



The Creek

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FIRE! FIRE! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

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Fire Prevention Week 2017 "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out"

Fire Prevention Week has been observed nationally since 1925. But it commemorates the famous Chicago fire which started October 8, 1871. The famous event destroyed more than 17,000 structures, left more than 100,000 homeless, and caused 250 fatalities. It was a significant event for residents of Wisconsin, because the very same day in 1871 saw the Peshtigo fire ignite. More than one northeast Wisconsin community was damaged by the fire, but Peshtigo suffered the greatest damage. In total an estimated 2,400 lives were taken during the conflagration. It was the culmination of a very dry summer and fall throughout the Midwest. During Wisconsin's Peshtigo fire approximately 1.5 million acres of valuable woodland was destroyed.

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives in peril.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here are some suggestions:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building. Have a planned meeting place outside your home to account for everyone

Once again the Johnson Creek Fire & EMS Department plans a variety of activities for young school-age groups during the national observance. Several groups come to the station for a tour. Friday of Fire Prevention Week has several department members spending the entire school day at the Johnson Creek Elementary School. They arrive with a fire engine and other apparatus that students get a chance to tour and learn about. All students have an opportunity to go through the Survive Alive House, a scaled down home emergency simulator. Firefighters eat lunch with students and at the end of the day there is an all-school program wrapping up the week.

The department is always available to answer fire safety questions. The station is open and attended weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And, of course, if there is ever an emergency at any time dial 911 and we will be there.

JOHNSON CREEK FIREMAN'S FESTIVAL

The Johnson Creek Fireman's festival committee is already working hard to prepare for the 2018 festival. They are looking for donations and sponsors to keep this great festival going strong! If you enjoyed the festival and the bands, games, food, fireworks and fun this year, please donate! To donate, or for more information on how you can help, please contact the Committee at firemansfestival@gmail.com.

VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES

Village President John Swisher recently recognized Rob's Performance Motor Sports with a Proclamation celebrating their 35 years in business in the Village of Johnson Creek. Rob's has employed dozens of people in our community, and has won countless district, regional, and national awards from manufacturers such as Ski-Doo, Can-Am, and Sea-Doo. The success of Rob's business is truly remarkable, and we are fortunate they call Johnson Creek home.

In the past several months the Johnson Creek Village Board has taken feedback from the Tourism & Promotion Commission and taken several important steps to enhance our tourism market presence in 2018 and beyond. In August, the Village Board created a Department of Tourism, Promotion, and Economic Development to facilitate this improvement. In September, the Village Board agreed to a Tourism Grant contract with the Tourism & Promotion Commission to provide a Director of Tourism for Johnson Creek. The full cost of this endeavor will be covered by Room Tax revenue, and this position will be solely focused on tourism, marketing, and promotion which will increase the likelihood of additional hotel stays by guests in our community. Look for additional information in the coming months!

Two new business developments in Johnson Creek are beginning to take shape. Hoof Health is currently doing sitework in preparation for their new 10,000-square foot light industrial building at the end of Resort Drive, just west of the TREK building. Hoof Health is owned and operated by Jeremy Kastner, and they specialize in medicated treatments for livestock.

PH Johnson Creek is the formal name of a new commercial development you will see in Johnson Creek with construction beginning this fall and hopefully opening in spring. This development will contain two restaurants of 2,551 square feet and 2,030 square feet, as well as an additional 4,000 square feet of retail space split into three suites.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TRICK OR TREAT: Trick or Treat has been set for October 31st from 5:00—7:00 p.m.

COMPOST & BRUSH PICKUP: The last brush pickup of the year will be October 9th. And the last compost of the year will be picked up on 16th.

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, October 9, 2017. The next Village Board meeting is Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

As leaves begin to fall they may be raked into an open area between the sidewalk and curb (tree lawn) to be vacuumed. The street crew will begin vacuuming leaves once there are enough piles around the Village to warrant doing so. Keep leaf piles away from hydrants, trees, signs, and poles and **do not rake leaves into the street**. Once leaf vacuuming begins, it continues once a week until the weather turns cold and piles begin to freeze. When weather no longer allows crews to use the leaf vacuum, Johnson Creek property owners can take remaining leaves to the compost site, located at 110 Aztalan Street. For questions about leaf, brush or compost pickup call the Street Department at (920) 699-3752.