



JOHNSON CREEK
Crossroads With A Future

The Creek

News from the Crossroads

Oct 2018

NEW POLLING LOCATION AT COMMUNITY CENTER & EXPRESS VOTING

To gear up for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 6, Johnson Creek has moved its polling location from Village Hall to the **Johnson Creek Community Center, 417 Union Street.**

“With the increase in our Village’s population, we have been experiencing larger voting participation numbers,” said Heather Rupnow, Johnson Creek clerk and treasurer. “The move to the Community Center will allow more space to accommodate more voters at any time,” Rupnow continued.

Although the location has changed, the requirements for voting remain the same:

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- Live at your current residence for at least 10 days.
- Be registered to vote.
- Share a photo ID (a Wisconsin driver’s license and US Passport will suffice. Additional acceptable IDs may be found at our website: www.johnsoncreek-wi.us and www.elections.wi.gov).

If you are new to Johnson Creek, or newly eligible to vote, and need to register, please stop by Village Hall or visit the Village website for information on how to register.



Johnson Creek Community Center

EXPRESS VOTING

For the past three elections, you may have noticed another option to vote in Johnson Creek.

Express Voting provides an innovative voting option for those with disabilities so they may have a better voting experience.

Located in a seated area at our polling place, Express Voting accommodates voting in an electronic form to help those with visual disabilities to see, or in some cases hear with headphones, the ballot. The seated area also offers easier access to those with physical disabilities to vote.

Express Voting also serves as another general voting option during heavier voting times for overflow.

The ballot is also a cost-saving measure as the cost per ballot is lower than a regular ballot.

NEW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HIRE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CREW ADDITION: SCOTT BARNHART

The Village is happy to welcome Scott Barnhart as the newest DPW crew member.

Prior to joining the Village, Scott spent 28 years working at Ball Container in Fort Atkinson.

A resident of Helenville with his wife, Kelly and their three children, Barnhart is happy to be in Johnson Creek.

“I was raised in Fort Atkinson and came to Creek my whole life,” said Barnhart. “I feel like I found my home.”

Barnhart and his family enjoy events and regularly attend the Fireman’s Festival. In fact, Barnhart proposed to his wife at Gemuetlichkeit Days, the place they first met, and have attended every year for the last 28 years.

“We are happy Scott is here and welcome him to Johnson Creek,” said DPW Director Aric Mindemann. “He’s already been hands on with several projects and we look forward to his continued help in the DPW department.”

Barnhart helps with all general DPW projects so be sure to say hello when you see him around town.



Scott Barnhart at Village Hall

VILLAGE UPDATES

CONTINUED GROWTH

As the fastest growing community in Jefferson County, Johnson Creek has seen wonderful growth. We are a community that businesses continue to seek out not only for our convenient location along Highways 94 and 26, but also for our helpful and welcoming neighbors.

Our mighty village with small town charm and values are what set us apart and keep businesses interested in what we can offer.

Please help welcome the following new businesses and services to the area:

The View in Johnson Creek: The new assisted living and memory care facility is on track to open in 2019. They will be hosting a community discussion on October 25th. Look for more information on where it will be held on the Village website and Facebook page.

Go Calendars & Games: This seasonal calendar store opened September 15 at the Premium Outlets and will run through the end of the year. Look for them next to Lindt Chocolates and the Gymboree Outlet.

Breathe Salt & Sauna: As one of the newer businesses and tourism assets in Johnson Creek, Breathe is constantly striving to offer relaxing options for visitors to enjoy. They are now offering yoga and mindfulness/stress management classes. Be sure to check out their website for a full calendar of events.

New Business Near Qdoba: As Johnson Creek continues to grow, be on the lookout for a new business that should occupy near the new shopping center with Qdoba and Starbucks.

"We are happy to welcome new businesses and added services to the Village," said Village Board President John L. Swisher. "Johnson Creek continues its strategic smart growth so residents may enjoy the quality of life they've come to know and deserve."

BELL PARK PAVILION UPDATE



Bell Park

After a long time in the discussion stages, the Bell Park Pavilion is moving forward.

The popular Johnson Creek park features onsite play equipment for families in the area to enjoy. As such, the idea of a pavilion to

enhance the park experience was bandied about before the current plan.

Contractor Jamie Guld is donating his time and services for this project. Many other contractors working with him are also donating some or all of their services.

The anticipated completion date is the end of the year.

"The Village is grateful to Jamie for his services and we look forward to residents and visitors enjoying the pavilion in the years to come," said Village Administrator Kyle Ellefson. "Bell Park is one of our most utilized parks and a pavilion would accommodate more groups to gather and hold outdoor events." Ellefson continued.

LUCI BLEDSOE CHILDREN'S CORNER DEDICATION

On Wednesday, September 12, nearly 100 people came to celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Luci Bledsoe Children's Corner at the Johnson Creek Public Library.

It was a wonderful evening where Bledsoe and her family were able to see the renovations to the children's section for the first time. Bledsoe was the former Johnson Creek library director who retired after 25 years of service.

Members of the library board, donors, Village staff, as well as friends and library patrons were also in attendance.

The project was entirely funded by donations and completed by volunteers.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: LINDSEY JO OLDENHOFF



Oldenhoff Family (left to right)

Megan Schuett, Mikaela Brown, Holly Schmidt, Jerry Schmidt, Brittany Heine, Lindsey Jo Oldenhoff, Andy Heine

“Be the change you want to see in your community,” recited Lindsey Jo Oldenhoff as we sat in the Johnson Creek Starbucks to discuss her work developing new community events, including the Second Annual Johnson Creek Tree Lighting scheduled for Sunday, December 2, from 3-5 p.m.

