



The Creek

November/December 2017

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

As the leaves have changed colors for the year, and the colder weather has pushed its way in, there are changes happening at the Village of Johnson Creek, too! First, Library Director Luci Bledsoe, who has led the Public Library since July 14, 1992, will be retiring on December 29th. When Luci began her career with the Village, she came to a community of about 1,200 people, and most of the commercial development you see today was not around. Since that time, Johnson Creek more than doubled in population, State Highway 26 has been significantly improved and expanded, and there has been a significant outgrowth of commercial and retail development. Throughout that changing landscape, Luci has been one consistent point of pride for our Village, providing steady leadership and quality library programming for all of our residents. Luci's commitment to the Library and the Village is evident even as she inches towards the retirement finish line, continuing to provide outstanding programming for library patrons, and working closely with the Library Board in selecting the best candidate to carry on the Library's mission. To that point, the Library Board selected Abigail Armour as the new Library Director, and they anticipate she will start in late December. Expect more information about Abigail in an upcoming newsletter. Between now and the end of December, please take time to think of all of the memories you might have of Luci and the Public Library, and all of the reasons we have to be thankful for her time in the Village. If you cannot attend her open house on December 7th, please take the time to let Luci know how important she has been for so many people.

On the other end of the building from the Library, Village Hall is expecting a new employee to begin soon as well. In early November, Lisa Trebatoski left her position as Village Clerk/Treasurer for a position in Watertown. After advertising the position widely and conducting interviews of some of the most qualified applicants, the Village Board selected Heather Rupnow to join our team as Clerk/Treasurer. Heather comes to us from the Village of Sullivan, where she has been their Clerk/Treasurer since 2015. In addition to an accounting degree, Heather has a total of 10 years experience with the Village of Sullivan serving as Administrative Assistant, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, and Clerk/Treasurer. We are excited to fill this critical position with someone who has direct experience with many of the important duties of the Clerk/Treasurer, especially with the busy tax collection and election season right around the corner.

This time of year can be one of reflection and giving thanks, and we think it is important to do that here as well. We are thankful for the 25 years Luci has dedicated to the Village, and we are thankful for the 3½ years Lisa Trebatoski spent with the Village. We wish both of them well as they begin a new adventure in life. We are also immensely grateful for all of the village employees, who continue to serve with dedication and respect, as well as the Village Board and all of the Committees and Commissions, who spend their time evaluating challenging issues and making the best decisions for the future of the village. And finally, I think we are all very grateful for the residents of Johnson Creek who collectively make this one of the best places to live and raise a family, as well as the businesses who have made an investment in Johnson Creek. Thank you everyone, and enjoy this holiday season!

You are Invited!



After 25 years as the director of the Johnson Creek Public Library, Luci Bledsoe (Mrs. B) is retiring on December 29. An open house in her honor will be held Thursday December 7, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the library. Please join us!!!!!!

VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

In October the Village Board approved an agreement with Stantec to provide Village Engineering services to Johnson Creek. The lead engineer will be Kevin Kimmes. The Village Board also continues to investigate the possibility of a potential street project to complete a cul de sac off of Hartwig Boulevard, which will provide access to several parcels that are zoned for commercial development and are ideally located within sight of the interstate.

Want to get involved? Consider volunteering for a Committee or Commission position, or run for a Village Board seat! The nomination period for Village Trustees opens December 1st, and the completed nomination forms are due back by January 2nd at 5:00 PM. Contact is at Village Hall for more details!



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

COMPOST: For the remainder of the year the compost hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

7:00 am to 2:30 pm

Wednesday & Saturday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 - 4:00 pm

MEETING: MEETINGS: The Plan Commission (if needed) and Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm respectively on Monday, December 11, 2017. The next Village Board meeting is Monday, December 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

WHAT'S INSIDE? Change Is In The Air

Message from the Johnson Creek Historical Society

The Johnson Creek Historical Society with the support of local businesses will be hosting the 12th annual "Children's Festival" on December 2nd, from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center located at Fireman's Park. If anyone is interested in donating, please contact the historical society @ 920-699-2325. The festival this year will host "Santa", make & take projects, face painting, photo booth, wagon rides caroling and snacks. Come and join in some community cheer!