



THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Village of Jackson Center Newsletter

February 2026

From the desk of the Administrator... Greetings! Hope everyone is off to a great year, anyone ready for spring yet?

This month I'm sharing the Water/Sewer, Electric rate adjustments, trash, and recycling updates. Both Water & Sewer funds completed cost of service studies this past year that reviewed each funds financial wellness and outlook. Our goal as a utility is to provide reliable and safe drinking water while being fiscal responsible to make sure, we sustain our operations. Because Village Council has done a great job of getting our rates where they need to be, there will be no rate increase for water and sewer in 2026. However, in 2027 and 2028 the Water minimum usage (0-2000) will increase 2% year to year. In addition, the Sewer at this time is not expected to increase. The 1st reading on the proposed Water/Sewer rate changes will be on January 26th, the Village will hold 3 readings on this legislation and will be in effect **March 1st 2026**. If you have questions or concerns about the upcoming adjustments, please call the Village Office, I would be happy to discuss!

2026-2028 (Proposed) Water

| Water Usage | 2026 Rate | 2027 Rate | 2028 Rate |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0 to 2,000 gallons | \$40.25/month | \$41.06/month | \$41.88/month |
| 2,100 to 5,000 gallons | \$10.25/1000 gallons | \$10.25/1000 gallons | \$10.25/1000 gallons |
| 5,100 to 35,000 gallons | \$9.74/1000 gallons | \$9.74/1000 gallons | \$9.74/1000 gallons |
| All over 35,000 gallons | \$9.12/1000 gallons | \$9.12/1000 gallons | \$9.12/1000 gallons |
| Customer Charge | \$5.00/month | \$5.00/month | \$5.00/month |

*The minimum allowance (0-2000 gallons) will be increasing \$0.81 in **2027** and \$0.82 in **2028** as of now. We will be monitoring our rates each year (s) to make sure we stay on course.

2026-2028 (Proposed) Sewer

| Water Usage | 2025 Rate | 2027 Rate | 2028 Rate |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0 to 2,000 gallons | \$46.00/month | \$46.00/month | \$46.00/month |
| 2,100 to 5,000 gallons | \$10.00/1000 gallons | \$10.00/1000 gallons | \$10.00/1000 gallons |
| 5,100 to 35,000 gallons | \$9.45/1000 gallons | \$9.45/1000 gallons | \$9.45/1000 gallons |
| All over 35,000 gallons | \$8.68/1000 gallons | \$8.68/1000 gallons | \$8.68/1000 gallons |
| Customer Charge | \$7.50/month | \$7.50/month | \$7.50/month |

*There will be **no** rate increase to our sewer rates for 2026-2028 as of now. The Village will be conducting an asset management plan/condition assessment this year as we continue to focus on improving our infrastructure, we will review our rates throughout the year (s) to make sure we stay on course.

2025 vs 2026 Electric

For 2025, the cost per kilo-watt hour (kWh) was 11.671 cents with a \$26.00/mo. customer charge. Per Ordinance 2023-006, the customer charge will increase from \$26.00 to \$30.00/mo. and the cost per kilo-watt hour (kWh) decreases to 11.738 cents. In addition, our Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) will continue which enable us to adjust rates based on power supply costs allowing the raising or lowering the power charge as needed. Currently our PCA is a negative (**\$0.0010/kWh**)

Bill Example: 850 kWh Residential Usage

| 850 kWh | Rate |
|--|-----------------|
| Customer Charge | \$30.00 |
| Energy Charge (.11738 - .0010) *850kWh | \$98.92 |
| KW Tax | \$3.95 |
| Total | \$132.88 |

*Under existing rates, 850 kWh usage would be \$129.15. The new rate as shown above, will make the total \$132.88, which is a \$3.72 increase for a customer that used 850 kWh. This will be in effect **March 1st, 2026** (February's Usage).

Trash and Recycling

Per Ordinance 2024-005, The Trash and Recycling will increase on March 1st.

| Effective Date of Rate | Trash Bags (Bundle of 10 Bags) | 96-GAL Tote | Recycling/month |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| March 1st, 2026 | \$35.50/10 bags | \$19.73 | \$4.42 |

*As a reminder, trash bags will be phased out on **March 1st, 2027** and the Village will be strictly totes from then on.

