



# Jackson Township Newsletter

FALL/WINTER  
2010

*We make things happen!*

## *A Message from your Jackson Township Officials*

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Jackson Township has completed the first major hurdle toward moving aggressively and cooperatively forward on economic development for our Jackson Township community. By completing the Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA) with the city of Canton, your Township officials are working for the betterment of Jackson Township and the entire Stark County region.

Simply explained, the CEDA agreement accomplished two major goals for Jackson Township and our residents. **First**, it successfully protects our eastern border (west of the railroad tracks) from encroachment and annexation threats from North Canton. Such aggressive annexation would have been a serious threat to major parts of Jackson Township's economic base, including our industrial areas, the Strip and Westfield Belden Village Mall. If such annexations had taken place, they would have had a devastating impact on Jackson's ability to provide the quality police, fire/EMS, road, and other Township services that our residents expect.

**Second**, it allows Jackson Township and the City of Canton to establish a partnership to negotiate Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDD's) and CEDA's to assist companies in locating to our Township and to provide them with the necessary infrastructure and personnel that are already in place to service these areas and to attract businesses for development. By working together, we can jointly market properties for development and share in the tax revenue in order to provide the infrastructure. We would be able to leverage both our strengths to provide attractive options for new businesses, companies and organizations that neither Jackson nor Canton could do on their own.

**The ultimate benefit:** Such forward looking economic development will allow Jackson Township to continue providing top quality services to our residents without having to rely as heavily on property taxes. The revenue generated by sharing income tax will be used to defray increased costs over time of police, fire, road and other services without having to continually ask residents for increases in property tax levies.

**We also think it's important to reiterate several facts about this new economic agreement that are often misunderstood.**

1. Canton CANNOT annex ANY properties within Jackson Township for 50 years without the Township's consent.
2. These agreements will only impact new businesses, companies and organizations that CHOOSE to be a part of the Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDDs). Companies and organizations CANNOT be forced into a JEDD, where the income tax will be collected. No company or organization will have to pay an income tax unless they CHOOSE to participate.
3. Jackson Township will continue to benefit from the property taxes in the JEDD areas.

We firmly believe this economic development agreement between Jackson Township and the City of Canton will lead the way for years to come in bringing new jobs to our Township and region. We have done so without increasing the tax burden on our residents or any businesses that do not want to be a part of these newly developed areas.

This is truly an example of two communities working together for the betterment of Jackson Township and Stark County, by working harder and smarter. This is exactly the kind of leadership Jackson Township residents want from their government...cooperative, forward-looking, and a win-win for all.

### TOWN HALL MEETING

*The Board of Trustees will be hosting a town hall meeting this fall. The meeting is scheduled for*  
**Sunday, November 14, 2010**  
**from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
*at the Jackson Township Hall, 5735 Wales Avenue NW. Any residents with questions or concerns are welcome to attend.*



**Visit our website at [www.jacksontwp.com](http://www.jacksontwp.com)  
and view our new Township Video**

# It's Been a Great Summer in the Jackson Parks



**David R. Ruwadi**  
*Park/Operations Director*

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All program registration forms and flyers may be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Building. Program information and forms may also be found on our website, [www.jacksontpwp.com](http://www.jacksontpwp.com). For your convenience, registration forms may be dropped off after hours at our Evening Drop Off box, located next to the main entrance at the Jackson Township Administration Building.

It was a great summer in the Jackson Parks this year with programs and special events for residents of Jackson Township. Some of the park programs were Country Line Dancing, Sandy Stuff, Fishing Fundamentals, Tiny Tracks, Black Light Volleyball, the Annual Pet Parade, Picture Perfect, Creative Movement, Tie-Dying, Kid's Yard Sale, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 2nd Annual Arts in Jackson Park, and the Jackson Community Celebration.

### TINY TRACKS – "TOUCH A TRUCK" PROGRAM

The popular "Touch a Truck" program gave pre-school children the opportunity to meet Jackson Township firefighters, police officers, and employees from the highway and park departments who showed them the vehicles that are used in their daily operations. The children enjoyed the opportunity to talk to the different employees and to climb inside the vehicles.



