



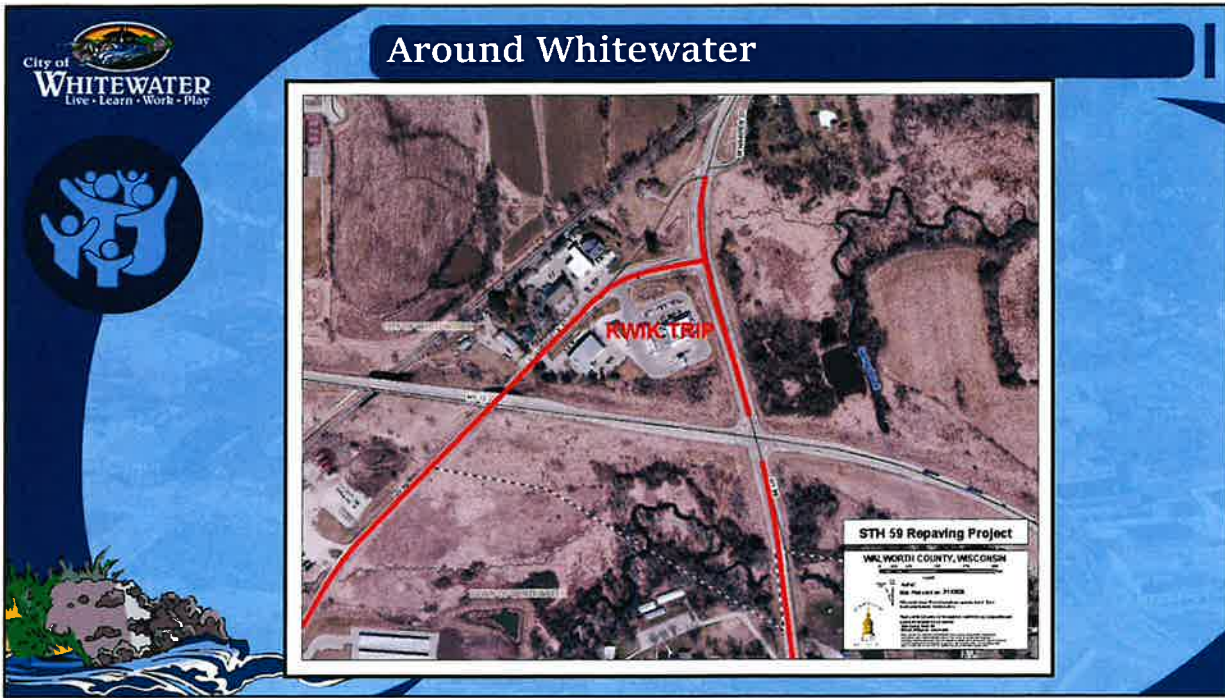
City Manager's Report
with John Weidl

2/17/2026

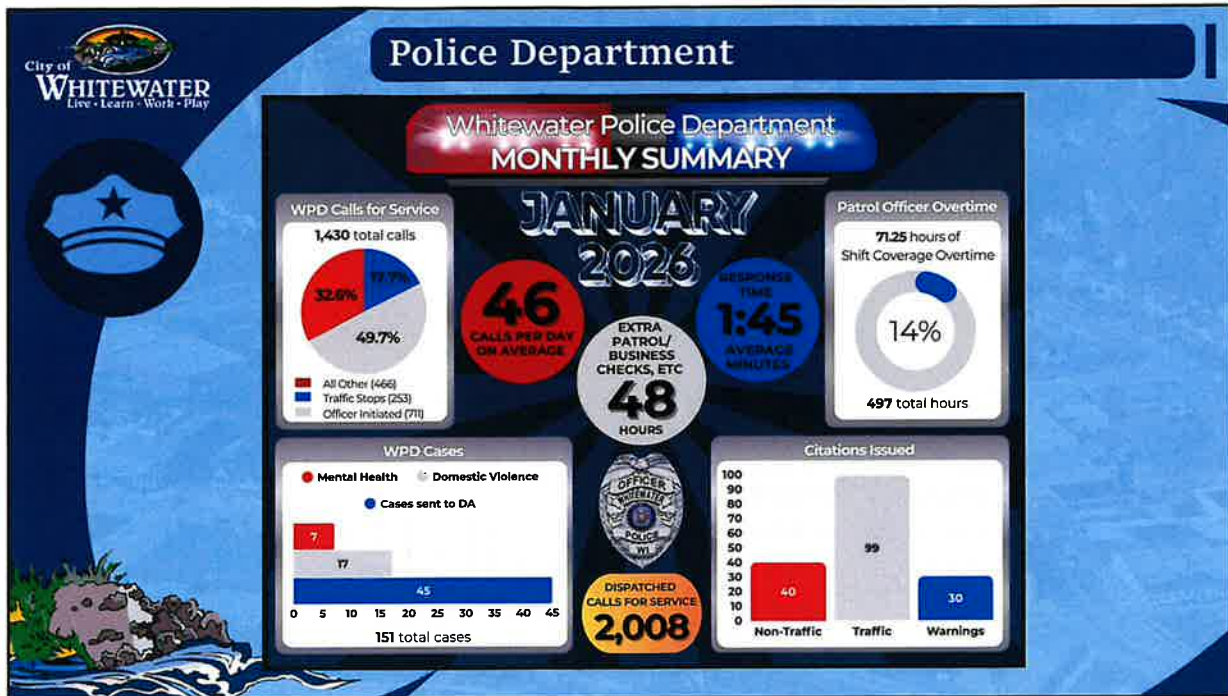


- In the Street Department staff worked on clearing a blockage of trees and cattails in Whitewater Creek. Additional work included brining streets; tree pruning and brush collection; traffic signal repair and reinstallation; filling potholes; picnic table repair; GIS training and app set up; and cleaning, servicing and repairing equipment.
- In the Water Department staff received their new service truck and enclosed trailer. Staff collected raw and finished water samples for submittal to the DNR. Staff worked with a supplier to investigate leaking chlorine pumps. Staff also worked with a property owner on Clay Street with a flooded basement. The house is a summer home and the property owner came to check on it. The plumbing froze and flooded the basement. The curb stop was bent and broken, so staff pumped out the basement and turned the water off at the meter. The curb stop was then repaired.
- In the Wastewater Department staff assisted the Water Department on a water main break by hydro excavating the area to expose existing private utilities so the contractor could dig. Staff submitted quarterly Mercury,

PFAS and monthly Chloride samples to the lab. The annual Multi Discharge Variance Report was submitted the DNR. Staff worked on root cutting in known problem areas of the collection system and located the existing sanitary sewer in the lot east of Kwik Trip on Bluff Road.



