



The Creek

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WINTER INFORMATION

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Snow emergencies may be declared by the Police Chief, Street Superintendent or their designee. If a snow emergency is declared in Johnson Creek, no cars may be parked on Village streets until the snow emergency is over (usually 48 hours). Signs have been placed at various locations throughout the Village to inform residents a snow emergency is in effect. Snow emergencies will also be announced on the Village web site and e-mail subscription system.

In the absence of a declared snow emergency, any time one inch or more of snow accumulates prior to 10:00 p.m., no vehicle may be parked, stopped or left on Village streets or alleys between 2:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day, or until streets or alleys have been cleared curb to curb, whichever occurs later. If one inch or more of snow accumulates after 10:00 p.m., no vehicle may be parked, stopped, or left on Village streets or alleys between 2:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the second day following the snowfall. Example: if one inch or more of snowfall accumulates by 10:00 p.m. on December 1, no vehicles may be parked on Village streets or alleys between 2:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on December 2. If it begins snowing after 10:00 p.m. December 1 and continues until 2:00 a.m. on December 2, resulting in accumulation of one inch or more of snow, no vehicles may be parked on Village streets or alleys between 2:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on December 3.

The cost for violating winter parking restrictions is \$40.00. The original forfeiture must be paid or a court date requested within 15 days after the date of the violation. If neither occurs within 15 days, the cost of the citation increases to \$80.00.

SNOWPLOWING

Winter is fast approaching. During a snow event, please do not park vehicles on the Village streets; this helps the street crew to plow the streets faster. When clearing your driveway or sidewalk, do not plow or blow snow in, on or across Village streets. If you hire a contractor or someone else to do this for you, please let them know that they **can not** plow or blow snow in, on or across the streets. When snow builds up along the streets, the snow does not come off the plow as easily as there is no place for it to go. When the plow comes to an open area, such as a driveway, the snow slides off the plow at a much faster rate. The crew cannot control this when it happens, so please do not get upset with them, they are trying their best to clear the streets. **Please stay 200' behind a snowplow vehicle. Plows back up often at intersections. Please stay well behind plows or move over and give them room to back up.**



SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL



Help keep family and neighbors safe by removing snow and ice from sidewalks in front of your home in a timely manner. Village ordinance 210-9 requires property owners (including owners of vacant lots) to clear sidewalks in front of or adjoining their property within 48 hours immediately following a snowfall or ice accumulation.

Ordinances also prohibit depositing snow into the street or onto property other than your own. See the Village website for full ordinance: www.johnsoncreek-wi.us. If sidewalks are not cleared of snow or ice, the Village may remove the snow and/or ice. If the Village performs this service, the charge is \$150.00/hour with a one-hour minimum per lot or parcel.

MAILBOX SNOW REMOVAL

To ensure timely mail delivery, keep the area in front of your mailbox clear of snow or ice. Plow operators plow as close to the curb as possible while also trying to avoid damaging mailboxes placed along the street. Properly installed mailboxes have the front 6"-8" behind the curb. Mailboxes not installed correctly will be the homeowners responsibility to clear the snow. Pictures have been taken of all mailboxes for damage determination.



GARBAGE & RECYCLING TOTES

Please keep garbage & recycling totes out of the street to keep streets free of obstacles for drivers, emergency vehicles and snowplows. This may require shoveling out a spot between the curb and the sidewalk to place the tote. Totes damaged as a result of being placed in the street will be replaced at the cost of the property owner.

RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE

The spring general election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 to elect a Village President and three Village Trustees. Incumbents are President John Swisher and Trustees, Tim Semo, Donald Smith and Dale Theder. If a primary is needed, it will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Two-year terms for Village President and Trustees will begin April 18, 2017.

Persons interested in running may circulate nomination papers on or after December 1, 2016. Nomination papers must be filed with the Village Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Nomination papers may be picked up at Village Hall, 125 Depot Street. For questions contact the Village Clerk at (920) 699-2296.

VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES FOR OCTOBER



At the June 20, 2016 meeting the Village Board awarded the bid for the Centennial Park parking lot. Pictured left is the lot near completion with the light tops and a fence around the garbage receptacles left. The project is funded through general obligation debt and provides 87 parking spaces.

MEETINGS: The Plan Commission (if needed) and Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm respectively on Monday, November 14, 2016. The next Village Board meeting is Monday, November 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

HOLIDAYS:

Village Hall and Library will be closed November 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING:

Garbage and Recycling will be collected on Friday, November 25th rather than Thursday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

ELECTION DAY

The Johnson Creek Public Library will be providing, with the help of volunteers, free babysitting for children of adults wishing to vote on November 8 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

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ADOPT A HYDRANT

Fire hydrants provide the water used to battle fires. If a hydrant is covered with snow it can waste precious time to access the water supply. With approximately 300 hydrants in the Village, keeping all of them free of snow after each snowfall is an impossible task.



To keep a hydrant accessible for use in an emergency, clear a four-foot radius around the hydrant. It can become part of your routine: when shoveling the sidewalk, also clear the area around the hydrant.