



# Village News

## December 2018

### Pearl Street Sidewalk Public Meeting

Earlier this year, the Village was awarded a grant to fund 50% of the cost to reconstruct the sidewalks on Pearl Street/Clay Hill. The Village is holding a public meeting on December 10th to present the proposed improvements and gather feedback and ideas from the public. Details are available at [www.townofjohnson.com/news](http://www.townofjohnson.com/news) or can be picked up at the Municipal Building.

**WHAT:** Pearl Street Sidewalk Public Meeting

**WHEN:** Monday, December 10th @ 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Municipal Office, 2nd Floor

### Powerhouse Building Status & Next Steps

For many years, the Village's former hydro generation powerhouse building has sat idle on the banks of the Gihon River. In 2017, the Village Trustees determined that any future redevelopment of the building or parcel needed to be informed by an environmental study of the structure and land. In 2018, with funding from the Lamoille County Planning Commission's Brownfields Program, the Village completed an environmental assessment, which found several hazardous substances at the site, including PCBs, lead, and asbestos. The Village has recently noted a marked decline in the building's structural condition and is concerned that the building could collapse. Therefore, to avoid spreading harmful substances into the river and surrounding area, the Trustees have directed staff to pursue the demolition and appropriate disposal of the building materials. The Village is working with the State and EPA to determine the best course of action to protect the environment and public. The environmental study can be accessed at <http://townofjohnson.com/documents/plans/>

### Friendly Reminder About Parking

The Village has received several complaints about vehicles parking on or over the sidewalk on streets in the Village. The Village wants to remind residents and their visitors that parking on or over sidewalks is prohibited by Village ordinance and we ask landlords to remind their tenants of this as well. Johnson's winter parking rules are also in effect - see more information at <http://townofjohnson.com/news>



### Village Revolving Loan Fund

The Village operates a revolving loan fund for property and business owners in the Village seeking to make building improvements or grow their business. With flexible terms, low interest rates, and funds available, a loan from the Village might be a great option to help you meet your goals. Check out the details at <http://townofjohnson.com/documents/applications/>

### Fire Department's Safety Message

Johnson Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember to never leave open flame candles unattended. Keep your heater & furnace vents clear of snow and ice. Always have working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in your homes.

### Sign Up for Paperless Utility Billing!

Village utility customers can elect to receive their electric and water/sewer bills via email each month rather than receiving paper bills in the mail. The e-billing option will send a PDF version of the standard Village utility bill to you using an email address you provide, with the PDF available for download for 30 days from the date it was sent. All of the information now included in the traditional paper bills will be available on the PDF version. For more information, go to <http://townofjohnson.com/documents/rates/>