- Staff has been informed by the DOT, that the State Highway 59 repaving project could start as soon as April 1. Once this date is confirmed, staff will work on getting information out to the public. The work involves repaving STH 59 from the Walworth/Rock County Line to STH 12. It also includes a stretch of STH 89 from STH 12 south past Willis Ray Road. The roadway will be closed to thru traffic but open to businesses and residences. The contractor has 60 working days to complete the work once it is started.



- **Highlights**

- The PD would like to formally recognize Officer Cal Russell for her role in successfully delivering a baby at a rescue call on Friday, January 29th. This is something that we don't exactly train for, but she did an excellent job of calmly providing assistance through a very stressful situation. Great job Cal!

- PD staff met with Brad Marquardt and staff from Angus Young to finalize the PD Evidence/Training garage design and set the timeline for the bidding process.
- PD staff met with WWUSD Safety Coordinator Dave Friend to plan for 2026 School Safety training.
- Hiring updates:
We are currently accepting applications both internally and externally for Patrol Lieutenant. This is a first-line supervisory position critical to a high-functioning department and comes with competitive pay, excellent benefits, and meaningful leadership responsibilities.

Our Patrol Officer application period has closed with a total of 32 applications received. In the next phase of the hiring process applicants will be required to complete a written test.

Details

Captain Ryan Taft led a law enforcement planning meeting for the 2026 Spring Splash event.

The police department's Community Impact Team (CIT) met to set goals and objectives for the team and to lay the groundwork for the team's activities.

Captain Vander Steeg proctored the written tests for our Patrol Officer hiring process. Applicants who passed the written test will move on to the next stage of the process which is an interview before our FTOs.

