

Jackson Township

NEWSLETTER



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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials...

LOOKING INTO 2010 - JACKSON TOWNSHIP WILL BE BETTER!

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FOR MANY JACKSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, 2009 HAS BEEN A ROUGH YEAR, BUT 2010 LOOKS LIKE IT MAY BE MUCH BETTER.

Economic development is underway. Jackson Township has more than 2300 businesses, and the goal of your Trustees is to maintain and attract new businesses, protect our boundaries and give residents the services they have come to expect. This does not mean that government will expand, but we will concentrate on attracting and expanding industries and retail businesses with more jobs for our residents.

Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems is moving its global headquarters from the United Kingdom to Jackson Township at the Stark State College of Technology. Rolls-Royce will invest \$3 million in processing and testing equipment and create many jobs. Those are the kinds of jobs, good paying jobs, that your Trustees want to attract.

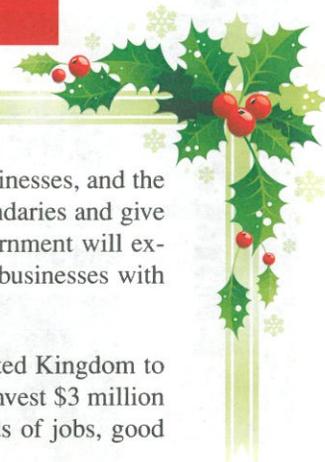
During the past year, several of our planned highway improvements have been completed while others are just getting started. The Wales/Fulton intersection is now greatly improved, with traffic moving smoothly, efficiently and safely for drivers and pedestrians in all directions.

The "Heart of Jackson Township," the geographical center of our Township, is becoming a true reality with the completion of the Streetscape project near the corner of Wales and Fulton. Eighty-five streetlights and adjoining sidewalks along the four legs of the intersection connect pedestrian traffic with the parks, Jackson schools, library, YMCA, Jackson Township government operations, and the commercial business area.

It looks like 2010 is going to be a much better year for Jackson Township.

We want to thank all the Jackson Township employees who work so diligently to make Jackson Township a wonderful place to live, work, play, and to raise a family. And a special thank-you to the Jackson police officers and firefighters who keep our residents safe and secure.

We wish all Jackson Township residents and their families a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season and a great year ahead.



TOWN HALL MEETING

The Board of Trustees will be hosting a town hall meeting this winter.

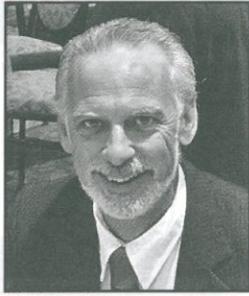
It is scheduled for Sunday, January 10, 2010 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall, 5735 Wales Avenue NW.

Any resident with questions or concerns is welcome to attend.

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Jackson Township Park Hours



David R. Ruwadi
Park/Operations Director

We are now operating on our winter hours. North Park is open from sunrise to 8:00 p.m. from now through February 28, 2010. No one is permitted in any area of North Park after these hours without the written permission of the Jackson Township Park/Operations Director.

When visiting any of our other parks, such as South Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Edward & Mary Zink Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Nelson M. Keck Park, or Stuhldreher Street Fields Park, the hours of operation are dawn to dusk.

Pets are permitted in all of our parks except the North Park. While on any other park grounds, lots, streets, drives or any other park facilities, all pets shall be controlled by a leash connected with a person or fixed object. **Do not leave pets unattended and please remember to clean up after your pet.**

For your walking pleasure, the red walking track in the North Park is marked with yellow hash marks at every one tenth of a mile. The outside loop of the track is 1 mile+.

Jackson Parks & Recreation and Jackson - Belden Chamber of Commerce



Haunted Hayride

Our annual Jackson Township Haunted Hayride took place on Saturday, October 24th, at the Jackson Township South Park. This year approximately 2,200 people rode one of six hay wagons. Three different farms in our township donated the hay wagons. Chamber members, volunteers and park employees provided many scary scenes throughout the haunted South Park.

If anyone is interested in being part of next year's Haunted Hayride event, contact the Park Department at druwadi@jacksontwp.com.

Thanks to all who helped make this year's event a great success.

