



VILLAGE OF  
*Johnson Creek*  
WISCONSIN

# The Creek

## NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS - MAY 2025



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

### New Orthopedic Facility Approved for Johnson Creek

We've highlighted Johnson Creek's growing appeal to developers of all types, and the Village continues to see exciting new investment. With the recent approval on May 12th, a significant new development is set to bring both high-quality medical services and a variety of jobs to the area.

Orthopaedic Associates of Wisconsin (OAW) has submitted plans for a 46,000-square-foot clinic and outpatient surgery center at the intersection of Hartwig Boulevard and North Watertown Street.

Known for their dedication to delivering specialized musculoskeletal care, OAW serves patients throughout the region with expertise in hand and upper extremity, spine, arthroplasty, total joint reconstruction, sports medicine, foot, and ankle surgeries.

Staffing at the facility will vary by day, but the center is expected to employ more than 75 professionals throughout the week. This new addition not only strengthens Johnson Creek's healthcare infrastructure but also enhances access to specialized care for the broader region.

"This project brings valuable services and quality jobs to Johnson Creek," said Village President John Swisher. "It's a strong step forward for our community."



**Kyle Ellefson**  
*Village  
Administrator*

### COFFEE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR

Join Kyle Ellefson for casual conversation on Saturday, June 14, 9–11 AM at Village Hall. Ask questions, share ideas, and enjoy a cup of coffee — all are welcome!

### CENTENNIAL PARK AMERICAN FLAG PROJECT UPDATE

We're excited to share an update — the Centennial Park flag project is halfway funded! This permanent American flag will be a proud symbol of our community spirit in one of Johnson Creek's most loved spaces.

We've raised 50% of our goal, and every donation — big or small — helps us get there. Want to contribute?

Contact [jctourism@vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov](mailto:jctourism@vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov) to donate or learn more.



# LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

## Summer Learning Program Kickoff at the Library!



Saturday, May 31st 10am – 12pm

Join us for a fun-filled kickoff with games, face painting, snacks, and prize drawings! Registration opens May 24th on Beanstack, where you can log reading beginning May 31st. Paper logs will be available if you prefer.

**SLP runs May 31st through July 28th and is open to all ages and reading levels. The more you read the more chances to win prizes! Receive a FREE book for registering and earn coupons from local businesses for reading! Completing the challenge earns you a FREE book and an entry into a Grand Prize Drawing.**

The following Summer Programs are supported by the Bridges Library System:

**Nerf Games for T(w)eens** – Wednesday, June 4, 6-8 pm in the library.

The following three will be on three Wednesdays @ 10:00am at the JC Community Center.

**Snake, Rattle & Roll** – June 11

**Science Heroes** – June 25

**James the Magician** – July 16

**Storytime in the Park** (Thursdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 10:00 am)

Join us at the gazebo in Veteran's Memorial Park—right next to the library! —for stories, rhymes, songs, and activities. This program will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. \*

**STEAM Explorers** - suggested ages 5-10 (Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 10:00 am) Explore and create with a variety of hands-on STEAM activities. Most days this will be outdoors in the front yard of the library. Many projects could be MESSY, dress appropriately! If there is inclement weather, the program will be moved inside.

**T(w)een Thursdays** - suggested ages 11-17 (Wednesday, June 4 @ 6:00pm) and Thursdays June, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 2:00 pm. This program features games, crafts, and special events geared for Middle and High School students. Stop by to cool off with your friends. Most days this will be held in the library Community Room.

**Legos** – all ages (Mondays, June 16 and July 21 @3:30 pm) Kids of all ages are invited to join us in the Community Room at the library to build with Legos. Duplo blocks available for smaller hands.

Monthly Community Collaboration Projects – patrons of all ages are invited to help us achieve a common goal, working separately, but using common supplies.

\*Go to the library's Facebook page or call to check on program changes due to weather!



## Thank local sponsors

The Summer Learning Program is funded entirely by donations. Because of the generosity of these sponsors, we can provide amazing prizes and programs for our community!

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Badger Bank

Pine Cone Restaurant

Jersey Mike's

Johnson Creek Veterinary

Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters, Inc.

