



The Creek

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FIRE! FIRE! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

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OCTOBER FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is Fire Prevention Month and within that, Fire Prevention Week is October 9 - 15. The Fire and EMS Department will again be giving demonstrations to elementary age students about fire safety. Traditionally during the course of the week several sections of preschoolers come to visit the station. Friday of that week, members of the department arrive at the Johnson Creek Elementary School with an engine and the Survive Alive House, enjoying the entire day with students giving demonstrations on fire safety. Eating lunch with a firefighter is a highlight for both students and department members.



The theme this year is "Don't Wait - Check the Date." The NFPA chose the theme, because most don't realize their smoke detectors should be replaced every ten years.



It's important to make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

Always feel free to contact the fire department for any fire prevention information.

BURNING LEAVES

Autumn is a colorful time of year with leaves turning before they fall. The fire department discourages property owners from burning yard waste. It does encourage people to take yard waste to the compost site on Aztalan Street. The village will pick up leaves and grass clippings that are raked onto the tree lawn near the curb once per week during the fall season. They cannot be raked onto the street. If put on the street will be subject to a fine. Also, the village will not pick up wet leaves or clippings, but Johnson Creek residents can take yard waste to the compost site any time during the week.

Burning in any portion of the fire district - the village and portions of the towns of Watertown, Aztalan, Milford, and Farmington - requires a burn permit from the fire department. To obtain a permit contact the department to provide the name, location and time of the burn. The permittee will be instructed to then call the Jefferson County emergency dispatch to let them know a permit has been obtained along with the time and location. This is so that they are aware of the burn if there are any emergency calls or reports of a fire at that location.



FIREPLACE, WOOD BURNERS AND FURNACES.

As the weather becomes cooler, home heat will be put to use. There are safety precautions that should be taken at the beginning of each heating season. Fireplaces and wood burning stoves need special attention. Usually chimneys are of primary concern. Creosote and ash can attach itself to the chimney walls and then become fuel for chimney fires. The heat from such fires can set adjacent walls and attic areas on fire. Annual inspections by trained experts are recommended. If there is an excessive buildup of chimney ash, the chimney should be cleaned by a chimney sweep service. Fires are not the only concern with chimneys. A lack of draw or ventilation through the chimney can also cause a buildup of deadly carbon monoxide gas. This can happen with high-efficiency furnaces as well. Exhaust pipes can be blocked by nests built by birds or other small animals. All homes should have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector to warn occupants of excessive amounts. If your CO detector sounds get out of the house to fresh air and call the fire department (dial 911).



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The Village street crew will pick up leaves on scheduled compost pickup dates if leaves are placed in biodegradable bags by the curb before 6 a.m. on collection day. Leaves may also be raked into an open area between the sidewalk and curb (tree lawn) to be vacuumed. The street crew will begin vacuuming leaves once there are enough piles around the Village to warrant doing so. Keep leaf piles away from hydrants, trees, signs, and poles and **do not rake leaves into the street**. Once leaf vacuuming begins, it continues once a week until the weather turns cold and piles begin to freeze. When weather no longer allows crews to use the leaf vacuum, Johnson Creek property owners can take remaining leaves to the compost site, located at 110 Aztalan Street. For questions about leaf, brush or compost pickup call the Street Department at (920) 699-3752.

VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER

At the September 26th Village Board meeting the board approved changing the number of election inspectors from five to seven for the November 8, 2016 Election. The additional election inspectors will be used to split the poll books in by alphabet. This will allow the line to move quicker with the higher voter turnout.

The Village Board is addressing the concerns of the baseball fields at Centennial Park and will be placing drain tile to alleviate the drainage issues.

The budget will be presented at the October 10, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting and approved at the October 24, 2016 Village Board meeting. The budget public hearing and adoption will be on November 21, 2016.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

COMPOST & BRUSH PICKUP: Brush pickup will be October 10th. Compost will be picked up October 3rd and October 17th. These will be the last days for brush and compost pickup.

MEETINGS: The Plan Commission (if needed) and Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm respectively on Monday, October 10, 2016. The next Village Board meeting is Monday, October 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

TRICK OR TREAT: Trick or Treat has been set for October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Don't forget to fall behind on Sunday, November 6th for daylight savings and change your clocks back an hour.

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ELECTION INFORMATION: Election date: **November 8, 2016**. Voting hours are 7 am to 8 pm. State law now requires a valid Photo ID before you can vote. The ID needs to have your picture and current name but does not have to have your current address. This is different than the proof of residence. When registering to vote or changing a name and/or address you will need to provide proof of residence. You can register prior to election day by stopping at Village Hall, 125 Depot Street, Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm until the Friday before the election, or by mail until October 19th for the November Election. Registration is allowed on election day, however, be prepared to wait in line. If you are unsure if you are registered, visit: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>. See you at the polls!