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**From the Manager**

**Police Annual Report:** The ECPD 2022 Annual Report has been published!

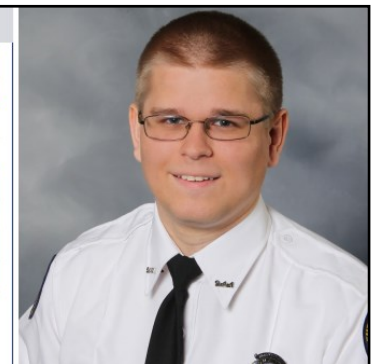
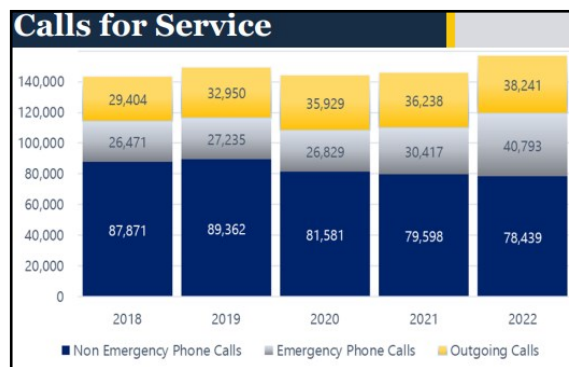
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The Report includes information such as:

- Profiles of the different members of the command staff and management team;
- An explanation of ECPD’s shift locations, times, and coverage;
- An explanation of the Mental Health Co-Response program, including this quote from a mother who made the comment in an email about her adult son: “You have been an incredible and no doubt life-saving resource for our family and I can’t thank you enough”;
- A discussion of the CSO program and descriptions of the different administrative division. (See right for the number of calls handled by the Communications Center!);
- A profile of some of the staff; and
- More information on the Department values and programs like the HOT Team and the Junior Police Academy.



**Country Jam Debrief:** Directors had a chance to talk about Country Jam this morning. By the measures our staff were monitoring, the event was successful. Chief Rokus shared that there were no fights or injuries, and very limited arrests and need for detoxification treatment. With the event in the City limits this year, there was a concerted effort by the ECPD, the Health Department, the City Attorney's Office, and Risk Management to reduce incidences of underage drinking. This resulted in a very significant collection of illegal IDs, and word got out that enforcement was stricter so that attempts to use illegal IDs fell over the course of the weekend. The key departments will meet for an after-action analysis this week. We will share more take-aways in coming weeks.

**Excessive Heat:** With the anticipated heat this week, we are looking at forecasts and talking to partners to determine when/if to allow for free Transit rides.

**Two Events:** Join in on either of these upcoming events...

Swearing-In Ceremony: You are cordially invited to the Eau Claire Police Department's Swearing In Ceremony for Officers Jeng Vang, Matthew Toro, Michael Bulin, and Vito Carlo on Thursday, July 27th at 9AM in the County Board Room.

Point-in-Time Count: Join us the night of July 26th, 2023 as we count the number of individuals staying outside. The count starts at 11PM and typically ends at 2AM. The Point-in-Time count is beneficial in providing information about area resources to individuals experiencing homelessness. It also provides data to funders, which helps to bring additional needed services into the community. For more info, contact robin.adams@wdeoc.org or call 715-530-0233. Sign up online at [westerndairyland.org/count](http://westerndairyland.org/count) or scan the QR code.

**Community Services Updates:**

Utilities: The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) continues to operate smoothly. Pumping remains above average, but the WTP continues to meet the demand. Design of the PFAS treatment building continues. The preliminary schedule shows opening bids in February 2024 and construction starting in April 2024. On the hiring front, interviews for the Utility Chemist opening (created due to Ty Fadness's promotion to Transit Manager) are scheduled for Wednesday July 26th. Like the WTP, the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) is operating smoothly. The Mall Drive lift station project continues. Crews have made repairs to the pumps at the Timber Creek lift station. Expense reports have been submitted to TDS for reimbursement of labor and equipment for the added work to keep up with Diggers Hotline locates that have been submitted. Lead service lines continue to be replaced.

