



JOHNSON CREEK
Crossroads With A Future

The Creek

News from the Crossroads

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BOARD REPORT

PARAMEDICS AND EMTS NEEDED

From being the fastest growing community in Jefferson County, to an increase in economic development, we in Johnson Creek have much to celebrate. But with that growth comes some growing pains.

Johnson Creek is the fastest growing community in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. The number of residents grew from 1,581 to 2,738 between the 2000 and 2010 US Census counts, an increase of over 73%. The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration estimate of the 2017 population was 2,972.

Similar to many smaller communities throughout Wisconsin, Johnson Creek is facing a staffing shortage of paramedics and EMTs.

"For a community our size, we are truly fortunate to have a first class, dedicated and licensed paramedic and EMT staff in Johnson Creek," said Village Board President John L. Swisher. "Knowing many other communities are experiencing this same staff challenge, the board is proactively looking at all options, along with our Administrator Kyle Ellefson, to remedy this issue," Swisher continued.

PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS: JOB FAIR TO TACKLE EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGES

Like many of you, the board has noticed and heard from a number of businesses in our area looking for qualified employees. From manufacturing to retail, hospitality to skilled trades, there are many opportunities for employment in Johnson Creek that need to find the right employees.

To address this issue, the Village is proactively partnering with the Johnson Creek Chamber to co-produce a job fair. While details are still being developed, the goal of the fair is to bring a variety of employers together in one location to share information on their businesses, work environment, salary and incentives, and corporate culture.

"While the economy is currently doing well, and unemployment is low, these conditions tend to create the hiring challenges we are currently seeing," said Village Administrator Kyle Ellefson. "While Johnson Creek certainly isn't alone with this issue, we are unique in our prime location for future employees to easily reach Milwaukee and Madison and feel we can cater to those looking for a comfortable commute, great cost of living environment, safe and happy neighborhoods, and rewarding jobs," Ellefson continued.

Tentatively scheduled for fall/winter 2018, more information on the Johnson Creek job fair will be forthcoming.

TOURISM UPDATES

AUGUST 11TH 2018
Johnson Creek Centennial Park
620 Midge Street
11:00am-11:00pm

TREK-RIDE
8:00 - Bike ride registration
9:00 - Start 40 Mile Ride
10:00 - Start 10 Mile Ride

11:00am Patrick's Funny Farm Petting Zoo,
5:00pm Dunk Tank-One Team One Dream,
Face Painting 11am-5pm

11:00am - Wrecking Ball Inflatable
7:00pm Bounce House, Kraken Super Slide,
Lil' Builders Toddler Zone

11:30am - Horseshoe Registration
Games Begin at 1pm

11:00am - LIVE MUSIC - Lost Sound Band

2:00pm - **TRI-COUNTRY PULLERS, INC.**

3:00pm - **BADGER TRUCK PULLERS**

3:00pm - LIVE MUSIC - Mad City Radiators

6:30pm - Bike Raffle Announcement

7:00pm - LIVE MUSIC - **CHASIN' MASON**

9:30pm - **Fireworks** *Refreshments and Food

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NEW TOURISM WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to visit: www.visitjohnsoncreek.org and our Visit Johnson Creek Facebook page to be up-to-date on all the great things happening in Johnson Creek!

TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION DUE DATES

If you have an event in Johnson Creek that will likely draw overnight visitors to Comfort Suites, please consider applying for a tourism grant. Grants are given to help with marketing and outreach efforts. Applications and guidelines may be found on the Village website: www.johnsoncreek-wi.us.

The deadlines for application submissions applications are: August 6th and October 1st.

CLERK NOTES



JUST VOTE!

A friendly reminder to mark your calendars for important upcoming election days:

August 14: Partisan Primary

November 6: General Election

You may cast your vote at the Johnson Creek Village Hall, 125 Depot Street. Our polling station will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. both days.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: CHUCK SCHROEDER

Chuck Schroeder, of Schroeder Standard Service, has owned and operated the oldest business in Johnson Creek. For more than 70 years, Schroeder has built relationships while rebuilding engines and enjoyed every minute of it.

Schroeder started working in the garage with his dad when he was a kid. “My mom didn’t like me coming home with so much grease and dirt. But it was fun,” Schroeder said.

Schroeder took a break from the business from 1962-66 when he served in the U.S. Navy, but continued to work at the shop upon his return and took it over from his dad in 1974.

Like all good things, Schroeder will be retiring at the end of July and handing over the keys that have been in his family since 1934.



Schroeder in his service garage



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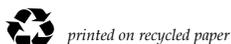
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Schroeder holds a photo of the service garage in its early days

“I will miss the people the most,” said Schroeder.

After searching for a new owner, and securing new zoning from the Village, Schroeder was happy to share the new owner is local. In fact, he has a very short commute as he lives across the street.

John Reindl will take over the space and turn it into a plumbing business.

“I’ve known John since he was a kid. He used to mow the lawn and shovel the walk for my mother,” Schroeder reminisced.

“It feels good to sell the business to someone who is a

hometown boy, responsible, and a good fit,” Schroeder said.

Schroeder said the last few weeks he has been overwhelmed by the number of customers who have come in to offer friendly words, hugs, kisses, and baked goods. When thinking back on some of his favorite projects, Schroeder recalls working on a couple of MGs and a 1969 Corvette. But his most memorable car was a 1957 XK 140 Jaguar. “That one was a beauty,” Schroeder said with a smile.

“We thank Chuck for his unquestionable service and dedication to Johnson Creek for the last 70 years,” said Village Board President John L. Swisher. “His humble nature and genuine customer care will be missed and we wish him well on his next adventure. We also welcome and congratulate John on his new plumbing business and look forward to seeing his new business thrive,” Swisher continued.