Union Spin Club

Rob's Performance Motorsports

JM Carpets

Kwik Trip

## Coupons from Johnson Creek businesses:

Arby's

## Art Programs for Adults

Monday, June 23 – Pebble and Palettes –

Rock Painting

Monday, July 21 - Watercolor Wonders

## CLERK'S CORNER

### SEWER UTILITY RATE CHANGE

Last year, the first phase of a two-step sewer utility rate increase was implemented. The second phase, an 8% increase, will be implemented with the billing in early August. These changes were necessary to address a deficiency in the current rates covering operation and maintenance costs as well as financing construction of a sludge dewatering facility. The facility will replace equipment that is no longer functioning which has caused the sewer utility to incur nearly \$200,000 in annual costs to transport waste for processing. The project is slated to begin soon with demolition and site preparation in 2025 and construction of the facility slated for 2026.

Electronic bill payment is available for customers of Johnson Creek Water Utilities. Written applications are required to enroll and are available at Village Hall or on the Village web site at [vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov/services/water-sewer/billing-payments-information](http://vi.johnsoncreek.wi.gov/services/water-sewer/billing-payments-information)

### SUMMER DATES TO NOTE:

Compost Pickup: June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18

Brush Pickup: June 9, July 14, August 11

Village Hall Holiday Closures: May 26, July 4, September 1

Garbage/Recycling for July 4th will occur on July 5th due to Independence Day holiday

### LAWN AND WEED CONTROL

With warm weather and sunshine, grass is beginning to grow. Johnson Creek Ordinance 108-2 requires owners of property in the Village to mow grasses or 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 the property is maintained. Do not mow or blow grass clippings into the street.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As the warm weather returns, please be extra cautious and watch for children playing outside. Also, remember to keep your pets safe—never leave them unattended in a vehicle, even for a short time. Thank you for helping keep our community safe!

## TOURISM & COMMUNITY PROMOTION

### CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

A special congratulations to Gallitz Grading and J&L Tire for celebrating 35 years in business—thank you for your long-standing commitment to our community! Your dedication and continued success are a true testament to the strength and spirit of local business in Johnson Creek.



### GOSDECK BRIDGE DEDICATION & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Join us for the official dedication of the Gosdeck Bridge on Saturday, May 31 from 11:00am - 1:00pm—a new connection for our community and a tribute to those who made it possible. This family-friendly celebration will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, free refreshments, kids' activities, meet-and-greets with mascots and K9 Moose, equipment displays, and a special appearance by the Gosdeck family. Don't miss this exciting community event!

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Celebrate Independence Day early in the heart of Johnson Creek! Join us on Thursday, July 3 at Centennial Park for an evening of community fun, family-friendly activities, and a spectacular fireworks display under the stars.





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## REMARKS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

April saw a significant increase in call volume from March with a total of 60 emergency responses. Our members trained in rope rescue techniques and the removal of firefighters and civilians from different types of environments. The utilization of ropes, webbing and other specialty tools is a fundamental skill that all firefighters must be proficient in. These types of incidents are rare but when they unfortunately do occur, training sets in and we use every tool in our arsenal.

Chief Patterson attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference, better known as FDIC, and met with numerous vendors and agencies to gather information on the ever-changing industry standards. This is the largest conference of its kind in the world and hosts thousands of firefighters from all over the world. It is one of the best places in the country to gather information on training, apparatus, health and safety, leadership and many other topics.

Department and Village leadership also met with Township leadership this month to review service delivery, customer service, response models and numerous other topics. This meeting went very well, and we are proud to continue to serve our surrounding Townships. We continue to look to the future and how we can continue to provide the best possible service to all. Thank you as always for your support and please stop by for a visit or reach out with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,  
Chief Patterson

### SENIOR EXERCISE

An exercise class designed for seniors is held every Monday and Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the gym at Crossroads Church.

### Johnson Creek Village Hall

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.  
920-699-2296 | 125 Depot Street  
[www.johnsoncreek-wi.us](http://www.johnsoncreek-wi.us)

**Plan Commission:** June 9 @ 5 p.m.

**Committee of the Whole:** June 9 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Board Meeting:** June 23 @ 5:30 p.m.

### Johnson Creek Public Library

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

**Library Board Meeting:** June 17 @ 4 p.m.

### **LIBRARY HOURS:**

**Monday to Wednesday:** 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

**Thursday:** 10 a.m. — 7 p.m.

**Friday:** 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9 a.m. — 12 p.m.

**Sunday:** CLOSED

**Memorial Day Weekend** May 24-26:  
Closed

### **JC FOOD PANTRY**

129 N. Watertown St.  
[JohnsonCreekFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:JohnsonCreekFoodPantry@gmail.com)  
Open Monday and Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm and every fourth Thursday of the month from 4 pm to 5pm.