



JOHNSON CREEK
Crossroads With A Future

The Creek

News from the Crossroads

JAN/FEB 2024

VILLAGE UPDATES & PINE CONE TURNS 50!



John L. Swisher
Village President

As we kick off 2024, several planned projects that will have a significant impact on the Village are approaching. First, the Gosdeck Crossing bridge project was recently advertised, and we should receive bids back in February. The Gosdeck Bridge extension will connect several of our residential neighborhoods to Aztalan Street near the School campus. It is expected to improve traffic patterns, create a safer and shorter route for many pedestrians to reach the school campus, and will create an important alternate route for emergency vehicles in the event the Aztalan Street Bridge becomes blocked or is shut down for maintenance or repair. The Village also applied for a grant related to pedestrian safety improvements along the new route, and we hope to hear those grant results in the next few months.

The second significant project the Village Board is addressing in 2024 is the sludge processing replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The current system was already planned for replacement but has stopped processing correctly. The solution the Board is pursuing will produce Class A sludge, which will allow the Village more freedom on how, when and where they dispose of the remaining byproducts. This will save the Village time and money as soon as the system comes online and for years to come. Once the sludge processing is completed the Wastewater Treatment Facility will consist of new processing systems constructed within the last 5-10 years, which should give us decades of expected life. The design for this project is nearing completion, and we hope to send this project to bid later this year.

We are excited to see how these projects unfold, and look forward to giving you updates as we move



Kyle Ellefson
Village Administrator



A half a century ago, Jim and Jordan Glover opened the Pine Cone Restaurant here in Johnson Creek. At the time, there were 42 other restaurants of its kind. The Pine Cone was the only one to stand the test of time.

The Glovers knew their restaurant would survive.

They have kept the Pine Cone running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 50 years; which equates to over 430,000 hours! Not only did they keep the Pine Cone open, they added Hi-Way Harrys that just celebrated its twentieth year! It's safe to say the Glover family knows how to run a restaurant.

The Pine Cone location became an easy stop for travelers and quickly became known for its homecooked cuisine. They have provided meals for truckers, travelers and locals alike. Some of their most famous food include the massive dinner rolls and chicken dumpling soup. They are also known for the beautiful, delicious deserts that adorn the case as you enter. I know I have over indulged in a few myself. In fact, traveling all over our beautiful country, people associate our Village with Pine Cone. I truly feel they put us on the map... one hungry belly at a time.

The Village President, John Swisher recently awarded Pine Cone's manager Josh Bartz with a Proclamation on behalf of the Glover Family and The Pine Cone Restaurant. The Proclamation commemorated their 50 years in business and their countless years of community support. Their most recent donation was all the cookies at the 7th Annual Tree Lighting. It is certainly a pleasure to have The Pine Cone and the Glover's apart of our Community. Thank you for choosing us!



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE ELECTION DAY!

The Spring and Presidential Preference Election is Tuesday, April 2nd. If you moved or changed your name since you last voted, you need to re-register to vote. We urge everyone who needs to update their registration to do so before Election Day to avoid longer lines at the polls. The easiest way to register is by using www.myvote.wi.gov. The deadline to register online before the April Election is March 13th. After that date, you must register in person in the Clerk's office or on Election Day.

The polling place for Village of Johnson Creek voters is the Community Center at 417 Union Street. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on April 2nd. Absentee ballots by mail may be obtained by using www.myvote.wi.gov. In person absentee voting will take place at Village Hall during regular business hours beginning March 19th.

2024 DOG LICENSE DEADLINE

Dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed annually. A late fee of \$25 applies if the license is obtained April 1 or later. To license a dog, provide rabies vaccination copy, proof of spay/neuter (if applicable), and license fee: \$10 spayed or neutered, \$15 unaltered. Village ordinances limit the number of dogs per household to two. To exceed this limit, a multiple dog statement is required (forms at Village Hall) and a fee of \$25 per dog is added to the license fee.

COMPOST & BRUSH SITE CARDS

The cost for an access card to the compost and brush site increased to \$15 effective January 1 due to a price increase from the card supplier. A card grants access to the compost and brush site located on Aztalan Street. Cards do not expire and remain active while you are a resident of Johnson Creek.

SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight savings time starts Sunday, March 10; remember to shift your clocks ahead one hour!

COMMUNITY NEWS.. JC Food Pantry

It's definitely a tradition to do some extra giving during the Holiday Season. As the Holidays are now past, I want to remind our community that giving and kindness should continue all through the year. I don't mean giving outside your means but if you have some extra is all I am asking. Our community food pantry continues to serve all year long, but I also wanted to share that they served over 70 families during the holidays. So I spoke to Roberta Gray about the needs of the pantry and asked her to share a list of things that they are asked for most frequently. She did mention that even if its not on the list, they appreciate any/all donations. We are lucky in Johnson Creek to have such an active food pantry and we appreciate all that they do for our Village. The food pantry is ran out of St. John's church and the hours are listed on the back of the newsletter.

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| · Canned Salmon | · Catsup | · Chunky Soups | · Hamburger Helper |
| · Canned Chicken | · Mayonnaise | · Rice Side Dishes | · Cake Mixes, frosting |
| · Canned Stew | · Barbeque Sauce | · Noodle Side Dishes | · Muffin & Brownie Mixes |
| · Corned Beef Hash | · Salad Dressing | · Instant Potatoes | · Juices |



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT... UNION SPIN CLUB



Sometimes something that looks so rough has so much beauty. That is what Heidi Henningsen saw in the little rundown building on Union Street. For years, it was home to a laundering business and now it has been re-branded, a SPIN Club; but not without a major facelift. Heidi and her husband Mike bought this building without a clear vision of what it would become. They started work on its makeover several years ago during the covid times.

During the process, Heidi set out to find out what our Village was missing. Of course, the first thing she heard was the grocery store... the cost of that was just too great. Next, she heard a gym ... but the building couldn't accommodate a full-scale gym and that is when she came upon the idea of a Spin club. Spinning or biking is a great form of exercise, and you can choose the session that best fits your needs. Sessions range in times from 20-45 minutes and the difficulty varies as well. If you are just getting started, you would start with a leisure ride, then work your way to a medium intensity and then onto to the fast spin. As a person that would love to engage in organized exercise, but is too scared of the gym; well, this spinning has intrigued me as well. I will be signing up for my first class, leisure of course.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the Union SPIN Club, you are missing out. Heidi has truly done an amazing job creating such a unique business here in Johnson Creek and we wish her the best with her new adventure. We officially welcomed the Union SPIN Club to the Village of Johnson Creek on January 23, 2024 with an official ribbon cutting. Welcome Heidi and Welcome Union SPIN Club. To register for your classes: <https://www.vagaro.com/us04/unionspinclub>

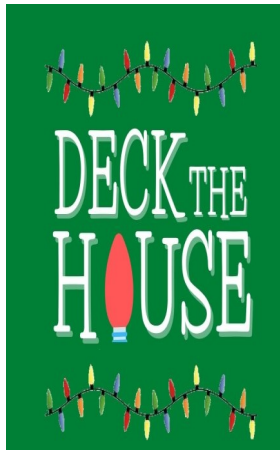
Welcome to 2024! I hope the beginning of the New Year brings a wealth of happiness, good health, great friendships, and new adventures for you and your families. I have been busy working on an exciting 2024 schedule here at the Village. I am looking into making new traditions along with the possibility of resurrecting some of the old “crik” traditions. We are just in the beginning stages, so I don’t want to share just yet; however, when the time comes, you all will be the first to know.

I know I haven’t been at the Village long, but I wanted to say some quick thank you’s for those that have helped me thus far. To Kyle and John, thank you for bringing me on board and believing in my visions. To Aric and the guys at the DPW, thank you for all your help in decorating, fixing things, adding timers, and just being there to help whenever necessary; your efforts don’t go unnoticed. And to our Village, thank you for attending my first event and making it memorable. I hope everyone had a chance to see the lights at Veteran’s Park, they were beautiful. Also a quick thank you to everyone who participated in the “Deck the House” competition and Congratulations to all over our winners! I promise next year, I will be prepared for the event with prizes in hand!

