

# Jackson Township

## NEWSLETTER



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*A Message from your  
Jackson Township Officials...*



(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer, and Jackson Township Trustees William M. Burger, Vice President, James N. Walters and John E. Pizzino, President.

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will be hosting two town hall meetings this fall. They are scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 25, 2009 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall, 5735 Wales Avenue NW. Any resident with questions or concerns is welcome to attend.

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## THE INTERSECTION "HEART" OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP IS OPEN & VIBRANT



Looking toward the west, this new Township Intersection improved the traffic flow and eliminated congestion.



The new and convenient Wales and Fulton intersection, looking toward the East.

The view from both directions...South and North of the new center "Heart" of Jackson Township Intersection.



### Fulton/Wales Intersection

After a year of construction, the Jackson Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer are pleased that the Fulton/Wales Intersection is finally open to the traveling public in all four directions. Construction was completed in June, which was well ahead of the projected fall completion.

There are new traffic signal lights at the intersections of Mudbrook, Foxboro, and Caritas. Entries into the surrounding businesses, schools, library, YMCA, parks, and government facilities have all been completed to provide easy access.

The Fulton/Wales intersection improvement consists of ODOT State Route 687 (Fulton) and State Route 241 (Wales) at the "heart" of Jackson Township. Various funding sources were used to pay for the project. We are grateful for the efforts of Mike Rehfus, Stark County Engineer, for initiating the receipt of \$1,456,000 in Federal funding for this project. ODOT District #4 contributed \$600,000 plus construction management services and underground utility research, for a total ODOT contribution of \$1,337,550. In addition, ODOT secured an Ohio Safety Grant of \$1,050,000. Finally, the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer planned for this project ahead of time and set aside funding for several years in order to contribute \$2,157,247 for design and construction.

Jackson Township is very proud to be a major partner in achieving this necessary improvement to the "heart" of Jackson Township.

The NEW "Streetscape" project will compliment this center "Heart" area with street lighting and sidewalks for your safety and convenience. The new light posts are equipped with electric receptacles, flag and banner supports. Crosswalks are located at each signaled intersection and are complete with pedestrian operated buttons for your assistance in carefully crossing the several busy lanes of traffic. The "Streetscape" project is made possible through a \$600,000 federal grant obtained for Jackson Township by former U.S. Congressman Ralph Regula.

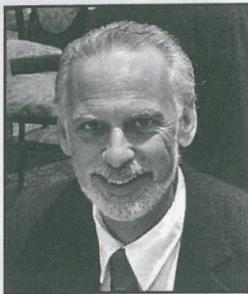
Your Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and all Township Officials are pleased with our new intersection improvement. It will serve all our residents with smooth traffic flow, convenience and safety for years to come.



This is how the Fulton and Wales Intersection looked in May of 1976, and how it has changed to this wide, smooth traffic intersection of today.



# Summer was a Great Time in the Jackson Parks



*David R. Ruwadi  
Park/Operations Director*

It was another wonderful year for programs and special events for the residents of Jackson Township. Some of the park programs and events provided were Country Line Dancing, Fishing Fundamentals, Tiny Tracks, My Grandparent and Me, the Annual Pet Parade, Creative Movement, Tie Dying, and the Kids Yard Sale.

A new free event for this year was "Arts in Jackson Parks -- A Brush with Nature", sponsored by the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce and the Jackson Township Park Department. A committee of volunteers planned the event over the past year. This unique show had something for everyone with a blend of fine art, live music, food, and a children's art tent. Special thanks to sponsors Jackson Suburbanite, Sam's Club and Outback Steakhouse.

**FACT:** *The park department operates from the general fund of Jackson Township, which means there is no levy for operating the department.*

## TINY TRACKS – "TOUCH A TRUCK" PROGRAM



The Jackson Township Park Department's popular weekly preschool program "Tiny Tracks" gave children the opportunity to meet Jackson Township firefighters, police officers, and Highway Department workers and see the big trucks they use each day.

Approximately 80 children and their parents attended the program. Tiny Tracks is a weekly Jackson Township Park Department program, with 10 themed sessions throughout the summer.

