

IN BRIEF

Volunteer needed for New Berlin Police and Fire Commission

NEW BERLIN — Mayor Dave Ament is seeking a volunteer to serve on the city's Police and Fire Commission. The commission is made up of five people; it generally meets as needed on the third Tuesday of the month.

The commission is responsible for the development and implementation of the PFC Rules and Regulations, which detail hiring and promotional practices as well as disciplinary appeal procedures for Public Safety personnel.

If interested, forward a resume and brief letter of intent to Melody Styba at mstyba@newberlin.org or mail to 3805 South Casper Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151.

Police and Fire Commission meetings are normally held at 6 p.m. in the Public Safety Building, 16300 W. National Ave.

Man charged twice after two police chases Tuesday morning

WAUKESHA — A Waukesha man was charged after two separate police chases early Monday morning involving four police agencies.

Jose Monreal Jr., 35, was ordered held on a \$7,500 cash bond in each of two cases, with conditions being that he maintain absolute sobriety.

In both cases, he was charged with fleeing an

officer and bail jumping, and faces 8.5 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

A criminal complaint said an Waukesha police officer was on patrol when he saw Monreal's car pull out of a business parking lot near Rivera and Grand avenues and accelerate quickly, leading police on a chase that made its way to Highway 59 and Center Road, then to Highway 164 to Interstate 43 at speeds up to 115 mph.

Waukesha police officers terminated the pursuit near Highway 164 and Glendale Avenue, where a sheriff's deputy picked up the chase. But Monreal drove on over 100 mph until New Berlin police deployed stop strips at Moorland Road and I-43, a second complaint said. The chase went into West Allis, ending at I-41 near Lincoln Avenue shortly before 3 a.m. About 15 minutes later, West Allis police advised they had arrested Monreal, who admitted using crack cocaine earlier in the night, the complaint said. He is due in court again Feb. 8.

Residents asked to shovel out fire hydrants

WAUKESHA — The Waukesha Water utility is asking area residents to shovel around fire hydrants for the community's protection in case there is a fire.

The utility says that the sooner the hydrants are

cleared, the safer you and your neighbors will be.

Motorcyclist allegedly eluded police at speeds over 100 mph

WAUKESHA — A 35-year-old Janesville man has been charged with a felony count of attempting to flee or elude an officer after allegedly driving away from a traffic stop in Waukesha and going at speeds higher than 100 mph.

If found guilty, Jonathan Melvin could face fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment up to three years and six months.

According to a criminal complaint filed in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday, a Waukesha police officer observed a state trooper had pulled a motorcyclist over near Highway 18 and Swenson Drive.

The police officer saw that when the trooper left the vehicle, the motorcycle driver allegedly sped away rapidly. The trooper reported he had pulled Melvin over for not using a front headlight after dark.

The police officer pursued the motorcycle weaving through lanes and not using a turn signal, according to the complaint. The suspect then allegedly accelerated to speeds over 100 mph on Bluemound Road.

The officer ultimately terminated the pursuit, but used surveillance footage from restaurants near the initial traffic stop to gather

more information about the suspect and subsequently arrest him.

Melvin is scheduled to make his initial court appearance at 8 a.m. Jan. 29.

Lad Lake resident allegedly sneaks in oxycodone

WAUKESHA — A resident at Lad Lake has been charged with delivering oxycodone to his peers.

Alexander A. Medina, age 20 of Milwaukee, has been charged with three counts of delivery of Schedule I or II narcotics and possession with intent to deliver narcotics following a March 19, 2018 incident. He faces up to 60 years in prison if convicted.

According to a criminal complaint, an officer was dispatched to Lad Lake, a care center with programs for troubled youth, regarding a report of a resident giving oxycodone pills to other residents.

The complaint says Medina admitted having the pills, but didn't tell the officer where they were. They were found following a search in a recycling bin. The officer allegedly counted nine pills in a clear plastic bag.

When asked how he got the pills into Lad Lake, Medina allegedly said he had a "weekend pass" to leave and when he returned, he taped the plastic bag to the inside of his thigh. The complaint says Medina gave the pills out for free to three people.