

### THE VIEW: NEW SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Village Board voted to approve the plans to build a for-profit senior housing development on the former Gobbler Hotel site. The project called, *The View at Johnson Creek*, will feature assisted living and memory care options with 56 apartments that can accommodate 64 residents. The project developers also own The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc.

The next step in the building process involves the owner to present their plans to the State. If all goes well, the projected opening date is for mid-2019.

The View at Johnson Creek will also feature an array of services and amenities including: a professionally trained nursing staff on call 24/7, highly trained dementia specialists, registered nurse oversight, visiting physician program, complimentary monthly dental hygienist, pharmacy access, on-site therapies, hospice care, couples suites, beauty/barber shop, bistro, screen porches, chef prepared meals, and more.

"In our environment, our residents and their families thrive," said Kimberly Otte-May, president/principal of Senior Living Consulting & Management, Inc. "Our new facility in Johnson



*Rendering of The View at Johnson Creek*

Creek will allow us to continue and deliver our systematic approach to quality assurance to more individuals in Jefferson County," continued Otte-May.

"This senior facility is directly addressing a need within our comprehensive plan," said Village Board President John L. Swisher. "Looking ahead at what the needs are for our community, and finding the right partners, is key for Johnson Creek moving forward. We believe The View at Johnson Creek will be a wonderful addition to our community," Swisher added.

### NEW BOARD TRUSTEE: MIKE SAINDON



*New Trustee Mike Saindon takes the oath with Village Clerk Heather Rupnow*

The Village Board voted in *Mike Saindon* as their newest trustee on June 25, 2018. Saindon takes the position after it was vacated by Dale Theder earlier this year.

Saindon has been a resident of Johnson Creek for more than 10 years with his wife, Lenny, whom encouraged Saindon to run for trustee.

Having built a career spanning 43 years in the food service, construction and manufacturing sectors, including his current role as a buyer at Horner Plumbing in Pewaukee, Saindon brings a unique perspective to the trustee position.

"I'm certainly driving through the Village a bit differently now," said Saindon. "I feel a great responsibility to do the right thing for the people of Johnson Creek."

### ARIC MINDEMANN: NEW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The Village Board approved the appointment of *Aric Mindemann* as the new Department of Public Works director at the June 25, 2018 board meeting. He will now oversee a six person staff covering utilities, streets, and parks.

Mindemann started with the Village in 2012 as a DPW laborer, then became a wastewater operator in 2013. In 2014, Mindemann became the utility superintendent, where he has been overseeing the new wastewater treatment project.

"I am very excited to be back involved with the streets and parks as well as remain fully involved with the utility department. I am very blessed to be a staff member for the Village and also very grateful for the opportunity that Johnson Creek has provided for myself," Mindemann said.



*Aric Mindemann*

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: JIM BRAUNSCHWEIG

"It's all for fun." That's what Jim Braunschweig will tell you about his 50-plus year love of baseball in Johnson Creek.

As the overseer of Fireman's Field at Fireman's Park, Braunschweig is passionate about the game and the presentation of the field. And he does it all on a volunteer basis. His love of the game and local team, the Pioneers, is what keeps bringing him back.

"My dad started the Pioneers in 1947," said Braunschweig. "I can remember the whole community helping get the field in place and jumping off the Hartwig trucks as a kid to help roll the sod on old Trachte Park, which is now Fireman's Park," Braunschweig recalled.

Braunschweig's father Wilbert (a.k.a. "Brownie") instilled a love for the game early in his son, where a baseball legacy in Johnson Creek began. After years of both playing for and coaching the Pioneers baseball team, Braunschweig's son, Josh, now coaches Johnson Creek's long-standing baseball team (as well as Johnson Creek High School's team). And it's truly a family affair: Braunschweig's wife Cyndi and their two daughters Lyndsi and Lyssa run the concessions, his son-in-law, Ray, is a player on the team, and you are apt to find his two granddaughters, Lydia and Elyse, cheering for the team.

As a humble man, Braunschweig is all about team spirit.

"You know the guys on the team are always willing to help. They are out there on the field, giving their best, but they also stick around to make sure the stands and field look good before we leave. But I also

need to thank the team at the Village: Josh, Matt, and Lee who just left," Braunschweig mentioned. "They always help me with anything I may need to make sure the fields look their best."



And although Braunschweig is typically at the field five days a week, the fields need to be at their best as

Johnson Creek

and Fireman's Field will host the Rock River All Star Game in 2019; an honor that comes around only every 20 or so years.

