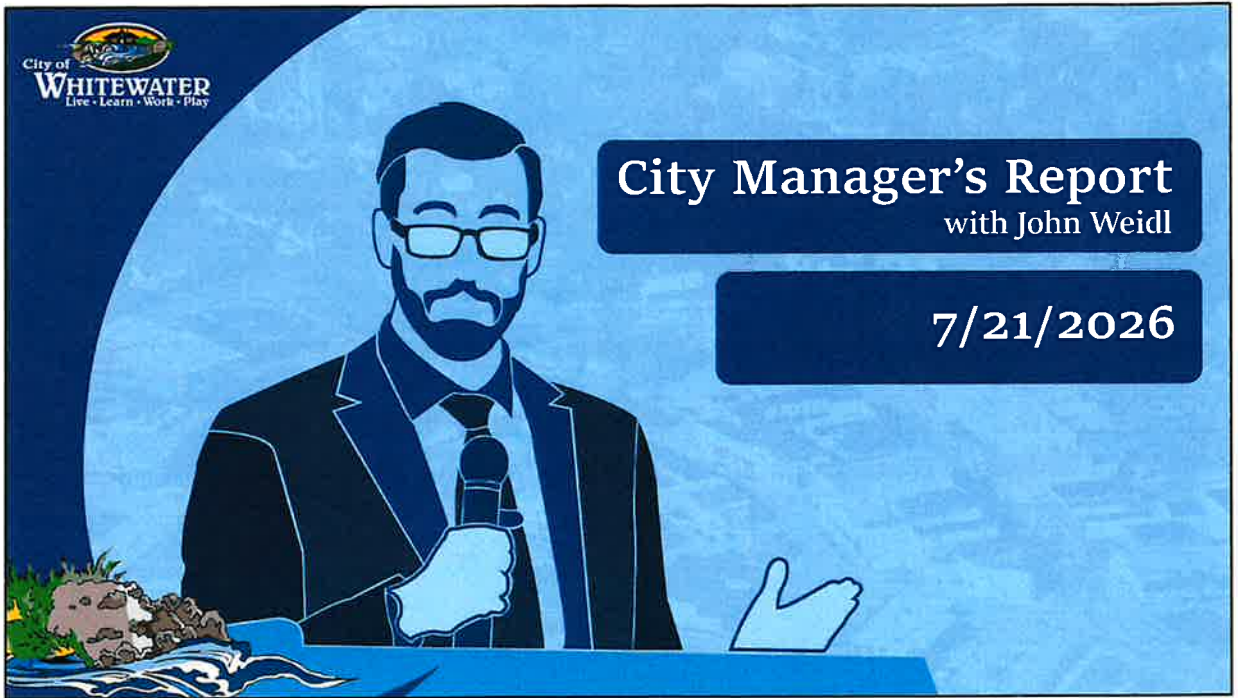


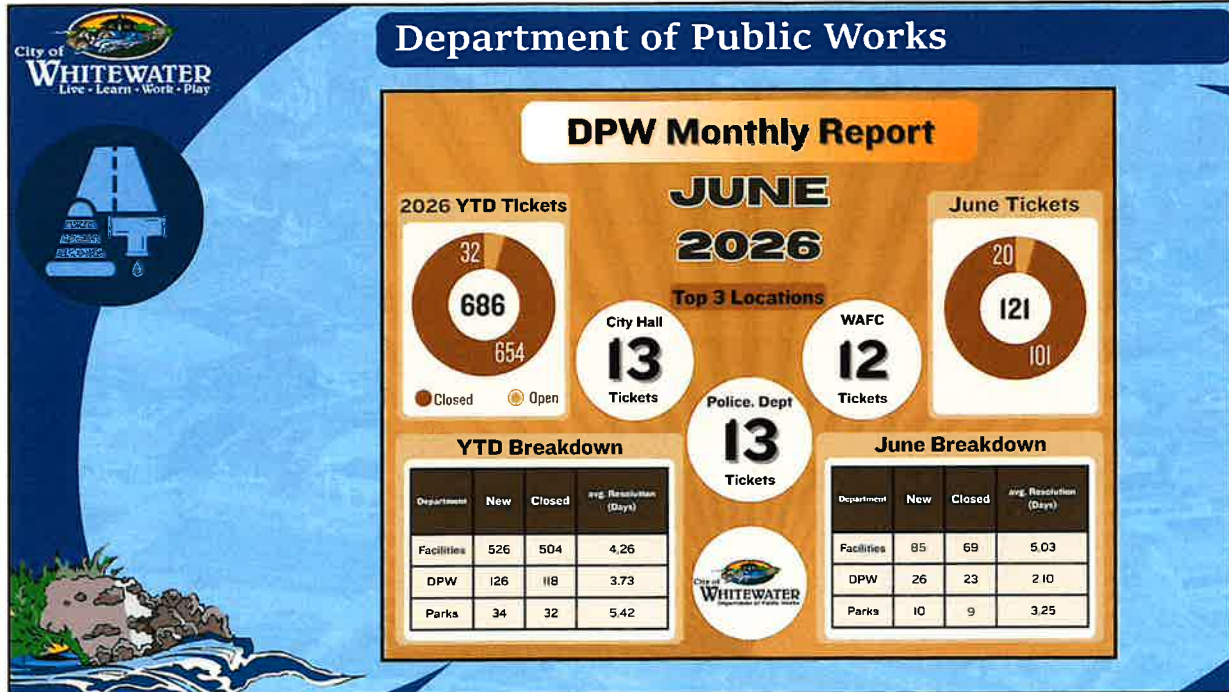


City Manager's Report

with John Weidl

7/21/2026





Dashboard The Department of Public Works had a great month, closing 101 of 121 work order tickets in June and bringing its year-to-date total to an impressive 654 completed work orders.

Construction Projects

Jefferson Street: The contractor has finished the underground work north of Starin Road. The contractor will be working on installing curb and gutter at the intersection of Starin Road and Jefferson Street and building the road north of Starin Road including the intersection. The contract has started sanitary sewer south of Jefferson Street.