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SHELTER RESERVATIONS

We will begin taking shelter reservations for 2010 on Monday, January 4 at 8:00 am. Residents and non-profit groups can reserve a shelter at no cost. Non-residents will be charged \$10.00 per hour. Applications may be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Building at 5735 Wales Avenue N.W. or on our website at www.jacksontwp.com. After the application is approved, you will need to pick up the permit prior to your event. Permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information on our rules and regulations and for general park information, visit us at www.jacksontwp.com



PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS

The Paul and Carol David YMCA of Jackson Township is
"A Place To Go, A Place To Grow".
 The YMCA is a Great Place for the family to be together!

WINTER PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

Swimming lessons, Adult Health and Wellness classes, Youth activities, Karate lessons, Childcare programs, Senior programs and many more.

A "Family Membership" is a great gift for the family. Register now for 2010 Winter I session programs.

Call the Paul and Carol David YMCA for more information on programs, memberships, and pricing at 330-830-6275 or go to 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.



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HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Holiday in the Park was held on December 12th. The Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts and the Jackson Parks Department put on a great display of lights and luminaries for the event. Families and friends gathered to enjoy caroling, food, and the holiday tree lighting. Mr. and Ms. Claus were also in attendance for photos with the children.

STRAUSSER ATHLETIC FIELDS

Two fields have been constructed behind the Strausser Elementary School for our youth sports programs. These multipurpose fields will be used for youth sports organizations.

WINTER SAFETY

Items to keep on hand for a winter safety /survival kit:

First aid kit, emergency radio, flashlights, batteries, trash bags, gas grill, charcoal grill and fuel, fire extinguisher, manual can opener, zip lock bags, plastic food containers, paper plates, plastic utensils, warm blankets, extra warm clothes and shoes, sleeping bags, personal hygiene products, tool kit, copies of your important documents, emergency cash, thermometer, surgical mask, bleach, soaps and detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, drinks, pain and fever medicines, cough medicine, rubber gloves, baby products if needed, non-perishable and canned food, water, prescription medicine, and a generator.

MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE A PRIORITY.

Unlike other chores that pile up in the driveway, clutter the garage or run wild in the front yard, your financial situation is a little less obvious. That's why it's so important to take advantage of our complimentary financial review at least once a year.

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"Arts in Jackson Park: A BRUSH WITH NATURE"



The Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce, and the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Department, presented its first annual "Arts in Jackson Park: A Brush with Nature" art show on Sunday, August 30,

2009. The cooler-than-usual temperature did not keep over 5,500 people from coming out to Jackson's North Park to enjoy live music and dance, premium beer by Thirsty Dog, a children's area, and fine art featured by local artists. The show offered residents the opportunity to see and purchase fine and original work produced by top-quality local artists from Jackson Township, Stark County and surrounding areas.

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT

From beautiful watercolors to hand crafted cards, photography and painting to pottery and hand blown glass, there was something for everyone at the event. More than 40 local artists displayed their artwork for sale. Children enjoyed making their own works of art, which included handmade visors and candles with The Workshops Inc., in partnership with the Stark County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, along with the painting of cookies provided by Young Chef's Academy in the Make-and-Take tent. Weight No More provided the children with face painting. The Jackson Fire and Police Departments appointed several young attendees as junior firefighters and police officers with honorary stickers. Both departments also supplied safety information for area residents. The Jackson Historical Society was on hand to sell popcorn and cotton candy.



LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS

Local performing artists provided entertainment throughout the day. Performances included demonstrations by American Tae Kwon Do, musical numbers by Jackson Community Theatre, dance by Ohio Youth Ballet, the Jackson High School Show Choir, and Penser Dance, and music by Jeff Poulus. A special thanks to DJ Todd Civiello of Trademark Entertainment for providing entertainment services and equipment.



SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the following sponsors for making this community event possible: Outback Steakhouse, The Jackson Suburbanite, and Sam's Club. Food vendors included Tozzi's on 12th, Friendly's Ice Cream, Rita's Italian Ice, and Buehler's. Special thanks to Buehler's whose proceeds went to the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Department. The event proceeds will benefit various local charity organizations and the Jackson Parks and Recreation Department.

**NEXT YEAR'S EVENT WILL BE AUGUST 29, 2010.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

MORE JOBS COMING TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP

New Headquarters for Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems Division

Jackson Township Trustees have received news from the Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems Group that it will move its headquarters to Jackson Township.

"By the end of the year, Jackson Township is going to be the primary center for Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems," said Charles Colman, Chairman of the Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems. "The global headquarters will be here."

