



JOHNSON CREEK
Crossroads With A Future

The Creek

News from the Crossroads

July 2019

BOARD UPDATES: WHAT'S NEW IN JOHNSON CREEK

As summer kicks off, we hope you've been enjoying the various outdoor amenities the Village of Johnson Creek has to offer. While venturing to work and play, you may have noticed some recent changes that have been made in response to resident input.



Centennial Park's dugouts have received shade tarps.

Firemen's Park has new, extended backstop netting for added safety of our spectators and nearby vehicles.



There was also an electronic gate installed at the compost site that operates during set, posted hours. This has helped hinder illegal dumping and the extra costs to the Village dumping causes.

There are countless ways residents can participate in making such positive contributions to the Village of Johnson Creek. Village Boards, Committees, and Commissions offer a unique opportunity for those who are passionate about community service to interact directly with residents and other stakeholders. These committed members play an integral role in making recommendations to assist the Village Board in decision making and policy implementation. Residents are encouraged to attend Village Board and Commission meetings to see this collaborative relationship at work.

The Village Board appreciates the contributions of each Board and Commission and the members who serve on them. We extend sincere gratitude to Trustee Steve Wollin for his years of service to the Village Board and the various committees he has served on over the years, as well as Police & Fire Commission members John Adams and Myron (Butch) Klug for their dedicated service to the safety of our residents. We wish them the best in their future endeavors. Their departures have left openings on our Village Board, Tourism & Promotion Committee, Improvement & Services Committee, and the Police & Fire Commission. View the descriptions of these and our other Committees and Commissions in the government section on our website www.johnsoncreek-wi.us. Those interested may submit letters of interest to the office of the Village Clerk at Village Hall.

FIREWORKS

The Village of Johnson Creek allows the following devices without a permit :

- Sparklers
- Stationary cones & fountains designed to sit on the ground, emitting only sparks & smoke
- Toy snakes
- Caps
- Confetti poppers
- Smoke bombs

See Chapter 138 of ordinances at www.johnsoncreek-wi.us for details on size and content restrictions to avoid costly penalties ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 for any violations.

HAVE FUN & BE SAFE!



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: BOB & PAM HILL, ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY

Bob and Pam met on a blind date in 1972. It was a double date at the Columbus Races because Pam's younger sister wasn't allowed to go out on dates without her big sister to chaperone. Luckily Bob joined his friend to meet the dynamic duo. "I don't know what my parents were thinking letting my sister date at a younger age, but Bob & I have lasted longer than those two," chuckled Pam Hill.

Spending 45 years of marriage, and bringing up three daughters (Angela, Rachel, and Julie) in Johnson Creek, Bob & Pam have seen a lot of changes in Johnson Creek.

"When we moved in April of 1980, there were under 600 people," Bob Hill recalled. "And we've watched the growth of Johnson Creek and think it's great. It's smart growth and we hope it continues," said Bob.

"When our girls were young, we knew every family and every teacher," Pam shared. "It was a great place to raise a family and our girls had a wonderful education. And now that we are helping with our grandson, Adam, we are finding there are still great teachers here in Johnson Creek." Bob proudly continues, "My mom, Marie Neuer, was valedictorian of her class from Johnson Creek High School, and so was our daughter, Julie, for her class."

While Bob retired from Rockwell earlier this year after 17 years as a technical development Instructor, the company still seeks his services as a contractor to share his engineering skills with new hires. And it turns out engineering runs in his veins. "Bob's dad used to tell stories of how Bob would take apart a clock and put it back together as a kid," Pam said. "But the key was I had to put it back together," cited Bob. "If I put it back together, then I wouldn't get in trouble," Bob smiled.



Bob & Pam Hill with their Grandson Adam

TOURISM & EVENTS



Tourism has been busy coordinating their marketing campaign, "Be Unique in Johnson Creek." While you may have seen a recent news segment-like spot on Channel 3' *Buzzed Into Madison* on how we say our name (Creek or Crick), we are busy working on our commercial that will debut on Spectrum July 18-25 on the following networks: CMT, Food Network, Hallmark Channel, HGTV, Lifetime, TLC, and Spectrum News. You may have seen outtake photos on our tourism Facebook page, but the commercial will feature scenes of a family and friends enjoying various tourism outlets in Johnson Creek. We've also continued our efforts with filming at various Village locations for our Discover Wisconsin program that will air April 25 & 26, 2020. We will share more updates on our tourism and Village Facebook pages as that program gets closer.

Upcoming Events:

July 10-14: Jefferson County Fair

August 1: Child Health & Safety Fair

October 2: Historical Society's Open House

July 17: Summer Reading Performance

August 10: Fireman's Festival

October 26 & 27: Earth, Wood, & Fire

July 23-25: Wisconsin Farm Tech Days

September 14: Founder's Float

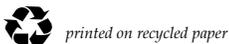
October 31: Trick or Treat at Premium Outlets



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MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

In observance of Independence Day:



Village Hall will be closed July 4th

The Library will be closed July 4th—6th

Garbage pick-up will be on Friday, July 5th

GRASS & WEEDS REMINDER

Any grass or weeds more than 8" high on a lot in the Village will result in one single written notice for the season. After one notice, the Village will mow lots in violation. Charges for mowing: \$150/hour with a 1 hour min. charge.

BOB & PAM HILL

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Bob insists he inherited the tinkering bug from his dad, who owned Hills Radio & TV in Fort Atkinson. "Before owning his own business, my dad worked for Astronautics Corporation in Milwaukee where he designed the guidance system on the X15," Bob proudly boasted. "Back in those days my dad worked on projects he couldn't talk about until it was completed."

Although Bob and Pam had careers (Pam is an ICU nurse in Fort Atkinson) and were raising a family, both had a calling to serve their community. Bob recently retired as Johnson Creek's Assistant Fire Chief after 35 years. Pam served as an EMT for Johnson Creek for twenty years and was also Johnson Creek's first Blood Bank Coordinator in the 1980s. And this level of community service continued with their middle daughter, Rachel, who also served as an EMT for Johnson Creek until death from cancer in 2018.

Nowadays, Bob and Pam are in Johnson Creek helping care for their grandson, Adam, and taking trips with their motorhome. And because Bob & Pam are all about community, Bob currently serves as Education Director for Rambling Pushers, a motorhome owners group out of Goshen, Indiana. "What can I say?" said Bob. "I like to volunteer."