



JOHNSON CREEK
Crossroads With A Future

The Creek

News from the Crossroads

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IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY

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Your community needs your experience, willingness to learn, and desire to help form Johnson Creek into an even greater place to live, work, and play!

Your Community Your Future



Shaping the Future of YOUR Johnson Creek



Serving on the Village Board or one of the various committees and commissions is an excellent way to have a hands-on, active role in shaping the future of Johnson Creek while forming relationships with other community members and learning how various parts of your local government work. No prior government experience is necessary; just bring your desire to learn.

Committees and commissions assist in various services including community development, the library and its programming, tourism, police and fire/EMS services, recreation, and more. Contact the office of the Village Clerk at (920) 699-2296 now to find out how easy it is to help shape your future in the Village of Johnson Creek.

TOURISM UPDATES



As the Johnson Creek Tourism Department winds down 2019, we are hard at work planning for 2020. The past year has provided learning opportunities and we look forward to promoting Johnson Creek even more in 2020!

In the meantime, be on the lookout for our winter-version commercial on Spectrum in early December. If you don't have Spectrum, you will be able to see it on our tourism Facebook page and tourism website:

www.visitjohnsoncreek.org once it airs. Visit our website for info on all events.

You may have seen the Discover Wisconsin crew in our area filming for our April 2020 episode. We've posted fun outtake photos on our tourism Facebook page and have more places to film in December, so be on the lookout for more updates! And don't forget to **mark your calendars for April 25 & 26th for the debut of Johnson Creek on Discover Wisconsin.**

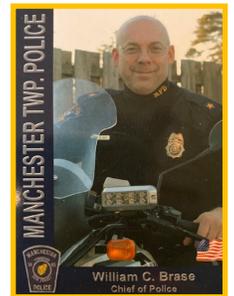
RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: BILL BRASE



Bill Brase at Village Hall

New Jersey natives and retirees Bill Brase and his wife, MaryEllen, found themselves visiting Johnson Creek regularly. Their daughter, Jennifer, had moved here 13 years ago to take a large-animal veterinarian position in Lake Mills after receiving her veterinary degree from the University of Iowa. And when Jennifer had her daughter, Addy (now 2 1/2), the proud grandparents wanted to see their family as much as possible. But that wasn't the only family they had in the area. The couple helped MaryEllen's parents move into a nearby assisted living facility to receive a better quality of care that Wisconsin facilities provide, as well as be closer to Jennifer and their great grandchild. Soon after, Bill and MaryEllen moved in with their daughter before selling both their and their in-laws' homes in New Jersey and became official Johnson Creek homeowners in 2018.

Before retiring, Bill spent 34 years on the Manchester, New Jersey police department, with the last nine years serving as police chief and public safety director. As the chief for the 82-square mile city of over 40,000 people, which is an hour from New York City and Philadelphia, Bill found himself in a position to help during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. "I sent a tactical team of 12-13 guys to the city on 9/11 and went myself with a team on 9/12," Bill shared. "When we approached the city from the harbor everything looked grey. It was like a colorized movie when we walked the three to four blocks to the square site. We would see guys coming off the pile covered in ash and could tell which guys were taking over because their uniforms were all colored. It was sobering," Bill shared.



Bill Brase as Manchester Chief of Police



New York City on September 12, 2001 as seen by Bill Brase

Having a police background in a larger city, Bill shared that he respects the work done by the Johnson Creek police department. "I have to admit living somewhere with a part-time police department took some getting used to," explained Bill. "When I have a smaller police-related issue like having a racoon in my yard, I don't want to take an officer way for something small like that. But here, the Johnson

**Identity Theft:
Protect and Prevent**

Thursday, November 7
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Receive tips for safeguarding personal information and how to spot the red flags of a scam.

No Registration Required. Free & Open to the Public.



**Starting Monday, November 4th
Winter Hours for the Library**

Mon, Wed, & Fri.: 10am – 6pm
Tues & Thurs: 10am – 7pm
Sat: 9am – Noon
Sun: Closed

Join the Johnson Creek Library on Thursday, November 7 where the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will explain the different types of identity theft, how to recognize it, and how to prevent it.

Creek officer came right way to help and was very professional,” Bill continued.

Since arriving in Johnson Creek, Bill and MaryEllen, who have been married for 44 years, have special time with their granddaughter. “She has so much energy...it was easier going to work,” Bill chuckled. “My wife and I are exhausted at the end of the day, but we love seeing the world through her eyes. One of her favorite things to do is visiting her favorite cows and horses at the nearby farms,” Bill smiled. Bill also has the opportunity to see Jennifer in action on vet calls. He even helped her deliver a calf at a nearby farm. “I’m so proud of my daughter.”

On living in Johnson Creek, Bill says he loves being close to not only family, but Madison and Milwaukee. “It’s the perfect location.”



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 8: Lonestar at the Gobbler Theater

Nov. 16: Terri Clark & Angie Keilhauer at the Gobbler Theater

Nov. 30-Dec. 1: Christmas in the Village

Nov. 30: Friends of the Library Holiday Fair

Nov. 30-Dec. 1: Berres Bros. Something Special from WI

Nov. 30- Dec. 1: Vintage Christmas at the Johnson Creek Historical Society

Dec. 1: Third Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Dec. 14: Jo Diffie at Gobbler Theater

DPW NEWS



GARBAGE PICKUP will be on Friday, November 29 the week of Thanksgiving.

Compost & Brush pickup ended in October. Residents can now drop off at the compost site located at 110 Aztalan St.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 7:00am -2 :30pm

Wed & Sat: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Sun: 11:00am – 4:00pm

NOTE: If it’s snowing or raining heavily, the site will be closed.

HOLIDAY HOURS



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29

LIBRARY HOURS

Closing at 5pm on Wednesday, November 27

Closed November 28 & 29