By expanding its operations at Stark State College of Technology and working in conjunction with its well-established Fuel Cell Prototyping Center, already located on the Stark State campus, Rolls-Royce is positioning itself to take a leap forward in the mass production of alternative energy sources. The expansion will include an investment of \$3 million in processing and testing equipment and the addition of 12,000 square feet to the center. The expansion includes more classrooms for the fuel-cell-related training that Stark State offers. Part of the synergy of this collaboration is the creation of jobs and the training of people—local people—to fill them.

And that's what the new headquarters in Jackson Township will do, move the industry decisively forward. Research can expand and the production of prototypes can begin paving the way, possibly for mass production.

The plan is to take research to new levels at Stark State. The relocation of headquarters from the United Kingdom to Jackson Township is the first of what could be many steps toward the mass production of energy-efficient, alternative-energy fuel cells. And with research in the heart of Stark County, it would only make sense for the company to continue to grow operations around its headquarters. The area's rich manufacturing heritage would make the step toward the mass production of fuel cells easier, with thousands of possible jobs that cannot be outsourced.

"Amid challenging economic times in Ohio, the nation and the world, the collaboration between Stark State and Rolls-Royce is advancing technology and education," said Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. "At the Jackson campus, people are starting to do the jobs of the future today."

Your Jackson Township Trustees are pleased that Jackson Township was chosen for the global headquarters of Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Systems Division, an important step toward more economic development and stability within our Township.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP DEFENSE METALS TECHNOLOGY CENTER

The Defense Metals Technology Center, operated by the United States Department of Defense is located at Stark State College of Technology. It is unique in the United States, as it coordinates information and funds pilot projects using state-of-the-art metals that will arm a 21st century military.

The center was officially dedicated recently, but was created in 2007 with Defense Department funds secured by then Congressman Ralph Regula, along with a smaller infusion of state funding. Regula convinced Congress in 2007 to establish the center in Jackson Township as a U.S. Army Center of Excellence. It gathers and disseminates data and coordinates academic, government and industrial entities involved with highly specialized and strategic metals, including titanium.

"I have a dream that Ohio will become the titanium capital of America and the world," Regula told those in attendance at the dedication. Regula pointed out that titanium also has profitable applications in civilian life, ranging from bridges to artificial knees. Jackson Township and Stark County and the surrounding area have businesses that know metal fabrication inside and out.

Your Jackson Township Trustees are extremely pleased to have this important center in our Township, and thank Ralph Regula for his vision hard work.

UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Jackson Township Trustees John E. Pizzino and William M. Burger, along with the Park/Operations Director David R. Ruwadi talk with some of the girl scouts working at the breakfast.

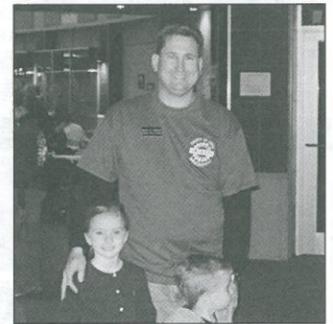
The second annual Unity in Our Community Pancake Breakfast and Health Fair was held in October at the Jackson High School Commons. About 2,000 people turned out to enjoy the breakfast and the community gathering. Funds from the ticket sales benefited the Paul and Carol David YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign, which fully or partially funds memberships and childcare for children whose parents would not otherwise be able to afford services that include li-

censed before-and-after school childcare, summer camp, swimming lessons, and a safe place for teens to enjoy recreational activities.

This year's event was well represented with Jackson Township Trustees and Department Heads and employees. They flipped pancakes along with staff members of the Jackson Local School District to show support and unity in the Jackson Township community.



Fire Chief Ted R. Heck helps flip pancakes while Trustee Bill Burger watches.



Jackson Township Trustee James N. Walters and his son and daughter took some time out after he worked on making pancakes.



Captain Tracy Hogue of the Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau greeted visitors and showed them various exhibits during the breakfast.



Police Chief Harley L. Nefzter handed out materials from the Police Department exhibit.

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Ted R. Heck
Fire Chief

Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the emergency rooms for burn injuries. In Ohio, 85 people have died in fires as of September 30, 2009. Last year, 184 Ohioans lost their lives as a result of fires.

“The most common types of burn injuries result from fire or flame burns, scalds and contact burns,” said Interim State Fire Marshal Donald C. Cooper. “Taking simple measures and using common sense will go a long way in stopping these mostly preventable injuries.”

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot “kid-free” zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, ovens, irons, lamps & heaters.
- Install tamper-resistant receptacles to prevent a child from sticking an object into an outlet.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove, or where a hot appliance might be in use.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
- Install anti-scald valves on showerheads and faucets.