Jackson Township Fire Inspector Kevin Lanzer and Part-time Firefighter Jeremy Hershberger taught the children, ages 3-5, about fire safety, calling 911 in an emergency, and what a firefighter wears into a fire. Firefighter Hershberger allowed the Tiny Trackers to explore one of Jackson Township's fire trucks, and taught them about special equipment that helps firefighters on their job.



Nikolas Ross shows off the big fish he caught during the Park's "Fishing Fundamentals" program, held at the pond in North Park last June.



Officer John Angelo of the Jackson Township Police Department brought a police cruiser, and allowed the children to climb through the car while teaching them about police safety and special parts of a police car.

## PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS

**THE YMCA IS A GREAT PLACE FOR THE FAMILY TO BE TOGETHER!**

**The Paul and Carol David YMCA of Jackson Township is "A Place To Go, A Place To Grow".**

— Visit our Open House: Saturday, October 24, 2009 —  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Come and check out all of our programs.**  
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Call for more information at 330-830-6275 or go to [www.ymcastark.org](http://www.ymcastark.org).

*The Paul and Carol David Jackson Township YMCA is located at 7389 Caritas Circle NW, just south of the Wales and Fulton intersection.*



Steve Ott of the Jackson Township Highway Department surprised the children by showing up with a dump truck, and letting the children get a rare view high up inside the cab of the truck.



The Jackson Township Park Department exhibited a John Deere tractor for the children to see, learn about, and climb into.

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## THE ANNUAL JACKSON TOWNSHIP PET PARADE

The Annual Jackson Township Pet Parade was held at the North Park in July for children 15 years of age and younger to show off their favorite animals. All pets were welcome and the turnout was outstanding. Participants and their pets were encouraged to dress in costumes. A panel of three judges awarded prizes for the following categories along with judge's choice awards:

**Biggest Pet:** Kate and Miranda – Darwin (Swiss Mountain Dog)

**Smallest Pet:** Kellen Harkness – Franklin (Turtle)

**Famous Hollywood Pet:** Victoria and Andrew Piper – Searchlight and Cooper (Guinea Pigs)

**Prettiest Pet:** Abigail Evans – Ashes (Cat)



### Owner & Pet Look-a-Like:

Maycie Etling – Lucy  
(Wheaten Terrier)

**All-American Pet:** Lauren,  
Sarah, Julie Chlysta – Popples  
(Shi-poo)

## FALL AND WINTER PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### 15th Annual Haunted Hayride

The 15th Annual Haunted Hayride will take place again this year in the **Jackson South Park** on Fulton Road, Saturday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. Trips into the unknown begin at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 10:00 pm. Real hay wagons will take riders to the scary Halloween scenes that are provided by volunteers, the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce, and the Jackson Township Park Department. Come early, the hayride will go on, rain or moon shine. Make it a scary night to remember. This is a **free** event but donations will be accepted.

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**Aquadale Veterinary  
Clinic**

Aquadale Veterinary Clinic would like to  
introduce the newest addition to our staff:

**Dr. Todd Lightell**

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North Lawrence, Ohio 44666  
330-853-3127

Dr. Kimberly Takacs  
Dr. Tara Foldenauer

## Friends of Jackson Community Parks

The Friends of Jackson Community Parks is just over a year old and there is still a need for volunteers for board positions.

Someone with grant writing experience would be greatly appreciated. Obtaining grants, tax-deductible donations, and memberships will fund the group. We are a 501 (C) (3) tax-exempt entity, so donations, along with family and business memberships, will be tax exempt.

Used cell phone recycling has been a fundraising project that has been successful. It seems everyone has old cell phones in a drawer at home. Buehler's has offered to be a collection point for used cell phone recycling.

**There are many projects in the Jackson Parks that we are trying to find funding to complete.**

The playground in the South Park has seen many years of service and needs to be updated or replaced. The fence in the North Park around the pond needs to be replaced. We continue to look for funds to complete the skate park. Tennis court lighting is another big project that will take big money to accomplish. There are other areas in Jackson Parks that also need attention.

**Your tax-deductible membership or donation will help us accomplish some of these projects.**

You can pick up a membership form at the Jackson Township Administration Building or contact Steve Rohr at 330-844-1212. You can also Email him at [steverohr@hotmail.com](mailto:steverohr@hotmail.com).

