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NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS - JULY 2026



John L. Swisher
Village President

The Village continues to make progress on several projects and initiatives that support a strong, vibrant community. From improvements to public spaces and infrastructure to new economic development opportunities, these efforts reflect our continued commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents and preparing Johnson Creek for the future.

ABET LAMINATI BREAKS GROUND - Village officials joined representatives from Abet Laminati, MSI General, ThriveED, and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) on July 14 to celebrate the groundbreaking of Abet Laminati's new manufacturing facility in Johnson Creek.

As a global manufacturer of decorative laminates with operations in more than 90 countries, Abet Laminati's investment represents an exciting step forward for Johnson Creek. The new facility is expected to bring approximately 120 high-quality jobs to the community while strengthening the Village's role within Wisconsin's manufacturing industry.

During the ceremony, Village President John Swisher reflected on the significance of the project, stating, *"In the Village of Johnson Creek, our motto is 'Crossroads with a Future.' Today, our future is brighter than ever."*

The Village is grateful for the strong collaboration and partnerships among Abet Laminati, MSI General, ThriveED, WEDC, and the many partners who supported this project. We look forward to watching construction progress and welcoming Abet Laminati to the community.



Kyle Ellefson
Village Administrator



Representatives from Abet Laminati, MSI General, ThriveED, WEDC, and the Village of Johnson Creek



Danny Miller Band



Depot Express

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION - The community came together on July 3 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The event featured live music, great food, and activities for the entire family.

One of the cornerstones of our Independence Day celebration has always been the fireworks display. For this year's event, the Village contracted with our longtime fireworks provider to present the largest show we have put on for this celebration.

During the week leading up to the event, rain was a possibility, but conditions looked promising as the celebration got underway. Unfortunately, as the evening progressed, weather concerns created challenges for the subcontracted fireworks crew to setup. The Village President and Village Administrator communicated with the fireworks crew several times throughout the evening and encouraged the team to move forward with the full

scheduled display. However, shortly before the planned launch time, the crew advised that only a portion of the fireworks had been placed and the full display could not be completed.

Due to the changing circumstances and ongoing discussions with the fireworks crew, the Village did not have a confirmed update to share earlier in the evening. An announcement was made at the event tent once a decision was made, but we understand that not all attendees were able to hear the update throughout the park.

While many attendees enjoyed the fireworks that were able to launch, the Village understands that the display did not meet the expectations of our residents or the show that had been planned. The Village is currently working with the fireworks company to address the incomplete display and determine an appropriate resolution.

We appreciate everyone who joined us for this year's celebration and thank the community for their patience and understanding. Despite the unexpected challenges, this year's Independence Day celebration was a wonderful evening.



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TOURISM TOPICS

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Fireman's Park | 417 Union St | Friday, July 24
Food: 5:00–8:00 PM | Music: 6:00–8:00 PM

Join us for another summer evening of live music, great food, and community fun at Fireman's Park!

LIVE MUSIC FROM MIKE DANGEROUX ORCHESTRA

Enjoy an energetic performance featuring rock, Top 40, Motown, pop, jazz, reggae, and classic hits. Fronted by Berklee College of Music graduate Mike Dangeroux, the band is known for its high-energy performances and a diverse catalog of more than 500 songs spanning decades of music.

FOOD VENDORS

- Mike's Brunch & Lunch
 - Sweet and savory crepes, along with paninis and toasted sandwiches.
- Red Zeppelin Café
 - Specialty coffee drinks, cold brew, energy infusions, boba spritzers, Italian sodas, teas, and more.
- Wed's Burger Stand
 - Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, sandwiches, hot dogs, mac n cheese, ice cream, and more.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Yard games
- Chalk zone
- Photo spot
- Community message wall

FRIENDS OF THE JOHNSON CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Giveaways, sunscreen, bug spray, and information about upcoming library programs and community opportunities.

JOHNSON CREEK FOOD PANTRY

On-site raffle supporting awareness and fundraising for the Food Pantry.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT - Thank you to J & L Tire for generously sponsoring this event's band. We could not make events like this possible without our community partners.