DECORATING SENSE:

- When using a live Christmas tree, check to make sure it has plenty of water
- Make sure all electrical decorations are UL listed and you have followed the manufacturer’s recommendations for displaying
- Never use candles on Christmas trees
- Make sure all lights are turned off and the candles are extinguished when leaving the residence or retiring for the night
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended
- Do not dispose of wrapping paper in the fireplace

JACKSON FIREFIGHTERS’ UNIFORMS ARE CHANGING



Firefighter Jeremy Marzilli is in the old light blue uniform and Firefighter Dave Seibert shows the new navy uniform.

You will notice a difference in the uniform appearance of your firefighters in the next few weeks as they transition from their traditional light blue shirts and dark trousers to a totally navy blue shirt and pant. The old uniform standard is being replaced with a complete fire retardant material called Nomex. This action will greatly improve the safety afforded firefighters in the event they would be caught in a momentary high heat environment, such as a flashover.

Although this material is not new to the fire service (it has been part of our firefighter’s outer protective clothing for years), the industry has improved the quality of station wear uniforms made from Nomex for long term usage and cost effectiveness. The use of this material will add another layer of protection to our firefighters in serving the community.

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.

Fire Prevention Week Open House was GREAT!

The Jackson Township Fire Department held its annual open house on October 4 at the Safety Center during National Fire Prevention Week. Many Jackson Township residents and families visited during the open house and viewed demonstrations and exhibits, some even got to sit in a fire truck.



Donivin Gillono, son of Melissa and Angelo Gillono of Jackson Township, sits in one of our Township fire trucks during the National Fire Prevention Week Open House.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Jackson Township Fire Department at 330-834-3950.

Your Jackson Township Fire Department is a Class 3 Fire Department.

Reminder, did you change your battery in your smoke detector when you turned the clocks back?

YOUR FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU IS VERY ACTIVE



Left to right: Fire Captain Tracy Hogue, Ralph DeChiara, Kevin Lanzer, Aaron Stoller, Robert Preece

The Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau presented fire prevention tips and education to the Western Stark County Safety Council on October 7, 2009. Members of the Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau discussed topics ranging from sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers, to the various types of fire alarms. Safety Council members were reminded that main-

tenance and testing of sprinkler systems, extinguishers, and fire alarms is extremely important. Onsite fire safety classes for Township businesses are available through the Fire Prevention Bureau. For more information, contact the Jackson Township Fire Department at 330-834-3950.

NEW TOWER FIRE TRUCK FOR JACKSON TOWNSHIP



On November 4th the Jackson Fire Department took possession of a new 100-foot tower truck. The truck was purchased through the Sutphen Corporation of Dublin, Ohio. The new tower truck replaces the current tower truck, which is 23 years old.

The new tower truck will be used to fight fires in high-rise buildings, hotels, schools and shopping centers, along with residential fires. It will also be used in high angle rescue situations. All fire personnel are currently going through training on the setup and operation of the new vehicle.



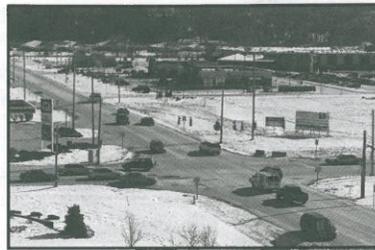


Ralph E. Boger
Highway Superintendent

Highway Construction Progress in 2009

FULTON AND WALES INTERSECTION

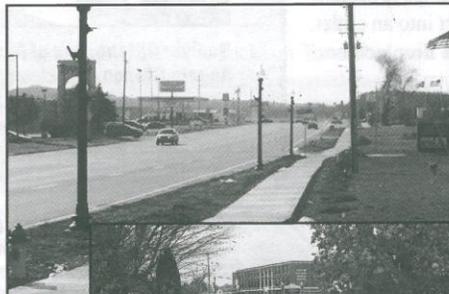
Traffic flow in Jackson Township has benefitted greatly by road construction in 2009. The primary construction project at Wales and Fulton was completed ahead of schedule with a well working intersection. The adjoining roadways in the four directions plus three additional traffic signaled intersections gave the traffic an immediate new look and smooth operation. Construction cost of \$4,668,980 with Federal, ODOT, and safety grant assists required \$1,362,263 of Township contribution.



This was the intersection on a snowy day in January, 2008.