**Thank you for your support of the Friends of Jackson Community Parks.**

ANNUAL

# HAUNTED HAYRIDE

**Saturday, October 24, 2009  
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Jackson South Park**  
(located on Fulton Drive, next to Jackson High)

- Donations benefit the Jackson Parks and Recreation Department.
- Open to all ages, bring the family!
- Refreshments available for purchase.
- Wagons run rain or shine.

**IT'S A SCREAM!**

For more information, contact The Jackson Parks and Recreation Department at (330) 832-2845 or visit our website at [www.jacksontpw.com](http://www.jacksontpw.com)

## FALL AND WINTER PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### Santa's Mailbox



Get your letters to Santa ready and drop them off in Santa's Mailbox beginning December 1st. Children may "mail" their letters to Santa in the special "North Pole" mailbox outside the front entrance of the Jackson Township Administration Building. No postage is required, but be sure to include your return address so Santa can respond.

Letters will be accepted until Tuesday, December 15.

### Holiday in the Park

Come and join your family, friends and neighbors to celebrate the season. The 17th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 12th, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the Jackson North Park shelter. There will be light displays, luminaries, caroling, refreshments and a surprise visit from the jolly man himself. Santa will arrive about 5:15 p.m., so bring your camera to take photos. The Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts and the Jackson Township Park Department sponsor this free event.

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# The Jackson Township Community Celebration was an outstanding event again!

The 2009 Jackson Township Community Celebration was truly an outstanding event, with over 50,000 residents and friends attending during the four-day celebration. There were a few weather delays, but that did not stop the fun. There was a wide range of bands that played for the crowd's listening and dancing pleasure. Friday night's 5K Night Glow Run was a huge success with 1,100+ participants. We had another exceptional fireworks show that went off as planned on Saturday night. Thanks to Massillon Cable TV for presenting special events each night for the enjoyment of those in attendance. Events in the Massillon Cable TV family tent included a strolling magician, balloon twister, a face painter, and a visit by the Stark County Humane Society. The crowds of people enjoyed great food from the many area vendors. Special thanks to Buehlers, The Canton Repository, and Rock 101.7, for their generous support. As in past years, everyone enjoyed the rides that were provided by Bates Amusements and the inflatables. A special "THANK YOU" to our community of volunteers, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees and employees, Jackson Township Kiwanis, Jackson Township Lions, Jackson Township Rotary and the many generous sponsors. Last, but not least, a big thank you goes out to the over 50,000 residents and friends who showed their support and attended the annual event.



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# "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!"



**Ted R. Heck**  
Fire Chief

On October 9, 1871, three hundred people lost their lives and over 100,000 were left homeless by a fiery conflagration that struck Chicago. The legend claims that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp and set the O'Leary barn on fire.

During Fire Prevention Week, the attention is focused on promoting fire safety and prevention, **however we should practice fire safety all year long.** Many potential fire hazards go undetected because people simply do not take steps to fireproof their homes.

Many bedroom fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, careless use of candles, smoking in bed, and children playing with matches and lighters. Most potential hazards can be addressed with a little common sense. For example, be sure to keep flammable items like bedding, clothes and curtains at least three feet away from portable heaters or lit candles, and **never** smoke in bed. Also, items like appliances or electric blankets should not be operated if they have frayed power cords, and electrical outlets should never be overloaded.

*This year's slogan for fire prevention week is "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!" Here is a checklist that the Jackson Township Fire Department has provided for your safety:*

## FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Install and maintain a working smoke alarm outside of every sleep area and remember to change the battery twice a year.
- Know and practice EDITH – Exit Drills in The Home.
- Teach everyone the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique in case clothing catches on fire.
- Teach the kids that matches, lighters and candles are tools, not toys. If you suspect that a child is playing with fire, check under beds and in closets for telltale signs like burned matches. Matches and lighters should be stored in a secure drawer or cabinet.
- When reporting a fire, indicate if everybody is out.

## Fire Prevention Week October 4 - 10, 2009

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Jackson Township Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 4th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm to kick off Fire Prevention Week at the Jackson Township Safety Center, located at the corner of Wales Avenue and Fulton Drive NW. Fire Prevention Week will include the fire prevention bureau visiting schools with special programs to teach youngsters fire safety.