### ANNUAL 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:

- Smallest Pet:** Jared Goldringer with hermit crab Mr. Crabs
- Team Mascot:** Megan, Jack & Ben Primack with dog Beanie Wells
- Biggest Pet:** Adam Whitehair with dog Ozzy
- Prettiest Pet:** Cami Nau with dog Rusty

### OWNER AND PET

- Look-a-Like:** Olivia Goldringer with ferret Roweena
- Most Unusual Pet:** Kellen Harkness with turtle Franklin
- Famous Hollywood Pet:** Chloe Downerd with dog Izzy
- Coollest Pet:** Mackenzie Blaser with dog Garner
- Cutest Pet:** Jaime, Jillian, MollyAnn, and Ella Petit with dog Shelby
- Most Unusual Tail:** Amara & Aleah Shomali with dog Delila

### PET PARADE JUDGES CHOICE:



**Kelsey & Kayle Hill with cat Whiskers and dog Roxy**



**Kayla Victor with dog Yahtzee**



**Jessica Simmons with dog Jossie**

### JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

Jackson Township residents have eight parks with approximately 240 acres, which include the following:

#### Jackson Township Parks:

- |                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. North Park                  | 7660 Fulton Road                |
| 2. South Park                  | 4811 South Park Drive           |
| 3. Joseph E. Fisher            | 5891 Lake O'Springs Avenue      |
| 4. Nelson Keck                 | 7500 block of Wales Avenue      |
| 5. Edward and Mary Zink        | 38th Street and Michael Drive   |
| 6. Stuhldreher Street Fields   | Stuhldreher and Hills and Dales |
| 7. Strausser Elementary Park   | 8646 Strausser Street           |
| 8. Crystal Springs Bridge Park | 4400 block of Erie Avenue       |

North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. now through November 30. Beginning December 1 through February 28, North Park will be open sunrise to 8:00 p.m.

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, Strausser School Fields, and Stuhldreher Street Fields, 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.

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## FRIENDS OF JACKSON COMMUNITY PARKS

The Friends of Jackson Community Parks continue to look for grants and tax-deductible donations to help complete projects in the Jackson Parks. The used cell phone-recycling program has been very successful. We have made over \$750 in the first year and this year we donated \$500 of that money to the Jackson Community Celebration. Buehler's and the Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce are collection points for used cell phones. It seems everyone has several old cell phones in a drawer at home. So check out that junk drawer and donate those old used cell phones.

We continue to look for donations and grants to complete the skate park. The playground in the South Park has seen many years of service and some parts need to be updated or replaced. Tennis court lighting is another big project that will take a lot of money to accomplish. Another project would be constructing a restroom/picnic pavilion in the area of the basketball courts and skate park.

Your tax-deductible membership or donation will help us accomplish some of these projects. We are a 501 (C) (3) tax-exempt entity, so donations, along with family and business memberships, will be tax exempt.

We continue to look for people who would be willing to volunteer with the group. Volunteers with grant writing and financial skills would be greatly appreciated.

You can pick up a membership form at the Jackson Township Administration Building. For more information contact Steve Rohr at 330-844-1212 or Steve Studer at 330- 832-7326. You can also email us at [steverohr@hotmail.com](mailto:steverohr@hotmail.com).

*Thank you for your support,*  
Steve Rohr and Steve Studer

## PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS

*The YMCA is a great place for the family to be together!*

### PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL INCLUDE:

- Swim lessons
- Adult Health and Wellness classes
- Karate lessons
- Childcare programs
- Senior programs, and so much more!

**A FAMILY  
MEMBERSHIP IS A  
GREAT GIFT FOR THE  
FAMILY.**

**The Basketball League for 4 - 6 year olds starts in  
January 2011. Registration begins Nov. 1.**

*Many other adult and kids programs are offered.*

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.**

## PARKS AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE BUILDING NEW ADDITION

The new addition to the park maintenance building in the South Park was completed this year by Jackson High School Building Trades class. Thanks to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, all park equipment is now under roof. The Park Maintenance crew gathered in front of the new maintenance building addition.



(Left to right) standing:  
Ben Staton, Mark Evans,  
Jason Stevens,  
Joe Heider,  
kneeling: David Ruwadi  
and Mike Danner.