**Additional reminder for everyone using the Recycle Center on Jerry Dr.: Please break down all cardboard boxes before placing them in the bins. This helps ensure there's enough space for everyone and keeps the area respectful for all who use it.

Eichholtz & Daring Funeral Home



Business Spotlight: For generations, families in Jackson Center have turned to the funeral home at 214 W. Pike Street during life's most tender moments. Today, that tradition of care continues through Eichholtz & Daring Funeral Home, where compassion, familiarity, and heartfelt service guide every family they serve. Formerly known as Van Horn Funeral Home, the Jackson Center location was purchased in 2006 by Eichholtz Funeral Homes and completely remodeled. At that time, ownership included Trey Daring, Dennis Sanford, Bud Eichholtz, and Jeff Smith, marking a new chapter of service for the community.

In 2012, ownership transitioned to Trey Daring and Dennis Sanford following the retirement of Bud Eichholtz and Jeff Smith. Most recently, in 2025, Trey Daring became the sole owner after Dennis Sanford's retirement, continuing the funeral home's long-standing commitment to personalized, caring service. Eichholtz & Daring is a full-service funeral home, offering traditional funerals, cremation services with their own on-site crematory in Bellefontaine, custom monuments through their Buckeye Monument division, and preplanning services. They also provide a pets-only crematory at their Bellefontaine location, reflecting their dedication to serving families in every way possible. In addition to Trey, the funeral home is supported by a compassionate team of licensed funeral professionals, including Eric Tinsman, Hannah Rostorfer, and Kyle Van Horn. The Jackson Center location is further strengthened by office manager Karla Haas, a lifelong community member who along with her husband Keith Haas has deep roots in Jackson Center. Karla has been an integral part of the team! Proud to call Jackson Center home, Eichholtz & Daring Funeral Home remains committed to honoring lives, supporting families, and serving the community with dignity and care.

2026 J.C. Tiger Trot

When: May 30th, 2026

Where: Grace Lutheran Church; 607 S. Main St.

Time: 1 mile race starts at 8:30 AM, 5K to follow at 9:00 AM. Course for 2026, same as in prior year's - ALL IN TOWN! Music throughout the Course; Water Stations & Mile Splits. Proceeds go to JC Athletic Boosters

Entry Fees:

5K: \$25.00 with T-shirt if registered by May 17th

\$25.00 Race-day Registration (no shirt)

\$5.00 1 Mile-Fun Run (no shirt) - Register for the Fun Run @ the race, on race day. **T-shirts are only guaranteed to Pre-registered before May 17th**

Awards: Prize money for top 3 male and top 3 female - \$50 for first, \$25 for second, \$20 for third! ***Race Awards & Door Prizes following the 5K Race/Walk ***Plenty of giveaways! ***Free Race Entry for Life to Top Overall Male/Female Winner ***5-K Age Group Awards: (Top 3 in each age group recognized) 10-under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 & over. 1 Mile Fun Run: top elementary boy/girl awards. **To Register:**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/JacksonCenter/JCTigerTrot>

NEW SUBWAY HOURS

Mon.-Fri., 7am-9pm // Sat., 9am - 8pm // Sun., 10am - 8pm

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

JC United Methodist Church, 2/3, 12:30 - 6:30P

FINE ARTS NIGHT, JCHS... 2/12 6-8:30P

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 4** JC Senior Citizens Gathering, 1pm
- Feb 5** Joint Ambulance Mtg., JC Town Hall, 7P
- Feb 9** Village Council, 7pm
- Feb 11** Fish Pond Food Pantry, 11-2p
- Feb 16** **PRESIDENTS DAY - VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED, NO SCHOOL**, School Board, 7pm
- Feb 18** JC Senior Citizens Gathering, 1pm
- Feb 19** Jackson Township Trustee Mtg., 7pm
- Feb 23** Village Council, 7pm
- Feb 25** Fish Pond Food Pantry, 11-2p

Trash Collection Dates

Feb 3, 10 17, 24

Recycling Collection Dates

Feb 3, 17

***2026 Recycling Schedule magnets have arrived and available in the village office.**