Our staff read to Mrs. Egnoski's 1st grade class and Mrs. Frye's Kindergarten class at Lincoln Elementary as part of our Kiwanis Cops 'N Kids reading program.

Pictured are School Resource Officer Richard Ellis and Detective Lieutenant Anthony Heilberger reading some of their favorite books.



Highlights

- **Fire Service Inc. was onsite for 3 days to conduct training on the new Ladder Truck!**
- **Training is continuing with our new recruits.**
- **WFD is hiring- We are looking for Firefighter/EMT/AEMT/Paramedic Eligibility List**



(pictured above) This graphic highlights key data from the 2025 Whitewater Fire and EMS Annual Report, showing a total of 2,075 calls for service, with the majority (1,569) related to emergency medical services. It also summarizes response times, call distribution by district, mutual aid activity, and department highlights, including the addition of a new pumper and ambulance and increased reserve ambulance usage compared to 2024.

Week of January 8th -14th.

Staff responded to 36 calls for service, making the daily average of 5.1 calls for service each day.

8 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 0.75 per call.

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

January 15th-21st

Staff responded to 27 calls for service, making the daily average of 3.9 calls for service each day.

5 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 1.6 per call.

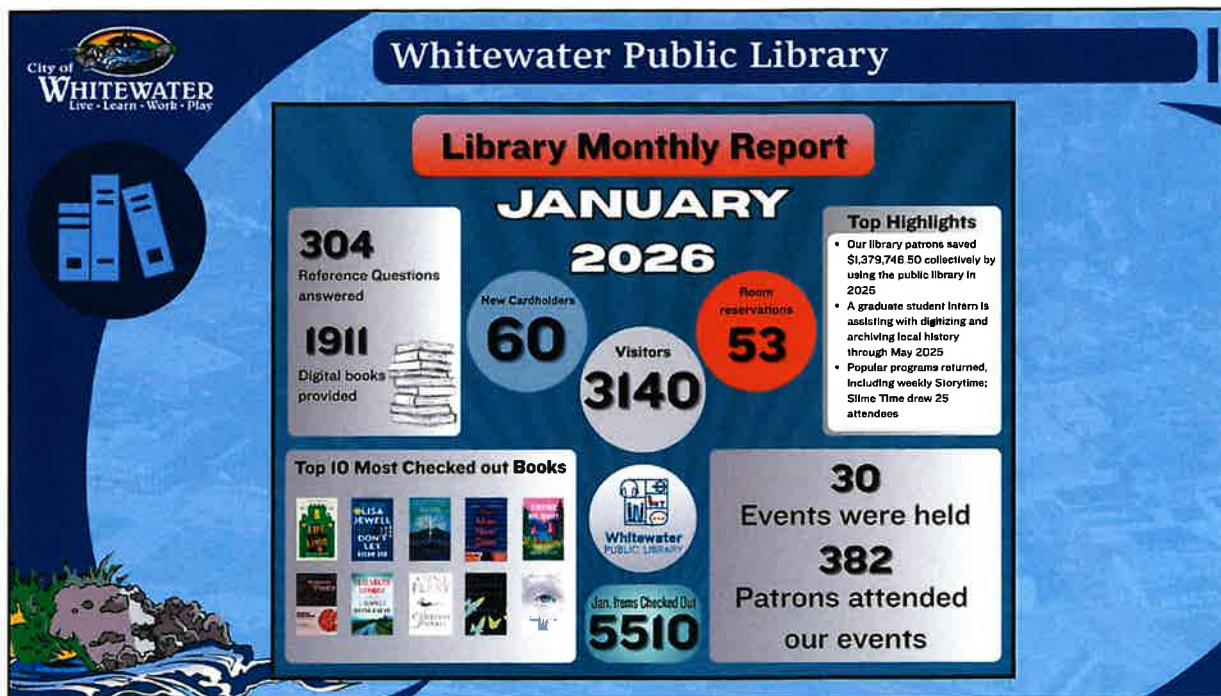
Mutual Aid was requested 5 times from Whitewater during this time, and we did not request Mutual Aid.

January 22nd-28th

Staff responded to 44 calls for service, making the daily average of 4.7 calls for service each day.

