



# THE VILLAGE VIEW

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The Village of Jackson Center Newsletter

March 2023

## From the Desk of the Administrator

March seemed to get here in a flash. It sure does help when we had a mild February and I'm not complaining about that at all. It's music to my ears to walk out in the morning and here all the Robin's singing and seeing all the flowers popping out of their beds.

We had another great year in production at our Solar Field. We finished with 2868 MWh (Mega Watt Hours) this was just 1.911 MWh short of 2021 record year of 2870. Hoping for another great production year here in 2023.

Peterson Construction is progressing well at the WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plant). The new sludge auger is installed and in use. The old grit pump and the grit classifier (these remove the sand/ stones/ grit from the incoming sewage so it doesn't damage our equipment used in the treatment process) has been removed and we are waiting for the arrival of the new equipment, which is not expected until August. The new RAS (Return Activated Sludge) structure has been installed and work continues to hook up the piping and arrival of the new pumps.

The OEPA (Ohio Environmental Protection Agency) has reviewed the plans and details for the new Water Treatment Facility and has returned a list of question and suggestions for us to change or alter to meet the specifications they require for them to approve our project to move forward. We are hoping to go to bid this summer and construction will probably not start until 2024. The Village is still actively applying for grant monies to help with the cost of the project.

This will be a very busy year with a lot of projects on-going and new ones getting started. Please be patient if one of these projects is in your area of the Village.

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## What is a Zoning Permit and who needs one?

As spring approaches and our home improvement ideas are starting to come to mind, there may be confusion over who and what requires a Zoning Permit within the Village. Statements such as "fences don't require a permit" and "accessory buildings don't require a permit if they are on skids" are NOT correct. Your neighborhood expert is usually not your best source for interpreting our Zoning Code.

As a guideline, the Zoning Ordinance of the Village states "A Zoning Permit is a document issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer authorizing buildings, structures, or uses consistent with the terms of the Zoning Regulations". This permit is issued to the land owner for accessory buildings, fences, new construction, swimming pools, and remodeling projects that alter the size of the structure. It is primarily a **land use** permit which gives the land owner help in locating the required setbacks for the rear, side, and front yards. It aids the land owner in locating any utility easements that may exist to prevent any unnecessary, costly damage to their accessory structure that may occur if that structure is placed in those easements. It is not intended to infringe on your rights as a land owner but rather to assist you in maximizing the benefits of your property and help you to be the good neighbor that you want your neighbor to be to you. While it is NOT a Building Permit issued by the County which requires inspections for electrical, plumbing and construction, a Zoning Permit IS still required to obtain a Building Permit. The fee for a Zoning Permit is currently \$25 but the fine for failure to obtain one is \$100 plus costs. The permit forms are available in the Village Office or you can download a fillable form from the Village website. If you are unsure of what is needed, you can call and have your project checked out ahead of time by the Zoning Officer. The current Zoning Enforcement Officer is Ed Maxwell and can be reached by calling the Village Office at 596-6314 for contact information.

**Jackson Center High School presents**

*GREASE the Musical*

March 2-4 @ 7pm

March 5th @ 2pm

Tickets \$10 at the door or call

(937) 596-6053

**JACKSON CENTER AMERICAN LEGION**

**CHICKEN FRY**

**March 4th, 2023**

**4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**DRIVE THRU ONLY**

**Pre-Sale Tickets available at:**

**J.C. Pro Hardware, Village of J.C. Office**

**Also, day of the event at drive thru door.**

**\$10.00 per dinner - 1 pint coleslaw \$ 2.00**

**Thank you for supporting our Veterans**

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

The Jackson Center Senior Class and Jackson Center Schools will be sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, April 28, 2023. The blood drive will be held from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, at the school, in the athletic complex.

The goal is to have forty donors. If you would like to donate, please sign up at [www.donortime.org](http://www.donortime.org). Thank you in advance for helping to save a life. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Susie Harris at 937-596-6149 (ext. 115).



**Trash Collection Dates**

March 7, 14, 21, & 28

**Recycling Collection Dates**

March 7 & 21

**Change Your Clock,  
Change Your Batteries!  
Spring Forward on Sunday, March 12!  
Set your clocks ahead one hour!**



**NIGHT AT THE RACES!**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**at The Shelby Oaks Club in Sidney**

Horse races, auctions, door prizes and more!

Doors Open and Meal Served at 5:30 pm

Betting Windows Open at 6:30pm

Tickets are \$35 (Ticket price includes meal and unlimited drinks!)

**For questions or tickets call**

**Greg Woolley at 538-1888**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **March 4**
  - Legion Chicken Fry 4:30 to 6:00pm
- **March 8**
  - Fish Pond Food Pantry & Knitworthy Clothing Closet 11-2pm
- **March 13**
  - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **March 16**
  - Jackson Township Trustee Meeting at 7pm
- **March 20**
  - School Board Meeting at 7pm
- **March 22**
  - Fish Pond Food Pantry & Knitworthy Clothing Closet 11-2pm
- **March 24**
  - No School
- **March 27**
  - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **March 30**
  - JC School Senior Blood Drive 9:00am-1:00pm