



# Village News

## September 2024

Happy Labor Day to all!

This season has seen a lot of work for village crew and staff. Much of the staff work is related to working through the FEMA reimbursement processes for the flood of July 2023. While a very slow and complicated process, the Village of Johnson is well ahead of all of the hardest hit municipalities in navigating the FEMA/VT Emergency Management department procedures. We are also working on multiple grants both related to the flood and ongoing projects like the Water & Light garage rebuild and the Lower Main Street sidewalk extension scoping study.

What about that anniversary flood? Talk about stress & anxiety! Here we go again. The village went to all lengths to prepare for a possible repeat flood in July. At the WWTF (Wastewater Treatment Facility), all electronics were put on the 2nd floor, the floodgates went in the doorways, and the tractor & other garage items went up to the Water & Light garage. Our foreman, Nate Brigham, had all his trucks loaded and ready to relocate in case the water threatened to cross the Railroad St bridge. In the municipal office, all electronic equipment and Land Records were put up high. Thankfully, this flood rose during daylight, and crested just short of damaging any public facilities.

The Water & Light Department has a new Assistant Foreman! Jeff Parsons has been at the department since 2014 and recently "topped out" as a 1st Class (journeyman) lineworker. Jeff also has relevant experience in water system repairs and all other facets of the Village Water & Light operations. Congratulations Jeff!

The Village Water & Light Department hired a new apprentice lineworker to replace a departed journeyman lineworker. We welcome Matt Champney to the village crew. Matt grew up in Jericho and graduated from the Linemen Institute of the Northeast in Kingston, NY this past April. He is fitting in great with the crew and is always eager to get things done.

Keep an eye out on the Main Street sidewalks and at the Cold Spring, as the Village Water & Light crew will be doing concrete repairs in multiple locations in the coming days.

Congratulations to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) crew!! In late May, the Village of Johnson WWTF received the WWTF Facility Excellence Award for their herculean efforts to get the facility back online and meeting the discharge permit in record time after being completely inundated during the July 2023 flood.

Congratulations also to Lt. Dylan Jennison and the entire Johnson Fire Department. Dylan was presented The Valor Award from the U.S. Department of The Interior for his actions in the wake of Super Storm 2023. The entire Johnson Fire Department really came through, and Dylan's employer shone the light upon what these brave volunteers do for this community. Thank you to the entire Johnson Fire Department!

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Village of Johnson Water & Light customers have exclusive access to great rebates. Whether you want to get a new, efficient appliance, switch to a heat pump, or weatherize your home; we've got you covered. To learn more, call 888-921-5990 or follow the link. <https://www.encyvermont.com/vppsa>

Respectfully submitted by Erik Bailey, Village Manager

### Utility E-Billing is Eco-friendly!

The Village has a program that will allow our utility customers to elect to receive their electric and/or water/sewer bills via email each month rather than receiving paper bills in the mail.

How Does It Work? 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. If you wish to retain a copy of the bill longer than 30 days, you will need to save the PDF or print a copy. From time to time, the Village includes informational inserts in utility bills. Those who have signed up for e-billing will be able to access the inserts online using a link provided in the notes section of the PDF bill.

Enrollment In order to sign up for e-billing, please fill out and sign the enrollment form at the bottom of this sheet, which indicates your willingness to cease receiving paper utility bills, and return it to us with your next payment. Only those customers who fill out the form completely and return it to us will be enrolled in e-billing. Before enrolling for e-billing, please confirm that you are able to open PDF documents on your computer or device.

Cancellation If you decide you no longer wish to participate in e-billing and would like to resume receiving paper utility bills, you may cancel your e-billing enrollment by calling the Village at 635-2611.

----- **-Detach Here & Send Back with Payment Remittance-** -----

#### E-Billing Enrollment Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ elect to begin receiving my  electric bill and/or  water/sewer bill via email  
(print your name) (please check boxes that apply)

and agree to no longer receive paper utility bills from the Village of Johnson. I understand that to cancel e-billing, I must call the Village at 635-2611 to request to receive paper bills again.

Please send my e-bill to me at the following email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enter your email address here - please print clearly)

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Signature of Account Holder/Agent      Date      Phone # (required)

If there is a second person on your account, he/she must also sign and date the Enrollment Form

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Signature of Account Holder/Agent      Date      Phone # (required)