

September 30, 2023

Dear Resident,

As Mayor of the Village of College Corner, I have witnessed firsthand the many good things that we can be proud of today. In the past two years, we applied for and were awarded a \$526,750 meter replacement project grant from the Ohio Department of Development. This new cellular meter reading system provides the opportunity for all water users to access hourly data to monitor their individual water consumption. Another grant applied for and awarded to the Village in the amount of \$742,500 for improvements to Butler, Preble, and Franklin Streets from the Butler County Commissioners. The meter replacement project was completed by December 31, 2022, while the Butler, Preble, and Franklin Streets project is expected to commence during the spring of 2024. Grants play a significant role in our ability to make major improvements to our Village. We are in the process of securing funds for the Paxton Ditch that is critical to controlling the discharge of surface water from Ramsey Street to Shideler Street. We are in the planning stages for Ridenour, Vine and North Walnut Streets to improve the streets and drainage for surface water discharge.

On the horizon, is yet another project related to the water tower located at 7621 Jones Road. We will need to make major repairs and improvements to our water tower within the next few years. The estimated average cost for such repairs and improvements is \$1.25 per gallon of the tank size. Our water tower tank size is 400,000 gallons, equating to approximately \$500,000 for repairs and improvements.

We have established valuable relationships with vendors, contractors, and governmental agencies. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has been very helpful, providing guidance and understanding of our duties and obligations to meet the standards and requirements of a public water system. Agencies with Preble and Butler Counties have provided both assistance and guidance with various regulations and services beneficial to our citizens. Our new website villageofcollegecorner.org has been a great addition that provides access to public information about the Village.

Our goal is to provide needed services for the residents of the Village of College Corner. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward to improve service to you and the entire community. As we work toward this goal, please take the time to communicate with me and the members of council how we can best serve you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James R. Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James R. Jackson, Mayor