*Save the Date*  
*November 7, 2009*  
*Glenmoor Country Club*

Merrill Lynch and the  
Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce  
present  
**DreamMakers**  
**Auction & Casino Night**  
To Benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation

## TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Trustees presented certificates of recognition to Herb Shreiner, Deputy Fire Chief, and Tracy Hogue, Fire Captain, for awards they received from the Ohio Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators. Deputy Fire Chief Herb Shreiner received the Lifetime Accomplishment Award. This award is given to an individual who has been involved with the Association and its ideals for many years. Fire Captain Tracy Hogue received the Outstanding Investigator Award. This annual award is given to an investigator who has demonstrated dedication, knowledge, leadership, and success in conducting fire investigations by following established investigational methods.



Left to right: Trustee William Burger, Fire Chief Ted Heck, Fire Captain Tracy Hogue, Deputy Fire Chief Herb Shreiner, Trustee James Walters, Trustee John Pizzino.

## CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION CLASSES

CPR classes are available through your fire department. There is a minimum of ten people per class and a fee of \$25.00. To schedule a class or check the availability of one, contact the Jackson Township Fire Department at 330-834-3950. You can also call to be placed on a waiting list to be part of a class as the fire department accumulates enough participants to fill a class.



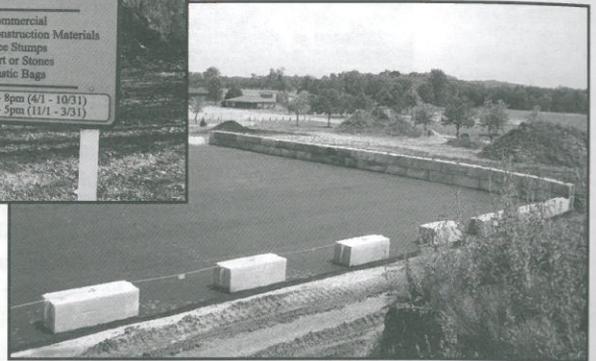


**Ralph E. Boger**  
Highway Superintendent

## A Report From Your Highway Department

### YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

The Jackson Township drop-off area has always been greatly appreciated by the township residents. Early this summer the highway department cleaned up and expanded the area for your yard grass, trimmings, leaves, and brush. Remember, only biodegradable materials can be accepted, and no treated lumber, construction materials, or plastic bags!



The many moving and backing vehicles, trailers, and trucks moving in close proximity can cause serious injury and damage. Your greatest awareness is essential. The approaching leaf season creates the most traffic from Halloween through Thanksgiving. The drop-off site will remain open seven days a week for loose leaves and paper bagged leaves. It is located just west of the high school on Fulton Drive in the South Park.



Ken Ferguson, Highway Department Employee

### WINTER WEATHER IS NEAR

Your Highway Department has replaced the two oldest trucks with new trucks and snowplow equipment. The fleet is being checked for ready operation by the maintenance department. Our drivers will review their routes to be aware of what to expect when the snow flies, covering curbs, lawns, and street surfaces with slippery conditions. The residents must check their mailboxes for strength to withstand winter and flying snow from our plows.

### PUBLIC STREET SIGNAGE

Your Township Highway Department is responsible for all signs in the township public right-of-way to control traffic and provide safe operations for the public. Street signs are also installed and maintained for identification of street locations for residents and safety forces' operations.

Traffic accidents and errant drivers take a toll on signage. Vandals intentionally deface signs with paint, steal the signs, and twist or bend them. A missing stop sign is seriously inviting collision hazards for you and me! A missing or damaged street sign can delay emergency rescue vehicles from arriving at your location until several valuable life saving minutes are lost! Criminal actions and fires can gain a big head start on the police and fire fighting efforts in these minutes!

We invite your assistance with this costly maintenance problem. Please call the highway department at 330-832-4016 if you observe vandalism, missing, or damaged signage. Stop signs are repaired 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and other signs as soon as practical.

