



# THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Village of Jackson Center Newsletter

January 2023

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

With January here, I want to discuss with you the upcoming Water & Sewer rate adjustments that you will be seeing in your Feb. 1, 2023 utility bill.

Back in 2018, we had a Cost-of-Service study completed for the Water and Sewer Departments to check their financial wellness. In other words, we needed to know if the rates we were charging enough to cover the expenditures for supplies, materials and personnel for each department. The results showed that there was a need to have a rate adjustment to keep these departments on track financially. The adjustment for water this year will be an additional \$1.51 a month for the 5000-gallon minimum. For Sewer the adjustment for this year will be an additional \$1.32 a month for the 5000-gallon minimum.

For example, I will show the monthly adjustment using the 5000-gallon minimum. In 2022, the minimum for water was \$25.13 and in 2023 it will be - \$26.64 which is an additional \$1.51 a month. Sewer, in 2022, is \$43.91 and in 2023 it will be - \$45.23 which is an additional \$1.32 a month. For a customer using the 5000-gallon minimum, they will see an additional total cost of \$2.83 for their water and sewer bill a month. There will be no increase in the customer charge for Water and Sewer at this time.

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

With that being said, the Village is undergoing a Cost-of-Service Study presently to check to make sure that we are on track with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in 2023 and the planned new Water Treatment Facility in 2024.

Now that 2022 is in the past, we can use the revenue and expenditures figures in our calculations going forward. We are also looking at the funding costs for the two upcoming projects that we will need to cover. We are hoping to present this to Council in January and if any changes are needed, we can address them and look at another possible rate change in April.

With this Cost-of-Service Study, Council is looking at lowering the minimum monthly usage from 5000 gallon a month minimum to 2000 gallon a month minimum. This is to make rates more equitable for residents that only have one or two people in their household.

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

(Next month: 2023 Outlook)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **January 7**
  - Legion Chicken Fry 4:30-6:00
- **January 9**
  - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **January 11**
  - Fish Pond Food Pantry & Knitworthy Clothing Closet 11-2pm
- **January 16**
  - No School
  - School Board Meeting at 7pm
- **January 19**
  - Jackson Township Trustee Meeting at 7pm
- **January 23**
  - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **January 25**
  - Fish Pond Food Pantry & Knitworthy Clothing Closet 11-2pm

### **Trash Collection Dates**

January 4, 10, 17, 24, & 31

### **Recycling Collection Dates**

January 10 & 24

## Christmas Light Winners

The Village of Jackson Center is honored to recognize Jackson Center residents who best contribute to the Christmas atmosphere and beauty of Jackson Center during the Christmas season through the use of lights and decorations. Congratulations along with free/reduced electric for the month goes to the winners of our Annual Holiday Display Contest:

**1st Place: Todd Seitz & James Miller @ 105 Village Parkway.**

*(All of December's electric bill paid by the Village of Jackson Center (up to \$250))*

**2nd Place: David & Misty Shields @ 207 James St.**

*(½ of December's electric bill paid by the Village of Jackson Center (up to \$125))*

**3rd Place: Terry & Bettina Brown @ 212 Davis St.**

*(¼ of December's electric bill paid by the Village of Jackson Center (up to \$75))*

*Thank you all for your Christmas displays and the amount of time and effort you put forth to make everyone's holidays a little brighter!*

### **JACKSON CENTER AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN FRY**

**January 7th, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-Sale Tickets available at:**

**J.C. Pro Hardware and Village of J.C. Office. Also, day of the event at drive thru door.**

**\$ 10.00 per dinner. Drive thru only. Thank you for supporting our Veterans**

### JC PTO Drawing!!

Help the Jackson Center PTO raise funds for teachers and students at Jackson Center by selling tickets for the 2023 50/50 Drawing! Ticket numbers can be purchased for \$10/each. The drawing for 50% of collected funds will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, during the halftime of the Varsity Boys Basketball game. The drawing will also be streamed via Facebook Live. Winner does not need to be present to win. Questions? Please send a private Facebook message to Jackson Center PTO and we will respond as soon as possible.

Village crews salt and plow the village streets with each storm. You can assist the crews by moving your vehicle(s) off the street. It is difficult to get the plows down the streets with cars parked along each side of the street, especially in cul-de-sacs and narrow streets.

Please be considerate of others when removing snow from your property. For the safety of our residents, it is imperative that property owners take responsibility to clear their own sidewalks. There are many children who walk to school and other residents who use the sidewalks frequently. When they are clogged with snow, residents are forced to walk in the street.

When clearing snow from your property, it should remain on your property. Do not blow snow from your property onto a neighbor's property or onto the road. Putting additional snow on the roads costs the village additional money as it forces crews to work longer to keep the road clear. When you clear your driveway, stack the shoveled snow to the right side of your driveway to reduce the amount of snow plowed in front of your driveway.

If you need assistance with snow removal, please call one of the local residents or businesses below:

**Airpark Excavating:** (937) 596-6167

**Jerry J. Davis:** (937) 596-0615

**Lotz Service:** (937) 596-6700

**Reichert Excavating:** (937) 843-6527

**Wannemacher Construction:** (937) 538-6007

**DT Contracting LLC - Darren Myers:** (937) 538-0370

