

Village of Jackson Center

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From the Desk of the Administrator

With September here and only 22 days from the start of fall. My excitement for the Baseball Season to begin has long worn off. My dreams of a great short season for the Reds is all but over. Disappointed but sure am glad they are playing.

This month I will be writing on the effects of COVID-19 has taken on the Village. To date our Village income tax is running 7.86% less than 2019 numbers. The Village has also spent approximately \$5,000 on COVID-19 related supplies. This has also led to change in the way several Village services are handled now.

The Village Office was closed for a couple of months but is back open for business and all utility departments are operating normal with the exception of two part time employees were laid off. The utility departments will not enter a private residence unless it is an emergency until pandemic is declared over.

The Village is now offering a new way to pay your utility bill. We have added to our website www.jacksoncenter.com Go to the homepage and click on Online Utility Bill Pay and it take you to the payment page.

The Village has received \$39,992.71 from the CARES ACT from the Federal Government. These funds can be used by the Village for expenses caused by COVID-19. Funds not spent or encumbered need to be returned at the end of the year.

At the last Council meeting Council approved using some of the CARES ACT funds for grants for our small businesses that have sustained economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Depending on number of applicants, eligible entities could receive up to \$5,000 or more in assistance. Business must be in JC and in operation by March 1, 2020. Must have less than 50 full-time employees as of March 15, 2020. And annual gross receipts of the business must be less than \$2,000,000. Any questions on the program or needing an application you may contact our Economic Development Director Ed Maxwell at 937 726-1504 or the Village Office at 937 596-6314.

I would encourage everyone who has not filled the 2020 Census please do so. We are really lagging behind getting this accomplished. We are only at 57.1% completion as a Village. As you read in July's article how fortunate the Village is at receiving grants. We need everyone counted so we can show the needs for assistance with our projects. It is also a very important for our School as well. Here is an address for a link that will



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take you right to where you need to fill your Census out online. $\underline{\text{https://2020census.gov/}}$ It only takes a few minutes. Thanks everyone 6

Next month: (Jackson Center 100 years in Public Power)