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# CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



**Mike Rehfus**  
Stark County Engineer

## MUDBROOK STREET WIDENING

Following a recommendation from Mike Rehfus, Stark County Engineer, Mudbrook Street has been widened to three lanes in front of the Middle School and Sauder Elementary. This is to assist the many busses and residents during the rushed periods of the school day. The center lane

was added to provide a safety zone for all left turns into the school areas and residential driveways while allowing the through traffic to proceed. This road improvement will also alleviate safety concerns for football game traffic as well as other sports and activities held at the Middle School. The Trustees have taken a proactive approach in working with the school administration to address these safety issues.

## HIGH MILL/LAFAYETTE INTERSECTION

The High Mill/Lafayette intersection improvement has been funded with an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant and local funds. The project will be publicly bid, leading to the start of construction this fall, and completion in 2010. Mr. Rehfus was instrumental in assisting the Township in obtaining the OPWC grant. This intersection has been difficult and dangerous to use for many years, and the Trustees are pleased that residents will finally see the long-needed improvement in visibility in all four directions.

## HILLS & DALES WIDENING

Hills & Dales is now under widening construction from Brunnerdale into Massillon. The westbound traffic at Harris will have a turn lane. The intersection and traffic signal at Perry-Stuhldreher will be widened and improved. The project received substantial stimulus funding assistance along with local Jackson Township and Stark County funding. This project will continue into 2010. Mike Rehfus, Stark County Engineer, was successful in securing federal stimulus dollars for this Stark County road improvement project.

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## CLEAN WATER OPERATION OF YOUR AERATOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Many homes throughout Jackson Township have a type of septic system that requires the use of an aerator. There are many types of aerators in use, but all follow the same basic principles.

1. An aerator requires the use of a motor to bring air into the system and create good bacteria known as aerobic bacteria. This bacteria breaks down sewage, producing a clean effluent. If you have an aerator, check often to ensure that the motor is running properly. You should be able to hear your aerator when standing beside it, and you should also feel vibrations if you put your hand on it.
2. An aerator cannot do its job unless it is turned on. With little exception, aerators are designed to run continuously and should not be turned off or allowed to run off of a timer. An aerator that is not permitted to run is most likely discharging raw sewage and is a hazard to public health. Accordingly, this would also be a violation of state and local laws.
3. A properly functioning aerator also requires regular maintenance. Service contracts are available from the aerator's registered service provider(s). A list of registered service providers is available at <http://www.starkhealth.org>. Remember that even with the motor running, lack of maintenance will cause the system to discharge poorly treated effluent.
4. Never bury your aerator lids. The lids are necessary to access your aerator to perform maintenance, and are also important to bring air into the aerator which sustains the good aerobic bacteria.

Within the Stark County Health Department's Phase II Stormwater Program, septic systems (including aerators) are being checked to ensure that they are functioning properly. Checks include confirming that the motor is running, the effluent quality is acceptable, and the system is operating as designed. **If you have any questions regarding your aerator or septic system in general, please contact the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9904, and ask to speak to a Phase II Stormwater Specialist.**

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# Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News

## ZONING DEPARTMENT



Joni Poindexter  
Zoning Inspector

### ZONING RESOLUTION TEXT AMENDMENTS

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees recently adopted text amendments to the zoning resolution which became effective on July 22, 2009. One of the text changes includes allowing Small Structure Mounted Wind Energy Conversion Systems as a permitted accessory use within any zoned district in Jackson Township. A Small Structure Wind Energy Conversion System (SSM-WECS) is defined as "A structure mounted wind energy system that converts wind energy into electricity through the use of equipment (e.g., base, blade, rotor, foundation, generator, nacelle, tower, transformer, vane, wire, inverter, batteries, etc.). SSM-WECS's are attached to a structure's roof, walls or another elevated surface. SSM-WECS's have nameplate capacities that do not exceed ten (10) kilowatts. The total height of a SSM-WECS unit does not exceed fifteen (15) feet as measured from the highest point of the adjacent roof or structure, excluding chimneys, antennae or other similar features".

### OTHER TEXT CHANGES

Sign regulations were separated for residential and commercial districts for better understanding. The time period in which temporary signs are permitted was revised.

