



THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Village of Jackson Center Newsletter

December 2017

From the desk of the Administrator...

Construction is under way on the Village Solar Field. The 2.34 MW (Megawatt – 1,000,000 watts) Solar Field was started in October by Next Era Energy. The project is part of the AMP Solar Phase II Project. AMP (American Municipal Partners) has teamed with Next Era Energy to build up to 80 MW of solar electric generation facilities. The electricity produced supplies AMP communities that have signed purchase agreements in the Project. The Village Solar Field is located at the end of Jerry Drive, directly behind Airstream. The 9-acre site will be made up of 6894 solar panels harvesting the power of the sun. The Village will be receiving about 20% of the power produced from the field. The extra power produced will be put back on the grid for other AMP communities in the Project. The Solar field will produce enough energy to power approximately 280 homes. The Solar Field should be producing power by the end of the year. (Next month: Utility Rates)

Nominations Open for Annual Christmas Display Contest!

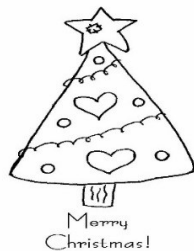
Help pick this years' winners for Jackson Center's Annual Christmas Display Contest. Simply nominate a friend, neighbor or any fellow resident and the Beautification Committee will do the rest! All worthy nominees should complete a nomination form that is available at the Village Office or on-line at 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)



Village Office Holiday Hours

December 22 ~ Closed 12-4

December 25 ~ Closed

December 29 ~ Closed 12-4

Christmas in the Village Sunday, December 3, 2017 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

Consider Giving Jackson Center Growth Association Gift Certificates

As you begin your Christmas shopping, we encourage you to remember to support our local businesses. Shopping local keeps jobs and businesses in our community and keeps our village vibrant. We are blessed with numerous goods and services and we need to let our businesses know we appreciate them! If you would like to give a gift to a friend or family member but are not sure what to get, remember Jackson Center Growth Association Gift Certificates are available and accepted year-round by many of our businesses. These certificates can be purchased at the Jackson Center Branch of US BANK.

The following businesses accept Growth Association Gift Certificates: Allenbaugh Insurance, Artistic Designs, Bambauer Fertilizer, Jackson Center Village Office (i.e. utility payments, pool passes), Lotz Insurance, The Heidout Restaurant and Bar, Curly's Custom Meats, Ideas 2 Treasures, Dee's Beauty Shop, Primary Eye Care, Huffer Chiropractic, JC Auto Parts, JR & Sons Service Center, JC Post Office, and JC Schools.

Recipe Exchange

CHEESY FLORET SOUP by Bruce Metz

6 cups fresh broccoli florets
2 cups fresh cauliflower florets
3 celery stalks, sliced
1 small onion, chopped
3 cups water
1 teaspoon celery salt
4 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
3 cups milk
1 ½ pounds of (Velveeta) cheese, cubed

In a large saucepan, combine the first six ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 12-15 minutes.

In a small sauce pan, melt butter, stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in the milk. Bring to a boil (I stir constantly) cook for two minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat, add cheese. Cook and stir until cheese is melted. Drain vegetables, add cheese sauce and heat through. (add additional milk if too thick)

Get all of your holiday shopping done in one place!

December 3, 2017 from 1-5 pm at the Family Life Center Vendors include Thirty-One, Touchstone Crystal, Young Living, Paparazzi Jewelry, Craft Vendors, Custom Apparel, Paintings, LuLaRoe, Scrapbook crafts & much, much more! Admission is FREE to the public. Come out and support local vendors and consultants.

If anyone is interested in submitting their favorite recipe to be put in the Village View please submit it to the Village Office or send to mserr@jacksoncenter.com by the 15th of the month.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County is currently looking for mentors for their Lunch Buddies program at Jackson Center Schools. Mentors will be matched with 2nd & 3rd grade students and eat lunch with them every Wednesday during the school year from 10:50-11:30am. Lunches are provided for mentors, or you may bring your own. Please call 937-492-7611 or visit www.bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org for more information.

New Village Park

The new park on the South side of town still does not have a name. If you have any names that you can think of please submit it to the Village Office or by emailing mserr@jacksoncenter.com We appreciate your help!

The JC Movie!

Download for free at: <https://vimeo.com/230305650>
OR buy your own DVD for \$10.00

Proceeds go to the H.S. Student Council for student activities and scholarships. Pick up at the school. Email Marilyn Kohler at m_kohler@jctigers.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 2**
 - American Legion Chicken Fry 4:30 – 6:30pm
- **December 3**
 - Christmas in the Village
- **December 4**
 - Winter Concert at the school for Grades K-5 at 7pm
- **December 11**
 - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **December 13**
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry 11-2pm
- **December 15**
 - JCHS Blood Drive 9am – 1pm
- **December 18**
 - JC School Board Mtg at 7pm
- **December 21**
 - Jackson Township Trustee Mtg 7pm
- **December 22**
 - Village Office Closed 12-4pm
- **December 25**
 - Village Office Closed
- **December 27**
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry 11-2pm
- **December 28**
 - JC Growth Association Mtg. Noon at Family Life Center
- **December 29**
 - Village Office Closed 12-4pm

Trash & Recycling Collection Dates

December 5,12,19,27

No School December 23 – January 2