



# Village of Jackson Center

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## From the Desk of the Administrator

Happy December everyone. I hope everyone had a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving with their Families and Friends to take time to reflect how blessed we are and so many things to be "THANKFUL" for.

I would also like to take time to thank everyone who took time to help with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Committee Chair Wanda Wildermuth did a great job planning and organizing this year's meal. Numbers were down from 2019 but there still was a great turn out.

This month I'm going to just touch on a few items while closing out 2021.

Would like to give a huge "THANK YOU" to the Methodist Church for its donation of the beautiful Christmas tree that will be located in the parking lot beside Elder Theater for all residents to enjoy.

I would like to give an update on our Solar Field. Our Solar Field which is on 9 acres located on Jerry Drive and has been in operation since November 29, 2017. Our field is part of AMP (American Municipal Power) Solar Phase II Project. The system size for our field is 2.34 MW (Megawatt) DC (Direct Current) and 1.62 MW AC (Alternating Current).

So, let me explain a couple of things. A Megawatt hour equals 1000 kilowatt hours. The average home in Jackson Center uses 814 kilowatt hours per month or 27.13 kilowatt hours per day.

The Solar field produced 42 MW in 2017, 266 MW in 2018, 273 MW in 2019, 2.78 MW in 2020 and as of Nov 28<sup>th</sup> it has produced 275 MW to date. We should end up producing more than we did in 2020 and production has been increasing every year.

The Village is paying only 25% of the energy produced from the Solar Field but we use all of the energy it produces. So how that works is we do use all the energy but to make up for what we are not paying for it is deducted (or used by someone else) on the grid from one of the other energy projects the Village participates in. This is a great project that the Village participates in and hope its production keeps going.

The Solar Field is also very important during our Peak Shaving events. We are a summer peaking Village and our peak is when it's hot and sunny and that is when our solar field is usually putting out maximum production.

Our Village crews are getting the snow removal equipment ready for another season. I would like to thank the residents in advance for their patients during past and future snow events. Especially after the storm while crews are clearing the streets.

With climate change we have not seen many major snowfalls in the last decade. So maybe we kind of forget some of the ins and outs of snow removal during snow storms. First, please get your vehicle off the street so crews can get the snow off the streets to the curb. If you are shoveling or snow blowing "DO NOT" blow it back out into the street, put it into the yard. If you cannot get your vehicle off the street right away you will still need to move it within 48 hours.

(Next month: Utility Rate Adjustments)



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