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## Winter Programs & Special Events

**SANTA'S MAILBOX:** The Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department is making preparations for "Santa's Mailbox" this holiday season. Santa's Mailbox will be located at the front entrance to the Jackson Township Administration Building, 5735 Wales Avenue NW, on the corner of Mudbrook and Wales.

Children can drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox addressed to the North Pole **between December 1 and December 16**. All letters received by December 16 at 2:00 pm will receive a response from Santa himself. Children must remember to include their names and addresses on their letters. Letters must be dropped off personally. Letters sent through the mail will not receive a response.

**"HOLIDAY IN THE PARK":** The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in the Jackson Township North Park on Saturday, December 11th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Enjoy luminary displays, refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself... Santa Claus!

The Jackson North Park is located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School.

This **FREE** holiday event is sponsored by the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department, the Jackson Girl Scouts Service Unit, and the Crosspoint United Methodist Church. For additional information regarding "Holiday in the Park" or for any park program, please call the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department at (330) 832-2845, or visit the parks web page at [www.jacksonstp.com](http://www.jacksonstp.com).

# The Jackson Township Community Celebration was a Huge Success!

Great weather contributed to the huge success of the 2010 Jackson Township Community Celebration. There were over 50,000 attendees at the four-day event. Live entertainment each night had the crowd on their feet dancing. Our special thanks to Massillon Cable TV for their special children's events each day, and for their major sponsorship. The 5K Run/Walk set a record with approximately 1,200 participants. Saturday morning started with a 3x3 Basketball Tournament, followed by a Celebration of Strength by the American Highlanders. The evening ended with a tremendous fireworks display. "THANK YOU" to the volunteers, the Jackson Township Trustees and employees, Jackson Township Kiwanis, Jackson Township Lions, Jackson Township Rotary and the many generous sponsors. Finally, "THANK YOU" to the residents and friends who attended and supported this special community event.



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SPONSORS

*Thank You!*

- A/C Laser Technologies
- APARCO Security Systems
- Aqua Ohio, Inc.
- Aultra Administrative Group
- Belden Village Towing Co.
- Bell Stores Marathon
- Buehler's Food Markets
- Burnham & Flower Insurance Group
- Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Cee-B Glass
- The Checkered Flag Ent. Inc.
- Cheeseburger in Paradise
- Chick-Fil-A
- Demario's Pizza
- Don Smith Auto Parts
- Employers Health Purchasing Corp.
- Fallsway Equipment Company
- Fazoli's
- Findley Davies, Inc.
- Friends of the Jackson Community Parks
- Gaslite Villa Health Care
- Great 2 Inflate
- Giant Eagle Inc.
- Hammontree & Assoc.
- Heitger Funeral Services
- Huntington National Bank
- Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce
- Kraus' Pizza
- Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co.
- MA Scheetz Construction Co. Inc.
- ME Companies
- Massillon Cable T.V.
- Midwest Sign Center
- Penn Station
- Preferred Temporary Services, Inc.
- Redmond's Parts & Supply
- Republic Waste Services
- Southway Fence Co.
- Staley Technologies, Inc.
- Standard Plumbing & Heating
- Suarez Corp. Industries
- Taggart's Ice Cream
- Varsity Pizza
- Wal-Mart #2361
- Wal-Mart #2914
- Wilkof Industrial Supply Co.
- Winking Lizard Tavern
- YMCA of Central Stark County (David YMCA)
- Ziegler Tire Companies



# Arts in Jackson Park

## *A Brush with Nature with Nature*



The Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce, and the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Department, presented its second annual "Arts in Jackson Park: A Brush with Nature" art show on Sunday, August 29th. The beautiful

warm day welcomed thousands to Jackson's North Park to enjoy live music and dance, premium beer by Thirsty Dog, 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.

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. Candyland characters welcomed children into the Children's Art Studio with an array of projects which included crowns, mosaic lollipops, giant gingerbread men, and fairy wings. Thanks to Doug Argabright for decorating the area with the life size characters from Candyland. Families could also participate in a photo opportunity with Jolly near the Children's Art Studio. Safreeds Photography snapped the perfect picture to add to their family album! Weight No More provided the children with face painting. The Jackson Fire Department appointed several young attendees as junior firefighters with honorary stickers. The Jackson Historical Society was on hand to sell popcorn and cotton candy.