Franklin and Main Intersection: The contractor is making good progress and will be installing sidewalk, curb and gutter and the concrete pavement in the coming weeks. The contractor is also repairing deteriorated curb and gutter in front of the University library on W. Main Street.

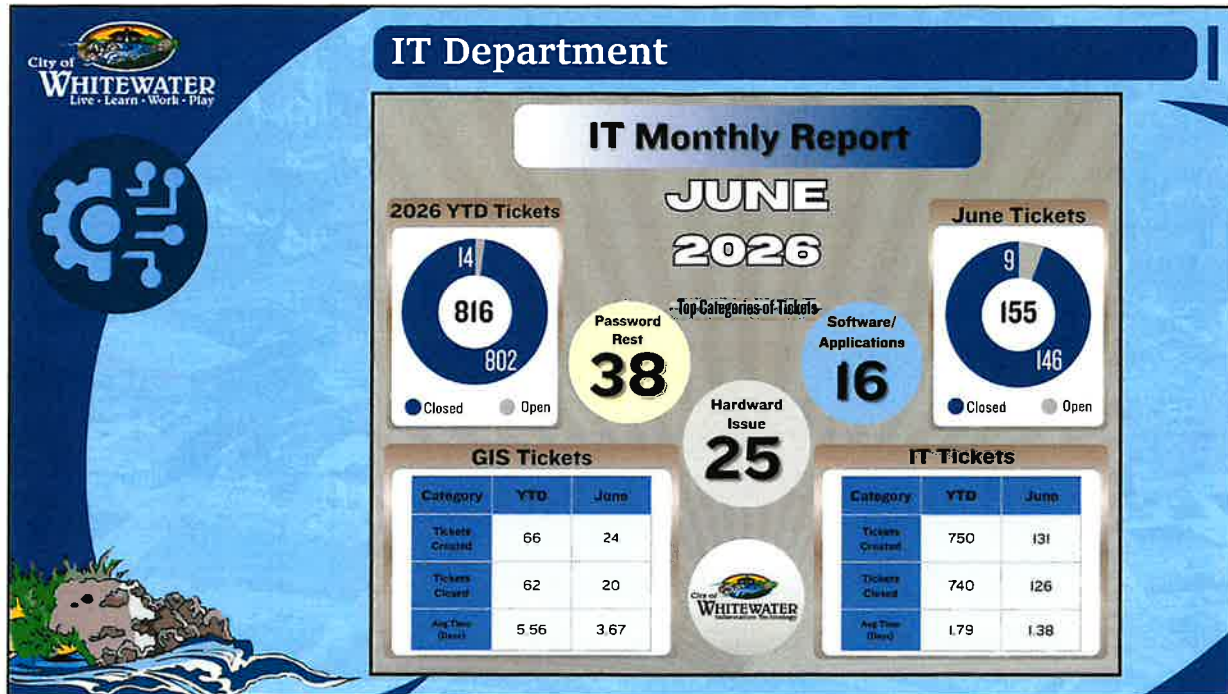
For the week of July 6:

In the street department, staff worked on cleaning up Cravath Park after the

Fourth of July Celebration. Other work included graffiti removal, setting up for Savory Sounds, roadside mowing, ballfield prep, watering trees and plants, and assisting the fire department with accident clean up at County Highway P and State Highway 12.

In the water department, the DNR, contractor, and Strand were onsite to review Well 7 before putting it back into operation. Painting for the Well 7 modification project is wrapping up, large meter testing has begun in house by staff instead of outsourcing and staff has been working with the Jefferson St contractor on determining where and how Kienbaum Metals is served.

In the wastewater department, staff toured a wastewater facility to look at a disc thickener for sludge to possibly replace the current centrifuge, all the parts to reassemble digester mixing pump 1 have arrived and staff is working to put it back together and then will reinstall, and a 3rd party perform prairie grass inspection to be in compliance with the DNR for phosphorus removal credits.