Transit: The Division has a number of hiring and onboarding processes underway. Transit have two new bus operators in training, so they are currently fully staffed with full-time bus operators. A newly



defined position -- Transit Specialist -- has been posted internally and closes on July 25th. Interviews will be conducted on August 3rd. Part-Time Bus Operator positions have also been posted and close on July 30th. There are currently five Part-Time Bus Operator positions open. In other news, Transit began operating without TransLoc on July 19<sup>th</sup> and are currently researching new software systems like TripSpark and GMV.

Street Division: Crews are continuing summer maintenance operations. They have been continuing on structure repairs where sinkholes (or other issues) have been found. Other crews are working on spray patching, mowing, painting crosswalks, and sweeping. A huge shout out to the sign shop for preparing and installing all the detour and traffic signage for the areas surrounding Country Jam. The Division will be interviewing on July 31st for two vacant Community Service Worker I positions.

Fleet Division: On the fleet side of things, the shop is continuing to service trucks that are due and correcting maintenance issues and breakdowns. Fleet has interviews on July 27th for a vacant mechanic position. Lastly, it appears that manufacturers are opening blocks for vehicle orders. The Division should be ordering the rest of this years slotted equipment in the near future.

Recreation: Here are a number of updates from the Recreation Division...

- *Administration*: Fairfax has sold 1,013 memberships so far in 2023, which is a seven percent increase over last year's total sales of 941 memberships. Recreation is still receiving more pool applications, but that's slowing down as the summer winds down. Partnerships still remain strong with the Eau Claire County and the Home for Good. Recreation currently has 171 Families that has the Scholarship Discount added to their accounts. Because of the scholarship, families have cumulatively have saved \$27,065 in Fairfax Pool Memberships and programs like Swimming Lessons, Art Classes, and Leagues.
- *Fairfax Pool*: Fairfax Pool is having a great season. The staff is doing amazing work and are getting ready for the next heat wave. Year-to-date attendance through July 16th is 31,269 people. (By this time last year, attendance was 26,796 people). Patrons had fun with Ducky Derby day.
- *Hobbs Ice Arena*: Youth hockey boys and girls summer camps are still taking place. SD Hockey camp was held at Hobbs the weekend of July 14th, and a Power Skating group will be hosting a camp this weekend July 21st.
- *Concessions*: Concessions for the Drum and Bugle Corp grossed \$2,258 for the event on July 12th. Recreation also provided concessions for the U.S. National Kubb Championship and NAFA State Softball Tournament the weekend of July 14-July 16th.
- *Programs*: Outdoor Adventures remains a favorite class for patrons as most classes are full. Patrons are engaged in these activities:
  - Nature Hiking and Identification, where they explore Carson Park and learn how to identify native trees, plants, and animals;
  - Camping Skills, where they learn the basic fundamentals of camping- tent set up, building a fire, and outdoor cooking;

- Intro to Mountain Biking out at Lowes Creek, where students are learning the fundamentals to mountain biking, shifting for ascending/descending, braking, going over objects, and balancing; and
- One day Fishing Workshop, where students will learn how to catch fish- tying knots, baiting their hook, and learning about fish habitat.

In addition, our Golf and Cooking classes have also seen very full registration throughout summer.

- *National Night Out*: Thee annual vent is coming up next week on Tuesday August 1st 5:30-8PM at Carson Park. There will be 34 vendors at booths at this year’s events. Entertainment this year has increased to host Irish Adult and Youth Jam, Irish Dancers, Skye Yoga, Volume One Bike Exhibition, and Nate Plummer’s Magic and Balloon Show!