"The infield does need some work, and we are reaching out to different businesses to help donate sod and topsoil," Braunschweig mentioned.

"We thank Jim for his passion and commitment to baseball in Johnson Creek," said Village President John L. Swisher. "I know the Board appreciates his dedication and we are happy to support the team."

## TOURSIM UPDATES: DISCOVER WISCONSIN IN 2020, PLUS NEW WEBSITE

### DISCOVER WISCONSIN IN 2020



The Johnson Creek Tourism Commission recently voted to approve the funding of creating a Johnson Creek-themed program with the regionally produced program, *Discover Wisconsin*, for the 2020 season.

"This will be a great branding tool for the entire Village," said Tourism Director Katie Newcomb. "We are in the very preliminary stages of working with the team at Discover Wisconsin and look forward to showcasing all the great ways Johnson Creek is unique not only for visiting, but also for living and working here," Newcomb continued. Stay tuned for more information!

### NEW TOURISM WEBSITE

After weeks of development and review, the new Johnson Creek tourism website: [www.visitjohnsoncreek.org](http://www.visitjohnsoncreek.org) is ready for viewing.

The website features a brief history of Johnson Creek, as well as testimonials, things to do, a calendar of events, photos, and tourism grant funding information.

"It has been a worthwhile and learning experience creating this site for Johnson Creek," said Tourism Director Katie Newcomb. "I've enjoyed learning so much about the Village and wanted to make the site an interactive experience for those who not only visit Johnson Creek, but for those who live here as well," Newcomb continued.

The new website will have links to the Village website, as well as tourism specific social media, and tourism-related assets.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 10:** Summer Reading Performance—Hillbilly Science

**July 11-15:** Jefferson County Fair

**July 24:** Summer Reading Performance—Tom Gill

**Aug 2:** Child Safety Fair

**Aug 11:** Fireman's Festival

**Aug 16-19:** Spyder Rendezvous

**Sept 15:** Timothy Johnson's Founder's Float

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL  
AUGUST 11, 2018**

The **2018 Fireman's Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, August 11, at Centennial Park in Johnson Creek. A bike ride, sponsored by TREK, starts at 9 a.m. and the grounds open at 11 a.m.

This family-friendly event features food & beer tents, live music (including featured headliner Chasin' Mason at 7 p.m.), kids activities, a petting zoo, Tri-County Mini-Rods at 2 p.m., Badger Truck Pullers at 3 p.m., and fireworks at dusk. Visit their Facebook page for more info!



## VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES: BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT JOHN L. SWISHER

### **GROWTH AND CHANGE**

As mentioned on the cover, the Village Board voted and approved the plans to build *The View at Johnson Creek* in our community. While the Board recognized this development addresses one of the comprehensive plan goals, we are also committed to bring more variety of senior living options to Johnson Creek. In working with our Village Administrator Kyle Ellefson, we continually promote the Village as a great place for people of all ages and plan to communicate with developers that have experience in other types of housing, such as senior apartments.

Along with The View at Johnson Creek, another former property in the Village is getting a new look. The former Johnson Creek High School as been sold to *Crossroads Church*. They plan to use the property to facility regular church services, along with offering a day care center. We look forward to their addition to our community and will share their progress in upcoming newsletters.

While it can be easy to notice new developments, it is encouraging to see expansion and interest in existing businesses. In the past month, Schroeder's Standard Services was rezoned to Central Business, allowing John Reindl to purchase the property and operate a plumbing business. Menards also received expansion plan approvals, including a lumberyard expansion, warehouse reconfiguration, and relocating their stormwater pond.

The Board received the audited financial statements and the results are great news! In 2017, the Village received more revenue than anticipated, while also spending less than was budgeted. This resulted in a net increase in our fund balance of \$193,452. These funds are assigned to future capital expenditures, and help keep our debt load at a reasonable level. In 2017, the Village had used approximately 51% of its general obligation debt capacity, a reduction from the 2016 level of approximately 54%.

As 2019 budgeting continues, Administrator Kyle Ellefson diligently evaluates information regarding pension and benefit

costs, insurance rates, and state data regarding anticipated state aids and the rate of our growth. And his hard work is paying off as the mill rate has not increased since December 2014 tax bills; dropping or staying the



same for the last three years. This means if your home did not increase in assessed value over those years, the Village portion of your tax bill has not increased and is less today than in 2014. While still

early in the budgeting process, we are cautiously optimistic our taxpayers may enjoy another year without a mill rate increase for Village operations.

