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*Johnson Creek*  
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## NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS - MAY 2026



**John L. Swisher**  
*Village President*

**SHOP, DINE & EXPLORE LOCAL** - Late spring is a time of renewed energy in Johnson Creek, and it's a great time to reflect on what makes the village such a special place to call home. From our local businesses to our community events and everyday interactions, it's the people here who truly make the difference. We are continually inspired by the support residents show one another and the pride they take in this community. As the season changes, we encourage you to stay connected, get involved, and enjoy all that Johnson Creek has to offer. Thank you for being a part of what makes this village so strong. There is a lot to enjoy right here, and we encourage you to get out, support local businesses, and make the most of everything our community has to offer.



**Kyle Ellefson**  
*Village Administrator*

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: THE WELLNESS POINTE

The Village is proud to highlight local businesses that help our community thrive. This month, we are featuring The Wellness Pointe, a chiropractic practice focused on helping patients take a proactive, whole body approach to their health.

The Wellness Pointe offers a unique approach to care centered on spinal health and overall wellness. Rather than relying on traditional insurance based services, the practice operates on a pay per adjustment model, with the option for ongoing wellness plans for those who prefer consistent care. This allows patients and families flexibility while still prioritizing regular visits and long term support.

What sets The Wellness Pointe apart is its focus on education and empowerment. Patients are encouraged to better understand how their bodies function and the role spinal health plays in overall well being. As Dr. Chad Schleiger shares, "taking care of your body is the foundation of health."

Chiropractic care at The Wellness Pointe focuses on the nervous system and the body's natural ability to function. Through gentle spinal adjustments, care is designed to reduce interference and support overall wellness.

A key concept in their approach is subluxation, a disruption in normal spinal function that may impact the nervous system. By addressing these, the goal is to help restore balance and support the body in functioning at its best.

Serving the Johnson Creek area for the past three years, The Wellness Pointe has built strong connections within the community and describes it as a close knit, hardworking, and welcoming place.

The practice works with a wide range of individuals, including those experiencing back pain, neck pain, headaches, and the effects of long hours sitting or physical strain, as well as athletes, families, and children, including prenatal and postpartum care.

Dr. Chad brings a personal connection to his work after experiencing the impact of chiropractic care firsthand, which continues to shape his passion for helping others prioritize long term wellness.

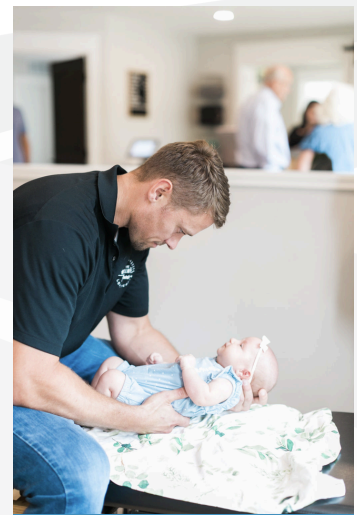
For those who are curious but not quite ready to visit in person, The Wellness Pointe offers an online foundational class that helps explain their approach and care model before stepping into the office.

The foundations class can be found at [FoundationsClass.com](https://FoundationsClass.com).

When asked what they would say to someone considering coming in, their advice is simple: try it. Even a short period of care can help you better understand the impact it may have on your health.

The Wellness Pointe is also open to being involved in community events, including initiatives like Wellness in the Creek, and looks forward to continuing to serve and connect with Johnson Creek residents.

To learn more or get started, visit [TheWellnessPointeChiro.com](https://TheWellnessPointeChiro.com) or call **(920) 699-9003**.



**Dr. Chad Schleiger**

## WATER UTILITIES



**RATE CASE UPDATE** – On April 14, 2026, the Johnson Creek Water Utility submitted its Conventional Rate Case application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC). This is a standard regulatory process used to review utility finances and ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable drinking water.

The application reflects the financial needs required to maintain and operate the water system, including ongoing system costs and planned infrastructure improvements such as the Well #4 project. These needs are reviewed in detail by the PSC, which ultimately determines final water rates.

Based on current estimates included in the application, the proposed increase would equate to approximately \$14.55 per month for a typical residential customer using 4,000 gallons of water. This figure is an early estimate only and will be reviewed and finalized by the PSC as part of their process.

Submitting the application prior to completion of the Well #4 project is intended to help manage long-term impacts and reduce the potential for larger adjustments in the future. Over the coming months, the PSC will review the application and establish final rates in accordance with state guidelines. A public comment period and hearing are expected later this year, providing residents an opportunity to learn more and share feedback.

