



THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Village of Jackson Center Newsletter

March 2020

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 in 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.

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)

Fish Pond Food Pantry by The Numbers

Households may come to the Food Pantry one time each month or once every 30 days. The Fish Pond Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. to utilize the food pantry, households or individuals must be a resident of the Jackson Center School District or reside in the communities of Maplewood, Botkins, or Montra.

Churches that have donated: Botkins UMC; Emanuel Lutheran Church (Montra); Grace Lutheran Church (Jackson Center); Jackson Center UMC; Maplewood UMC; Petersburg Parishes: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Botkins).

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Wapakoneta), St. Lawrence Catholic Church (Rhine), and St. John Catholic Church (Freyburg); St. Jacobs Lutheran Church (Jackson Township) and St. Marks Lutheran Church (Montra)

11 CHURCHES

THAT DONATE MONEY, FOOD AND TIME

1423 PEOPLE SERVED IN 2019

\$1,794 NEEDED EACH MONTH IN 2018

TO OPERATE THE FISH POND

0 PAID STAFF



41 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED EACH MONTH

22 SENIORS (60+) SERVED EACH MONTH

52 ADULTS (18-59) SERVED EACH MONTH

44 CHILDREN (UNDER 18) SERVED EACH MONTH

Jackson Center School Presents
The Musical "Annie"
March 5, 6, & 7 at 7pm
March 8 at 2pm

**Change Your Clock,
Change Your Batteries!
Spring Forward on Sunday, March 8!
Set your clocks ahead one hour!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Jackson Center
Education Foundation Banquet – Saturday,
April 18th. Tickets available soon!

JACKSON CENTER SUMMER
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/T-BALL
SIGN UP DAYS
Sunday, March 1st (12:00 ~ 1:00),
& Tuesday, March 3rd (5:00 ~ 6:00)

Inside the Main Entrance of Jackson Center Schools

**This will be for boys and girls who are
CURRENTLY in Pre-K or will be 5 years old by
August 1, 2020 through 7th grade for girls and
through 6th grade for boys. Please bring cash or a
check since payment will be due at registration.
Checks should be made payable to JCYSO.

JCFD Fish Fry will be on Saturday, March 28th
from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the Jackson Center
American Legion. It is an \$8.00 Donation and
All-You-Can-Eat-Fish! If you need Home
Delivery call Ron Ludwig at 596-5439. Tickets
can be purchased from any JCFD Volunteer
Firefighter and at the Village Office.

Save The Date!! NIGHT AT THE RACES!

Saturday, April 25 at the Palazzo in Botkins

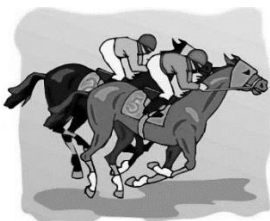
Horse races, auctions, door prizes and more!

Doors Open and Meal Served at 5:30 pm

Betting Windows Open at 6:30pm

Pre-Sale Tickets are \$20, Tickets at door are \$25
(Ticket price includes meal and unlimited drinks!)

**For questions or tickets call
Greg Woolley at 538-1888**



Upcoming Library Events!

Tenacious Tiger Tuesday is the first Tuesday of the month
(3/3/20), from 3:00 - 6:00 PM with an I Spy, Guessing Game, Wii
& PS2 games, as well as board games & a drop-in craft.

Friday Family Storytime is the third Friday of the Month (3/20/20)
at 11:00 AM for ages 2 - 6 with movement activities, crafts, flannel
board, music & stories!!!

Our SPRING FEST is on Tuesday, March 31st at 3:00 PM! There
will be a popcorn bar, cupcake decorating & eating, games,
prizes, egg hunt, grand prize gift basket, crafts and more!!!

Also, every Tuesday we have a knitting group that meets here
from 2:00 - 3:00 PM to "learn how-to" or finish your own project!

JC Adult Book Club meets the third Monday of the month
(3/16/20) at 5:15PM, Books will be available through the library for
loan. If you would like to participate, please ask early to reserve
your copy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 3**
 - Summer baseball/softball/t-ball signups 5-6 at the school
- **March 5**
 - Spring Musical "Annie" at 7pm
- **March 6**
 - Spring Musical "Annie" at 7pm
- **March 7**
 - Legion Chicken Fry 4:30 to 6:30
 - Spring Musical "Annie" at 7pm
- **March 8**
 - Spring Musical "Annie" at 2pm
- **March 9**
 - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **March 11**
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry 11-2pm
- **March 13**
 - No School
- **March 16**
 - School Board Mtg. 7pm
- **March 19**
 - Jackson Township Trustee Mtg. 7pm
- **March 23**
 - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **March 25**
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry 11-2pm
- **March 27**
 - Blood Drive 9am to 1pm
 - JC Father Daughter Dance 6 to 8pm
- **March 28**
 - JCFD Fish Fry 4-7pm
- **March 29**
 - FFA Banquet at 5pm

Trash Collection Dates

March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Recycling Collection Dates

March 10 & 24

