the hiring of Riley Fitzgerald (Fitz-jair-uhld) , Alicia Radtke (Rad- Key), and Jacob Ihm (I-M) (current CSO) as Patrol Officers subject to the successful completion of a medical physical and psychological examination.

SRO Ellis (El-iss) attended the Whippet Pathways Day at Whitewater High

School at Whitewater High School. The event is geared toward career development.

SRO Ellis and Detective Monson (Mon-son) attended the International Children's Day event at Lincoln Elementary.

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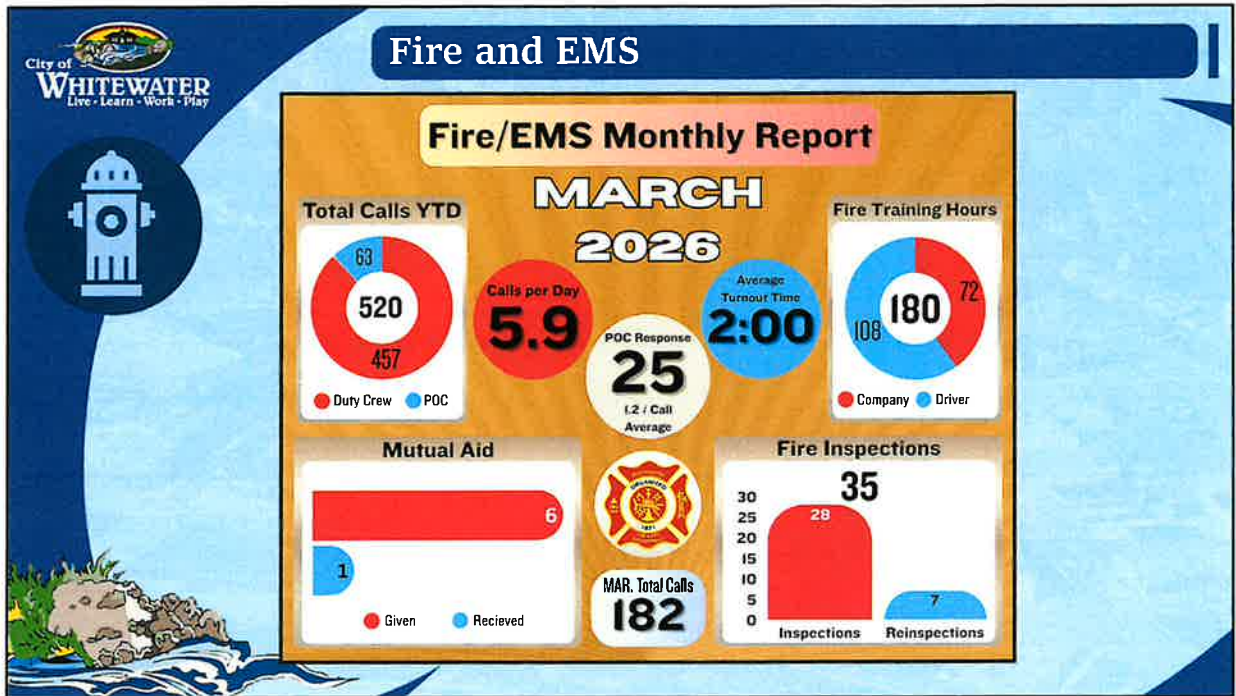
Sworn staff attended legal updated provided by Walworth County District Attorney Zeke Wiedenfeld.

Captain Vander Steeg proctored the written tests for our Patrol Officer hiring process. Those applicants who pass the test will move on to the interview stage of the process.

Chief Meyer attended the WIPAC (Wisconsin Police Accreditation Coalition) meeting in Middleton.

PD staff assisted Chief of Staff, Becky Magestro, in delivering Meals on Wheels to our local residents.

Chief Meyer presented a police department spring update at the Bassett House. PD and HR staff held patrol officer interviews. Top applicants will move on to the background stage of the hiring process after interviews.



Highlights

March 5-11

Staff responded to 44 calls for service, making the daily average of 6.2 calls for service each day.

6 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.1 per call.

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

March 12-18

Staff responded to 40 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.7 calls for service each day.

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

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

March 19-25

Staff responded to 39 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.1 calls

for service each day.

5 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.0 per call.

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

March 26-April 1

Staff responded to 38 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.4 calls for service each day.

4 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.25 per call.

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

Whitewater responded with an Engine and a Chief to Fort Atkinson for a working structure fire.