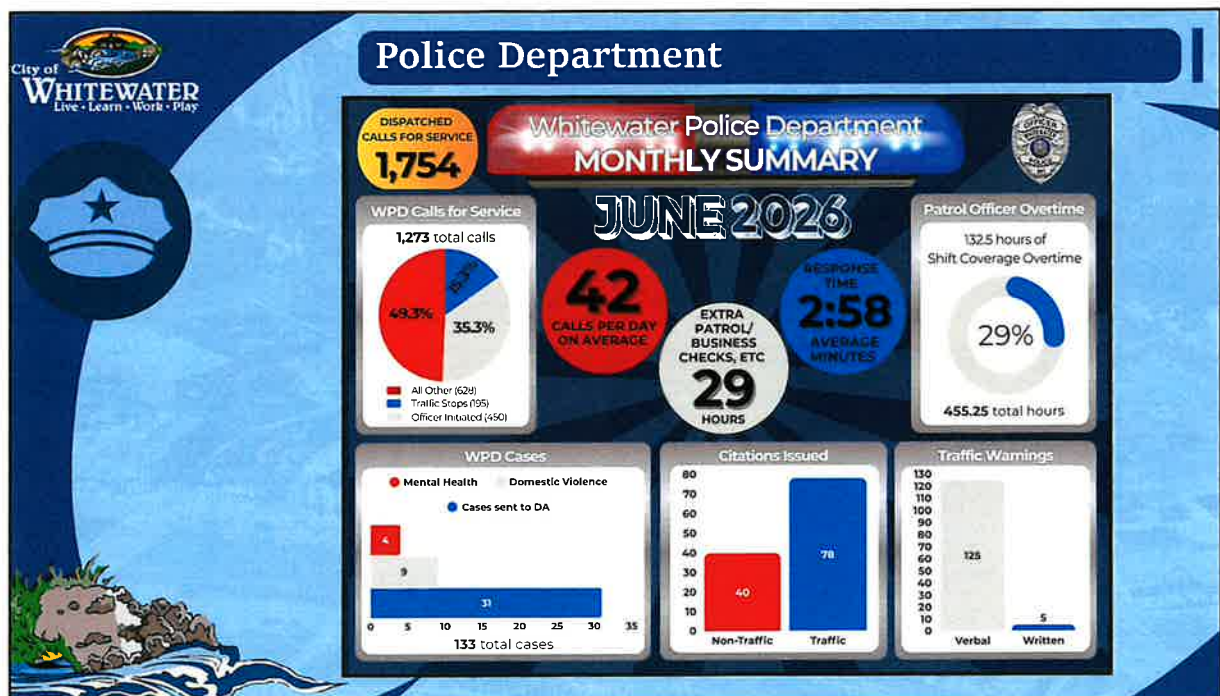


Highlights

IT continues to provide excellent service to City departments, closing 94% of all tickets submitted in June (146 of 155) while maintaining only 9 open tickets at month's end.

GIS support also showed positive progress, with the average ticket resolution time improving to 3.67 days in June, significantly better than the year-to-date average of 5.56 days.

Software/application support and password resets remained the most common service requests, highlighting the IT team's critical role in supporting employees' day-to-day operations and ensuring uninterrupted access to City systems.



Highlights

The Whitewater Police Department remained highly responsive in June, handling 1,754 dispatched calls for service while maintaining an average response time of just 2 minutes and 58 seconds.

Officers remained proactive in the community, averaging 42 calls for service per day, conducting 29 hours of extra patrol and business checks, issuing 78 traffic citations and 40 non-traffic citations, and providing 130 traffic warnings to promote public safety through education and enforcement.

The department continued to address a wide range of public safety needs, responding to 133 criminal cases during the month, including cases involving mental health, domestic violence, and referrals to the District Attorney, while managing patrol operations with only 29% of total patrol hours attributed to shift coverage overtime.

Details

PD staff met internally to plan our ongoing preparation for the 2027 WILEAG accreditation on-site evaluation.

Wednesday, June 17th = Captain Taft attended the Jefferson County Chiefs meeting at the Jefferson Police Department.

CSO Hiring update: Interviews have been completed and the top two applicants have moved into the background stage of the hiring process.

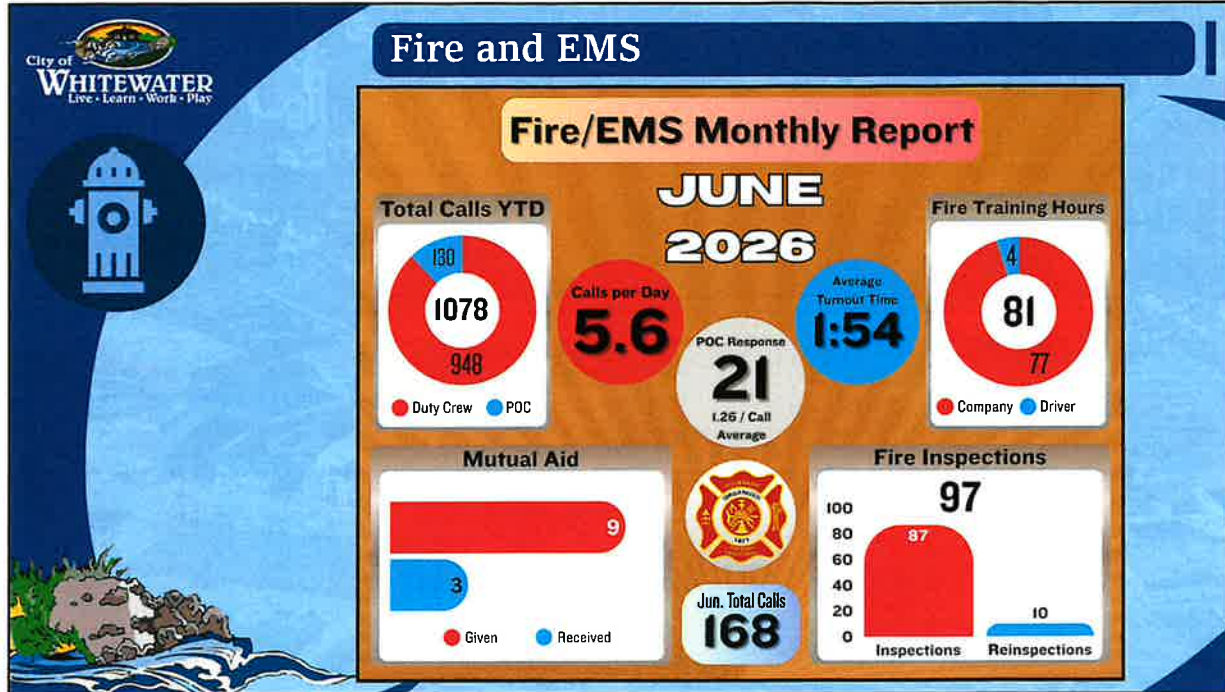
Officer Schenker participated in the Reading Under the Lights event at UW-Whitewater Tuesday, July 7th = PD staff met with library staff to complete a walk-thru of the facility to assist in planning for the upcoming active threat training for all city staff.

Thursday, July 9th = Captain Vander Steeg met with representatives from Mercy Health to organize Rescue Task Force (RTF) training.

Captain Vander Steeg participated in a Tri-County Drug Take Back planning meeting to finalize details for the upcoming community event. The event will be held at the Fairhaven Senior Services Olm Fellowship Hall, located at 435 W. Starin Road, and will be open to the public from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The Police Department will assign detectives to staff the event and collect unused and expired medications for safe and proper disposal.

Captain Taft completed a tour of the Police Department and conducted a presentation to attendees from Double J Respite Ranch, which is a program for troubled youth.

Special Event: Join us on August 11th from 9a-noon at Cravath Lakefront Park to fish with the Police Department. Fishing gear and bait will be provided and the event is open to kids of all ages.



