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To: The Honorable Members of the Fox Point Village Board

From: Scott A. Botcher, Village Manager

Date: August 21, 2020

Re: **Administrative Report for the Week Ending August 21, 2020**

ADMINISTRATION

1. There have been at least 2 incidences of streets being defaced with paint and or chalk. To be clear, ALL such messages will be removed by DPW. Further, please ensure that signs are not placed in the public right of way. Generally, this means any sign placement close to the street or at a corner. If you have questions, please contact Village Hall.
2. Village staff has been in communication with a few AV vendors regarding updating the Village Board room to better serve a hybrid in-person/virtual meetings. Due to the high demand during this pandemic, AV supplies are limited and will take some time to obtain. The Village has decided to host all Board meetings strictly via Zoom for the time being. If you have any questions regarding how to participate in future meetings, please contact Village Hall.
3. The Village Clerk's Office finished recording and reconciling votes in the voting system last week.
4. Board of Appeals meeting was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 for Case 2020-03, Case 2020-04, and Case 2020-05, with staff participation.
5. Village staff had our annual meeting, via a phone call, with WaterStone Bank.
6. Village Clerk's Office began preparations for the November 3, 2020 Fall General Election.
7. In-person absentee voting for the November 3, 2020 Fall General Election will be by appointment only. Appointments will begin to be scheduled on October 1, 2020.
8. Approximately 2,200 ballot requests are currently on file in the Village Clerk's Office for the Fall General Election; the Village Clerk's Office has been receiving, entering and filing a high volume of absentee requests and voter registrations for the Fall General Election.
9. Tax settlement was finalized, reconciled and emailed by staff to the Milwaukee County Treasurer's Office.
10. Absentee ballots can be requested through MyVote Wisconsin or <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>, or by filling out an application located in the literature boxes by the village posting board at 7200 N Santa Monica Blvd, or by stopping by the clerk's office to pick up a form. Do not forget to submit a copy of your photo ID if you have not done so for mailed ballots prior.
11. Staff participated in weekly North Shore EOC call.
12. Staff virtually attended North Shore Library meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Staff participated in a conference call with the Department of Transportation and Kapur & Associates regarding the Lake Drive project. We are hoping to have the three-party contract available for review and approval by the Village Board at the September meeting but all parties are still discussing the overall scope of the project. In particular, Village staff has explained to the DOT that components of the project should include storm water improvements, incorporation of green infrastructure, adding bike lanes and pedestrian crosswalks and addressing intersection improvements.
2. Staff received another invoice from Waste Management regarding contaminated recycling collected from the Village. We receive notifications of contaminated loads for the recyclables collected from the Willow Court Condominiums, Fox Glen Condominiums, Stormonth School and the Village of Fox Point. Items seen in video being discarded with the recyclables, which is shared with staff with each e-mail notification, includes a mattress, paint cans, wire racks, large plastic garbage bags, and a kitchen table. Violators have been notified and one particularly egregious offender (twelve violations since March) has been informed that they are required to reimburse the Village and refrain from disposing of garbage with the recyclables. If they do not, they have been warned that the Village will stop collecting garbage and yard waste from them.
3. Staff also sent a letter to a property owner who has failed to properly obtain a fill and erosion control permit for the work performed on the property. They have also been informed that a failure to obtain the necessary permits and undertake corrective action will lead to citations.
4. Staff continues to work with our consultant on the Barnett Lane ravine storm water project. Based on communications with our consultant, we may break the project into two phases – replacement of the storm sewer pipe in 2020 and then slope stabilization in 2021.
5. Staff worked to complete the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application for reimbursement of lease expenses for the LX Club.
6. Paving was completed on Acacia, Barnett and View and the stone shoulder was put down earlier this week.
7. Work on the Beach Drive catch basins (on the far south end) will start next week and a letter has been sent to the property owners informing them that the road may be closed for up to a week while the work is being done.
8. In the Water Utility:
 - a. Valve turning continues.
 - b. Staff continued to seek volunteers to be part of the required lead and copper testing and have started reaching out to property owners in person.
 - c. The Dorner Company informed the Village that their work is 6-8 weeks away.
 - d. Addressed Diggers' Hotline tickets including one related to the Village's planned relocation of a fire hydrant on Longacre to the opposite side of the street. The existing hydrant is currently out of service and is planned to be replaced with one on the opposite side of the street.
 - e. Worked with the owners of a restaurant at River Point regarding a water shutoff.
9. In DPW:
 - a. Training continues of staff on the garbage route and, with the start of two new DPW employees next week, there will be more training of the new employees.