**Council Calendar** (With Tentative Work Session Dates)

- Monday, July 24th: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
- Tuesday, July 25th: Council Meeting
- Monday, August 7th: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
- Tuesday, August 8th: Council Meeting
- Monday, August 21st: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
- Tuesday, August 22nd: Council Meeting
- Tuesday, September 5th: Joint Plan Commission and City Council Meeting for Zoning Overhaul Discussion
- Monday, September 11th: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
- Tuesday, September 12th: Council Meeting
- Monday, September 25th: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
- Tuesday, September 26th: Council Meeting
- ❖ *September 29th – City Council receives 2024 Proposed Operating Budget*
- Monday, October 9th: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
  - Public Hearing #1 on 2024 Proposed Operating Budget
- Tuesday, October 10th: Council Meeting
  - City Council Operating Budget Work Session #2 (Department Directors)
- Monday, October 23rd: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
- Tuesday, October 24th: Council Meeting
  - City Council Operating Budget Work Session #3 – Amendment Discussion
- ❖ *November 3rd – City Council Budget Amendments Due*
- Monday, November 6th: Joint Plan Commission and City Council Meeting for Zoning Overhaul Discussion
- Monday, November 13th: Council Public Hearing/Discussion Night
  - Public Hearing #2 on 2024 Proposed Operating Budget
- Tuesday, November 14th: Council Meeting
  - City Council action on 2024 Proposed Operating Budget and levy

- Monday, December 18th: Joint Plan Commission and City Council Meeting for Zoning Overhaul Discussion

**Additional Dates:**

- Friday, July 28th: Eggs and Issues Economic Development
- Friday, July 28th: LWM Local Government 101
- Tuesday, August 1st: National Night Out
- Friday, September 15th: Council Retreat

**Employee Spotlight:**

Here’s our next employee spotlight!

Today we highlight **Jericho “JJ” Jurewicz!**  
 (Submit your highlight suggestion here: <https://forms.gle/f1PUPpFaWStsvH458>)

A co-worker said this about JJ: ““JJ is a great worker. He has a positive attitude and is always willing to help wherever and whenever he is needed. JJ is indefatigable and works very hard. He is very polite to residents and his fellow co-workers. He volunteers to help wherever he is needed, generously trains others, and genuinely wants to make the City of Eau Claire a positive work environment for everyone.”



Here’s more about JJ...

- Your position: “I am a Community Service Worker I within our Street Division and have been with the City since January of 2019....right before it started snowing for four months straight.”
- What may not know: “I don’t think there is anything people would not know??? If there is just ask!”

- Favorite activities: “My kids and I love going fishing, boating, floating, tubing, and going to the cabin in the summer. In the fall, you can find me hunting and enjoying the beautiful fall colors from the High Bridge. Both my kiddos are active in sports and it keeps me busy shuttling them for practices and watching football games, swim meets, and wrestling matches.”
- Best part about working for the City: “The best part of working for the City is being able to help my community be a better place to live. Whether that is plowing snow on an Ice Control Route, creating back-to-back First Place parade floats, patching a pothole, painting crosswalks, helping a voter find their correct ward and cast a ballot, sweeping up the leaves and sand from the roadways, creating a sign for our parks, or chatting with a community member at an event. There is such a variety in the work that we do, and I really enjoy that.”
- Life philosophy: “There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going,” and “Don’t sweat the small stuff.”
- Anything else to share: “I would like to say Thank You! To all the people who work for the City alongside me day in and day out, as we continue to make this a great place to live and work!”

### **A FEW MORE PICTURES:**

Here’s a roundup of some City pictures clockwise from left:

- Poll workers withstand rain in the last election.
- My son visits the Dabble Box on a recent Saturday, and thankfully Stephanie Schulz from the Library helped us understand how to use the robotics kit that we tried!
- Dr. Ka Vang’s UWEC students from a recent cultural immersion experience visited City Hall to debrief about their trip to Fresno.
- Staff from Community Services, who are all skilled tradespeople, admired the venting system at the Library at a recent training. They enjoyed examining design features that the rest of us would never notice.
- Council Member Mboga delivers the City Manager’s Office Visit Eau Claire hats, which we modeled for a selfie.
- “Safety” cookies at a recent Safety Day Training event.
- Retired planner Lucy Thompson came by City Hall to reminisce about how she got her career started in Eau Claire in the 1980s. She said: “Eau Claire was an extraordinary experience for me – it was rapidly growing, I was the first neighborhood planner there, and my colleagues in the Planning Department were amazing. Such good memories and such valuable experience.”