Highlights

June 4-10

Staff responded to 37 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.2 calls for service each day.

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

Mutual Aid was requested 4 times from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.

June 11-17

Staff responded to 46 calls for service, making the daily average of 6.5 calls for service each day.

5 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 2.0 per call.

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

Monday, June 15th MABAS box 12-8 was requested for a large area search for a special needs resident of a group home in Richmond Township. 12

departments assisted with manpower, UTVs and drones. During the search a structure fire was paged out. Resources from staging were redeployed and additional auto aid companies responded to mitigate the incident.

June 18-24

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

3 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 2.3 per call.

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

Monday, June 22nd a Tender responded to MABAS request from Lakeside Fire for a working structure fire.

June 25-July 1

Staff responded to 32 calls for service, making the daily average of 4.5 calls for service each day.

6 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.5 per call.

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

Friday, July 3rd an Ambulance responded to a MABAS request by Lake Geneva FD for a water rescue.

Friday, July 3rd an Engine responded to a Mutual Aid request by Town of Delavan FD to assistance with calls for service following the severe storm that moved through their response area.

Thursday, June 25th an Ambulance responded to a MABAS request by Lyons FD for a water rescue

- Chief Freeman traveled to Sterling, IL to pick up the remounted Ambulance chassis. The patient compartment was removed from a 2017 chassis. The dealership replaces the flooring, cabinet drawer fronts, inspects the wiring, HVAC system, repaints the exterior and puts in on a new chassis. The total cost savings was approximately \$60,000 vs buying a new ambulance and the turnaround time was 6 months vs 36 months.

Saturday, July 4th staff participated in the 4th of July parade.

- **Sunday, July 5th staff participated in family day as a part of the weekend festivities. Equipment demonstrations and fire extinguisher prop with live fire were available during the event**
- **Engine and a Chief responded to an Auto Aid request for Lagrange FD for a possible working structure fire.**
- **Saturday, July 11th an Engine responded to a MABAS request for Clinton FD for a working structure fire. A pass was taken for the request for a Chief.**

Details

AC Dion attended WUSD tabletop exercise planning meeting.

Friday, June 12th AC Dion attended the Cold Spring Town board meeting.

Tuesday, June 16th AC Dion attended the Richmond Town board meeting and Lima townhall meeting.

Tuesday, June 23rd Chief Freeman attended the Lions Club's dinner and parade of checks

Thursday, July 2nd Ambulance 1280 (the newly remounted apparatus) was inspected by the Wisconsin DOT and put in service.

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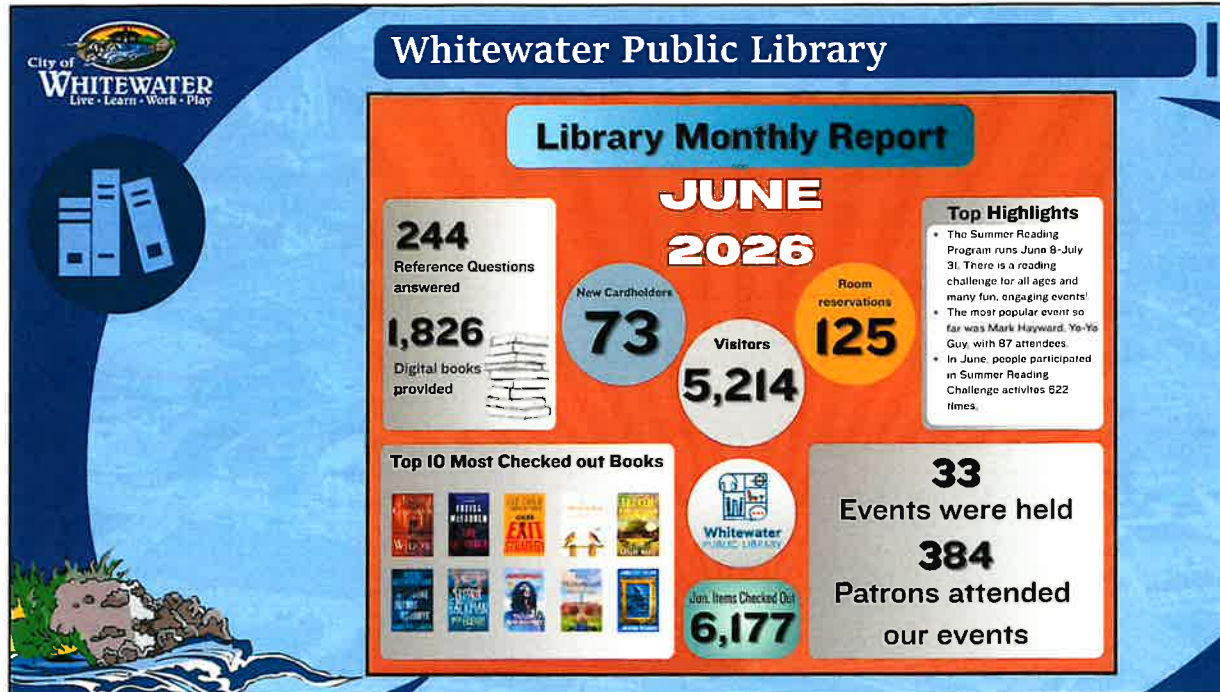
Wednesday, July 8th AC Dion attended the Town of Whitewater monthly meeting.

Tuesday, July 14th Chief Freeman attended the Rock Officers/MABAS 104 meeting.

Wednesday, July 15th 2 staff members attended the Walworth Co/MABAS 103 dive training in Lake Geneva.

Wednesday, July 15th AC Dion attended the Town of Koshkonong town board meeting.

Wednesday, July 15th AC Dion attended Jefferson Chiefs/MABAS 118 meeting.