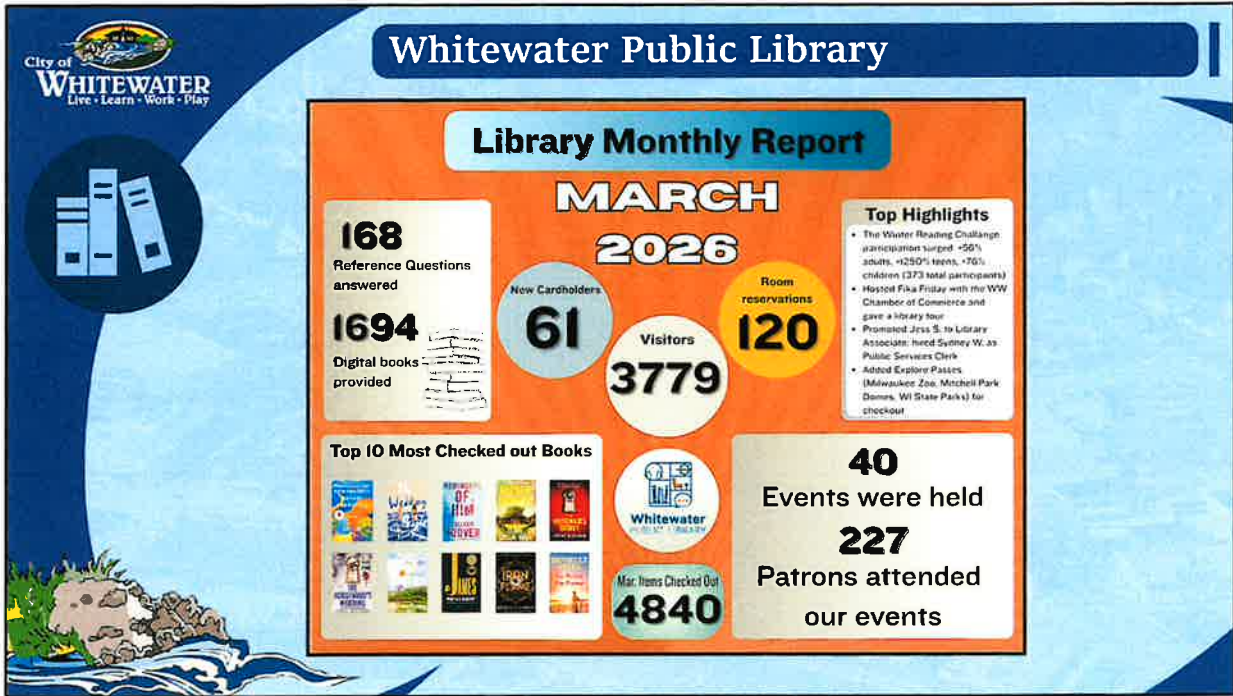
Sunday, March 29th Whitewater was requested to Jefferson with an Ambulance for Change of Quarters. A pass was taken due to the Engine and Chief being at the Fort Atkinson structure fire.

1 candidate interviewed with the PFC for the eligibility list.

2 sessions of fire extinguisher training was held for the Whitewater Police Department.

FF/AEMT Tim Girard (Ger- Ard) completed his 1-year probationary period.

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Sarah French (FUR- Ench) was presented with an Exemplary CBL Partner award for exceptional involvement in UW-Whitewater’s Community-Based Learning Program 2025-2026.

43 people attended the Badger Talks: Low Brass Ensemble Performance on Friday evening, April 10. A collective of the Trombone Choir and Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble, the ensemble performed original compositions, transcriptions, and arrangements across genres, showcasing the expressive potential of low brass in every form

The library received a \$500 donation from a community member to be used to keep our Little Free Pantry stocked with food.

