



**City Manager's Report**  
with John Weidl

**6/2/2026**



**Construction:**

**STH 59/89 – Phase 1 is complete but will remain closed to traffic until the Friction Surface Treatment can be applied. Anticipated opening of Phase 1 is June 17. Phase 2 is underway with milling and paving to follow. Construction is still on schedule to be completed by the end of June.**

**Putnam Street – Curb and gutter is installed. The contractor is working on the remaining concrete work. Asphalt paving is currently scheduled for the week of June 8.**

**Jefferson Street – Construction from Starin Road north to the old landfill is scheduled to get underway starting June 8. Starin Road between Jefferson Street and Newcomb Street will be closed to traffic. Access to Kienbaum Iron & Metal, the Dog Park and the Compost Site will only be allowed from Fremont Street. Work on this section of Jefferson Street is expected to last through July 17.**

**For the week of May 18:**

**In the Street Department crews worked on cleaning up around the City entrance signs, collected citywide brush pickup due to weekend storm, installed and watered flowers and plants, cleaned up Cravath Lakefront Park and repaired storm sewer inlets.**

**In the Water Department staff continue with meter replacements, ordered the new bulk fill station which will be relocated to Well 8 on Commercial Avenue, helped UWW staff with a water main break near Benson Hall, and installed automatic hydrant flushers on dead end water lines.**

**In the Wastewater Department staff have been busy cleaning lift stations and working on digester cover repairs.**



### ***Highlights***

PD staff read to students at Washington Elementary for our Cops 'N Kids book reading program. Each student was also provided a free book. (photos above)

Our in-house instructors provided firearms training to our sworn staff at the Walworth County indoor range due to the Walworth County outdoor range being inoperable indefinitely.

PD staff attended a planning meeting for a school district tabletop exercise planned for June. Tabletop exercises are a tool to practice and train on emergency management situations designed to help strengthen agency partnerships and determine strengths and weaknesses of our emergency operations plans.

Our patrol supervisors completed alcohol license inspections on our Class A & B establishments throughout the city.

**Details**

Interviews were held for our open telecommunicator position. Two applicants will be moved into the background stage of the hiring process.

The PD hosted the Walworth County Executive Law Enforcement Association quarterly meeting.

Capt. Vander Steeg brought our new recruits to Northeast Wisconsin Technical College for their law enforcement academy orientation and uniform outfitting.



### **Highlights**

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> a storm came through and the department had a busy night between regular call volume and storm related calls. There were 5 calls for service between 02:00 and 04:15. Two All Calls produced one POC between them.

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> around 01:00 pass was taken for MABAS request to Clinton due to zero POC response to All-Call.

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Mutual Aid with an Engine was provided to Fort Atkinson for a structure fire.

Pictured above is FD staff at the Tuesday Farmers Market, ready to check your blood pressure and say hello!

### **Details**

2 staff members attended the Walworth Co/MABAS 103 monthly dive training in Lake Geneva.

AC Dion attended the Jefferson Co Chiefs/MABAS 118 meeting at Jefferson Fire Department.

Crews celebrated EMS week with a cookout for each shift.

Ambulance 1281 was returned to service following the completion of repairs due to the deer strike.

AC Dion assigned to Battalion 12 assisted streets crew with traffic control on several downed trees that were impeding traffic so the roads could be cleared prior to UW commencement ceremony.

Two staff members performed a standby at UW for both commencement ceremonies. Crews were on site from 08:30-17:30.



### ***Highlights***

**The Girl Scouts (pictured above to the right) purchased and put together a new Little Free Library to replace the old falling apart one. Dan Buckingham installed the new library for us! Susan Willmann (Will-Man) and Cori Willkomm, (Will- COME) our Technical Services Technicians, helped the Girl Scout troop earn their Book Artist badge by demonstrating book mending and taking apart a book to see how it's made.**

**We have added some fun sensory toys to the baby garden in the children's area. (pictured above)**

### ***Details***

On May 21<sup>st</sup> the second graders from Lincoln Elementary visited the library for a tour and to learn about the upcoming Summer Reading Program. The raised garden bed outside the library's entrance is now filled with labeled herbs. People are allowed to take a few springs home if needed. We are working on hanging more art on the walls and assessing the inventory of the library's art collection. A few more pieces have recently been hung.



### ***Highlights***

**Innovation Center leases:** Several leases of long-term tenants at the Innovation Center were renewed within the past few weeks, including Nylén & Partners, Jefferson East Dane County Interactive Network (JEDI), and most recently iButton Link. The Community Development Department is considering additional ways to market the remaining handful of available suites located within the facility. Interested individuals and businesses can contact the Community Development Director for more information.

The Community Development Department is currently reviewing the top two selected proposals from a total of four that were received for the Jefferson Street redevelopment opportunity Request for Proposal. The Small Business Development Center at UW-Whitewater has been assisting with the reviewing and interviewing of the respondents along with City staff. Last week, the two selected firms were interviewed by the review team. It is anticipated that the finalist firm will be brought forward for review at the June CDA board meeting.

The Community Development Authority has formed a new Loan Review

**Committee to help screen and review loan and grant applications received for CDA programs. Last week, the CDA received a Loan Fund application from an applicant who would be purchasing an existing business within the City. More details to come in the near future on this proposal, should the committee move the application forward.**



**Highlights**

**Seniors enjoyed a wonderful trip to Olbrich Gardens in Madison on Wednesday, May 20. They spent the morning exploring the beautiful gardens, taking in the spring blooms and peaceful scenery before heading nearby for a delicious lunch together. (pictured above)**

**Our Park and Recreation baseball and softball teams have officially started league play for the season. Teams are competing against surrounding communities and developing their skills through weekly practices and games. We are excited to see the athletes demonstrate teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication throughout the season.**

**Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute Crew 16: Michelle attended her first lakes seminar on Big Green Lake. (pictured above)**

**Facilities:**

**Details**

The WAFC has officially started its third session of swim lessons with 83

participants enrolled, bringing total registrations across all three sessions to 310 registrations.