Continuing to look for cost effective and efficient ways of running the Village, while providing great services, the Board took action to combine the public works and utility departments to consolidate administrative and managerial duties into a single public works director position at little or no impact on budget.

Additionally, the Board approved a limited remodel of Village Hall to open additional office and storage space by removing two underutilized rooms. Jamie Guld of Guld Construction will oversee the project and it should only take a few weeks to complete without any major disruptions to normal office operations.

I am always available for conversations regarding Village matters and encourage residents and business owners to attend Board meetings to become aware and engaged in our community. The Committee of the Whole meets the second Monday of the month at 5:30 pm, and the Board meets the fourth Monday at 5:30 p.m.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### **HUGE DRUG TAKE BACK NUMBERS**

**Statewide: 64,000 lbs. collected**

**Jefferson County: 1,200 lbs. collected**

**Johnson Creek: over 50 lbs. collected**

cations in the trash, down the drain, or flush in the toilet.

With the no questions asked policy, those with unused prescribed or over the counter medications: pills, creams, liquids, vitamins, pet meds, inhalers, mercury thermometers, and needles were encouraged to drop them off at local Jefferson County police departments in this one-day event. The Village offers drop box hours all year and is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4p.m. at the police station.

"The more the word gets out, the more participation we have from year to year," said Johnson Creek Police Chief Gary Bleecker. "It's amazing how much is out there and we are happy to help provide this valuable service."

Johnson Creek recently participated in the Jefferson County Clean Sweep Project to collect unused medications and prescriptions. The program promotes the message it is unsafe to dispose of medi-

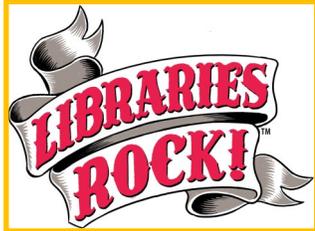
### **CROSSWALK UNDER REVIEW WITH DOT**

With the amount of heavy traffic at the intersection of Highway 26 and B (Milwaukee Street), it was determined the crosswalk needs to be evaluated for safety by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

"We've been fortunate no incidents have occurred and we are always concerned about the safety of both pedestrians and drivers," said Chief Bleecker.

Once reviewed, the DOT will present recommendations on mitigating any future issues.

## LIBRARY REPORT



### SUMMER READING:

**June 9-August 3**

The summer library program is in full swing! We've already had 335 children, teens, and adults register. Registration is open until July 14, so come in and sign

up if you want to earn prizes just for reading!

### NEW COLOR COPIER AT THE LIBRARY!

The library has a NEW color copier and the public is welcome to make copies or print from the computers. We can accommodate 8.5 x 11, 8.5 x 14, and 11 x 17 sizes in both black & white and color! Prices start at .15 per side (smaller black & white) and go up to \$2.00 per side (larger color).

### YOGA FOR KIDS

Thanks to a grant from the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation, the Johnson Creek library will be offering *Yoga for Kids* with certified instructor Nancy Bauer this summer at the library (ages 6-12). For more information, visit [johnsoncreeklibrary.org](http://johnsoncreeklibrary.org).

**July 2-August 13**

Mondays 2-2:45 p.m.

*\*A bonus session is on August 22, at 2 p.m.*

**YOGA**  
for Kids  
ages 6 to 12

Learn mindfulness techniques and enjoy a fun workout with certified instructor Nancy Bauer

**Mondays**  
**July 2 thru August 13**  
**2:00 - 2:45**

Bonus session!  
Wednesday, August 22 at 2:00

Funded by a Spark! Health Grant from the  
The Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation

**Johnson Creek Public Library**  
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### RAPID DEPLOYMENT CRAFT TRAINING

The Village Board recently authorized funds for the purchase of a rapid deployment craft for the Johnson Creek Fire & EMS to assist with water rescues.

The entire department will undergo training this summer and again in the winter to practice multiple rescue scenarios. So far half of the department has participated in summer rescue drills.

"We care deeply about our community and are always striving for ways to be the most successful with our rescue operations," said Fire Chief Jim Wolf. "This equipment will afford a safer rescue for those who need it, as well as my staff, and we are happy to have it available when needed."



Johnson Creek Fire and EMT staff training exercises along the Rock River with the department's new Rapid