I also want to say a sincere thank you to all of the members of the Johnson Creek Legion for the beautiful meal served on Christmas Day. They devoted their Christmas Day to serving those that don’t have families to share the day with. They served over 230 meals! We truly do have some amazing people in this Community and what a way to spread Holiday Cheer.

We also welcomed the Union SPIN Club to town along with owner Heidi Henningsen. I had the pleasure of meeting Heidi and she gave me the official tour! What a transition of something so worn out to something so beautiful. See the Business Spotlight for more information.

Last but certainly not least, the Village presented Pine Cone with a Proclamation, It was recognizing them for their 50 years in business and their continued support over the years. We are so proud to have them as a part of the Community here. With that, I am looking forward to a fun filled 2024!



2023 DECK THE HOUSE WINNERS:

Most Elegant: Nathan S Morgan Jurgens (404 Saratoga)

Best Holiday Spirit: Frank S Mary Sadilek (314 South)

Clark Griswold: Jason S Joy Achter (450 Whispering Way)



As the winter season settles in, here are some safety concerns amidst the chilly temperatures and potential hazards. The Johnson Creek Fire Department staff want to ensure everyone stays safe and sound. Here are some essential tips to keep in mind:

1. Winter Fire Prevention:

Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

- Test smoke detectors and replace batteries if needed.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets and inspect wiring for damage.
- Never thaw frozen pipes with an open flame or torch.

2. Winter Fall Protection:

Keep walkways clear of ice and snow.

- Use salt or sand on sidewalks to prevent slips.
- Wear proper footwear with slip-resistant soles.

3. Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning Awareness:

Install carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home.

- Never use gas appliances like ovens or stovetops for heating.
- Ensure ice and snow don't prevent proper ventilation for fuel-burning appliances on the outside of your home.

4. Shoveling Hydrants:

Adopt a hydrant near your house and keep 3' clearance of snow on all sides.

- In case of an emergency, a clear hydrant can save valuable time.
- Contact a neighbor or the Johnson Creek Fire Department if you need assistance.

—NEW HOURS—

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Every Wednesday
8:00AM-10:0AM

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church (ELCA)
129 N. Watertown St. Johnson Creek, WI



Village of Johnson Creek

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JOHNSON CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Johnson Creek Public Library has some great events coming up!
Visit their website for more information: johnsoncreeklibrary.org

REMINDER- Thursday hours are 10:00am – 7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

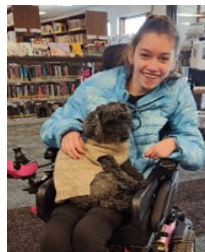
PAWS and READ is the 1st Tues of each month 4-5:00 pm
February 6th, March 5th, April 2nd, & May 7th

LEGOS is Feb 12th, then 3rd Mond of each month 3:30-4:30 pm .. March 18th, April 15th, May 20th

SPIN A YARN is from 5:30-6:30pm on Thursdays : Feb 15th, March 14th, April 18th, and May 16th

FAMILY FUN AT THE LIBRARY is the 2nd Saturday of the month @ 10:00am Feb. 10th- Fairytale Fun & March 9th – Dr. Seuss

MEMORY CAFÉ JCPL has joined the Library Memory Project as part of the Running Waters Project. Memory Café is a social gathering for those who are experiencing early-stage dementia, or mild memory loss, to attend with a family member, friend, or care partner. **Tues, April 16th 1:00-3:00pm.**
For More Info: www.librarymemorycareproject.org or on FB-LibraryMemoryProject



Visit us on Facebook at Johnson Creek Public Library

Johnson Creek Village Hall

Monday – Friday: 8am – 4pm
920-699-2296

125 Depot Street

www.johnsoncreek-wi.us

Plan Commission: Feb 12 @ 5pm
Committee of the Whole: Feb 12 @ 5:30pm
Board Meeting: Feb 26 @ 5:30pm

Johnson Creek Public Library

Monday -Wednesday & Friday: 10am – 5pm

Thursday 10am – 7pm

Saturday 9am – Noon

920-699-3741

125 Lincoln St

www.johnsoncreeklibrary.org

JC FOOD PANTRY

129 N Watertown St,

920-699-2471 stjohnsjc@gmail.com

Open Monday & Thursday: 10am-12pm

& every fourth Thursday 4-5pm