



Village of Jackson Center

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From the Desk of the Administrator

Spring is just about upon us. I have spotted robins on several occasions over the last couple of weeks. The daffodils are popping up and with each day becoming a little longer, spring is close!! P.S. Maybe my Reds will do something this year?

This month I will be talking about a Storm Water Study and a Cost of Service Study that the village contracted with Choice One Engineering from Sidney, Ohio to perform. As we all can still remember the wet spring and early summer season last year when we experienced all the flooding that we all had to deal with from the never-ending rains. Those rain events affected all of Jackson Center and its residents, commercial and industrial customers.

The Council had Choice One focus on the southeast drainage of the Village. This is a very large area that comes into the Village at Hudson Lake and then proceeds through a 24" tile under Pike, College, Jackson, and Washington Streets on its way to its final destination, the Jackson Center Creek.

Since 1995 there have been over 25 million gallons of detention added to our storm water infrastructure. It has helped out tremendously, but is still not enough to get us through the huge rain events. What I am saying, is that we need to continue to assist in detaining more water in these trouble areas so we can keep homes and businesses from flooding. But we will never be able to build our storm water infrastructure to contain every bit of storm water we receive. It is just not cost justified.

We received 5.56" of rain on June 5 & 6 last year over just a 4-hour time span. This was on top of already saturated soil. This would qualify for a 1000-year rain event. But we all know that the chance of this happening at a much sooner interval will most likely be way sooner than any of us want. So, the Village is reviewing the different options from the storm water study given by Choice One and of course wanting to get the most bang for your buck.

With some of these improvements on the horizon we now have to look at the ability to be able to finance these projects. The Village is looking at adding a Stormwater fee to everyone's utility bill to help with the cost of these projects. These projects are not cheap and cannot be totally funded through the General Fund. We have been very fortunate to receive some grant money for our last detention/retention pond, but the grant money is not always a guarantee. Right now, we do not have a solid figure for that monthly storm water fee per month but we are looking at somewhere around the \$3.00 range for a residential customer.



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In the upcoming months I will be able to give you more information on the projects we will be looking at and the final determination of the monthly storm water fee. If you have any questions feel free to give me a call here at the Village Office. (937) 596-6314.

Next month: (update on our projects)