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WATER UTILITY UPDATE



The Johnson Creek Water Utility continues to work with the Public Service Commission (PSC) on the Village's Conventional Rate Case (CRC) application. As previously communicated, the Village submitted the application to the PSC on April 14, 2026. A CRC is the process Wisconsin water utilities must follow to adjust water rates.

The final size of the rate change is not determined by the Village; it is established by the PSC using its rate-setting methodology for Wisconsin utilities. During the CRC process, the PSC audits both the water utility's upcoming and past revenues and expenses. As part of this audit, the PSC asks questions and sets deadlines for the utility to provide responses. On June 24, the utility submitted responses to the first round of PSC questions.

Next steps may include additional audit questions and/or the PSC's final determination of the Revenue Requirement. The Revenue Requirement represents the necessary revenues the utility must collect to operate. After that determination, the PSC will conduct a Cost-of-Service study, which allocates costs fairly across all water users.

In the coming months, the PSC is expected to open a public comment period and hold a public hearing, currently anticipated for September. Following the hearing, the PSC will issue a Final Order, with new rates implemented within 90 days. The Village anticipates rates being applied during the first quarter of 2027, though the final timeline will be determined by the PSC process.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



The Johnson Creek Fire Department continues to stay active with training, preparedness, and community engagement throughout the summer season.

Members have been focused on hands-on training in areas such as vehicle extrication and patient care, including larger scenario-based drills

designed to strengthen real-world response skills. The department also recently participated in regional training opportunities alongside partner agencies, including hands-on sessions and a countywide emergency management exercise focused on coordinated response efforts.

These ongoing trainings help ensure firefighters are prepared to respond safely and effectively to a wide range of emergency situations while working closely with neighboring departments and county partners.

CLERK'S CORNER

Village Hall has been busy with a variety of administrative and seasonal responsibilities over the past month.

Staff finalized annual liquor and tobacco license renewals, including required background checks and preparation for Village Board approval.

Work is also underway with the Village's auditors and financial consultants in preparation for the upcoming audit presentation, as well as ongoing state reporting requirements and utility-related financial information requests.

In addition, staff are supporting routine summer operations including park and facility rentals, sports scheduling adjustments, and coordination with Public Works on property maintenance concerns.

Other ongoing work includes updates to employee benefits systems, insurance and claims review, and early preparation for the 2027 budget process.

PARTISAN PRIMARY AUGUST 11TH

The Partisan Primary is held each even-numbered year and narrows candidates from each political party in advance of the November General Election. When voting in the Partisan Primary, you will need to choose a party and can only vote for candidates within that party. View sample ballots at myvote.wi.gov.

If you have moved since you last voted, you will need to register to vote. Registering prior to Election Day will save time at the polls. Online registration at myvote.wi.gov ends three weeks prior to each election, but voters can still register in their local clerk's

office through the Friday prior to each election.

On August 11th, polls will be open at the Community Center, 417 Union Street from 7am to 8pm. If you prefer to vote absentee, you may request a ballot by mail at myvote.wi.gov OR cast an absentee ballot in person at Village Hall, 125 Depot Street on weekdays from July 28-August 7 between 8am and 4pm.

PROPERTY TAX - 2ND INSTALLMENT

Reminder to property owners who utilize the installment option for property taxes, that the second installment is due on July 31. The second installment is payable to the Jefferson County Treasurer, 311 S. Center Avenue, Jefferson WI 53549. The Village is unable to process second installment payments.

NEW VILLAGE STAFF

EMT - Noah Filer brings a diverse background in emergency medical services and healthcare. Before joining the Village, he worked as an EMT in Durand, Illinois for four years, spent five years at Swedish American Hospital, drove semi-trucks for five years, and served with Green County EMS for two years.

Noah brings a unique perspective and inspiring dedication to emergency medical services. He is one of only a few double-amputee paramedics in the United States and has continued his commitment to serving others despite the challenges he has overcome.