Highlights

Big news — our digital collection is now **LIVE** on the Recollection Wisconsin website! <https://content.mpl.org/digital/collection/WPL>

This is a selection of digitized historical artifacts and ephemera related to Whitewater, Wisconsin. The most sizable portion of the collection contains over 100 postcards that show scenes in and around town, ranging from roughly 1890 through the 1960s. You can obtain high-quality versions of these images for research purposes by contacting the Whitewater Public Library.

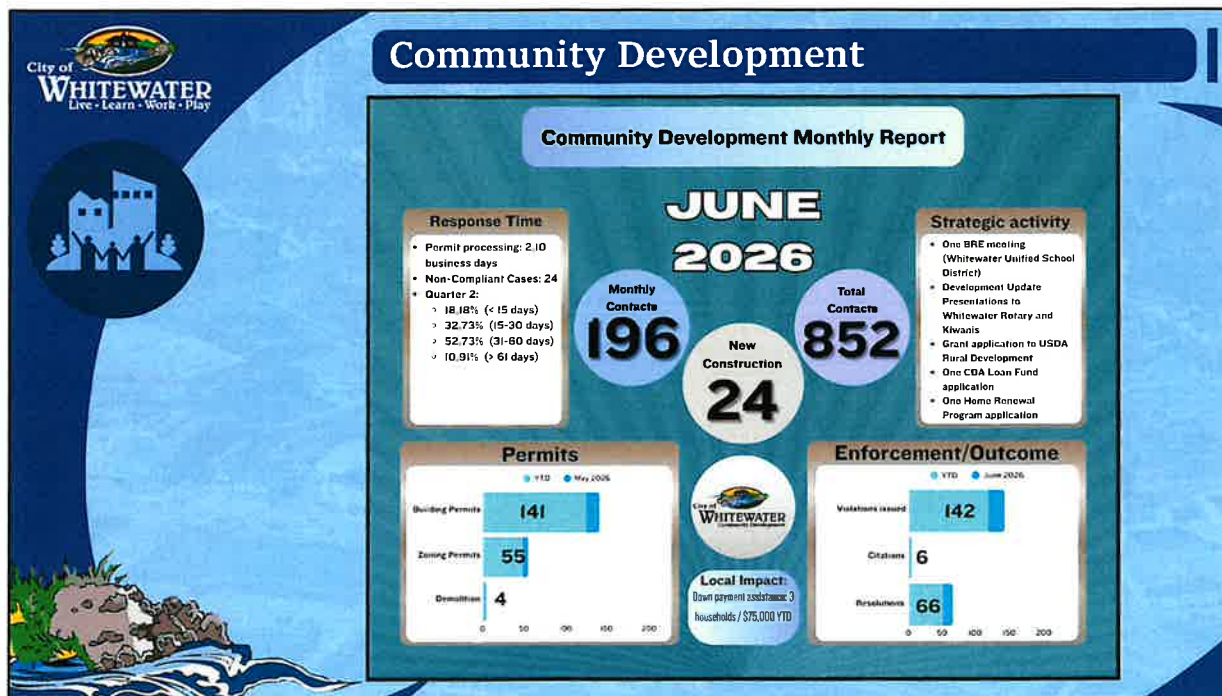
Special thanks to our intern Magnolia Sandell (San- dell) for her work digitizing this collection.

Details

We collaborated with the Whitewater Arts Alliance and Studio 84 at the 1st Brigade Band Concert to offer a community art project, "Whitewater's Faces of America" — participants created small self-portraits that will be added to a larger artwork that will be exhibited throughout Whitewater, including the library.

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The Youth Services Department started a volunteer program for teens ages 12-17 this summer to staff the children's desk during our summer reading program (June 8th-July 31st). Volunteers are responsible for helping children sign up for the summer reading program, for checking reading logs, and handing out brag tags and prizes! We currently have 14 volunteers! In June they logged 38 collective hours.