Local performing artists provided entertainment throughout the day. Performances included demonstrations by Chun MA Tae Kwon Do Academy, musical numbers by Jackson Community Theatre, dance by Ohio Youth Ballet, The O'Hare Dancers, musician Erin Mason, and Craven Dance, and music by Jeff Poulus. A special thanks to DJ Todd Civiello of Trademark Entertainment for providing entertainment services and equipment.

**Special thanks to the following sponsors for making this community event possible:** TJ Maxx, Once Upon a Child, The Jackson Suburbanite, State Farm Insurance; Renee Spurgeon, and KinderCare Learning Centers. The event proceeds will benefit various local charity organizations and the Jackson Parks and Recreation Department.



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET

Jackson Township made "Healthy Things Happen" this summer and fall with the first Jackson Township Farmers Market. It was a great success. A steady stream of customers shopped on Thursdays between 3:00 and 7:00 pm. Families, neighbors, and friends enjoyed looking over all the items and making their selections. The market was very successful thanks to the vendors who sold a large variety of home grown vegetables and fruits, delicious homemade baked goods, local honey, syrup, freezer beef and pork, and beautiful flowers.

We are looking for your input on the Jackson Township Farmers Market. Please take a few minutes to fill out the customer survey on our website [www.jacksonstp.com](http://www.jacksonstp.com).

*We appreciate the residents' support of our first Farmers Market. We hope to see all of you next year.*



## WESTERN STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL

The Western Stark County Safety Council was organized to help businesses in the Western Stark County area receive safety education and training by working in partnership with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. While this year's deadline has passed to receive the potential rebate from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, it is not too late to benefit from joining the Western Stark County Safety Council. There is no cost to join. Many of the safety programs are available at a minimal cost and in many cases free!

*For more information on how you can make your company one where safety is number one, call Jackie Palmer at (330) 833-4400 or by email to [jpalm-er@westernscsc.org](mailto:jpalm-er@westernscsc.org).*

# Jackson Township Highway News



**Ralph E. Boger**  
Highway Superintendent

## YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

The drop-off area in the Jackson Township South Park has been expanded to provide faster unloading. The new area allowed the Township to remove the old ramp area, which was used to load the debris in trucks for removal. Use caution near new loading area on the east side. This provided more room for cars, trucks, and trailers to safely maneuver close to the pile.



Always be alert to the moving vehicles for your personal safety. The heavy leaf drop-off season provides many vehicles from Halloween through Thanksgiving. Remember, only biodegradable materials can be accepted, and no treated lumber, construction materials, or plastic bags. On November 1, winter hours begin, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please secure and monitor your debris as you travel to the area to prevent litter along our roadways.

## PUBLIC ROADWAYS

The Highway Department is working daily to furnish and preserve your roads in a safe and clean condition.

- Traffic law directs that when a traffic signal is NOT working, the intersection must be treated as a 4-way stop by drivers! No temporary stop signs will be installed by Jackson Township, ODOT, or the Stark County Engineer, due to the potential liability.
- Please do not dump your landscaping mulch in piles on the roadway.
- Large gondolas used for roofing and home demolition materials are illegal in the public roadway.
- Vandalism of street signage continues to be a serious problem and a threat to your safety. Please report any violations to your Highway Department at 330-832-4016 or Police Department at 330-832-1553.
- Mailboxes and sprinkler system heads are at risk in the public roadway right-of-way and must be strong and protected.
- Street lighting malfunctions can be reported as follows:  
 AEP – 1-800-277-2177 or [www.aepohio.com](http://www.aepohio.com)  
 Ohio Edison – 1-800-633-4766 or [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)  
 Jackson Twp. Fiscal Office – 330-832-5886

## 2010 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Hills & Dales has been widened to four lanes from Sir Thomas to the Massillon limits with a left turn lane westbound at Harris and an improved intersection at Perry-Stuhldreher. Final construction and cleanup continues. Stimulus money was the major construction funding.