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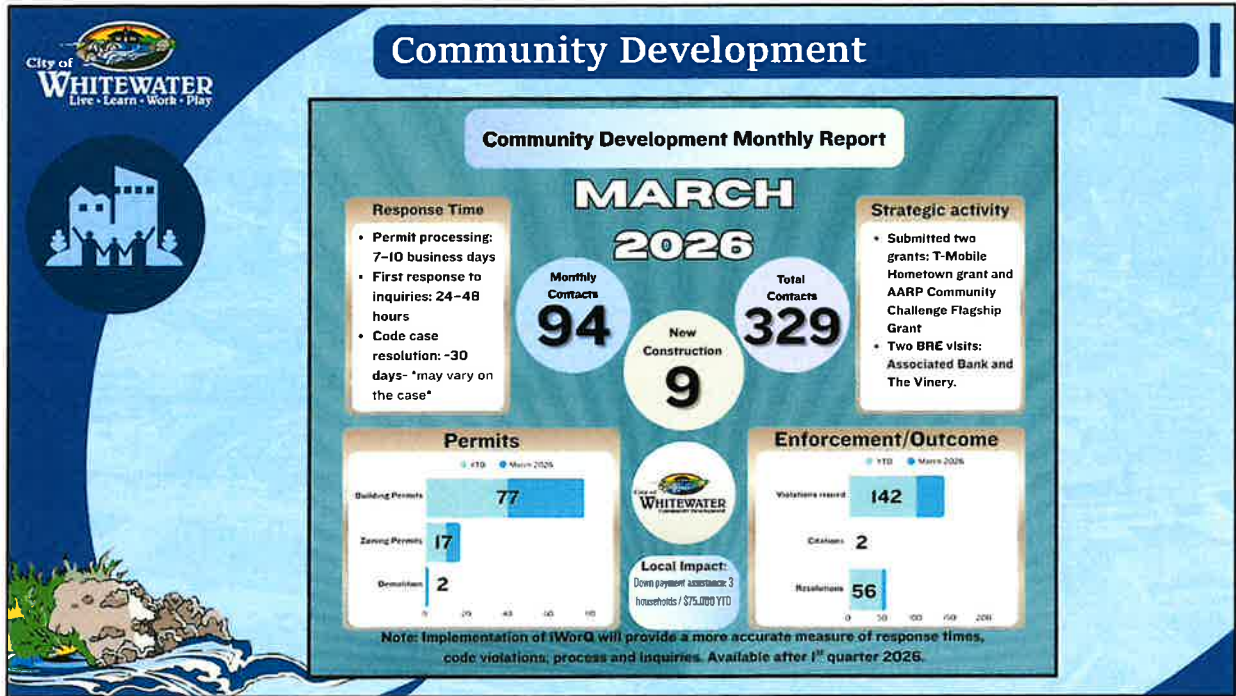
Diane Jaroch successfully completed the Leadership Action Series Class provided by CVMIC on April 1.

We are coordinating with the UW-W Student Involvement for Make a Difference

Day on Friday, April 24. We were able to host our first Memory Café in the new library on April 13. The topic this month was Tabletop Games. Jess Schmid, our new Library Associate, led the program.

A Memory Café is an informal social gathering for those living with early-stage memory loss and their care partner. Our library is part of the Library Memory Project, an initiative of the Bridges Library system. The Whitewater Public Library hosts three Memory Cafés a year

Families were invited to the library on Saturday, April 11 for "Family Jams," a memorable music & movement experience presented by Noelle Larson of Circle of Song Music Therapy. Kids and families explored world instruments in the "Instrument Lab," danced and moved to expressive music, and made music together. There were 21 participants.



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Business Pitch Competition: The Community Development Director served as a judge at the Warhawk Business Pitch Competition at the Innovation Center. Six UW-Whitewater students business ideas, and the top three received funding to support their startups.

Comprehensive Plan Update: RDG is in Whitewater this week leading public design workshops and meeting with stakeholders as part of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan update. The Advisory Work Group meets Wednesday at 4:00 PM. This plan will guide the city's future growth.

Habitat Ground Blessing: Habitat for Humanity of Walworth County held a ground blessing for a four-unit affordable housing project near East Main and East Milwaukee Streets. The project redevelops blighted property, and Habitat is exploring additional infill opportunities with the city.



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Baile (Ba- Lee) Folklorico: Join us on May 5th at the Starin Park Community Building at 5:00pm for a special FREE performance you won't want to miss! This marks the debut of our brand-new program Baile Folklorico, and our talented participants are excited to take the stage and show off everything they've been working so hard to learn. From their very first steps to now, their growth has been incredible—and they're ready to shine!

FUNctional Fitness :Every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 located at the Starin Park Community Building, we hold a mild to moderate aerobic exercise class. The past 2 months we have had at least 20-25 ladies coming to exercise.

Facilities:

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Field Clean Up Day: On Saturday , April 11th the parks and recreation department hosted a field clean-up day at Starin Park to prepare the park for the first

tournament of the year, Play for Trey. 17 dedicated individuals spent the day beautifying the park and ball diamonds.

WAFC Birthday Parties: Did you know we offer packages for Birthday Parties! Call Whitewater Aquatic and Fitness Center at 262-473-4900 for more details on the party package available.



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The City of Whitewater will be recognized as a Family Friendly Workplace, with a plaque presentation scheduled for April 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Council members are invited to attend this special recognition.

HR staff also supported the April 7, 2026 Election, assisting with the processing of approximately 670 absentee ballots at Central Count. We look forward to seeing how participation compares in November.