### UNKEPT PROPERTIES

As you may know, there are many foreclosures within the township, as well as in the surrounding areas. Due to foreclosures, the number of complaints about noxious weeds, high grass and unkept properties has dramatically increased. Jackson Township currently has a noxious weed policy and nuisance legislation which may be implemented to help alleviate problem areas; however, there are certain legal procedures the township must follow to remedy these matters. Please be patient and be assured that the problem will be addressed, and every step will be taken to resolve these issues.

The noxious weed policy is in effect each year from May 1 through September 30 and requires a written complaint. This policy is applicable for any lot in a platted subdivision and other places of less than one acre in size. The purpose of the noxious weed policy is to control the spread of noxious weeds, wild parsnip, wild carrot, oxeye daisy, wild mustard, or other harmful weeds growing on lands in Jackson Township. Noxious weeds are defined as shatter cane (*Sorghum bicolor*), Russian Thistle (*Salsola kali* var. *tenuifolia*), or any plant designated a noxious weed by the director of agriculture.

Upon the Jackson Township Trustees signing a public weed resolution, if within five days of receipt of the resolution the weeds are not cut and it is not shown to the Board why there is no need to cut the weeds, the Board of Trustees will be required, under ORC Sections 5579.06 and 5579.07 to mow the weeds and have the cost placed on the tax duplicate for the property. The Township's charge for mowing noxious weeds is \$150 per hour with a \$400 minimum charge. There is also an administrative fee of \$150 added to the tax duplicate for processing the resolution even if the Township does not cut the noxious weeds.



The Jackson Township Nuisance Legislation is applicable throughout the year.

## YOU CAN'T CONTROL THE WORLD, BUT YOU CAN CONTROL YOUR DECISIONS.

Sometimes the market reacts poorly to world events, but just because the market reacts doesn't mean you should. Still, if current events are making you feel uncertain about your finances, you should schedule a complimentary portfolio review. That way, you can make sure you're in control of where you want to go and how you get there.

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**Harley L. Neftzer**  
Police Chief

# Police Department Budget Reductions

*Our Jackson Township Board of Trustees has been very committed to not raising taxes.*

Along with the Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez and I have carefully reviewed our budget projections for the next five years. We have decided to request a renewal of the current levy that funds the Jackson Township Police Department. The current levy was passed in 2005 and funds the department through 2010. The new levy will fund the Department through 2015. As a result of this decision, we needed to make some adjustments to our current budget to reduce costs.

**One of those decisions was to reduce our office hours at the Safety Center.**

**The new hours are:** Monday through Friday, 6 am to 11 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 12 noon - 8 pm. Reports will be available Monday through Friday. Traffic crash reports are available online at [www.jtpd.com](http://www.jtpd.com). The reduction in hours will not affect daily patrol operations, which will continue to provide 24/7 service to our Jackson Township community.

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

The Jackson Township Police Department, in partnership with Westfield Belden Village Mall, is planning an emergency exercise utilizing the police department's Special Response Team and the Jackson Township Fire Department. The training helps ensure your safety forces are prepared should a disastrous event occur. The drill is planned for Sunday, October 11th, 2009. Any organized group interested in participating in this mock exercise should contact Major Zink at 330-834-3960.

Ten officers and three medical technicians have received advanced training in the area of special tactics and response. We hope they never have to utilize their acquired skills, but are confident if a crisis situation occurred, these officers and medical technicians could effectively mitigate the crisis resulting in less tragedy to our community. These individuals train monthly in physical preparedness, special tactics and weaponry.



**Members of the Jackson Township Special Response team pause for a photo during a recent training exercise. The team was formed in 2008 and is trained to mitigate crisis situations.**



## MAJOR ZINK GRADUATES FROM SPSC

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees and Police Department are pleased to announce the recent graduation of Major David Zink from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC). Major Zink successfully completed the 10-week Staff and Command program in Columbus.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in major topics including: Management and Management Theory, Organizational Behavior, Human Resources for Law Enforcement, Budgeting, Staffing Allocation and Personal Deployment.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936, with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the Law Enforcement Community, and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the area of Police Training, Management Training and Executive Development.

Your Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Major David Zink's attendance at this program. Many of the program's graduates go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies.

