



VILLAGE OF  
*Johnson Creek*  
WISCONSIN

# The Creek

## NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS - SEPTEMBER 2026



**John L. Swisher**  
Village President

**A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD TAKES SHAPE** - Centennial Fields, the community's newest single-family subdivision, is nearing completion. Roads throughout the development have received their initial layer of pavement, and curb and gutter have been installed. These improvements give the neighborhood a more finished appearance and provide a clear picture of how it will look when new residents and families make Centennial Fields their home.



**Centennial Fields  
First Paving**



**Kyle Ellefson**  
Village Administrator

With major grading and utility work substantially complete, lots are expected to be available for sale soon, with home construction anticipated to begin shortly thereafter. This marks another important step toward completing the subdivision and welcoming future residents.



**Centennial Fields  
Walking Path**

A few improvements remain, including the installation of sidewalks and streetlights. The walking path along the north edge of the project, which borders I-94, is already in place and will provide a convenient connection for pedestrians and future residents.

The completed roadwork represents a significant milestone for Centennial Fields. As the remaining improvements move forward, the development will continue to take shape as the community's newest residential neighborhood.

**MORE PARKS ARE NOW DOG-FRIENDLY** - Johnson Creek's parks are enjoyed by residents of all ages, and now there are more places where you can bring your four-legged family members along. The Village recently updated its Parks Ordinance to allow leashed dogs at Fireman's Park and Pioneer Park, in addition to Crossroads Landing.

That means residents can now enjoy even more of Johnson Creek's outdoor spaces with their dogs. As always, please keep your dog on a leash and remember to pick up after them. Dog waste bags are available at designated stations to make cleanup easy and help keep our parks clean and enjoyable for everyone.

The Village is also grateful to the community members who have donated new dog waste stations that will soon be installed throughout the community. These additions will make it even more convenient for residents and visitors to clean up after their pets and help keep our shared spaces looking their best.

A reminder to all pet owners: failing to pick up after your pet can result in a \$92.50 penalty. A little consideration goes a long way toward keeping our parks welcoming for everyone, whether they are visiting with two legs or four.

**THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER** - As we look ahead to fall, the Village would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make this summer's Concerts in the Park series such a success. Thank you to the sponsors, local businesses, organizations, volunteers, musicians, and community members who helped bring these events to life. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy an evening in the park with us.

Events like Concerts in the Park are made possible through the support of our community, and we are grateful to everyone who continues to help make Johnson Creek a great place to live, work, visit, and gather.

## PUBLIC WORKS

**BULK CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION** - The Public Works team will begin bulk curbside leaf collection in late October or early November, weather permitting. Leaf collection will take place once per week through the first freeze. Rake loose leaves onto the terrace for curbside collection.

Residents may also place leaves in biodegradable bags and bring them to the Village compost site. A compost card is required to access the site. Applications and fees are available at Village Hall, 125 Depot Street.

Please do not rake leaves into the street, as leaves can clog storm drains and interfere with proper drainage. Residents are also asked to keep leaf piles clear of mailboxes to allow for safe and convenient mail delivery.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean and our storm drains clear this fall.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS



### MEAT RAFFLE

**MEAT RAFFLE** - Join American Legion Post 305 Johnson Creek for a meat raffle on Saturday, October 3, at 1:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall, located at 223 First Street.

Proceeds from the event will support Legion projects and help area veterans. The public is welcome to attend!



### TDS WISCONSIN MOST VALUABLE EDUCATOR AWARD -

TDS Telecommunications is seeking nominations for its Wisconsin Most Valuable Educator Award, recognizing teachers, aides, administrators, and other school staff who make a difference in the lives of students and their communities.

The winner will receive a Green Bay Packers prize package, including two tickets to a 2026 game and the opportunity to bring a group of students to Lambeau Field for a tour and meeting with a Packers alum!

Know someone who deserves to be recognized? Nominate a Johnson Creek educator or school staff member by September 30 at [tdstelecom.com/educator](https://tdstelecom.com/educator). Let's show some love to the incredible educators who make a difference in our community!