And this is how it looks now, with smooth and safer traffic in all directions.



STREETSCAPE

The Streetscape project at the Wales and Fulton intersection location was just completed. This includes 85 streetlights and adjoining sidewalks along the four legs of the Fulton/Wales intersection. Each post can feature a banner and flag with an electric outlet as needed. The new sidewalks connect pedestrian traffic with the parks, Jackson schools, library, YMCA, Jackson Township government operations, and the commercial business area. Crosswalks at the four newly improved intersections all are controlled with labeled pedestrian buttons on the signal poles to assist pedestrian crossings. Construction cost of \$484,230 was funded by a Federal grant.



New sidewalks in the Streetscape project, connecting areas around the newly improved intersection.

MUDBROOK WIDENING

Mudbrook was widened to three lanes in front of the Middle School and Sauder Elementary. The traffic congestion has subsided at the rush hours in the morning and afternoon. Construction cost was \$149,463.



This is how Mudbrook looked toward Wales with two lanes before widening.



And now Mudbrook is widened to three lanes, allowing traffic to flow safely around the center turn lane.

A new traffic flasher was turned on at Huckleberry and Lake O'Springs to assist in controlling what had become a dangerous intersection. Construction cost was \$54,680.

Resurfacing was accomplished on 12 miles of township roadway for \$606,132.

Traffic paint striping was completed on 40 miles of the main traffic roadways in the township. Cost of this construction was \$39,437.

Curbing replacement of 10,550 feet was completed on the most deteriorated curbing in various locations within the Township. This is our third year of this type of improvement. Construction cost was \$186,827. More curbing replacement is planned for 2010.

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CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS INTO 2010

Construction began at the High Mill and Lafayette intersection to improve the sight distance in all four directions. This will be accomplished primarily by cutting down the hill on the Lafayette (SR236) southeastern roadway leg and minor lowering of the hill on the High Mill north-eastern leg. An OPWC Grant will nearly cover the construction cost of \$576,470. 2010 will see this project completed.



High Mill/Lafayette Intersection

HILLS & DALES is being widened to four lanes from Brunnerdale to the Massillon limit. This is a joint Jackson Township project with the Stark County Engineer. The contractor has begun moving dirt after the utility relocations were completed this fall. 2010 will see this project complete with a sound wall at the Deer Trace allotment and a westbound center turn lane at Harris. Stimulus funding and other grants will cover the construction cost of \$5,184,275.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

Two new dump trucks with snowplow and salt spreading equipment have been put into service this winter. These trucks replace the two oldest trucks in the fleet which will be sold "as is" to other public entities. A new truck with equipment costs \$104,523 each or \$209,046 for the two trucks.



New Dump Trucks

TOWNSHIP YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

This improved and convenient facility will remain open over the winter season with winter hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until March 31, 2010. **Christmas tree drop off will be available as usual.**

Your cooperation by dropping off only biodegradable material continues to be appreciated. As a reminder, the processor can not recycle treated lumber or construction debris. A container is located near the gate for your discarded plastic bags. No garbage in this container, please!

GRAY WATER

Any wastewater (whether it comes from the shower, toilet, or from the laundry) poses a risk to public health as well as the environment. One particular type of wastewater generated from the home is called gray water. **Gray water is the wastewater produced by activities in the home such as dishwashing, laundry, and bathing.** Gray water does not include water from toilets, which is called black water.

Gray water is water that has been used; it has bacteria, disease-causing organisms, and/or chemicals that make it unsafe to be discharged untreated. Accordingly, gray water is considered sewage, and is bound by the same regulatory requirements as black water. Therefore, it is required to be tied into the septic system or sanitary sewers.

Two questions are regularly asked about gray water:

1. **Can I run my washing machine water out to the ditch and bypass my sewage system? No.** All domestic sewage must be directed into the sewage system including all gray water discharges such as washing machines, dishwashers, sinks, showers, etc. Only clear water basement sumps (that do not receive waste or gray water) can be bypassed.
2. **I live in an older home that was designed to have the gray water discharge to the storm sewer. Is my plumbing grandfathered in, or am I required to tie my gray water into my septic system? No.** It is not grandfathered in. Regardless of the regulations at the time of construction, you cannot discharge any gray water or black water to the storm sewer system, onto the surface of the ground, or anywhere else besides a septic system or sanitary sewer.

Gray water can be a hazard to public health and also the environment if allowed to be discharged untreated. If you have any questions about gray water please contact the Stark County Health Department at (330) 493-9904.