6 calls for service required POC response. Average POC response for All Calls was 0.3 per call.

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

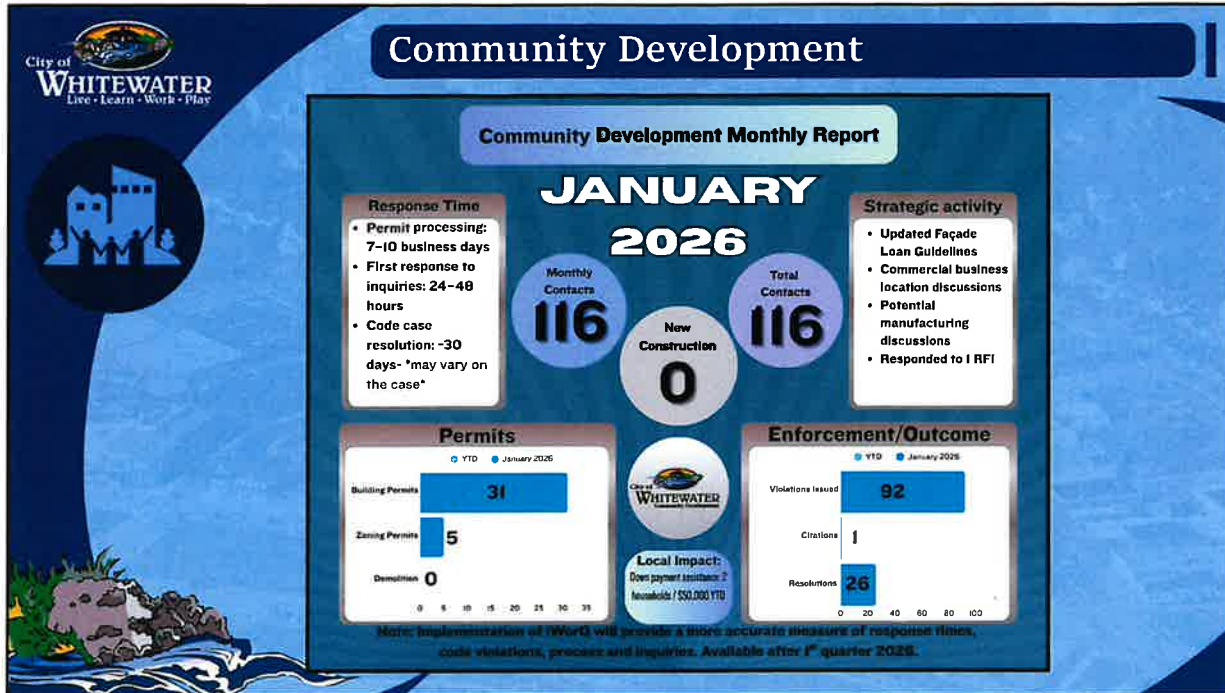


Highlights-

- **The Grand Reopening event was a huge success with over 200 attendees!**
- **The library has received a new Bambu(Bam-boo) Lab PS2, 3D printer, thanks to the generosity of the City of Whitewater. We held demonstrations during the Grand Reopening event.**
- **UW-Whitewater Art Education students hosted a Yarn Weaving class for kids at the library! They will come back in March and April to host additional classes.**

