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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

WITH JOHN WEIDL

February 20, 2025



Administration completed the required training, including Badger Book and DOT CDL courses. They reviewed and finalized an easement agreement with American Transmission Company on Wastewater property and reviewed BTS Towers lease for AT&T site.

Streets-

Crews worked on removing the damaged guardrail on Newcomb Street by the railroad tracks. (pictured above) They also patched potholes and worked on making brine for the streets.

Crews managed snow plowing and removal over multiple days.

Water-

Staff worked on collecting and submitting Bac T samples, did locates for TDS, Painting equipment inside Well 9 pumphouse, Residential meter changes, and snow removal

Wastewater- Repairs were made on Hazelyn Ct. due to sanitary sewer line being hit by TDS fiber line. Line was repaired and cleaned and TDS will be invoiced. Repairs were completed on UV modules that were found to have issues after taking them out of service at the end of the 2024 disinfection season.

GIS-

Uploaded wastewater reports, updated GIS maps, and created department maps. Revised the city map and printed posters for city offices.



IT DEPARTMENT



From 1/31-2/13 -IT closed a total of 97 tickets.

The Innovation Center is now on the City's network via dark fiber, thanks to collaboration with WIN. CDA and IT staff will test its viability for full-time use. Kudos to Cris Crane and Bonnie Miller for their key roles.

IT & Media Services met with TDS on a PEG station. TDS must install fiber, set up equipment, and test signals. A technician reviewed installation plans, with further updates expected.



- On Monday, February 3rd Officer Michele Martin worked her last day at the department. Officer Martin was hired as a Community Service Officer in 1996 and then began her career as an officer in 1997, serving the Whitewater community for over 28 years. Michele served as the School Resource Officer (previously known as the Juvenile Officer) for many years, making an immeasurable impact on the youth in our schools. She also specialized as an evidence technician, bike patrol officer and as a member of our Sensitive Crimes Team. Michele has been a cornerstone of the Whitewater Police Department and she will be greatly missed. Michele; thank you, and we hope you enjoy your retirement!
- The PD has been busy with the interview process for an open Detective Position, the Patrol Lieutenant promotional process, and City Attorney interviews.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



- For the week of January 30th – February 5th Staff responded to 39 calls for service, making the daily average just over 5.5 calls for service each day.
- 8 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.875 per call.
- Mutual Aid was requested 2 times from Whitewater during this time.
- During the given timeframe, a total of eight All Call service responses were recorded. These calls involved a mix of fire, rescue, EMS, and mutual aid responses, with POC and duty crews providing support.
- For the week of February 6-12th - Staff responded to 49 calls for service, making the daily average 7 calls for service each day.
- 4 calls for service required POC response. The average POC response for All Calls was 2.75 per call.
- Mutual Aid was not requested from Whitewater during this time.

IRVIN L YOUNG LIBRARY



- The images above showcase the progress of the library's remodel project.
- The League of Women Voters donated seven juvenile books, including *Grace for President* and *Of Thee I Sing*, enriching our collection. They have also been tabling at the library to promote voter registration awareness in Wisconsin.
- Sarah French, our Programming & Makerspace Librarian, was accepted into the Library Makers Ambassador program. As an ambassador, she will support outreach, promote the platform, and contribute to programming efforts as both a Community Connector and Practitioner Specialist.



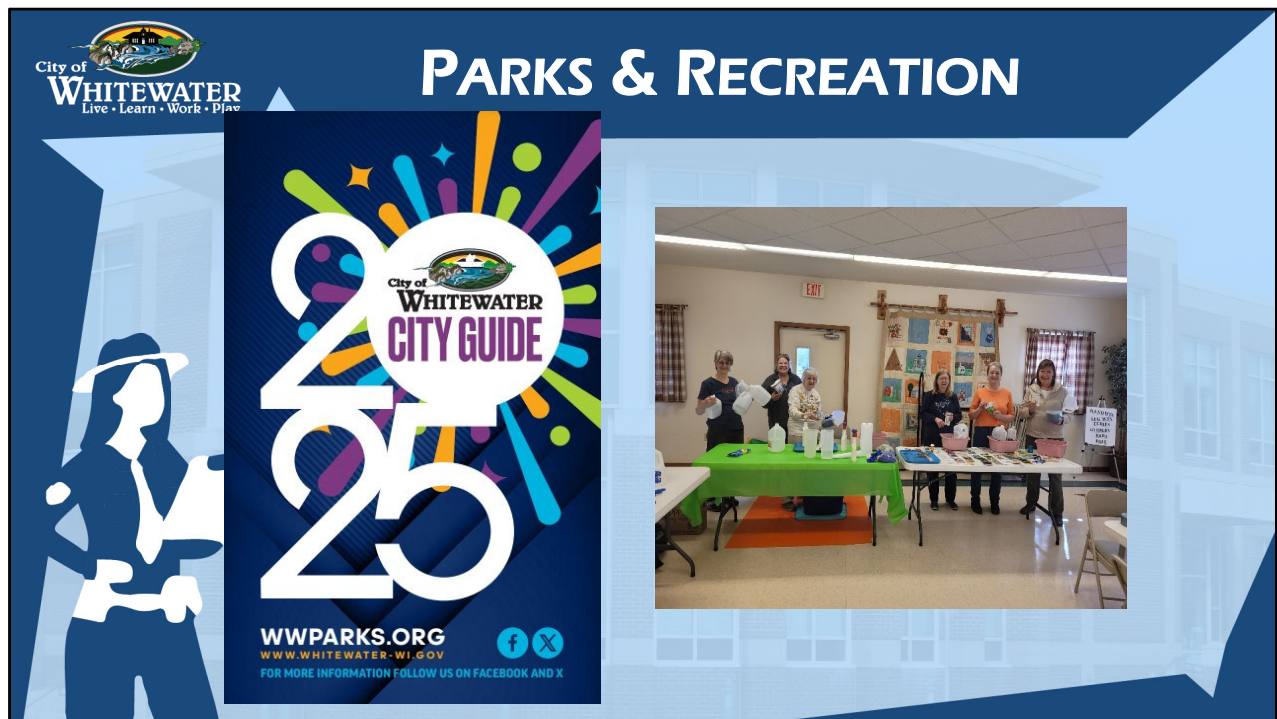
Park & Rec facilities staff closed 42 help desk tickets in the last month.