The High Mill & Lafayette intersection has seen vast improvement in visibility. This project was funded by OPWC grant money along with local Jackson funding.



◀ This photo shows the High Mill & Lafayette intersection before construction started.

High Mill and Lafayette intersection under construction. ▶



◀ and NOW....the High Mill and Lafayette intersection is NEW, safer and complete.

Meadowview Avenue saw replacement of a deteriorated culvert pipe with new 112" x 70" arch pipe. The Stark County Engineer provided the installation work with Township assistance and materials.



The 2010 resurfacing is complete on 12.61 miles of Township jurisdiction roadway. The cost of asphalt continues to rise. The requirement to grind existing asphalt down to preserve drainage and keep road asphalt elevations reasonable at driveways continues to increase the cost. Our 200 miles of Jackson Township roadway continues to age. These expenses have caused a large increase in funding requirements from your Highway Department road levy.

The 2010 curbing replacement of the most deteriorated Jackson Township curbing saw 8,660 ft. replaced (1.64 miles).

In 2010, Jackson Township restriped 40 miles of our heaviest traveled roadways. The State and County add another 105 miles of striped roads in Jackson Township.



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Mark Stevens has retired after completing thirty-two years of faithful employment to the Jackson Township Highway Department in July 2010. He will be missed and takes with him the huge experience of plowing, patching, and assisting in the Township infrastructure maintenance and growth.

The Trustees have hired Jeremiah Thompson to replace Mark and learn the duties of the Jackson Highway Labor Specialist. Jeremiah comes to us with good equipment operations, trucking, and masonry skills.

## MEET YOUR JACKSON HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE STAFF

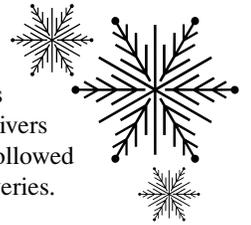
Here are the members of the highway and central vehicle maintenance departments.

**(Left to Right): Jerry Valentine, Chuck Savchenko, Ken Ferguson, Ralph Boger (kneeling), Rick Holla, Nick Lare, John Eicher, Bob Edmundson, Dave Crum, Mark Stevens, George Church, Rick Boak, Mike Schroeder, Joe Stonebrook, Carles Moore (kneeling), Tom Shonk, Steve Ott, and Mike Tracy. John Dustman was not included in the photo.**

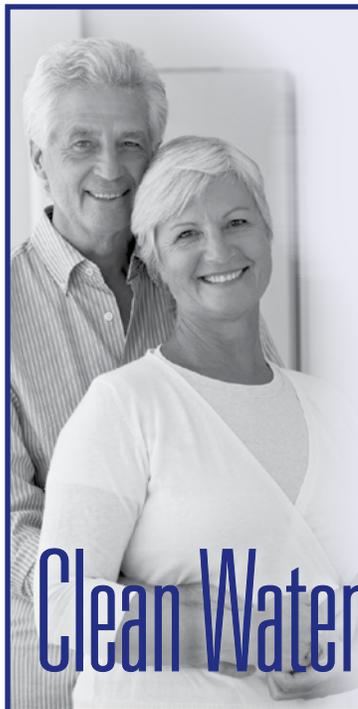


## WINTER SEASON

Winter ice, snow, and low temperature highway operations are just around the corner. Our trucks are being readied for plowing, salting, and spending hard hours on the roads. The salt supply is starting out with a full bin. It will be replaced as necessary to maintain the roadways for our schools, business, and residential neighbors' safety. Our experienced truck drivers will review their routes and be ready for all call-outs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The main roads receive first service, followed by allotments, and conclude with cul-de-sacs and plowing edges back for full width road travel and mail deliveries.



Winter requires your roadside mailboxes to be strongly installed and maintained by you to withstand heavy wet snow. The inside of curved roads can be staked to identify the curbs and grass hidden by snow and to prevent damage to yards, sprinkler heads, and lawns.



Rain is part of our everyday lives. Sometimes we feel the need for rain and sometimes we are deluged with rain running everywhere. We don't think about where the water goes when it's rushing down the street and into the storm drains. For us...it stops there. But it is actually just beginning.