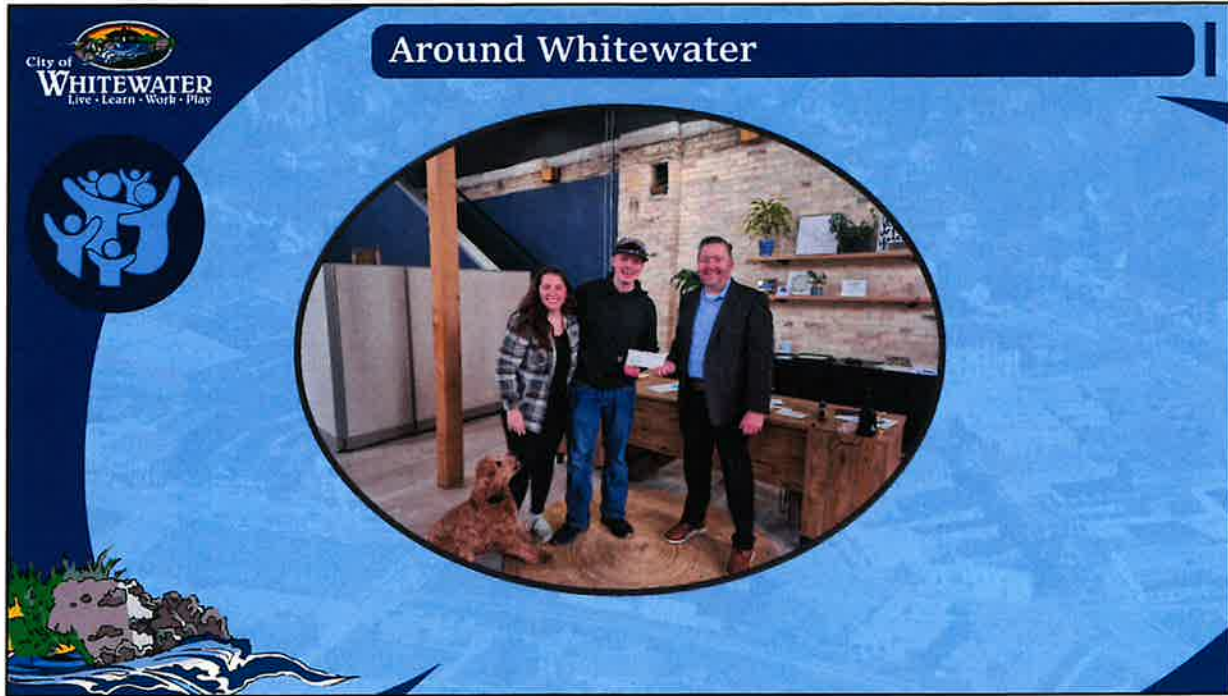
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February is Library Lovers' Month — come into the library and share about why YOU love the library on our heart display. Whitewater Pride donated \$500 to the library to add additional LGBTQ+ books to our collection.



Highlights

- **Mason Becker, Community Development Director, and Ashwini (Ash-Win)Rao, Economic Development Coordinator, both attended the annual Wisconsin Economic Development Association Governor’s Conference. This was an opportunity to learn more about economic development best practices and current trends in Wisconsin, as well as engage in networking opportunities. The Community Development Director was part of a roundtable presentation on redevelopment efforts along the Rock River, highlighting work in his previous position, which also included economic development directors from Janesville and Beloit.**
- **iWorQ (I works) update: The iWorQ online portal is officially up and running on the city’s website. This is a new tool to streamline applications for all permits within the City of Whitewater, as well as processing of online payments. The city’s Zoning Specialist reports that the new system is working well so far, and the city’s building inspectors are also using the tool to enter in information on inspections and code compliance reports.**



- **More news from Community Development-Two more closings were recently completed for the CDA's Down Payment Assistance Loan Program. The Community Development Director recently attended a closing at Devout Real Estate in Fort Atkinson (pictured). This transaction is bringing a young family into the Whitewater community. To date this program has provided assistance to 13 borrowers, with four having relocated from outside Whitewater. The CDA will be considering two more Down Payment Assistance loans for approval at their February 19th board meeting.**



Highlights

- **WAFC Swim Lessons Are Back In Session!!:** We are super excited we have hit 100 participants in our variety of ages swim lessons. WAFC also offers private lessons to all age groups and abilities.
- **Stevie Search Is Back:** Stevie the Plush Squirrel is Back and excited to get people in our parks and on our multipurpose trails. Whitewater Be Kind was gracious enough to Sponsor the February Stevie Search and make Stevie the cutest little Bee. Watch the Whitewater Parks & Recreation Facebook Page each month for a Stevie Search and BEE the one to take him home.
- **Treyton's Tournaments are BACK:** Get ready for a summer full of big plays, loud cheers, and unforgettable weekends at Treyton's Field of Dreams in Starin Park! Teams from across Wisconsin (and beyond!) come to Whitewater to compete on our all-turf infield, under the lights, with stadium-style seating, dugouts, concessions, and batting cages — the full tournament experience!