When asked what inspired him to pursue this field, Noah's answer was simple: "I love helping people." Outside of work, he enjoys working out and spending time with his two cats, Pudding, a tabby, and Baby Girl, a calico.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - The Village is pleased to welcome Lisa Topel as our new Administrative Assistant. Lisa joined the Village in June and serves as one of the first points of contact for residents and visitors who call or visit Village Hall.

A Johnson Creek native, Lisa is excited to reconnect with familiar faces while serving the community where she grew up. She brings more than 25 years of customer service and administrative experience and enjoys helping others. Outside of work, Lisa enjoys trap shooting, camping, UTV adventures, and spending time with her husband, adult children, and two dogs.

Please join us in welcoming Lisa to the Village team!

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Wisconsin Department of Justice will once again conduct its annual Tobacco Compliance Check Program. This routine statewide initiative helps ensure retailers comply with age-restricted tobacco sales and labeling requirements. Local law enforcement agencies are notified on the day compliance checks are conducted.

Officers have also assisted Village Hall with routine follow-ups related to annual pet license renewals, helping ensure Village records remain up to date and that pets are properly licensed.

As summer temperatures continue to rise, residents are reminded never to leave pets unattended in vehicles, as the inside of a vehicle can become dangerously hot within minutes, even on relatively mild days.

Local banks have recently reported occasional counterfeit \$20 bills marked "For Motion Picture Purposes." Businesses and residents are encouraged to stay vigilant when handling cash and to report suspected counterfeit currency to their bank or local law enforcement.

Police officers also assisted with public safety during the Village's Independence Day Celebration, helping ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone in attendance. Thanks to their presence and preparedness, the celebration concluded without any significant incidents.

Following the event, a purse, car keys, house keys, and a debit card were turned in. If you believe you may have lost one of these items, please contact the Johnson Creek Police.



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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: Aug 10 at 5 pm
- Committee of the Whole: Aug 10 at 5:30 pm
- Village Board: Aug 24 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:

Aug 18 at 4 pm

Senior Exercise

FREE Senior friendly exercise is held each Monday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. in the gym at Crossroads Church.

Johnson Creek Food Pantry

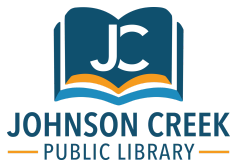
129 N. Watertown St.
JohnsonCreekFoodPantry@gmail.com

Hours:

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

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

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July 31 is the last day to log your reading for the Summer Library Program! Record your books and reading minutes before the deadline to earn a chance to win some prizes including:

- Adults: A prize baskets and a \$50 Amazon gift card.
- Kids: A prize baskets and a Skate Express skating party for up to 8 people.

The last day to pick up Summer Learning Program prizes is August 15. This includes all challenge-level prizes as well as the winners of the prize baskets. Winners will be announced August 4. Please be sure to claim your prize by the deadline!

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

"A Novel Bunch": 3rd Thurs 3 PM
Next: Aug 20 (Book: *The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County*)
Stop by the library to pick up a free copy.

Tracks in the Stacks: Join the Bridges Library System's free "Tracks in the Stacks" Challenge for a chance to win great prizes! Explore all 24 member libraries, find their library bigfoots, and collect footprints along the way. Enter to win prizes at every library you visit. That's up to 24 chances to win! The search is on from June 1-August 21.



Family Fun: 2nd Sat 10 AM
Next: Aug 8
Special Guest Amber Sawyer
Amber will read her book *Love to Race* and you can meet her real racehorse!

Adult Craft Night: August 12 @ 5:30pm
Create a decorative folded book vase from a recycled book in this hands-on craft program. All materials provided.

Registration is required. Register under Events on our website or call the library 920-699-3741.

Nerf Wars: August 13 5-7 PM at Crossroads Community Church Gym

Teen and Tweens come play Capture the Flag, Zombies and other fantastic foam flinging games! Bring your own blaster or borrow ours. All blasters are capped at "stock" performance; 100 FPS (Feet Per Second). Leave your ammo at home; we provide the darts & eye protection.

Registration is required. Register under Events on our website or call the library 920-699-3741.

Teen Book Club: 2nd Tues 5:30 PM
Next: Aug 11

Lego Club: No Lego Club in August. Resumes on September 22.