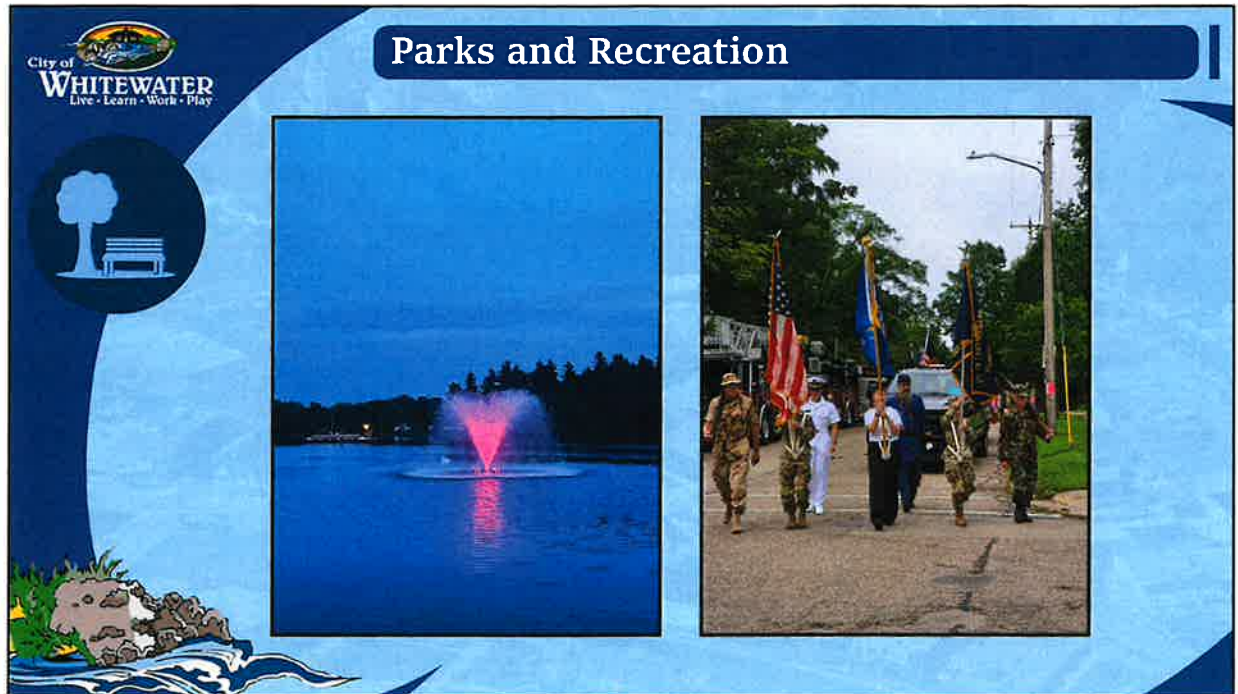


Highlights

7 Brew: A concept site plan was reviewed at the July 13th Plan and Architectural Review Commission meeting. The new business, which is a drive-thru oriented coffee and beverage concept, is part of a growing brand seeing several new locations opening in southeastern Wisconsin, and is proposed to be located on the former BicycleWise property. The concept review gave commission members the opportunity to ask questions of the franchisees and project developer, and they will likely be coming back for a formal Site Plan Review in a few weeks.

Greater Whitewater Committee Luncheon: The Community Development Department worked with members of the Greater Whitewater Committee to host a luncheon at the Innovation Center last week. The event was attended by several contractors and representatives from local lending institutions to learn more about the Home Renewal Program. The department also recently received its first application from a homeowner. The Department appreciates the collaboration from the Greater Whitewater Committee and their support for getting the word out about this program to help preserve single-family owner-occupied housing in the City.

iWorQ updates: Municipal Code Enforcement previously tracked violations using an internal Google document. Effective January 1, 2026, all new code enforcement violations began being entered and managed through the iWorQ system. To complete the transition, as of July 1, 2026, all remaining open violations from the legacy Google document were transferred into iWorQ. This transition provides a centralized system for tracking cases, improving case management, and enhancing reporting on violation resolution and enforcement activities.



Highlights

Michelle has partnered with UW-Whitewater Assistant Professor Pete Puleo (Poo-Lay-Oh) to develop a new Methods in Lake Management course, launching this fall. She will collaborate with the professor and students throughout the semester on projects and research that support the long-term management and health of Cravath and Trippe Lakes.

The new fountain at Cravath Lakefront Park (pictured above) is officially installed and already making a splash! While it's beautiful during the day, the real magic begins after sunset when the fountain comes alive with vibrant, changing colors that reflect across the water.

The Parks and Recreation Department successfully organized and hosted the 2026 Whitewater Fourth of July Parade (pictured above), providing a well-attended and enjoyable community event. Staff will evaluate feedback from this year's parade and make minor adjustments to further enhance the participant and spectator experience for next year's celebration.

Swim lessons are in high demand- This week we kicked off our summer swim

lesson session with 90 swimmers!

July is also National Park and Rec Month: Honorable mention, July is also National Park and Rec Month. In celebration, we're offering a buy one, get one deal on day passes!

Details

A few weeks ago, Seniors in the Park garden club, Whitewater Growers, did some weeding and pruning in the front garden bed at the Senior center.

World's Largest Swim Lesson: In a first for the WAFC, we participated in a global event known as the World's Largest Swim Lesson. While it was our first time, it was the 17th annual time the event took place across the world. We had a light turn out, but everyone received a quality lesson!



Highlights

Whew...it's been a busy month in HR!

On June 24, we celebrated America, our employees, and the spectacular collapse of the Police Department in the Food Fight at the Employee Picnic. The day featured great food, a bags tournament, prizes, recognition of our Years of Service recipients, the announcement of our Employee of the Year, the very popular Police Department hose down, and the presentation of our first Fire Department scholarship.



HR Continued:

On June 26, the team of Required and Retired—Jim Bergner, Josh Hyndman(Hind-man) Brad Marquardt, and Blaine Walenton (WAYL- tun)—captured the Second Annual City Golf Outing championship, defeating the Fire Department team by two strokes. As a result, the coveted championship trophy will proudly reside in the Water Department for the next year, while the equally prestigious Golden Toilet Brush has found its new home in the Parks & Recreation Facilities office.

The Fourth of July Parade showcased this year's HR-sponsored float. While we didn't bring home the judges' top awards, our future City employees certainly stole the show. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped design, build, and walk with us on a very warm Independence Day.

In between the fun, we managed to squeeze in a little HR work as well. During the past month, HR coordinated three Open Meetings Law and agenda posting training sessions. In July, staff attended the CVMIC Fall Conference, assisted with interviews for the Youth Program Coordinator

position, hosted a Wisconsin Deferred Compensation representative for employee retirement planning meetings, and job shadowed with a new college graduate beginning their career in business administration.