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## TOURISM TOPICS



**WELLNESS IN THE CREEK** - Visit Johnson Creek and the Johnson Creek Public Library are pleased to present the second annual Wellness in the Creek on Saturday, September 19 at Fireman's Park from 11 AM - 1 PM. This free, family-friendly event will feature health and wellness activities, safety demonstrations, food, and activities.

The Village and the Johnson Creek Public Library thanks the local sponsors helping make this event possible:



Culver's of Johnson Creek  
Supporting inflatables



Lyle Wuestenberg & Family  
with J & L Tire  
Supporting free food

**UPCOMING EVENTS** - Johnson Creek has plenty to look forward to this fall. Mark your calendar for these upcoming community events:

- October 3: Legends & Lores at the Cemetery
- October 24: Rob's Performance Motorsports Fall Open House & Ride-In
- October 31: Trick-or-Treat, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- November 27-28: Christmas in the Village, Johnson Creek Historical Society
- November 28: Friends of the Johnson Creek Public Library Holiday Fair
- November 29: Christmas Tree Lighting

For event details and more community happenings, visit [vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov](https://vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov).

**STAY CONNECTED** - Don't miss what's happening in Johnson Creek! Sign up for the Village's email list to receive information about upcoming events, community activities, tourism opportunities, and other Village news delivered directly to your inbox.

Visit [vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov](https://vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov) and sign up through the email subscription form on the Village homepage.

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: HEALTH & HEALING MASSAGE



### Health & Healing Massage

By the time you finish reading this, you might just be ready to book an appointment.

There's a new business in the Village, and if you've been carrying tension in your shoulders, nursing a headache, or simply feeling run-down, you'll want to know about it. Health & Healing Massage has opened its doors right in the middle of Johnson Creek, and Heather Gustafson, LMT, is the one behind the table.

Heather brings over 15 years of experience, and not just in massage. She worked as a CNA in homecare and hospice, where she saw firsthand how therapeutic touch could ease patients living with COPD.

That experience is what sparked her passion for massage therapy.

So when you book with her, you're not just getting someone who learned techniques from a textbook. You're getting someone who deeply understands the body, pain, and comfort.

Heather specializes in a range of therapeutic modalities:

- Swedish massage, the classic relaxation experience
- Deep tissue, though she notes this is different for everyone, since we all have different pressure points
- Trigger point therapy for those stubborn knots
- Lymphatic massage, a gentle, rhythmic work to support the body's natural detox
- Prenatal massage coming soon!
- Reiki, a non-invasive energy technique that promotes healing by releasing congestion from the body's energy centers. Many clients find relief from pain, stress, anxiety, and even symptoms of depression.
- Corporate Chair Massages, either a contracted bid or sign up and pay (15 mins for \$15).

The location is easy to find, right in the heart of the Village, and you'll be welcomed by a friendly face. Heather describes Johnson Creek as a "great little town with potential for so much growth," and she's clearly invested in being part of that.

Her advice for anyone on the fence? "If you've ever been curious about a massage, try it. And just because you had a bad massage before, try again. There are so many massage modalities, there's something for everyone."

Village President John Swisher welcomes Health & Healing Massage to Johnson Creek, saying, "We're excited to welcome Heather to our community and wish her continued success."

### BOOK NOW!

112 Milwaukee St,  
Johnson Creek  
Health & Healing  
Massage  
608-206-7898



**Heather  
Gustafson, LMT**

## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



### JOHNSON CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY

As summer comes to a close and the school year gets underway, the Johnson Creek Public Library is looking ahead to a busy fall. Here's what's coming up:

**Lego Club:** 4th Tues. at 3:30 PM

Next: Sept. 22 Ultimate School

Oct. 27 Build a Monster

Nov. 24 Balloon Car Races

**Family Fun:** 2nd Sat. at 10 AM

Next: Oct. 10 Harvest Fun

Nov. 14 Turkey Fun

**"A Novel Bunch":** 3rd Thurs. at 3 PM

Next: Oct. 15

Book: *The Book of Lost Hours*. Stop by the library to pick up a free copy!