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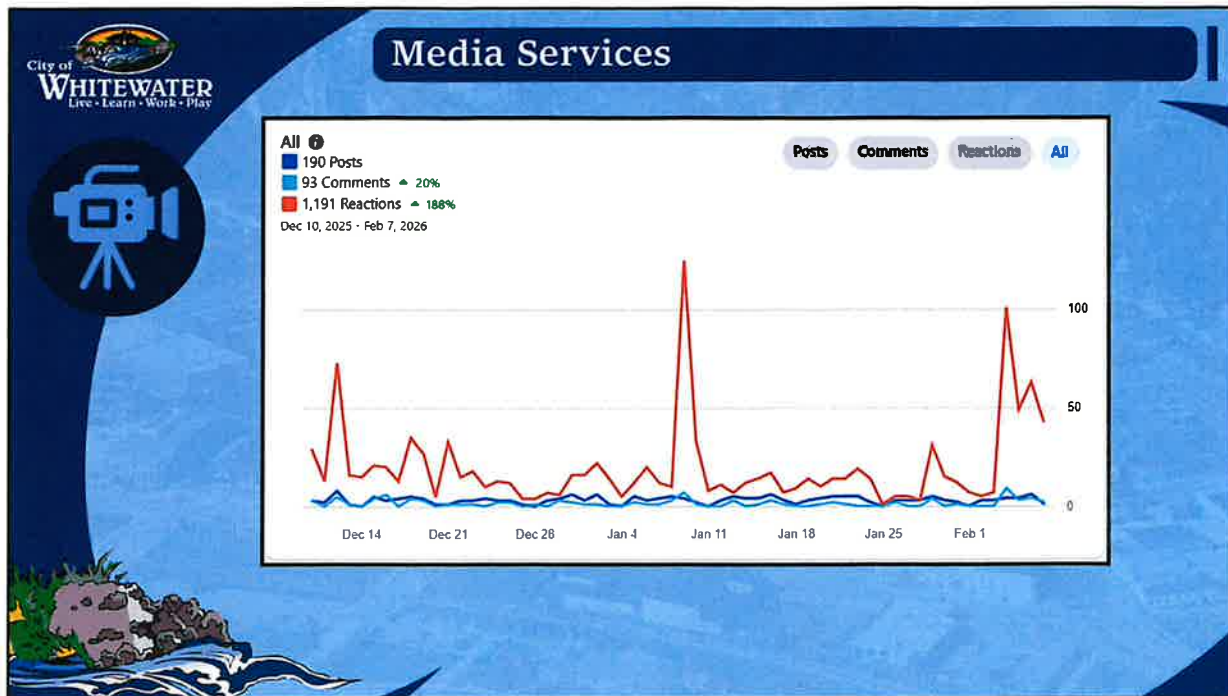
Throwback Thursdays: We've been digging deep into the paper files to uncover some priceless memories from past programs, events, and festivals—just a taste of everything the Whitewater Parks & Recreation Department has to offer! Follow us on Facebook to see if you recognize any blasts from the past, and visit www.wwparks.org to find out what new memories you could be making today!

Seniors In The Park: Did you know that we offer opportunities to enjoy extended travel adventures? Recently we had two adventurous individuals visit Australia & New Zealand. If you are interested in worldwide options, be sure to check out our newsletter or visit the Starin Park Community Building for upcoming trip brochures.



Baby Waylon

- **Congratulations to all our winners who managed to find keys hidden throughout the City for National Have Fun at Workday. Nothing excites our employees more than a good treasure hunt!**
- **The City extends congratulations to employees who have recently welcomed new babies. We wish them continued health and happiness. (pictured above- Baby Waylon)**



- **Media Services recorded and photographed the Library’s Grand Reopening. We also collaborated with the Library to create a “how-to” video demonstrating how to reserve a study or meeting room. The video walks viewers through the simple reservation process, making it easy to book a space for your next study session or group event.**
- **Additionally, Media Services created a highlight video for Christmas at Cravath, which is now available across all of our platforms. The video includes a QR code at the end that links to a survey for Christmas at Cravath, and the survey link is also included in the video description. Please take a moment to complete the survey to help Parks & Recreation out.**




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