- b. Staff performed restorations of a water main repair at Spooner and Santa Monica.
 - c. Performed pothole patching and skinning around manholes.
 - d. Sprayed hornets' nests in Village owned trees.
 - e. Water trees and performed tree removals and pruning.
 - f. Performed tennis court maintenance.
10. Staff spoke with Munson who is performing the repairs and painting of the ball diamond fence at Indian Creek and Dean and learned that one of the posts is badly cracked. Another pipe will be placed inside the post and the crack will be welded.
 11. Our contractor began prepping Village Hall for the painting of the trim work around the building.
 12. Staff received word from FEMA that our "projects" related to the disaster declaration from January are currently at the state (Wisconsin Emergency Management) for review.
 13. The Forester has determined that approximately 190 ash trees will be removed. Many of them are less than 12-inches in diameter and Village DPW staff will perform the removals. The remaining (about 70-80) will be performed by a contractor. This will complete the projected removals from our 8-10 year EAB initiative and we will continue to treat and monitor the public ash trees that remain in place (approximately 850).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Officers responded to a report of a theft from motor vehicle call after a resident noted that the interior of their car had been rummaged through. The same resident reported that their other car had been stolen from the driveway. Officers recovered the stolen car several blocks away after it had been abandoned by the thief.
2. Officers responded to a motor vehicle crash that resulted in one person being transported to the hospital for an evaluation. The officer completed a state accident report and citations related to the crash were issued for the municipal court.
3. Officers responded to a business to meet with the manager related to an employee who stole money from the register. The investigation remains open as the officer attempts to locate the employee.
4. Officers responded to a report of damage to property after a resident called to report that the front tires of their car had been flattened. The officer did not observe physical damage to the tires and are attempting to identify any actors.
5. An officer conducted a traffic stop for a license plate violation which resulted in the arrest of the driver for operating while under the influence of a controlled substance. The driver was also cited for possession of marijuana. The driver will appear in municipal court.
6. Officers responded to assist protestors who assembled and marched to a secondary location. The protestors expressed their message and dispersed with minimal police interaction.
7. Officers responded to a reported hit & run accident at the Riverpoint shopping center. The officer completed an accident report related to the event and the investigation remains open.

NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Drug Overdose Deaths on the Rise

According to the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#), initial numbers of suspected drug overdoses in Wisconsin show a 117% increase in 2020 compared to 2019 with 325 suspected overdoses between March to July compared to 150 suspected overdoses in 2019 ([report](#)). The North Shore Health Department’s assessment of drug overdose deaths in Milwaukee County also indicated an increased number in 2020 compared to 2019. Preliminary numbers show a 48% increase in the number of drug overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020 between January and May. From January to May of 2020 in Milwaukee County there were 23.5 deaths per 100,000 people compared to 15.9 deaths in the same time period for 2019.

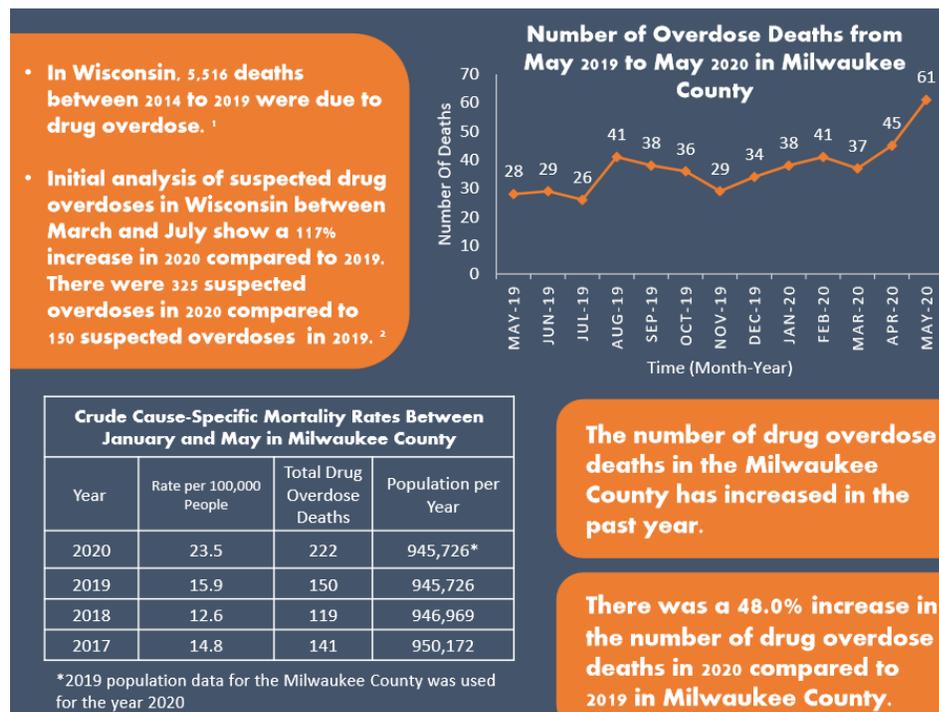
The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 could play a major role in impacting rates of drug overdoses and overdose deaths. Various factors associated with the pandemic including pandemic fear, emotional distress, and unemployment could potentially contribute to increasing rates of overdoses in the United States. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also highlights that stress due to the pandemic could contribute to increase use of prescription medications, non-prescription medications, illegal drugs, or a return to use after remission.

Though it is vital that people practice social distancing and limit close contacts to prevent the

spread of COVID-19 during this pandemic, managing mental health and stress should also be a priority as we navigate through the rest of the year. Here are some healthier ways to cope with stress from the CDC:

- Know where and how to get treatment as well as other support services and resources.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening

Drug Overdose Deaths, 2020



to news stories about the pandemic

- Connect with others and connect with your community or faith-based organization
- Take care of your body through exercising, healthy eating, and getting plenty of sleep.
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Additional ways to cope with stress can be found on the [CDC website](#).

If you or someone you know is struggling with drug use and addiction, please call the Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline either at 211 or at (833) 944-4673.

For the most recent updates on COVID-19 in the North Shore, visit our [website](#). We also encourage you to frequently monitor the [DHS website](#) and [CDC website](#).