SOME NOTEWORTHY PROBLEMS

The Township storm system of pipes, catch basins, and open ditches is intended for clean water only. It has been noted in various locations that grass and leaves are being ushered into this system, as well as miscellaneous debris and junk. Paints and oils are not to be discarded in this way under any circumstances!

Township street signs remain a source of vandalism. We welcome your calls to notify us (330-832-4016) of any of these problems. We also welcome your comments on developing pavement deterioration and pot holes as well as drainage backups which are many times precipitated by unwanted leaves and grass.

Winter months create snow removal and slippery roadways which challenge your highway department as well as the driving public. The highway department is required to clear Township roadways of snow and ice. Our twelve snow routes service the busy roadways first and the allotments or lesser-traveled roads second. Finally, cul-de-sacs and widening back to mailboxes are completed.

The final operation occasionally blocks mailboxes from mail delivery, moves the mailbox from its proper position, or physically damages the mailbox installation. These events depend largely on the amount and weight of snow, the strength and condition of the mailbox installation, and then the "aim" of the snow plow operator.

All of our snowplow operators are greatly experienced at plowing and take pride in not causing any mailbox inconvenience. Direct impact on a mailbox with a plow is rare and very recognizable when it happens. In reality we find that usually the post or box is not strong enough to sustain the forces of flying wet snow. The bigger plastic and custom boxes with paper enclosures must be stronger due to the weight and large snow impact area. The support posts rot over time and must be replaced. We consider it a homeowner responsibility to provide an installation strong enough to withstand our snow plowing. Unless it is actually hit by our plows you should expect to repair your own installation if it won't stand up to snowplowing. If it is actually hit by our plow, we gladly will repair or replace the standard everyday mailbox. Expensive hundred dollar mailboxes are placed at the owner's risk. Custom wood mailboxes and paper boxes provided by builders can require special upkeep considerations to keep them strong and straight. Many heavier mailbox installations tend to lean toward the street creating more risk of a plow strike. These need straightened by the homeowner to be safe from damage.

Having said all the above, your Jackson Township Highway Department has a policy stating that "standard mailboxes damaged by direct contact with a township truck or its plow blade while performing township snow removal operations, will be repaired or replaced as specified by the postal service". You should contact the Highway Department as soon as you notice plow impact damage by a snowplow. Thank you for understanding.

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News

ZONING DEPARTMENT



Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

JACKSON TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES

Two zoning boards that are vital to effective implementation of Jackson Township zoning are the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. The establishment of a zoning commission and a board of appeals is a requirement of the Ohio Revised Code for administration of a township zoning resolution. Both boards are comprised of five regular members and an alternate that are appointed by the Township Trustees. All board members must be township residents. Regular members are appointed for staggered five-year terms. Alternates are appointed for one year. Applications to serve on the zoning boards are solicited annually in the month of November. The Board of Trustees makes appointments or reappointments. All board meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas are available on our website at www.jacksonstp.com.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Regular members of the Jackson Township Zoning Commission are Donna Conaway, David Benner, James Bauder, Jim Conley and Tom Todaro. The alternate for the Zoning Commission is Julie Geiser. The Zoning Commission meets the third Thursday of the month as needed.

The function of the Zoning Commission is to consider and make a recommendation to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees in connection with any request to rezone property from one zoning classification to another zoning classification (map amendment), or any request to change the zoning resolution (text amendments). The Zoning Commission or the Board of Trustees may also initiate a map amendment or text amendment. A recommendation from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to approve, deny, or modify the request must be considered by the Zoning Commission at a public hearing prior to making its decision. A majority vote of the Township Trustees is required to deny or modify the Zoning Commission's recommendation.



Left to Right: David Benner, James Bauder, Donna Conaway, James Conley and Tom Todaro. Not pictured, Julie Geiser

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS



Left to right: Ted Deremer, Gary Zillich, Edward McDonnell, John Juergensen, and alternate Philip Kirkbride. Not pictured, Jim Giulitto

Regular members of the Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals (also referred to as the BZA) are: Ted Deremer, Edward McDonnell, Jim Giulitto, John Juergensen and Gary Zillich. Philip Kirkbride is the alternate. The BZA usually meets on the second Thursday of the month. If a second meeting during the month is warranted it is usually held the fourth Thursday of the month.