**If you have any questions about your Police Department or need assistance, please contact the Jackson Township Police Department at [www.jtpd.com](http://www.jtpd.com), or phone (330) 834-3960.**

## IDENTITY THEFT

*Identity Theft continues to be one of the most prevalent crimes in America.*

Identity theft is defined as the process of using someone else's personal information for your own personal gain. The Javelin Strategy & Research Center has been studying identity theft closely since 2004. Each year, they release their findings. **Their 2009 study reveals that:**

- Identity theft is on the rise, affecting almost 10 million victims in 2008 (a 22% increase from 2007)
- Low-tech methods for stealing personal information are still the most popular for identity thieves. Stolen wallets and physical documents accounted for 43% of all identity theft, while online methods accounted for only 11%.

Locally, we have seen a large increase in thefts from vehicles of personal items such as purses, wallets and credit cards. Often these thefts are from unlocked vehicles. Make sure your valuables are out of sight, and personal items such as purses and wallets are never left unattended.

### **NEVER LEAVE YOUR CAR UNLOCKED WHEN UNATTENDED.**

*The following tips, from the Ohio Attorney General, will also help to limit your exposure to Identity Theft:*

- Protect your cards, account numbers and PINS.
- If you think you are a victim, timely reporting is a must. (Most theft occurs within the first seven days of the stolen identity)
- Monitor your credit card charges and bank accounts frequently.
- For online purchases use credit cards rather than providing your debit card, especially when dealing with an unfamiliar site.
- Checks should only be written to those you know and trust.
- Use caution when making deposits.
- Beware of suspicious looking ATMs and checkout-lane card readers.



**Chuck Gandee**  
Recycling Station Manager

## Recycling is Growing in Jackson Township

*Your Jackson Township Recycling Station is manned six days a week, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

**Just a reminder to all builders in the area**, that if you are looking for a place to dispose of your cardboard, we will be more than happy to take it from you and recycle it, plus it can save you some money in disposal fees. In this economy, we all need to look at ways to conserve our resources.

With the completion of the Wales/Fulton intersection widening project, it is now easier to access the recycling station. The traffic is moving at a safer pace. Please take note of the landscaping that has been done at the center. It looks a lot nicer and fits in well with the plans of the Township.

Recycling is still growing in Jackson Township. We have seen months in which we have had over 7,000 cars come through. Congratulations to Jackson Township for making your Jackson Township Recycling Station so successful.

**IT IS YOUR PLANET, PLEASE PRESERVE IT.**

**Chuck Gandee, Station Manager**  
330-833-7365  
Email: [recycle@sssnet.com](mailto:recycle@sssnet.com)

### JACKSON ROTARY PARK

On August 24, 2009, Jackson Township officials along with members of Jackson Rotary, dedicated Jackson Rotary Park. This "park within a park" is located on Fulton Road, across from the high school. It will be a safe haven for students as they cross the street from the park to the high school or await transportation.

Jackson Rotary also plans to enhance the Township's Fulton/Wales Streetscape by providing trees along a portion of the project area.



Left to right: Randy Gonzalez, Jamie Walters, Marilyn Lyon, William Burger, Ruthanne Wilkof, John Pizzino, Mary Beth Reynolds, Kent Oliver, Tiffany Gill, Scott Hastings, Ron VanHorn.

### RECYCLING AREA IMPROVEMENT

The Jackson Township Trustees recently worked with the Recycling Station Board and Goodwill representatives to relocate and enhance the appearance of the Goodwill trailer at the recycling station. A newly painted trailer was located at the southwest corner of the recycling area after the Highway Department leveled and prepared the land. Relocation of the Goodwill trailer allows for better traffic circulation for those dropping off recyclables and Goodwill donations.



## PLANNING TO DIG?

**Here's what you need to know...**  
Calling before you dig is important not only for safety reasons, but also because **IT'S THE LAW!**

By law, homeowners need to contact O.U.P.S. 1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1, at least 48 hours, but no more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays), before beginning any digging project.

