



The Creek

March 2018

MAJOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS SET TO BEGIN

During the summer of 2018, you will notice quite a bit of activity going on at the Johnson Creek Wastewater treatment Facility (WWTF). The Village's current facility utilizes an older technique for wastewater treatment, known as a rotating biological contactor, or RBC for short. This current system has many rotating parts that were difficult and costly to maintain. On the first picture below you can see these RBC units, which look similar to a greenhouse, located in the center of the treatment facility.

The improvements to the WWTF will replace the RBC units with a modern, improved method, known as an Oxidation Ditch (OD). Oxidation ditches are concrete tanks that have designed flow routes combined with aeration methods. The new ODs provide more effective water treatment and are significantly lower in cost to maintain. In addition, we are constructing new water clarification tanks that will provide cleaner water.

You may ask, "What does this mean to me?" Here are a few key points to know:

- Your wastewater treatment service will not be interrupted during the construction. You will be able to use your existing sewer service as you typically do throughout construction.
- The project is planned to start mid-March 2018, and should be finalized by the fall of 2019.
- While the project work will be contained to the WWTF site, there will be construction activity such as trucks entering and leaving the site, and you may hear operating noise and backup alarms from equipment working at the site.

Village ordinance allows for construction on weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., unless extraordinary circumstances warrant special consideration from the Village Board or the Building Inspector. The contractor plans to work from 7:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Barring any significant complications or weather delays, you should not hear construction noise on weekends, or outside of the permitted hours.

For more information about this project that will serve Johnson Creek for several decades, please contact Village Hall.

Existing Plant Layout



Planned Plant Layout



BE AWARE OF COYOTES

The next 4-6 weeks is mating season for coyotes. It is recommended you monitor your pets closely during this time, and avoid leaving them outside alone. Coyotes can tempt your pet to chase them, only to draw them to an area where a larger pack of coyotes may overpower and harm them. While not a regular occurrence in our area, coyotes have been known to attack or kill pets. Observation and awareness may be the best tools to keep your pet safe. Coyote breeding typically peaks in late February into March, with a gestation period of around 60 days. Male coyotes can become more aggressive during this time of year, and the bottom line is that coyotes can always pose a risk to your dog or other small pets, but the risk increases during mating season.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Support our local library by attending the Friends of the Johnson Creek Public Library's spring fundraiser. The book sale begins Thursday, April 26th, through Saturday the 28th, at the library. We will be selling walking tacos and bakery during Rummage-O-Rama on Saturday, April 28th, outside the library if weather allows. If not, we will hold the sale indoors in the library meeting room. See you there! Be sure to stop in the library to see what new Library Director Abby Armour has accomplished.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Meetings:

- Village Board - March 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission (if needed) April 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole-April 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- Police & Fire/EMS Commission-April 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Election:

Spring Election - April 3, 2018

Dog License:

Remember to license your dog(s) before March 31, 2018!

A late fee of \$25 will be charged. In addition to the regular license fee. The fee is \$10 for spayed/neutered or \$15 if unaltered. For each additional dog, over two dogs, the cost is \$25 plus the cost of the license.

COMMUNITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

The Village of Johnson Creek is once again sponsoring the Spring Community-wide Rummage-O-Rama on **Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28, 2018**. A \$10.00 donation lists your address and items for sale. Participants are encouraged to submit their address and sale items on the rummage map. Ad forms will be available by April 2, 2018, at: Village Hall, JC Public Library, and our website, www.johnsoncreek-wi.us.

Rummage maps will be available after 4 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018 on the Village website; and on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and April 28 on the sandwich board signs located at Veteran's Park (corner of Depot and Union Streets), and the corner of Grell and Milwaukee Streets (across from Pernats).