



The Creek

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SAFETY FIRST!

by Public Information Officer Lloyd Schultz

A safe return to school

Make it a safe return to school. School will be starting soon, and with a portion of the district enrollment going to the new school facility on the western edge of the village, students as pedestrians, bicyclists, in vehicles and riding school busses will be travelling on different streets to access each of the school campuses. Both motorists and pedestrians should take special precautions as usually noted at the beginning of the school year, but also as people become acclimated to the new traffic patterns. Our paramedics stand ready to serve, but would rather everyone be safe when returning to school.

Sirens

The fire department siren is still used when there is a call requiring both fire and EMS services. (It does not sound for EMS-only calls.) Historically, up through much of the 1970's, as in most area communities, it was the primary notification for an emergency call. Prior to that departments had large bells to notify department members. (The bell mounted in front of Station 1 was dedicated by the department in 1900 when the department was housed at the building located on the northeast corner of Milwaukee and Depot streets.) The current siren undergoes a county-wide operational test the first Wednesday of the month at 11a.m. to make sure sirens work in the event of a tornado. While the department is now notified of fire calls with pagers, the siren is still used when there is a call between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. to help make drivers aware that emergency vehicles will be on the streets enroute to an incident.



Here is the current Johnson Creek Fire & EMS officer roster. From left, Fire Lt Travis Buske; Fire Capt. Josh Brown; Fire Capt. Nick Brown; Asst Fire Chief Bob Hill, Asst Fire Chief Vic Scafati; Department Chief Jim Wolf; EMS Chief Jeff Penna; EMS Lt Joe Mildenstein and EMS Lt Jordan Powell. Inserted Picture: Recently appointed Fire Lt Mike Stratmoen



STOP!

The village and public safety departments want everyone to be aware that Aztalan Street (CTH B) heading into the village from the west has a stop sign now at the intersection where it converges with Union and Milwaukee streets. This now makes it a three-way stop on the immediate west side of the railroad bridge. The sign has been placed as a traffic-calming effort before the school year starts. With the new Jr./Sr High School facility on the west edge of the village there will be more vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic going through that intersection, and as in all parts of the village we want it to be as safe as possible.

Village history trivia Some may not know there is a reason that intersection had no stop sign before now – just as, until recently, there was no stop sign for eastbound traffic at the intersection of Milwaukee and Watertown streets. The reason: Those streets were a part of State Highway 26 as it went through the village. The state highway route included Jefferson Street, Aztalan Street, Milwaukee Street, and Watertown Street. When the state trunk highway system developed in 1918, they were to have a minimum of stops going through municipalities. It wasn't until 1960 that the current route location was built as a two-lane highway, which became a four-lane highway in the late 1990's. Thanks to Deb Brown for historical information and to the "Wisconsin Highways" website.



AMERICAN LEGION #305

The members of the American Legion #305 would like to inform residents of their flag depository for American flags which are faded, tattered or torn. Flags can be deposited in the red, white and blue metal box which is by the Schlesner-Burri sign and the flag pole. Demonstrate true patriotism by placing flags in the depository and they will be properly and reverently disposed of by members of the #305.

The American Legion bar manager is post member Larry Waldmann. He also serves as rental contact for the Legion. Contact Larry at 674-6476. The American Legion bar hours start Friday 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. with a closing time determined that day. The public is always welcome.

VILLAGE BOARD UPDATES FOR AUGUST

At the August 22nd Village Board meeting the board approved supplying a dumpster for the JC Watershed Alliance annual creek clean-up on Saturday, September 10th. The event will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Historical Society.

The Cabaret License for St Gabriel the Archangel Parish, St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church was approved. This is for their 3rd annual pig roast at the Community Center on September 10 from noon until 10:00 p.m.

The Public Service Commission approved the Simplified Rate Case for a 3% increase on water rates effective September 30, 2016.

There will be a Special Committee of the Whole meeting on the Village Budget September 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

COMPOST & BRUSH PICKUP: Brush pickup will be September 12th. Compost will be picked up September 6th (Tuesday) and September 19th.

MEETINGS: The Plan Commission (if needed) and Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm respectively on Monday, September 12, 2016. The next Village Board meeting is Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAYS: Village Hall and Library will be closed Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. In addition, the Library will be closed September 3rd.

FALL TREE PLANTING: The Johnson Creek Fall tree order form is now available on the village web site or at Village Hall.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

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ELECTION INFORMATION: Election date: **November 8, 2016**. Voting hours are 7 am to 8 pm. State law now requires a valid Photo ID before you can vote. The ID needs to have your picture and current name but does not have to have your current address. This is different than the proof of residence. When registering to vote or changing a name and/or address you will need to provide proof of residence. You can register prior to election day by stopping at Village Hall, 125 Depot Street, Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm until Friday before the election. Or by mail until October 19th for the November Election. Registration is allowed on election day, however, be prepared to wait in line. If you are unsure if you are registered, visit: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>. See you at the polls!