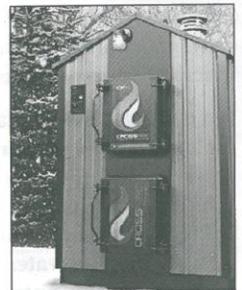
The purpose of the Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals is to act upon appeals from a decision or determination of the Zoning

Inspector, to consider applications for variances, to make decisions on the granting of conditional use permits, and the expansion of non-conforming uses or a change from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use.

OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES

An outdoor wood burning furnace may be permitted within the R-R Rural Residential District on lots that are five (5) acres or greater and shall not be permitted in any other zoning district. A zoning permit is required. All outdoor wood burning furnaces shall meet the following requirements:

- 1) Must be located in the rear yard only.
- 2) Must be setback 200 ft. from all property lines.
- 3) No outdoor wood-burning furnace shall be utilized as a waste incinerator.
- 4) Fuels are limited to seasoned hardwood, corncobs, or wood chips.
- 5) Must comply with Stark County Building Department regulations (building, mechanical, electrical, heating) and Ohio EPA Air Pollution Control Division regulations.
- 6) Fire Department approval of furnace location.
- 7) Minimum stack height shall be 20 ft. from the ground at unit base.



No person shall cause, allow or maintain the use of an outdoor wood burning furnace without a valid zoning permit.

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News From Your Police Department

TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT

The Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) awarded \$35,730.30 in federal traffic safety funding to the Jackson Township Police Department for federal fiscal year 2010. Our community experienced six fatal traffic crashes between 2006 and 2008. These funds are critical to ensuring that we are doing everything possible to keep our community safe. Based on crash data, we have

identified speeding, failure to yield right of way, restraint usage and impaired driving as a priority for Jackson Township, and we are pleased to work with our partners at the state level to address this safety issue.

To reduce the number of serious injury and fatal crashes in Jackson Township, the Jackson Township Police Department will be conducting high visibility enforcement, working overtime hours and holding educational and awareness events with the grant funds.

The funds are passed through OTSO from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support the efforts of safety partners statewide and focus on traffic safety priority areas such as restraint use, impaired driving, motorcycle safety, and youthful drivers. In the past three years, Ohio's roadway fatalities have decreased to near record lows. There were 1,191 fatalities on Ohio's roads in 2008, down from 1,257 in 2007 and 1,239 in 2006. The Jackson Township Police Department is working to continue that trend in Jackson Township.

Competitive grant proposals are accepted and reviewed by OTSO with funds awarded to projects that will have the greatest impact on reducing fatal crashes or significantly improving traffic safety systems.

RETURN OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY PROGRAMS

The Jackson Township bicycle rodeo will return in the spring of 2010. Watch for the brochures in March. This program is designed to teach safety to our youth when they are riding their bicycles. We will also be conducting "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" in the spring of 2010. Flyers will be distributed to students through the middle school.



We are able to return these programs due to the generosity of our business partners in the community.

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POLICE LEVY RENEWAL HAS PASSED

THANK YOU!

Issue #33 for the Jackson Township Police Levy Renewal passed on November 3, 2009. The renewal of this issue will provide funding for police services through 2015.

We are grateful that our residents chose to support this important issue.

SAFE SHOPPING TIPS

During this busy holiday season please keep the following safe shopping tips in mind:

- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop before dark if possible. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend if you plan to be out late.
- Park in a well-lighted area. Don't walk to your car alone if it's parked in a dark area. (Several stores and the Mall have escorts/security who can assist you to your vehicle)
- Lock your car and close your windows, even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes. Lock your packages and valuables in the trunk. Have your key in hand prior to arriving at your vehicle.
- Wait for public transportation or rides from friends in busy, well-lighted areas.
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you become separated when shopping. Tell your children never to go into the parking lot alone.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't carry it all in one place. Pay for your purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse tightly under your arm and don't leave it unattended, even for a minute.
- Try to pre-plan your route. If you can limit left hand turns in the Belden Village area to those intersections or driveways that have a traffic signal you'll be doing yourself and other motorists a huge favor.

If we can be of any assistance, please contact the Jackson Township Police Department at www.jtpd.com or phone (330) 834-3960.



Randy Gonzalez
Fiscal Officer

State Auditor Issued Jackson Township a Clean Audit

The State Auditor just finished the Jackson Township audit for the years 2007-2008. It was a clean audit with no citations. Over \$89 million was examined through expenditures, receipts, transfers and investments. Jackson Township is one of the few townships that has complied with the law that has asked governments to convert to generally accepted accounting principles, (GAAP) accounting. GAAP accounting is much more like the private sector uses and is less difficult to understand than the old government accounting system. We felt this was important in making Jackson Township more transparent and open to the public.

