



The Creek

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DOG DAYS OF WINTER

by Village Clerk-Treasurer Joan Dykstra

A pet, as a member of the family, becomes part of the household we know and love.

Annually the Village requires dog owners to license their dogs per State Statute 174.07 and Chapter 96 of the Village code. The intent of licensing is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Annual licensing requires dogs to be vaccinated against rabies. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for dog owners to receive a license.

Many pet owners ask us questions. Here are some of the commonly asked questions.

What age does my dog have to be to get a license?

State Statute 174.05(1) provides that the owner of a dog more than 5 months of age on January 1 of any year, or 5 months of age within the license year, shall annually, or on or before the date the dog becomes 5 months of age, pay for and obtain a dog license.

How long is my proof of rabies vaccination good for?

Your rabies vaccination has an expiration date as provided by the veterinary service. Generally vaccinations are good from one to three years depending on the age of the dog.

What if I can't find my dog's vaccination information?

The Village keeps vaccination information on your dog with the licensing. You may contact Village Hall or your vet for this information.

What is the license period for my dog?

Dogs must be licensed annually. A dog license is in effect from January 1 to December 31 of each year. All dogs older than five months must be licensed by March 31 of any year.

How many dogs may one household have?

In accordance with Village code 96-3(F) each household is permitted two licensed dogs by right. If a household owns or keeps more than two dogs, each dog must be licensed and the owner must file a statement with the Village Clerk-Treasurer acknowledging that the owner is aware of the Village's dog limitation and the owner agrees to reduce the number of licensed dogs on the premise to two if the Police Department receives a nuisance complaint against the premises caused by, or related to, the number of dogs housed on the premises.

What is the cost of a dog license?

If the dog owner provides proof the dog is spayed or neutered the cost of the dog license is \$10. For unaltered dogs the cost is \$15. For each additional dog, over two dogs, the cost is \$25 plus the cost of the license. In addition, each dog licensed after March 31 is subject to a \$25 penalty.

In addition to licensing, no pet is permitted to run at large. A pet shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on a leash and under control of a person physically able to control it. This is a requirement of all pets including dogs and cats. The owner of any pet shall be responsible for removing animal waste deposited on any property other than the owner's property. Such removal shall be undertaken immediately with failure to do so subject to penalty. No pets are allowed in Village parks.

Please remember that all dogs need to be licensed by March 31 in the community we know as "Creek".

JEFFERSON COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM

The Jefferson County Clean Sweep Program provides Jefferson County residents a safe way to dispose of chemicals on the following dates:

Friday, April 8 at Jefferson County Fair Park – 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Saturday, April 9 at Jefferson County Fair Park – 8:00am to 10:00am

Please call (920) 674-7430 to make an appointment and there may be a charge.

Unused prescription drugs drop-off site is at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Jail Lobby.

For more information visit the Clean Sweep website at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/cleansweep

VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES FOR JANUARY

President John L. Swisher issued a proclamation on February 20, 2016 as Lynn Dickey Day. The former Green Bay Packer Quarterback Lynn Dickey was a featured speaker at the Johnson Creek High School.

The Village Board approved the purchase of a 2016 Ford SUV Police Package vehicle.

The Village Committee of the Whole will be holding a public hearing on Bell Park improvements on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 13. Remember to spring your clocks ahead one hour that weekend!

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.

MEETINGS: The Plan Commission and the Committee of the Whole meet on the second Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

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ELECTION INFORMATION: Election dates: **April 5, August 9 and November 8.** 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 Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm until Friday before the election or by mail until March 16 for the April Election. Village Hall will be closed Friday, March 25. 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/>