No final decisions have been made at this time. The Village will continue to provide updates as the process moves forward and as additional information becomes available.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Police Department has continued its steady work this past month, focusing on proactive enforcement, community safety, and responsive service.

The Department has received resident concerns regarding speeding and stop sign violations in the Midge Street and Parkview Drive area. Officers have increased patrols in response and have issued several citations. Drivers are reminded to follow posted traffic laws to help keep neighborhoods safe.

Officers also continue to respond to a range of calls, including those involving mental health and alcohol-related situations. These calls often require additional time and coordination to ensure individuals receive the appropriate care and resources.

In addition to day-to-day service, officers have been involved in ongoing investigations and cooperative efforts with partner agencies. These efforts are part of continued commitment to maintaining safety and addressing concerns in a thoughtful and professional manner.



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## TOURISM TOPICS

Planning is underway for a variety of upcoming events throughout the Village. The Concerts in the Park series begins June 12 at Fireman's Park, and the Independence Day celebration will take place July 3 at Centennial Park. Both events will offer opportunities for community gathering, live entertainment, and local business participation.

In addition to summer programming, staff are actively planning Wellness in the Creek this fall, which will include returning favorites as well as potential new activities such as a Kids Fishing Day. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2026.

Behind the scenes, staff continue to strengthen community partnerships and coordinate with local businesses, schools, and organizations to support Village initiatives.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to submit events for the Village calendar, and upcoming social media content will continue highlighting seasonal activities, parks, and community opportunities.

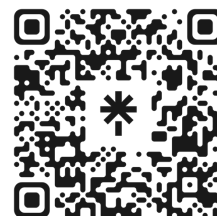
**SUMMER NIGHTS KICKOFF** - Join us Friday, June 12 at Fireman's Park (417 Union St) for the Summer Nights Kickoff. This is the first event in the Concerts in the Park series, featuring a laid-back, family-friendly evening of live music, food trucks, and community fun. Enjoy a live performance by Outpatience, along with yard games, a community chalk zone, and interactive elements throughout the night.

The evening begins at 5:30 PM with food trucks, with music and activities starting at 6 PM. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in for a fun summer night.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY** - Join us Friday, July 3 at Centennial Park (620 Midge St) for one of Johnson Creek's biggest events of the year as part of the nationwide celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary. The evening starts at 5 PM with live entertainment, food, and family-friendly activities, leading up to a can't miss fireworks show at dusk featuring nearly double the display lighting up the sky.

Bring your friends and family and get ready for an energetic, high-impact night celebrating community, country, and summer.

**SCAN TO STAY CONNECTED** - Follow us on social media to stay in the loop on upcoming events, local happenings, and everything going on in Johnson Creek! Just scan the QR code below.



## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

**LAWN & WEED CONTROL** - With the recent heavy rainfall and warmer weather, grass has been growing quickly throughout the Village. Johnson Creek Ordinance 108-2 requires property owners in the Village to mow grasses and weeds exceeding eight (8) inches in height on both occupied and vacant lots.

If the Public Works Department must step in to bring a property into compliance, the fee charged to the property owner is \$150.00 per hour (one hour minimum) each time maintenance is performed. Please do not mow or blow grass clippings into the street.

### COMPOST & BRUSH PICK UP (Weather Permitting):

Compost Dates:	Brush Dates:
June 1 & 15	June 8
July 6 & 20	July 13
August 3 & 17	August 10
September 8 (Tues) & 21	September 14
October 5 & 19	October 12

Brush must be placed at the back side of the curb with cut ends facing the flow of traffic. Branches over 8 inches in diameter and stumps will not be collected.

Compost (yard waste) must be placed in biodegradable bags (no plastic or garbage bags) or in open containers and must not exceed 35 pounds.

To ensure pickup, all compost and brush must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

### HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Pick-Up normally scheduled for May 27 will occur on May 28  
Pick-Up normally scheduled Sept. 9 will occur on Sept. 10

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (920) 699-3752.

## CLERK'S CORNER

Spring has been a busy season in the Clerk's Office as we continue supporting Village operations and preparing for the months ahead.

April brought the Spring Election, which saw a strong turnout of 834 voters, approximately 42 percent of registered voters in Johnson Creek. The election ran smoothly, and planning is already underway for the upcoming Partisan Primary in August and General Election in November.

Behind the scenes, staff have been working closely with auditors following their visit at the end of March.

This annual review requires detailed preparation, and we are pleased to report that the process went well. A final report will be presented to the Village Board later this summer.

As the weather continues to warm, we are also seeing an increase in park and Community Center rentals, a welcome sign that the busy summer season is right around the corner.

