

### **From the Administrator's Desk**

It has been an exciting year for the Village. Jackson Pharmacy and Wellness Center opened in March and is located beside Subway. Wilson Care moved into their new 2700 sq ft Medical Building in May. The Brickhouse Bistro opened in May. (Former Café Veranda).

The Village Offices switched their Phone and Internet service to NKTELCO. NKTELCO is discussing providing services to residents in 2015. The Village has went to Social Media by setting up a Facebook page. This has been well received and has been a great tool for getting information to our citizens.

21 Catch Basins were replaced on West Pike St. The old Catch Basins were failing and the upgrade was needed for the Pike Street paving project which will occur in 2015. ODOT has also updated the ADA ramps on the sidewalks of Pike St for the same project.

Water mains on Church St and Airstream Drive have been upgraded from 6" to 12". These upgrades were done to provide enough water for fire flows.

The 2014 street projects consisted of repaving of Jerry Drive and Church St. Also done was Cape Seal with Micro surfacing on James, Elder, Island, S Ohio, and Tayside Streets. Reclamite an asphalt rejuvenator was done on West, Oak, Leo, Cole Robb and North Fork Streets. Crack Sealing was done on Main St. The Pool parking area and park Basketball Courts were sealed and re striped.

The Electric Department upgraded Back Forty Subdivision and Hamer St. with new LED street lights. They are also in the process of upgrading 101 street lights to LED's on Pike St. These upgrades will save over \$11,000 a year in Street Lighting cost.

Water Department started the Treatment Plant on a Demand Response program. All pumping will be done at night unless there is an emergency. This

helps keep our Peak Demand down which affects our electric rates. They also took delivery of a new 2015 Ford Pickup Truck equipped with a snow plow.

The Fire Department received a \$10,000 grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office and a \$2,100 grant from FM Global For equipment.

Electrical Superintendent Ben Wehner retired July 21<sup>st</sup> with 28 years of Service with the Village & Utility Clerk Teresa Council retired Sept 19<sup>th</sup> with 7 years of Service with the Village

Hired Mark Reed in June as a Linemen for the Electric Dept. Hired Deb Mann as the Administrative Assistant in Sept. with Meghan Serr moving into the Utility Clerk Job.

Jack Toomey was sworn in as Council Member on July 28<sup>th</sup> to fill the term of Jim Frye who retired and was unable to complete his term.

The Village of Jackson Center has renewed its partnership with Efficiency Smart through the end of 2016, extending the initial three-year contract that began in January 2011. Efficiency Smart provides energy efficiency services for electric customers of Jackson Center Municipal Electric System. Through the end of October 2014, the partnership has resulted in 437 megawatt-hours (MWh) of energy saved in Jackson Center, 184% of our goal established for the contract period.