July Anniversaries

Brian Neumeister – Streets – 31 years

Diane Jaroch - Library – 16 years

Haydon Beecroft – PD – 7 years

Justin Brock – PD – 7 years

Ryan Dion – FD – 4 years

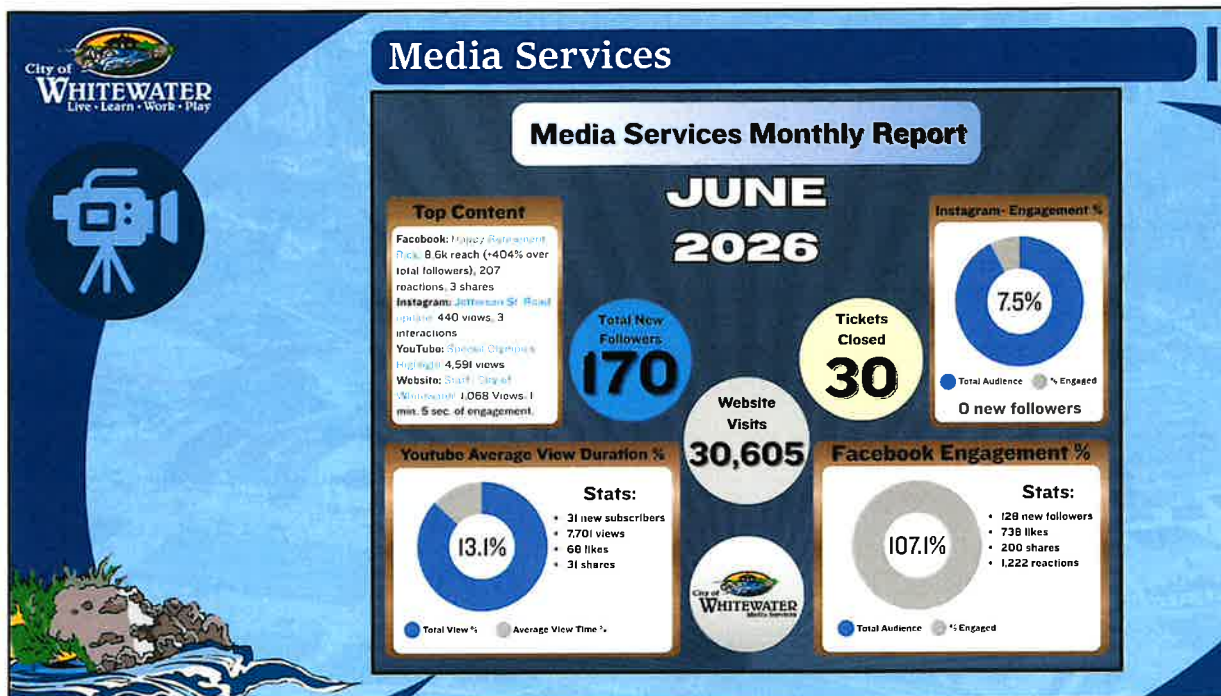
Tanner Stark – FD – 4 years

Abel Turner – FD – 2 years

Cody Schenker (SHEN- Ker) – PD – 2 years

Jeremy Alexander – PD – 1 year

Andrew Swartz – IT – 1 year



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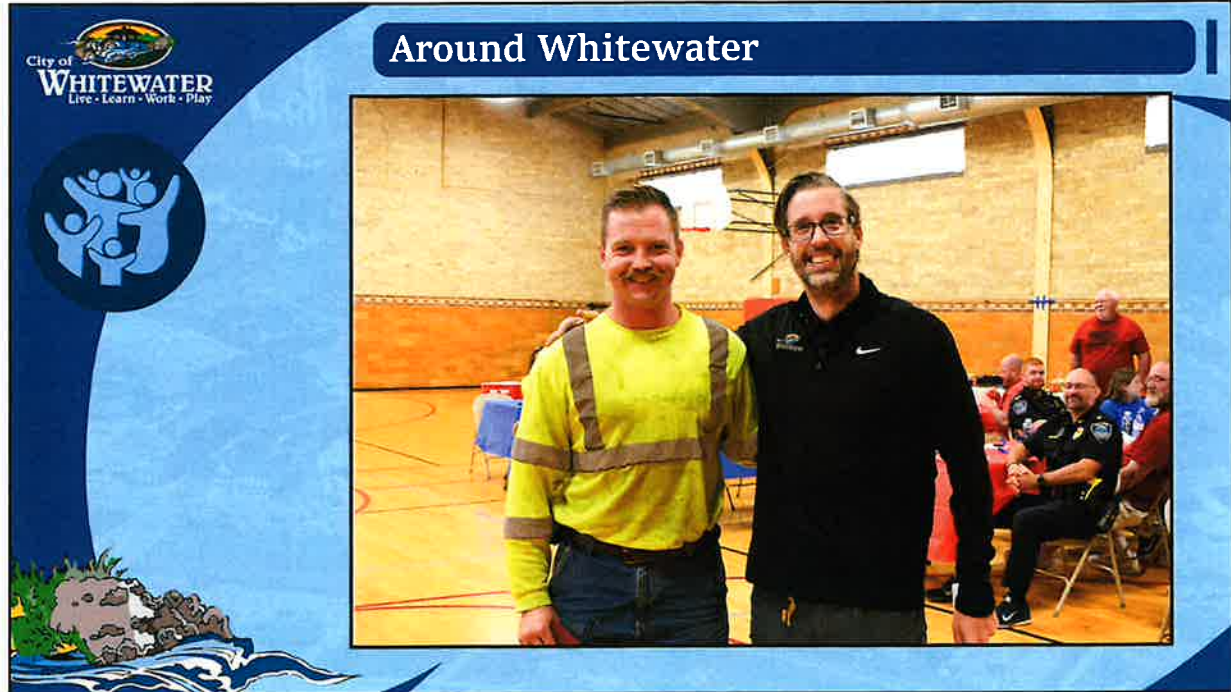
Media Services continued to expand the City's digital presence in June, adding 170 new followers across platforms while generating more than 30,600 website visits and producing strong engagement with residents.

The team's content is resonating with the community, highlighted by the Facebook retirement post reaching more than 8,600 people, over 7,700 YouTube views, and more than 1,200 Facebook reactions during the month.

In addition to creating impactful communications, Media Services maintained excellent operational support by closing 30 service tickets.



Mark your Calendars! Join us on August 11th from 9a-noon at Cravath Lakefront Park to fish with the Police Department. Fishing gear and bait will provided and the event is open to kids of all ages.



