



The Creek

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ELECTION RESULTS NEW CLERK/TREASURER AND DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER



by Village President John L. Swisher and Village Administrator Kyle Ellefson

At the April Election, 374 voters voted in the Village President race. The voters elected John L. Swisher as the Village President with 258 of those votes, for his second two-year term. The race for Village Trustee had three newcomers and all three incumbents running for three seats. The three incumbents were Dale Theder, Tim Semo, and Donald Smith, with Steven L. Brown, David Rousayne, and Robert Kasper also vying for votes. Of the 934 votes cast for Village Trustee, the three candidates with the most votes were Steven L. Brown (200), Dale Theder (194), and Tim Semo (175). There is still a vacancy on the Village Board for a term that will

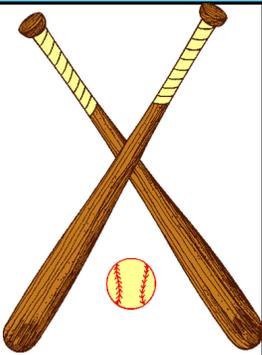


end April 2018. The Village Board is seeking applicants to submit a letter of intent by April 17, 2017 and will vote on that position at their April 24, 2017 monthly Village Board meeting.

On March 17th, Village Clerk/Treasurer Joan Dykstra retired after 21 years of service to the Village. The Village Board interviewed several excellent candidates for Joan's replacement. They selected Lisa Trebatoski, the Village of Johnson Creek Deputy Clerk/Treasurer to take her place. Lisa has worked for the Village of Johnson Creek for three years and has more than 15 years of municipal government experience. Lisa previously worked for the City of Janesville, the City of Fitchburg and the City of Jefferson. Her previous municipal experience, along with her experience with the Village of Johnson Creek, has made for an easy transition.

When Lisa Trebatoski assumed the role of Village Clerk/Treasurer, this created a vacancy for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position. On March 6th, after interviewing several candidates working in similar positions in other communities, the Village hired Sandra "Sam" Bell. Sam comes to us after working for the past six years with the City of Fort Atkinson as their Deputy Treasurer, with the experience and qualifications that this position requires.

As we welcome these new staff members and newly elected officials, it is a great time to remind everyone that we all work to serve the people and businesses that call Johnson Creek home. All of us work diligently to make Johnson Creek the best place to live and work. If you have a question, a concern, a suggestion, or just want to learn more about the Village, please don't hesitate to talk with any of us.

IT'S TIME TO FLUSH	CENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE
 <p>The water department will be conducting their spring hydrant flushing starting week of April 24, 2017, which may take up to three weeks to complete. Flushing will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. During that time period if you experience discoloration in your water, try running your cold tap water for a short period of time, which should clear the water. If you have any other questions, please contact the Water Department at 920-699-3341.</p>	 <p>The spring weather has all of us excited to spend time outdoors and enjoy our parks. Baseball season has started, and we are working hard to get the baseball fields at Centennial Park back into shape after the tiling work was completed last fall. We are hoping to have the infields ready for practice soon, and the outfields will be playable as soon as we can get equipment into the fields without creating additional damage. This work is very dependent on the weather, so keep your fingers crossed that we can get a week or so of dry weather!</p>

COYOTE SIGHTING

There has been a coyote sighting in the Chapel Hill Subdivision. The Johnson Creek Police Department has been in contact with the Department of Natural Resources, who informed them that it is not uncommon to see coyotes in communities that have surrounding woods and marsh land. Village of Johnson Creek residents should report any incidents involving a coyote to the Police Department at their non-emergency number 920-699-2111 or Village Hall at 920-699-2296. If coyotes become a nuisance, there are options that the village and residents can pursue to address them.

VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES

At the March 27th Village Board meeting the board approved Resolution 18-17. This is a resolution encouraging the state legislature to close the loopholes that shift a greater property tax burden from commercial to residential. Target, Lowe's, Menards and other big box chains are using what is known as the "Dark Store Theory" to argue that the assessed value of the new store in a thriving location should be based on comparing their buildings to sales of vacant stores in abandoned locations from a different market segment. A good example would be: Taking the Menards store here in the Village of Johnson Creek and comparing the assessed value of the abandoned Menards building in Janesville off of Hwy 14.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Village Hall has implemented a new credit card service company, GovPayNet, that allows the village to accept credit cards at Village Hall in addition to online and by phone. Please be advised there is a fee associated with the transaction.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Village of Johnson Creek is hiring a part-time, temporary Public Works/Parks Laborer. Applicants must be at least 18 years old with a valid WI driver's license. Please visit www.johnsoncreek-wi.us for job description and application instructions.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

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COMPOST & BRUSH PICKUP: The brush pickup will be May 8th. Compost will be picked up on May 1st and May 15th.

SAVE THE DATE:

Rummage-O-Rama— April 28 & 29, 2017

JC Mutual Hose—All- You- Can-Eat Breakfast—April 30, 2017 7am-noon (Elementary School)

Child Safety Fair— August 3, 2017 from 5-7pm (Community Center)

Fireman's Festival — August 12, 2017 (Centennial Park)