#### Some examples include:

- Landscaping
- Digging holes for fence posts or a mailbox
- Anchoring supports for decks and swings sets
- Planting trees
- Removing tree roots
- Driving landscaping stakes into the ground
- Installing a retainer wall

**Remember, even if your digging project is small, it's always best to call!**  
**Follow these steps for safe digging...**

1. Call O.U.P.S. 1-800-362-2764
2. Have the following information handy when you call:
  - Your county, city or township
  - Digging location (street address and nearest cross street)
  - Type and extent of work (front/rear/both sides of property)
  - Digging start date and time
3. Outline the area in which you plan to dig with white paint or flags.
4. Wait until lines are marked before digging. Once we notify member utility companies with underground lines in your area, they will have 48 hours (excluding weekends and legal holidays) to mark their lines with colored flags, stakes or paint.
5. Once your property is marked, proceed with care, allowing at least an 18 inch "tolerance" zone on either side of the marked utility line.
6. Do not remove flags, stakes or paint marks until you are finished digging. Make sure pets and young children do not disrupt or remove markers.

## JACKSON TRUSTEES INITIATE COST REDUCTIONS

In light of the recent economic downturn, your Jackson Township Trustees have been proactive in planning for projected budget reductions from the State of Ohio and Stark County.

Jackson Township department heads have analyzed their budgets to identify areas where savings could be realized. Every effort was made not to cut back on services to the residents and businesses.

During the first half of this year, the General Fund departments eliminated an estimated \$158,331 from their budgets by implementing cost saving measures. These measures included reducing a work schedule in the Legal Department, eliminating the funding for a consultant, reassigning Safety Coordinator duties, outsourcing office cleaning instead of replacing a retiring employee, laying off an employee in the Zoning Department, and eliminating the 2009 fall and winter park fertilization program.

## United States Census 2010

In 2010, the U.S. Census will define who we are as a nation. Taken every 10 years, the census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. Reasons residents need to be aware of the upcoming census and the need to participate are outlined below:

- The federal government uses census numbers to allocate more than \$300 billion in federal funds annually for community programs and services, such as education, housing and community development, health care services for the elderly, job training and more.
- State, local and tribal governments use census information for planning and allocating funds for new school construction, libraries and other public buildings, highway safety and public transportation systems, new roads and bridges, location of police and fire departments, and many other projects.
- Community organizations use census information to develop social service programs, community action projects, senior lunch programs and child-care centers.
- The numbers help businesses identify where to locate factories, shopping centers, movie theaters, banks and offices – activities that often lead to new jobs.
- The census totals are used to determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, states use the numbers to allocate seats in their state legislatures.

**The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person and it is fast to complete and return by mail.**

## RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE



The Stark Soil & Water Conservation District sells Rain Barrels at a cost of \$70.00 each. The barrels are 55-gallon size, are completely assembled and are the color blue. All you need to do is put the barrel on a base and divert your rainwater to the barrel.

The barrels come with an overflow hose, the top hole with a debris screen installed, a valve with a spigot installed at the bottom, and a water level indicator. One extra feature is that

adding extra barrels for additional storage is very easy. The linking barrel has a valve at the bottom and a connecting hose that you simply attach to the valve on each barrel. The cost of linking a barrel is an additional \$30.

**If you are interested in purchasing a rain barrel, call the Soil & Water Conservation District at 330-830-7700 x103 or visit their office to see one up close and personal.**

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

**It is the mission of Jackson Township local government to provide for and promote the general health, safety, and welfare of Township residents and businesses by:**

- delivering service in a professional, impartial, and cost-effective manner;
- planning for the long-range development and improvement of the township; and
- being responsive to the individual needs of the township residents and businesses with an awareness of the community's collective needs.

## Home for the Holidays

### Art & Craft Show Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2009

Sat. 10am to 5pm  
Sun. 10am to 4pm

Free Parking  
Free Admission  
Strollers permitted

*Raffles to Benefit the ALS Care Project*

**Stark County Fairgrounds**  
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**Save the Date: Rudolph's Runway Holiday Show, Dec. 12-13 at Westfield Belden Village**

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*(Branch of the Stark County District Library)*

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## 911 HOUSE NUMBERING

Seconds count in emergencies. To aid safety personnel in finding your home, residents are encouraged to purchase a 911 House Numbering Sign made of blue metal background and large white reflective numbers. A \$15 fee is required with proceeds benefiting the Jackson Township Safety Forces Associations. On-line registration forms are available under the Fire Department's program section at jacksontwp.com, or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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