



# Jackson Center Newsletter

January 2017

## January Calendar of Events

2 Village Office Closed  
7 Legion Chicken Fry, 4:30-6:30pm  
8 SAL Benefit Breakfast for Shaners, 8am-noon  
9 & 23 Village Council, 7pm

19 Township Trustee Meeting, 7pm  
16 NO SCHOOL  
26 Growth Association Mtg., noon

Recycling and Waste Collection will be on their regular Tuesday collection schedule throughout January.

## 2016 Year in Review by Administrator Bruce Metz

### Business Growth:

- \* Airstream started construction in October for their new 50,000 square foot addition to their Paint facility. With this addition, Airstream now employs over 700 associates. Airstream also purchased the 90,000 square foot former Holloway building, along with the EMI Corporation building which now houses Airstream's Parts Department.
- \*EMI Corporation built a new 108,000 square foot facility at 801 West Pike Street, relocating from their 427 West Pike Street address. EMI is looking at adding 10 additional jobs to their workforce.
- \* NK TELCO purchased the 533 North Main property. They have completed the demolition to the house and will soon be installing a fiber hut. NK TELCO is hoping to offer cable service to JC residents in 2018.
- \*The Village also was blessed to have several new businesses in town. Saucy Sows Meat & Deli and Haas Brother's Pizza and Beer. P'Cassios Food Trailer also provided food services to area industry and to residents during the summer months.
- \*With the growth of our business the Village income tax revenues are up nearly 25% over 2015!!

### Streets:

- \*Hamer Street was extended 500 feet to the railroad tracks along with the sewer line. In addition, new storm lines were installed. Curbs and paving will be completed in 2017.
- \*Paving projects for the year were the repaving and application of reclamite on Shelby & East Streets between Pike and Jackson Streets. Also, the Village's part of Shroyer Road was repaved and reclaimed.
- \*Village Crews upgraded the water main on Linden and Davis Streets around the school. The old six inch main was replaced with a new twelve inch main. Materials for the project were obtained from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$35,000.
- \*The Village received \$190,000 in grant money from the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Program to reconstruct Davis, Linden, and South Streets around the School. The Village also received an additional \$485,000 in grant monies from Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and a \$500,000 in zero interest loan monies from OPWC as well. This will consist of new curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm sewers, and pavement. This project is planned to start in the spring.

### Projects:

- \*New Village entrance signs were put up on Main Street and Pike Street designed by Behr Design LLC.
- \*The Village received a \$52,647 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and another \$130,000 in grant funds from the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Program for development of a Park on the Water Plant Well Field. This project is planned to start in June, 2017.
- \*The Village has begun work on the Airstream Drive Traffic Light Project. Trees have been removed and electric utilities are being relocated. Storm water work will begin soon. The nearly \$500,000 project will be funded with approximately \$173,000 in grant monies from Jobs Ohio, \$53,000 from ODOT, \$90,000 from Airstream and the remaining funding from the Village.
- \*The Village also obtained a \$780,426 grant from Ohio Department of Transportation Enhancement grant. The grant will be used for all new decorative street lights on Main Street and new traffic light poles and signals with crosswalk signals. This Project is to be started in 2018.
- \*The Village swapped 34 acres on Washington Street to acquire 28 acres on Jerry Drive across from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and will construct a 1.7 Megawatt Solar Field on approximately 9 acres on Jerry Drive. The Village will also be constructing a 12 acre detention pond on Jerry Drive. This will help with the flooding conditions on Pike Street during heavy rain events. The Village will receive \$160,000 in grant monies from the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Program to assist in the \$220,000 project.

Year in Review Continued...

\*The Wastewater Plant Upgrade Project is approximately 50% complete with work continuing on the clarifiers. The nearly 1 million dollar project should be completed this summer.

\*The Village purchased the 109 East College Street property and razed the old Baptist Church.

\*The Village also purchased 102 West Pike Street property and is in the process of its demolition. Council has contracted with Freytag and Associates to start the plans for a two story Retail/Office Building on the site.

### **Additional Changes:**

\*Village was saddened in the passing of Hugh Sosby in May. Hugh was our Groundskeeper for the Village for 5 years. Drew Sosby, (Hugh's Grandson) was then hired as groundskeeper to continue the mowing legacy Hugh left behind. Drew will start full time with the Village on January 1st as a Water and Wastewater Apprentice.

\*The Village has been very aggressive in pursuing grant funding to help offset the cost of many projects in which the Village is undertaking. For calendar years 2016, 2017 and 2018 the Village has secured a total of \$1,643,748 in grant funds.

\*The Village upgraded the billing software for utilities and also can take credit card payments at the Village

\*Officer Hiro, our K-9 Officer was voted "TOP DOG" of the Miami Valley. Hiro will be featured in the 2017 SCARF (Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation) calendar.

\*The Village of Jackson Center has renewed its partnership with Efficiency Smart through the end of 2019, extending the initial three-year contract that began in January 2011. Efficiency Smart provides energy efficiency services for electric customers of Jackson Center Municipal Electric System. Through the end of November 2016, the partnership has resulted in 965 megawatt-hours (MWh) of energy saved in Jackson Center, 406% of the goal established for the contract period. That is a Lifetime savings of \$1,153,714.

It has been a terrific year for our Village! We are looking forward to 2017!

## **New Trash Collection Options**

Beginning in February, Village residents will have the OPTION of continuing to use trash bags to dispose of refuse or they can choose to rent a 96 gallon tote. Both options will continue to be picked up weekly on Tuesday. If residents still have a stock-pile of trash bags, they can be used until they are gone. The Village will not buy back bags that have already been sold. Republic Services will continue to pick up these bags until they are gone. Recycling will still be picked up in the dark green and light green totes that you currently have. However, beginning January 1, the recycling rate will increase from \$2.10 per month to \$3 per month.

**Trash Bag Option:** Beginning February 1, the price per bag increases from \$2.40 a bag to \$2.50 a bag. Once the Village depletes its supply of 5 bag rolls, bags will be sold in rolls of ten at a cost of \$25 per roll. Bags will be sold at the Village Office and in the machine in front of the Village Office. If you want to dispose of a large item, you will need to purchase a large item tag from the Village Office.

**96 Gallon Tote Option:** Residents will need to call 937-593-3566 after January 9 to set up the tote rental service. If you have extra bags, you can begin your rental service anytime in 2017 when your bags are gone by calling the above number. For those using totes, Republic Waste will bill residents quarterly at \$12.90 per month. A large item can be set out at no additional cost with the tote service. However, Republic Services will monitor this service and those that abuse the large item service may lose the ability to set out large items. If the tote is stolen, or blows away, residents will need to contact Republic Services to replace the tote.

## **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 third Annual Holiday Display Contest:

**1st Place: Bracey and Neoma Halker (116 Birch Street):** *All of December's electric bill paid by the Village of Jackson Center (up to \$250)*

**2nd Place (Tie): David & Misty Shields (106 Parkview Dr. and Brian Lotz 508 N. Main Street)** *½ of December's electric bill paid by the Village of Jackson Center (up to \$125)*

**3rd Place (Tie): Ryan & Kristina Lyle, 110 Birch Street & Deborah Landenburg, 111 Birch Street:** *(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!*