From the end of 2007 to the beginning of 2010 the general fund revenue will be down by over \$1 million with costs such as utilities, fuel, and contracts going up. Facing these issues, Jackson Township has been able to remain debt free, have a balanced budget, and has been able to ask for renewals of the last Fire, Highway and Police levies, meaning no new taxes. This has been accomplished through long range financial forecasting and planning. Before the economy started diving, we were saving money in capital funds to prepare for the rainy days ahead. Over the same period, the Jackson Township Trustees were working with department heads to institute belt tightening measures that would fend off the reductions that we knew were coming from the State of Ohio.

The trustees, myself and the department heads are all very aware that we must live within our budgets, the budgets you, the voters, set with the levies you have approved. We will continue to work together as a team to continue to provide you with the superior services you have become accustomed to, at a price we can all afford, in a community we are so proud of.



2010 JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET

The Township is surveying local farmers to determine if they are interested in participating in a farmers market next year at the Jackson Township North Park located on Fulton Drive.

Jackson Township's Farmers Market would be similar to those held at Green's Boettler Park and Massillon's Recreation Center.

If you are interested in participating, please call Mary Reno at the Township Administration Office, 330-832-7416.

*Yours in Service,
Randy Gonzalez
Jackson Township Fiscal Officer*

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.

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STREETSCAPE BANNER PROGRAM

Jackson Township has established a Streetscape banner program now that the Streetscape project is completed



Streetlight pole banners are a unique way of promoting an event or activity. The use of colorful banners to identify an organization's name and special events in the highly traveled area of Fulton and Wales in Jackson Township will result in widespread public awareness throughout Jackson Township.

Banner program participants must represent or promote a not-for-profit entity or sponsorship of a cultural, educational, civic event, or promotion of a special event or community activity held in Jackson Township and be of interest to the general public.

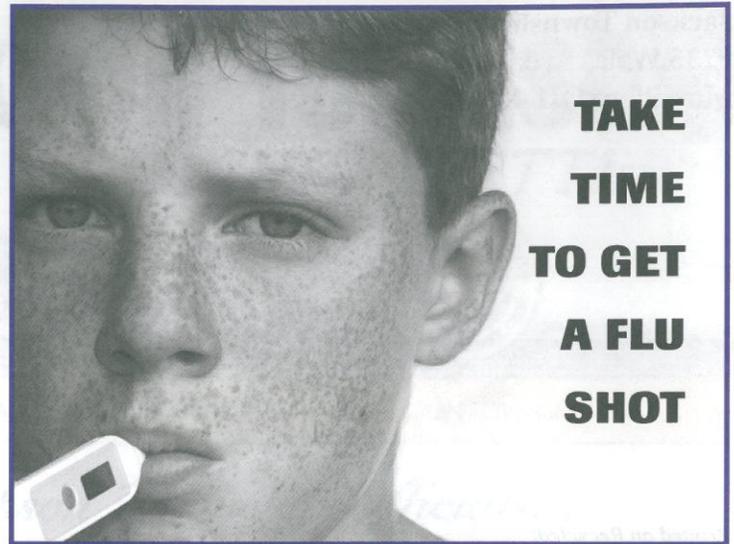
Organizations interested in promoting their event must complete an application with the Jackson Township Administration Department at least six weeks prior to the display dates. Banner placement and reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and streetlight pole availability. A sketch or photograph of the banner design must be included with the banner application.

Applications and full Streetscape banner program rules can be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Department, 5735 Wales Avenue NW. For further information, call 330-832-7416 or visit the Jackson Township website at www.jacksononwp.com.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR WATER RESOURCES

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission will be conducting a storm water education presentation at the Jackson Township Administration Building on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:30 pm. A video will be shown on protecting the nation's water resources and pollutants affecting storm water. You will also learn general household techniques that can help keep water clean.

There is no cost to attend, but please make a reservation by contacting Mary Reno at the Township Administration office, 330-832-7416.



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A seasonal flu vaccine will not protect against H1N1 (swine flu). A new vaccine against H1N1 has been produced and is available as an option for prevention of H1N1 infection.

Take everyday preventive actions:

- Cough and sneeze into the inside of your elbow or cover your nose and mouth with a tissue.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

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