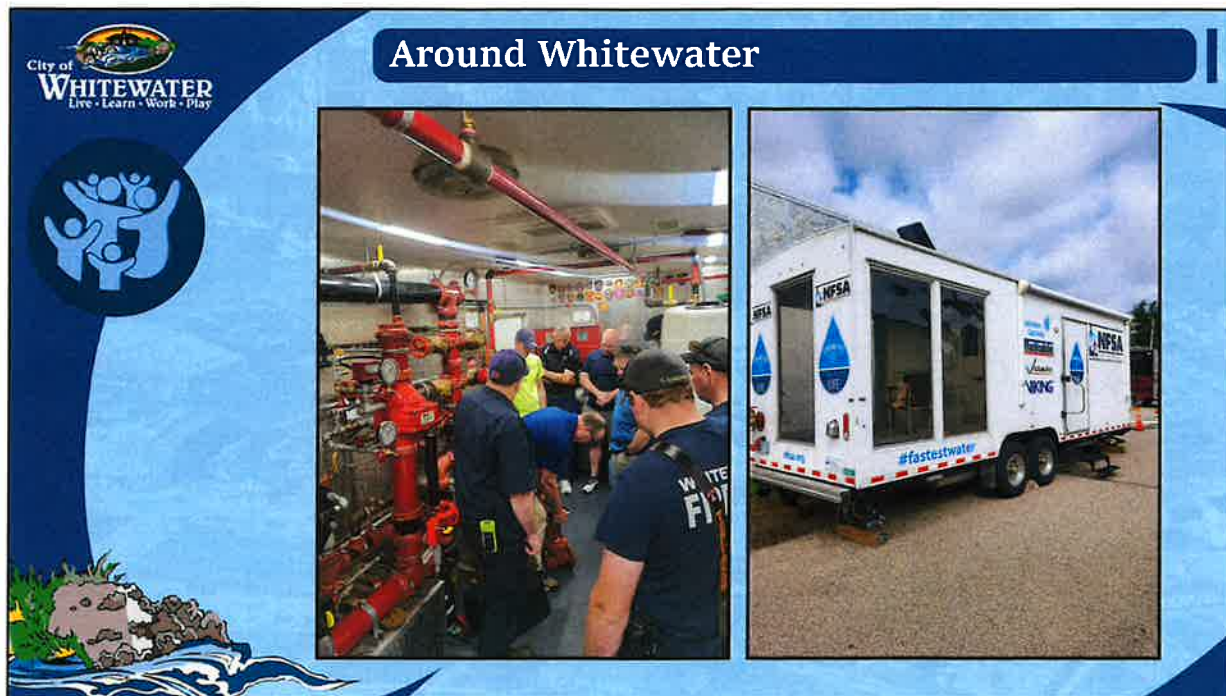
At the employee picnic, Tommy Cushman, from our Streets Department, is the City of Whitewater employee of the year!~ Congrats Tommy!



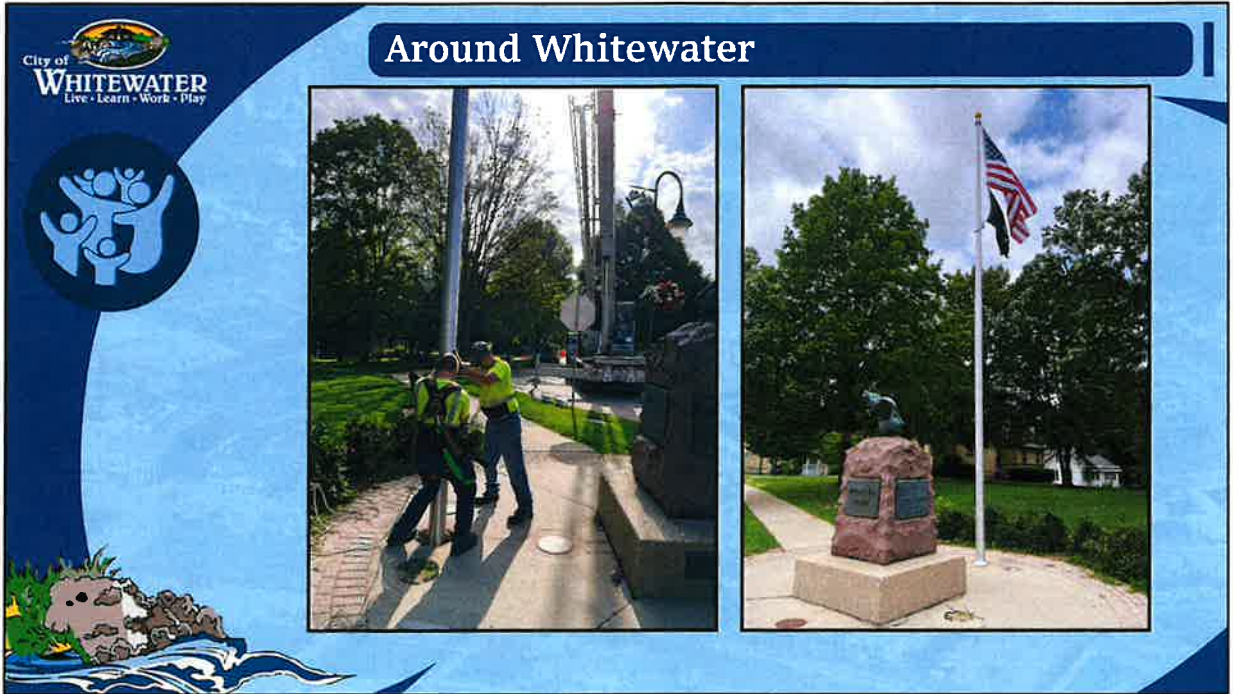
At the City of Whitewater Employee Picnic, Whitewater Fire Chief Kelly Freeman joined Daria Deibele's mother in presenting the Daria Deibele Memorial Scholarship to Whitewater Firefighter Tim Girard.

Congratulations to Tim on receiving this well-deserved scholarship. Later this summer, Tim will attend the Mercy Hospital Paramedic Program as he continues to expand his knowledge, skills, and commitment to providing exceptional emergency medical care to the Whitewater community.

We congratulate Tim on this achievement and wish him continued success as he takes this important next step in his career. Thank you for your dedication to serving the residents of Whitewater.



This month's training topic was fighting fires in sprinklered buildings. This training was provided by the National Fire Sprinkler Association. Crews received one hour of classroom instruction that was followed by one hour of hands-on learning in a specialty training prop that had several mockup sprinkler systems that crews got to manipulate and control. We were also able to invite our auto-aid partner, LaGrange FD, to participate in the training.



Here are pictures of the new flagpole being installed at Flat Iron Park.

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