Deb successfully hosted her first health and wellness workshops, focused on providing helpful tips and resources for individuals living with arthritis.

The WAFC has welcomed several end-of-the-year school field trips, with additional visits still scheduled in the coming weeks.

### **Upcoming Events & Programs**

Summer swim lesson registration opens on June 1.

The annual Fit Expo will take place on June 6 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Nearly 20 fitness classes will be showcased, giving participants the opportunity to sample a variety of classes throughout the morning.

Interest in summer lifeguarding continues to grow, with 13 participants currently registered for the first summer lifeguard certification class, and enrollment is still increasing.



### **Highlights**

**About 32 employees attended the second annual Movie Day at the ballpark (Armory), featuring a showing of Major League. Employees enjoyed hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, pretzels, chips, ice cream treats and prizes. The only thing missing was the beer — and as HR, I'm obligated to say that was probably for the best.**

**HR would also like to congratulate EMS Chief Jason Dean for throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at the Memorial Day Brewers game. Thank you for your service — and although we couldn't get our phones out fast enough to capture the moment, we can officially confirm it was a strike. In fact, it may have been accurate enough to earn an honorary spot with the Tarps Off movement.**

### **June Anniversaries**

**Andrew Beckman – Streets – 19 years**

**Corrinne Willkomm(Will-COME) – Library – 14 years**

**Jason Kelley – Water – 8 years**

**Aurelia Lorvick (LOR- VICK) – Library – 4 years**

**Olivia Monson – PD – 1 year**  
**Thank you for all you do for the City of Whitewater!**

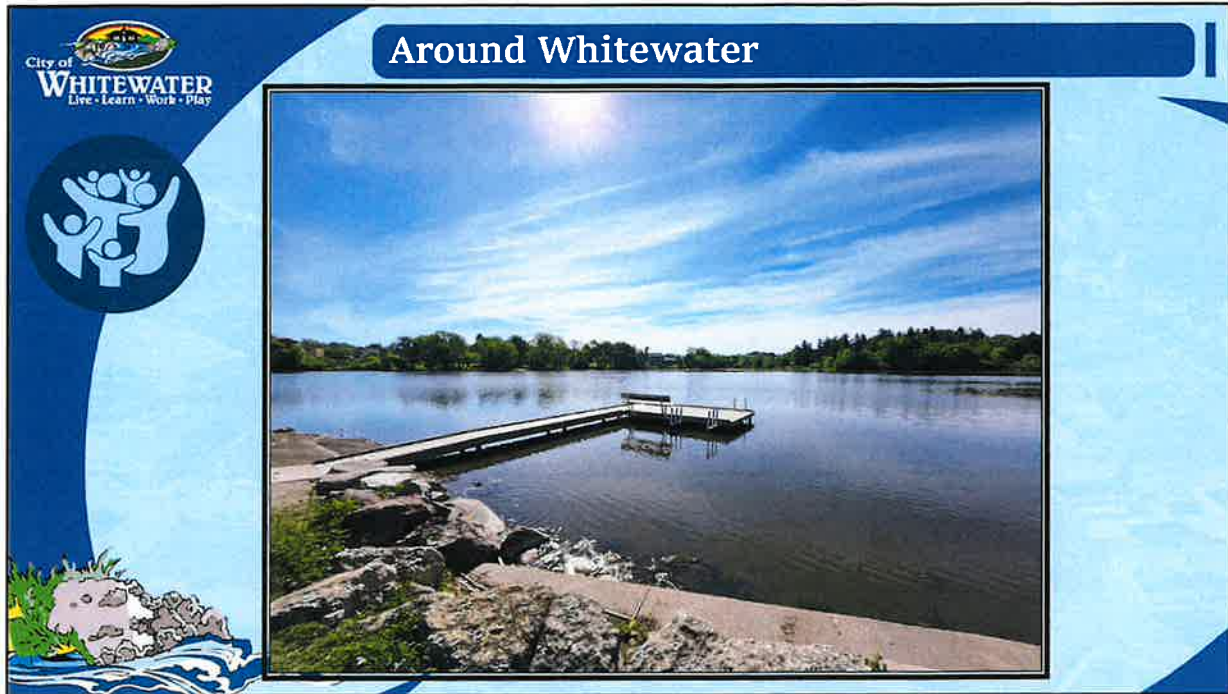


### ***Highlights***

**Media Services has resumed recording spotlight videos for local businesses in Whitewater. We recently sat down with Ilmi, the owner of Jessica's, to discuss the restaurant and its story. We are still in the process of capturing additional footage, with the completed video expected to be released no later than July.**

**We are also beginning production on a new series with the PD that will highlight different specialties, projects, and the work their staff do within the department. The first team being featured is the Community Impact Team. New videos are expected to be released monthly or every other month.**

**Our first stream using the new portable studio was a success. We live streamed the WHS 2026 Commencement Ceremony, which peaked at over 50 live viewers and has since accumulated more than 700 views.**



- **Cravath and Trippe Lakes have officially received beautiful new all-season piers, eliminating the need for Parks staff to remove and reinstall them each year. In addition to the new installations, the former Cravath Lake pier was repurposed at Clay Street Nature Park, creating an additional recreational opportunity for the community.**



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