Anniversaries

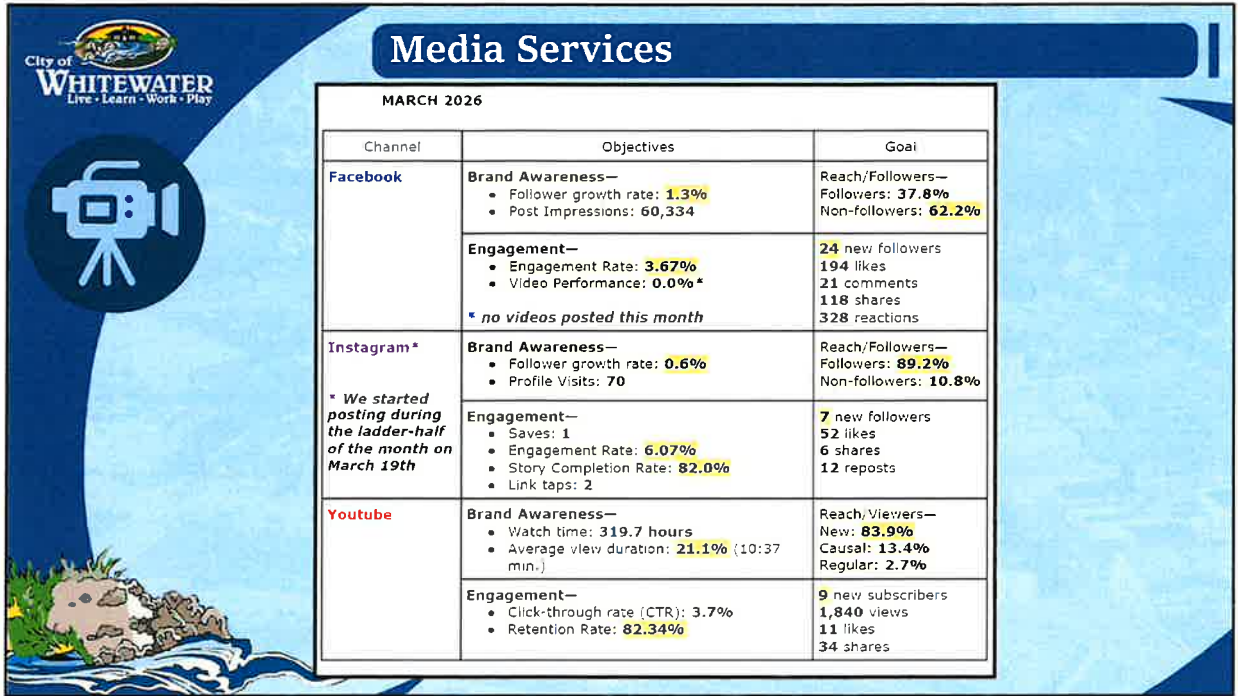
We would like to congratulate the following employees with work anniversaries in the month of April:

- Brandon Taylor (PD) – 6 years
- Sara Marquardt (HR) – 3 years
- Sean O’Flanagan (FD) – 3 years
- Ryan Aldrich (PD) – 3 years
- James Garcia (PD) – 3 years
- Becky Magestro (Admin) – 2 years

Hope Kriegel (Library) – 2 years
Dylan Hake (Facilities) – 2 years
Kevin Gowan (PD) – 1 year

We truly appreciate all you do!

Retention




Highlights

March 2026 performance shows strong momentum across platforms, with Facebook driving high visibility and reaching a broad audience beyond current followers. Instagram is off to a promising start, delivering the highest engagement rate and strong story completion early on. YouTube stands out for high watch time and excellent retention, indicating that viewers are highly interested in the content. Overall, the data reflects effective, relevant messaging and a solid foundation to build continued audience growth.



- Here are some photos of our community members coming together to help clean up Treyton's Field. Thank you to everyone who pitched in—we appreciate your support!



Around Whitewater

	WW	Twin Oaks MHP	TOTAL
Number of letters issued this month	17	1	14
Animal Nuisance	4	1	10
Final Notice	4	0	4
Citation	0	0	0
Status	50	9	59
Pending	34	7	37
Admon	16	8	22
Field	0	0	0
Closed	15	0	15
New orders issued this month	11	1	12
Unsanitary Debris	8	0	8
Unk Vehicle	0	0	0
Repairs	0	0	0
Permit	0	1	1
Dangerous Trees	0	0	0
Weeds	0	0	0
Illegal Parking	0	0	0
Signs, Flags, etc	1	0	1
Nuisance	1	0	1
Breakdown of all Open orders	54	17	66
Unsanitary Debris	12	2	14
Unk Vehicle	1	1	2
Repairs	21	6	27
Permit	12	7	15
Dangerous Trees	0	0	0
Weeds	0	0	0
Illegal Parking	0	0	0
Signs, Flags, etc	2	0	2
Nuisance	8	0	8

Above are our Municipal Court numbers for the month of March. The data reflects a steady workload, with a higher number of cases currently in progress compared to those closed. Most activity continues to center on repairs and permit-related issues, rather than smaller nuisance concerns like weeds or parking. Enforcement has largely remained in the earlier stages, with no citations issued, which may present an opportunity to evaluate how cases progress toward resolution. The majority of activity is concentrated in WW, with a smaller portion coming from Twin Oaks MHP.



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