A vibrant go-getter with a passion for the holidays, Oldenhoff’s motivation for creating new events in Johnson Creek comes from strong family memories that she wants to instill with her son.

“I can remember my grandparents taking us to see Candy Cane Lane around the holidays,” Oldenhoff recalled. “They were big on Christmas

and always played holiday albums on the record player. Plus the cookies they made for all their grandkids were delicious! I wanted to bring that same magical experience to Johnson Creek for my son.”

Growing up with strong roots in Johnson Creek, (her grandparents were Gwen & Howard Braunschweig, and her mother is Holly Schmidt whom many know from the Johnson Creek post office), Oldenhoff graduated from Johnson Creek High School in 2003. She then spent time in both North and South Carolina studying fashion merchandising and marketing, as well as touring the country as a promotional model before marrying her husband, Quinn Oldenhoff, in 2012. She is currently a marketing specialist at Standard Process.

When first married, the Oldenhoffs lived in Alaska where Quinn was

stationed while in the military. Here Oldenhoff’s love of the holidays was enhanced being closer to the North Pole.

“Not only do I believe in Santa, but I’ve met him!” smiled Oldenhoff.

Upon returning to Johnson Creek, Oldenhoff’s son, Cayden, was born. This is when her idea to recreate a winter wonderland in Johnson Creek came to life. Once she decided to spearhead the first tree lighting, it came about in just two weeks.

Building on last year’s wonderful reception and participation from the community, this year’s event will feature more lights, Santa and Mrs. Claus, elves, horse wagon rides, hot chocolate, as well as tasty holiday treats including warm nuts.

Oldenhoff and Schmidt have been gathering donations throughout the year and welcome all who want to participate or volunteer at the event. You may contact Oldenhoff at lindseyjo03@yahoo.com for more information on how to help.

Oldenhoff’s energy for events continues as she looks to create more events during the summer and fall.

“I love to work on these events because I want my son and all children to have magical experiences in Johnson Creek,” remarked Oldenhoff.

TOURISM: WHAT’S HAPPENING IN JOHNSON CREEK

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER EVENTS

Be sure to check out our tourism website: visitjohnsoncreek.org for all updates and event photos!



- October 13:** Run & Fun FORE “The Club”
- October 27-28:** 19th Annual Earth, Wood, and Fire Artist Tour
- October 31:** Trick or Treat at Johnson Creek Premium Outlet
4:30-6:30 pm
- October 31:** Trick or Treat in Johnson Creek
5:30-7:00 pm

HOMEcomings PARADE

The 2018 Johnson Creek Homecoming Parade, held on Friday, September 21, was a big hit! The Village participated as “Bob The Builder.” More photos may be found at the tourism website, visitjohnsoncreek.org.



DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE: OCTOBER 27

On October 27, Johnson Creek will again participate in the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative. The goal of the program is two fold: provide a safe, convenient, and responsible way of disposing prescription medication and educating the general public about the potential abuse of these medications.

Unused prescription medications in homes creates a public health and safety concern because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused. Plus, unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain as water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

With the no questions asked policy, households with unused prescribed or over the counter medications: pills, creams, liquids, vitamins, pet meds, inhalers, mercury thermometers, and needles are encouraged to drop them off at participating law enforcement locations. The Village police station offers drop box hours all year and is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visit the Wisconsin DOJ website for medication guidelines: www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/prescription-drug-take-back-day.

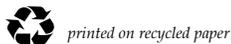
"From year to year we see how participation has grown and the value of this program," said Johnson Creek Police Department Chief Gary Bleecker. "We are more than happy to join forces with other Wisconsin police departments on this day, and continue to offer the service throughout the year," Bleecker continued.



Village of Johnson Creek

www.johnsoncreek-wi.us

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Johnson Creek, WI
53038
Permit No. 10



LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

YOGA

for Kids

ages 6 to 12

Learn mindfulness techniques and enjoy a fun workout with certified instructor Nancy Bauer

second Friday of the month @ 3:45 pm

Sept. 14 - Oct. 12 - Nov. 9 - Dec. 14

third Saturday of the month @ 10:00 am

Sept. 22 - Oct. 20 - Nov. 17 - Dec. 15
(this is actually the fourth Saturday)

Funded by a Spark! Health Grant from the The Greater Waterdown Community Health Foundation

Johnson Creek Public Library
125 Lincoln Street, PO Box 130
Johnson Creek, WI 53038 (920) 699-3741
johnsoncreeklibrary.org

LEGO CLUB

for ages 6 to 12

second Monday of the month @ 3:30

MARCH 26
APRIL 9
MAY 14
JUNE 11
JULY 9
AUGUST 13
SEPTEMBER 10
OCTOBER 8
NOVEMBER 12
DECEMBER 10

BUILD YOUR SOLUTION TO A NEW CHALLENGE EACH MONTH!

Johnson Creek Public Library
125 Lincoln Street, PO Box 130
Johnson Creek, WI 53038 (920) 699-3741
johnsoncreeklibrary.org

Early Literacy Storytime

For ages 3 through 5

Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm

Thursdays @ 10:00 am

5

Q

R

Z

H

Y

1

V

P

D

6

G

Join us for stories, rhymes, and activities that help your child develop a strong foundation for reading success!

Johnson Creek Public Library
125 Lincoln Street, PO Box 130
Johnson Creek, WI 53038 (920) 699-3741
johnsoncreeklibrary.org

Toddler Storytime

For ages 0 through 2

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

Thursdays @ 2:00 pm

Join us for songs, rhymes, stories, and activities to engage your curious and active toddler!

Johnson Creek Public Library
125 Lincoln Street, PO Box 130
Johnson Creek, WI 53038 (920) 699-3741
johnsoncreeklibrary.org