- 16 general maintenance tasks – Assembling, installing, removing and relocating items.
- 20 facility repairs – Fixing sinks, toilets, windows, doors, drawers and more
- 5 no heat calls addressed
- 2 separate occasions of an individual stuck in the elevator at the Armory. Food pantry patrons continue to hit the elevator doors with shopping carts damaging the sensors inside the doors.
- Sidewalks shoveled or salted on 8 different days.
- Staff continue to keep our buildings running smoothly and safely.

WAFC

- We’ve Got Some “Silver” Linings! The WAFC is now Silver Sneakers-approved! That means Medicare insurance members can now flex their fitness and make a splash with us. Stay active, stay healthy, and stay social—because age is just a number, but movement is life!
- The Easter Bunny is making a special visit to the WAFC on April 12! Get “egg-cited” for an Eggciting Aquatic Easter Egg Hunt!

Will you be a lucky duck and find the golden egg? Only one way to find out—register now on the Parks & Rec website before spots “hop” away!



- **2025 City Guide-(pictured above) is now posted, be sure to download your version today. Spanish online version and both printed English & Spanish versions will be available soon.**
- **Together For Healthy Lakes Education Sessions continues with the The City of Whitewater Lakes Advisory Committee is hosting informational sessions for all the public to increase awareness of the lakes and the upcoming City of Whitewater Trippe & Cravath Lake District resolution, which will be presented to the City Council on May 6, 2026. These postcards will also be mailed to City Residents in the next couple weeks.**
- **We will be starting a Youth Mini Golf League. Registration is open until March 7th for anybody age 8-17. The league will run for 8 weeks starting on March 24th, and will be on Mondays only. There will be individual and team play. Mini golf putters and golf balls will be provided, but everybody is welcome to use their own.**
- **On Tuesday, January 28th our garden club (pictured above) hosted a winter sowing event. They used recycled milk jugs to create mini-greenhouses to get plants started while the weather is still too cold. Each participant went home with 2 different milk jugs full of dirt and seeds.**

MEDIA SERVICES

Police and Fire/EMS Referendum

Brats with the Badges

March 9th
11:00am - 1:00pm

Whitewater Fire Department
312 W. Whitewater St.

Stop by the Whitewater Municipal Building and pick up a brat, chips, and a drink while supplies last.

While you're here, members of Whitewater PD and FD/EMS will be happy to answer your questions about the upcoming public safety referendum vote on April 1st, 2025.

Media Services has been actively supporting the Police and Fire/EMS referendum and producing educational videos on housing developments. Kyle for the Media Service team continues to create great graphics. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Brats with the Badges on March 9th.



Recruitment & Selection

- Staff has posted a volunteer opportunity listing on the government jobs website for those interested in giving back to the City of Whitewater. If you know someone who would like to volunteer as a youth coach, a respite volunteer, or in any other capacity, please direct them to our jobs' website. QR code above.

Retention

The Employee Satisfaction Survey asked the following question – *I wish the City of Whitewater would...* The survey responses highlighted several key areas for improvement:

- **Compensation & Advancement:** Employees suggested adding a clearer system for progressing through the pay range.
- **Recognition & Morale:** There was a desire for greater acknowledgment of departmental successes.
- **Work-Life Balance:** Respondents proposed implementing summer hours and organizing family-oriented events.
- **Housing & Affordability:** A need for diverse housing options was noted, ensuring employees who cannot afford to buy a home can still live within the city.

- **On February 13th, HR staff had the privilege of honoring Dwight Slocum for his 30+ years of dedicated service to the City of Whitewater. Although he retired before the launch of our new recognition program, the staff was delighted to celebrate his contributions. Even Ruby, Dwight's beloved and well-known dog, joined in the occasion!**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES



ED Director Zeinert and Elizabeth Thelen represented the Innovation Center at the Wisconsin Economic Development Association conference. (Photo above) Staff collaborated with HR to conduct interviews for the CDA Administrative Assistant position. Planning is underway with the Chamber and Downtown Whitewater for an October 2025 Wine Walk.

In Neighborhood Services, the Plan and Architectural Review Committee approved a sign permit for Whitewater Middle School and future contractor offices for a business park parcel.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES



Christmas at Cravath is in full swing! Check out these pictures of the festive lights in Cravath Park.



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Thank You!

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Thank You!

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As always, John Weidl, Thank you!



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