### Upcoming Village Hall Office Closures:

May 25, 2026 - Memorial Day  
July 3, 2026 - Independence Day  
September 7, 2026 - Labor Day

## NEW VILLAGE STAFF

**LIBRARY CIRCULATION CLERK** - Terry Letts comes to us with a background in materials purchasing for a manufacturer in Watertown. She has a creative upbringing, having grown up in a home built from recycled materials, including windows from old apartments, wood from old sturture, and a coat hanger from a wine bottle.

Terry has a strong love for libraries and enjoys spending her free time reading a good book in the sunshine. She is especially looking forward to sharing that passion with the community and connecting with residents in Johnson Creek.

Be sure to say hello and welcome Terry when you see her!

## SPEAKER SYSTEM TESTING

Aztalan Bio will conduct routine testing of its Emergency Speaker System beginning in June. The system will be tested on the first Thursday of each month.

The Whelen emergency speaker system is designed to broadcast over a large area and may be audible to residents in surrounding areas. These routine tests are separate from Jefferson County siren testing.

This notice is being shared in advance so residents are aware of the upcoming monthly testing schedule.

## LET'S GET MOVING!

Fort HealthCare's weekly exercise program previously known as Healthy Steps has been renamed Let's Get Moving! This therapeutic exercise class uses music and movement to support balance, strength, mobility, and overall wellness.

Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 AM at the Johnson Creek Community Center. Class size is limited to 20 participants and the cost is \$30 per session.

For more details, visit:

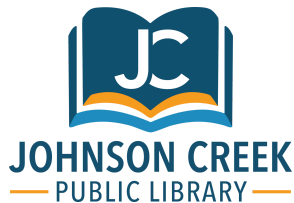
[forhealthcare.com/class/lets-get-moving](http://forhealthcare.com/class/lets-get-moving)

## MEMORIAL DAY

The American Legion Post 305 will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 25 at 10 AM at Veterans Park (201 Union St) in Johnson Creek. This year's guest speaker will be Army Veteran and State Assembly Representative William Penterman. The ceremony will include a time of remembrance to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Following the ceremony, the Legion Hall (223 1st St) will be open with food served by the Auxiliary and a cash bar available for attendees. The annual Memorial Day raffle will be held at 1 PM.



## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



Library programming continues to see strong community participation, with a full calendar of summer events and activities just around the corner.

**Teen Takeover:** Thursdays at 3:30 PM for students in grades 6-12.

**Storytime:** Thursdays at 10 AM

**(NEW!) Teen Book Club:** 2nd Tues 5:30 PM  
Next: June 9

Teens are invited to join Ms. Heather and bring the book you are currently reading to share why it is worth checking out. Discover new favorites, meet other teen readers, and enjoy a relaxed monthly discussion. No assigned reading required.

**Family Fun:** 2nd Sat 10 AM  
Next: June 13

**"A Novel Bunch":** 3rd Thurs 3 PM  
Next: June 18 (Book: Salt Houses)  
Stop by the library to pick up a free copy.

**Lego Club:** 4th Tues 3:30 PM  
Next: June 23 (Theme: Famous Landmarks)

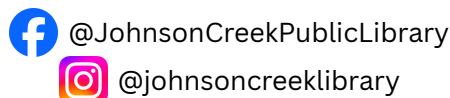
**Friends of the JCPL:** July 14  
Social at 5:30 PM, meeting begins at 6 PM

**Summer Learning Program Kickoff**  
June 6, 10 AM to 12 PM  
This free community event is a great way to spark a love of reading and connect with neighbors of all ages. We hope to see you there as we kick off a summer full of stories!

**Wisconsin's Most Haunted Locations**  
July 13, 2026  
Presented by Chad Lewis  
5:30 to 6:30 PM

**Upcoming Library Closures:**  
May 23 to May 25 - Memorial Day Weekend

### Catch the Latest:



**Johnson Creek Village Hall**  
920-699-2296 | 125 Depot Street  
vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov  
Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Plan Commission: June 8 at 5 pm
- Committee of the Whole: June 8 at 5:30 pm
- Village Board: June 22 at 5:30 pm

**Johnson Creek Public Library**  
920-699-3741 | 125 Lincoln Street  
www.johnsoncreeklibrary.org

### Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 10 am - 7 pm  
Friday: 10 am - 5 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

**Next Library Board Meeting:**  
May 19 at 4 pm

**Johnson Creek Food Pantry**  
129 N. Watertown St.  
JohnsonCreekFoodPantry@gmail.com

### Hours:

Mon & Thurs: 10 am to 12 pm  
4th Thurs: 4 pm to 5 pm

### Diaper Closet

Penelope's Diaper Closet | 111 South Street  
Open the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1-6pm.  
penelopesclosetjc@gmail.com