



From the desk of the Administrator...

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I would like to start out by saying a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their support in the passing of our 2-mill renewal levy in November. This will generate approximately \$46,000 annually and will be used to help fund the Police and Fire Departments, along with the Street Department for snow removal.

With December here, I am once again going to skip talking about Energy Efficiency. I am starting to think maybe I am not supposed to talk about that subject. Instead, I want to discuss with you the upcoming utility rate increases you will be seeing in your Feb. 1, 2019 utility bill.

I will begin with the Electric rates, in 2017 we had a Cost of Service Study (COS) completed to determine the financial position the Electric Department is in. It was determined we are in pretty good shape, but with the need for the additional Substation, Council would need to do a rate increase. Council decided to do a small increase every year for four years instead of a larger one-time increase. For 2019, the cost per kilo-watt hour (kwh) will increase from 11.548 cents to 11.637 cents. Also, the customer charge will increase from \$10 a month to \$12 per month.

For example, I will show the increase in an electric bill using 832 kwh. This is actually the average kwh used by residential customers per month. In 2018, the cost of 832 kwh is \$96.08 (.11548 cents per kwh). In 2019, the cost for 832 kwh is projected to be \$96.82 (.11637 cents per kwh). An increase of .74 cents per month. Add that to the \$2.00 increase in the customer charge and that will be an increase of \$2.74 for a customer using 832 kwh in a month.

We have completed a COS for the Water and Sewer Departments this year to check their financial wellness. Results show a need to also do rate adjustments to get these departments on track. A couple of points on the need for these increases are, we have a utility agreement with Plastipak from when we ran water and sewer mains to their facility. The Village will see these revenues go away in a couple of years. Also, the Water Department finished in the red once over the last three years and the Sewer Department has finished in the red the last 3 years. It was not by a lot but not a pattern we want to continue. So, Council is looking at an increase for the next 3 years to spread the increase over a longer period like the Electric rates are being done. An increase for water is projected to be \$1.65 a month for the 5000-gallon minimum. For Sewer an increase is projected to be \$4.20 a month for the 5000-gallon minimum.

For example, I will show the monthly increase using the minimum 5000 gallons. In 2018, the minimum for water is \$18.31 and in 2019 - \$19.96. An increase of \$1.65 a month. Sewer, in 2018, is \$28.03 and in 2019 - \$32.03. An increase of \$4.20 a month. A customer using the 5000-gallon minimum will see a total increase of their water and sewer bill of \$5.85 a month. There will be no increase in the customer charge for Water and Sewer.

Council has done a good job keeping our rates down, but at the same time realize these utilities need to be able to sustain on their own.

If anyone has any questions on either of these projected rate increases, please give me a call at the Village Office at (937) 596-6314.

(Next month: Energy Efficiency) maybe?

Nominations Open for Annual Christmas Display Contest!

Help pick this years' winners for Jackson Center's Annual Christmas Display Contest. Simply nominate a friend, neighbor or any fellow resident and the Beautification Committee will do the rest! All worthy nominees should complete a nomination form that is available at the Village Office or on-line at www.jacksoncenter.com. Help the Village recognize residents who are contributing to the beauty of the Christmas season through the use of outdoor lights and decorations.

- 1st place: December's electric bill paid by the Village (up to \$250).
- 2nd place: 1/2 of December's electric bill paid by the Village (up to \$125)
- 3rd place: 1/4 of December's electric bill paid by the Village (up to \$75)

Christmas in the Village Sunday, December 2, 2018 AT THE JACKSON CENTER SCHOOL!!

5:30 pm Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling...Watch Santa arrive!

4:30-6:30 pm **Free Community Meal at the JC United Methodist Church.** The meal will be provided by Emmanuel Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Maplewood Methodist, St. Lawrence Catholic, St. Jacobs Church and Jackson Center United Methodist

6:00 – 8:00 pm Celebration in the school cafeteria. Bring canned goods for the Fish Pond food pantry.

- Cookies and Hot Cocoa
- Pictures with Santa (**Bring your own camera**)
- Stationary available for Santa letters...drop in mailbox
- Children's crafts for all age groups and reindeer food
- Horse drawn wagon rides
- Fish Pond sponsored by J.C. Memorial Library

This Veterans Day 11-11-18, is the beginning of the Salute to Jackson Center Veterans. If you have any family member who served this country please get me their picture in uniform, rank at discharge, years on active duty, years in a war zone, if no war zone their last duty station. You can message me the info on Facebook or e-mail me at bambos@woh.rr.com or if you have questions call my cell 419-954-0117. I would love to have a couple of hundred veterans by next Veterans Day!!! You can see by the attached pictures of what I need. (to see this go to Facebook, type in Ace and Bonnie Ambos and scroll down to JC Veterans.) You can also see what this looks like by visiting our VFW Post 4455 in Wapakoneta. I have done this for the members of our post. I will try to update new pictures on a weekly bases as I receive them, the computer puts them in order by your first name. Thank you for your help ~ Ace Ambos

Village Office Holiday Hours

December 24 ~ Closed 12-4

December 25 ~ Closed

December 31 ~ Closed 12-4

We who oversee The We Care Fund as well as all those you have helped, want to say thank you for your gifts of love. ALL OF YOU, no matter what you have given have been part of this ministry. Without your support, we would not have been able to help all those who were in need. May this new year bring joy and happiness to each one of you and your families and may you have a Blessed, Prosperous and Happy New Year! Ron and Linda Leininger / Dick and Linda Jenkins



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 1**
 - American Legion Chicken Fry 4:30 – 6:30pm
- **December 2**
 - Christmas in the Village
- **December 3**
 - Music/Choir Winter Concert at the school for Grades K-12 at 7pm
- **December 7**
 - NHS Blood Drive 9am
- **December 10**
 - Council Meeting at 7pm
 - 5-12 Grade Winter Band Concert at 7pm
- **December 12**
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry 11-2pm
- **December 17**
 - JC School Board Mtg at 7pm
- **December 19**
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry 11-2pm
- **December 20**
 - Jackson Township Trustee Mtg 7pm
- **December 24**
 - Village Office Closed 12-4pm
- **December 25**
 - Village Office Closed
- **December 31**
 - Village Office Closed 12-4pm

Trash & Recycling Collection Dates

December 4, 11, 18, & 26

