



JOHNSON CREEK
Crossroads With A Future

The Creek

News from the Crossroads

April 2019

NEW UTILITY HIRES WITHOUT RAISING THE MILL RATE



Chris Kunz and Adam Muniz

We'd like to introduce Chris Kunz and Adam Muniz who joined the Johnson Creek crew in February. They will be working in the Utility Department performing a

variety of skilled technical and maintenance work involved with the basic operations of the water and wastewater facility and distribution systems, and will be reporting to DPW Director, Aric Mindemann.

Chris first became interested in public utilities through two older brothers who are in the wastewater and water businesses. Prior to joining us, he ran his own lawn care business since the age of 16. Chris aspires to become a fully certified water and

wastewater operator in Johnson Creek and eventually provide lawn care services in his spare time.

Adam also has family who sparked his interest in the industry. He started his career with United Liquid Waste Recycling and Environment Specialists where he gained experience pumping municipal systems, including our very own. Adam also is looking forward to becoming a fully certified wastewater and water operator for Johnson Creek.

As for how we were able to add these gentlemen to our team without affecting tax rates? "The Village President and Board of Trustees don't automatically keep doing what we've always done in the past. They're constantly reevaluating our operations and in doing so, were able to seize an opportunity to realign our staffing in order to provide more service hours to the community while lessening the impact on the Village's budget.", says Village Administrator, Kyle Ellefson. "That one of the many ways Johnson Creek stands apart from other communities".

DETECTIVE EILENFELDT RETIRES FROM POLICE FORCE

We sincerely want to recognize and thank Detective Wayne Eilenfeldt for his service with the Johnson Creek Police Department. He completed his 33-year career with our agency on Monday, February 11th, and has moved into his well-earned retirement.

Wayne began his journey with the Jefferson County Sheriff and Johnson Creek Police Departments part-time, later working full-time for the City of Jefferson Police Department as well. During his law enforcement career, he served in many roles including those of patrol officer, liaison officer, juvenile officer, in the Drug Task Force, an instructor in the DARE program, and for the majority of his career, as a detective. It's easy to see his dedication to community and understand why, after 26 years of service in the City of Jefferson, he earned the 2011 Outstanding Citizen of the Year award.

"Wayne is undoubtedly one of the most forward thinking and progressive officers I have ever met. His knowledge and compassion for the public has always been his strong points.", stated Johnson Creek Police Chief Bleecker. Those who had the honor to know Detective Eilenfeldt would agree with Chief Bleecker when he says, "The Village of Johnson Creek Police Department will surely miss Wayne."

FEATURED SPOTLIGHT: AMY & JOHN HARTWIG, JR.

Amy and John Hartwig, Jr. are all about community. Growing up in Johnson Creek, the JCHS alums have seen the Village's growth through their family roots and work as owner/operators of John Hartwig Motor Sports.

"I started working in the shop with my dad when I was in sixth grade," John Hartwig, Jr. recalled. John Hartwig Sr., who raced Midget Race Cars all over the Midwest for years, and his late-wife Dorothy started the business in the mid-70s in the same garage-location that has been expanded over the years. "We joke and say it was dad's hobby that got out of hand," smiled Hartwig Jr.

The business started with John Hartwig Sr.'s love of snowmobiling; a family tradition they still enjoy. "I started riding when I was just a year old," said Hartwig Jr. "Being on the trails, and along the Rock River, is still one of our family's favorite things to do."

Amy and John Jr. started working with John Sr. and Dorothy at the dealership in the 1990s and took over in 2003. "We were the four-legged stool," chuckled Amy Hartwig.



John Hartwig holding photos of his father, John Hartwig Sr., racing midget race cars in the 1950s.

TOURISM: EVENTS, GRANTS, & FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL



Check out visitjohnsoncreek.org and [@visitjohnsoncreekwisconsin](https://www.facebook.com/visitjohnsoncreekwisconsin) on Facebook for event updates!

April 13, 9–11 am: Breakfast with the Bunny & Community Egg Hunt.

April 20, 2 - 4 pm: 12th Annual Johnson Creek Premium Outlets Easter Egg Hunt.

April 25-26, 9am – 1 pm: Friends of Johnson Creek Public Library Book Sale at the Library.

April 26-27, 8 am – 4 pm: Johnson Creek Rummage-O-Rama.

April 27, 10am -1pm: Friends of JCPL selling walking tacos, beverages & “dirt cups” outside library benefiting the Summer Reading Program, and Library Board brat fry at Perna’s.

May 4-5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: The Clay Collective Spring Pottery Tour.

TOURISM MARKETING GRANTS AVAILABLE!

Tourism marketing grants are available for events that will likely produce overnight hotel stays in Johnson Creek. **The next application deadline is May 6th!** Visit our tourism website for guidelines & application information: visitjohnsoncreek.org



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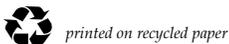
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APRIL 2ND: VOTE AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Voting Day is Tuesday, April 2nd. Don't forget Johnson Creek voting is now at the Community Center.

PICKING UP AFTER YOUR DOG

With snow melting, please be a friendly neighbor and pick up after your dog.



EASTER CLOSINGS

A friendly reminder Village Hall offices are closed on Friday, April 19th, and the Public Library is closed both Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th in observance of Easter.

HARTWIGS (CONT.)

The small touch of welcoming customers by name is indicative of how they value relationships and their community; a tradition passed down to the Hartwig's sixteen year-old son, Haden.

“Haden has grown up around our family business and sees what it means to contribute,” remarked Amy. “He continues to give back to the community through his involvement in the FFA and his interest in both farming and the healthcare field,” Amy proudly stated.

Valuing family and their traditions run deep throughout the Hartwig family as is also represented through the annual Hartwig family reunions that have been taking place for more than 70 consecutive years. The first Hartwig family reunion took place in a pasture in Johnson Creek in 1947, and the traditions of the past have been celebrated and honored every August since then, recently drawing more than 80 family members from around the country.