**Storytime:** Thursdays at 10 AM

Join us for stories, songs and activities.

Next: Sept. 24 Art History

Oct. 1 Apples

Oct. 8 Pumpkins

**Busy Fingers is Back!** 3rd Sat. at 10 AM

Next: Oct. 17

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and crafters! Bring a project, learn something new, and connect with fellow local crafters in a welcoming community.

**Red Cross Blood Drive!**

Nov. 13 from 9 AM - 2 PM

We are facing a national blood crisis in our country for only the second time in Red Cross history. Please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to schedule an appointment.

Present to donate and receive a FREE pint of Culver's famous frozen custard thanks to Culver's of Johnson Creek!

**Community Book Talk:** 2nd Tues. at

5:30 PM

Next: Oct. 13

Join fellow Johnson Creek readers to share what you're reading, discover new recommendations, and connect with others who love books!

October 13: Meet Wisconsin author Amy Pease, who will discuss her acclaimed Northwoods series, including Northwoods, Wildwoods, and her upcoming novel *The Silence of the Keepers*.

*Sponsored by Friends of Johnson Creek Public Library.*

**Amy Pease**



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## CLERK'S CORNER

### ARE YOU READY FOR THE NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> ELECTION?

The State of Wisconsin MyVote website ([myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)) is a one-stop resource for voters. The site may be used to:

- Register to vote, update address (online registration ends October 14)
- Request an absentee ballot be mailed to you
- See a sample ballot (available by late September)

If you need to register to vote or update the name or address on your registration, we suggest doing so prior to Election Day. This will be a busy election and waiting until Election Day for registration will result in a longer-

wait time at the polls. Register online at [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) through October 14 or at Village Hall during regular hours through the Friday prior to Election Day.

Voters who wish to vote an absentee ballot by mail may request a ballot at [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov). In-person absentee voting will be offered at Village Hall October 20-October 30. Hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through October 29 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 30.

If you have questions about voting in Johnson Creek, please contact the Village Clerk at [elissaf@vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov](mailto:elissaf@vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov) or 920-699-2296 ext. 102.

## PD NEWS

**DRUG TAKE BACK DAY** - Proper disposal of unused and expired medications helps prevent accidental ingestion, misuse, and medications falling into the wrong hands. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of Drug Take Back Day to safely dispose of unwanted medications and help protect their families and community.

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9 AM - 3 PM

Johnson Creek Police Department;  
119 Depot St

For information about participating collection sites and items accepted, visit [dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/drug-take-back-day.htm](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/drug-take-back-day.htm).

## VILLAGE INFORMATION & RESOURCES

### Johnson Creek Village Hall

920-699-2296 | 125 Depot Street  
[vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov](https://vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov)  
Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Plan Commission: Oct 12 at 5 pm
- Committee of the Whole: Oct 12 at 5:30 pm
- Village Board: Oct 26 at 5:30 pm

### Johnson Creek Public Library

920-699-3741 | 125 Lincoln Street  
[www.johnsoncreeklibrary.org](https://www.johnsoncreeklibrary.org)

### Hours:

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

### Upcoming Meetings:

Library Board: Oct 20 at 4 pm  
Friends of the JCPL: Oct 16 at 5:30 pm

### Job Openings

Firefighters & EMTS wanted!  
Serve your community and make a difference while working alongside a dedicated team.  
**Apply at:** [vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov](https://vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov)

### Johnson Creek Food Pantry

129 N. Watertown St.  
[JohnsonCreekFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:JohnsonCreekFoodPantry@gmail.com)  
**Hours:**  
Mon & Thurs: 10 am to 12 pm  
4th Thurs: 4 pm to 5 pm

### Healthy Steps Program

A therapeutic exercise and movement program held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. Register online at [forthehealthcare.com](https://forthehealthcare.com)

### Penelope's Diaper Closet

111 South Street Open the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1-6pm  
[penelopesclosetjc@gmail.com](mailto:penelopesclosetjc@gmail.com)