Every time it rains there are massive amounts of chemicals, oils, and heavy metals running off our roof, through our grass and flower beds, down our driveways, and into our storm drains which lead out to our natural waterways and streams, and finally go to our lakes and rivers.

If our ground cannot absorb the water efficiently and effectively and perk back down into our underground water supply, it ends up in the storm drains. The chemicals, oils, etc. then break down the beneficial bacteria and micro-organisms that keep our lakes and streams healthy. What we end up with is an over abundance of algae which, believe it or not, is harmful to our eco-system. It cuts down on the oxygen levels in the water, and the beneficial bacteria cannot do its job to keep the water clean and healthy for fish and fowl.

We can make a difference one yard at a time. If every homeowner made simple changes, we could save our lakes, streams, and rivers. Our eco-system depends on it. Not only does storm water run-off affect fish, it affects waterfowl, birds, and all the animals that eat the fish, and drink from the lakes, streams, and rivers.

We can all do our part in our yards by using rain barrels to catch our roof water, use native plants in our gardens, and finally use organic fertilizers instead of the chemical fertilizers and controls. Organic products come from the earth. They will not damage it. Organic fertilizers are safe for pets, children, you, and our environment.

# Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News

## ZONING DEPARTMENT



**Joni Poindexter**  
*Zoning Inspector*

### ZONING COMMISSION TEXT CHANGES

Over the past year, the Jackson Township Zoning Commission has been busy holding work sessions regarding proposed text changes to the Zoning Resolution Book. All work sessions are advertised and open to the public. Upon the conclusion of the work session a motion is made by the Zoning Commission to initiate the text changes into an amendment. The amendment is forwarded to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission for a recommendation to approve, deny or modify the text amendment. The Zoning Commission holds a

public hearing on the amendment. Residents and businesses are permitted and encouraged to attend the hearing and comment on the merits of the proposed text changes. At the conclusion of the meeting, the members of the Zoning Commission vote to recommend approval, denial, or a modification of the amendment.

Following the Zoning Commission's recommendation, the Jackson Township Trustees review the amendment request at a public hearing. The Trustees may adopt, deny or modify the Zoning Commission's recommendation. A decision to overrule the Zoning Commission's recommendation requires a majority vote by the trustees. Residents dissatisfied with the Trustees' decision may challenge it by referendum.



**The Zoning Commission also reviews rezones to the Jackson Township map.**

One of the zoning classifications in which an applicant can request is an R-3 Residential Planned Unit Development (R-3 PUD). The purpose of the R-3 PUD zoning classification is to provide flexibility in planning a development in order to preserve land in its natural state including wetlands, flood plains, wildlife habitats and open space areas for recreational purposes. Required open space percentages are based on the number of dwelling units per acre. The maximum density permitted is six dwelling units per acre for an R-3 attached single family PUD and a maximum of 2.2 dwelling units per acre for an R-3 detached single family PUD. No commercial uses are permitted. If single family attached and single family detached dwellings are incorporated into one overall R-3 PUD plan, the required open space and maximum density shall be in accordance with the R-3 Single Family Detached requirements. Once an R-3 PUD is approved by the Trustees, it becomes a binding commitment and any substantial changes to the site plan must be resubmitted to the Trustees for approval.

Although an R-3 PUD zoning classification involves many details, it is an important part of the zoning resolution. It controls density and open space by providing flexible development and encourages developers to conserve land in its natural state as Jackson Township continues to grow.

### NEW COMMERCIAL BUSINESS COMING TO JACKSON:

CVS Pharmacy will be coming to the Market Place at Noble's Pond located at the southeast corner of Wales and Fulton in the near future. The 13,225 sq. ft. building, which has a valuation of approximately \$980,000, will include a drive thru pharmacy.



**Ted R. Heck**  
Fire Chief

# Are You “FIRE SAFE” In Your Home?

## RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns. The amount of deaths and injuries could be greatly reduced by the installation of residential sprinklers in one and two family dwellings.

The cost of sprinkler installations in new construction is approximately \$1.61 per square foot or about 1 percent of the value of the home. Over a 30-year mortgage, that would be less than the price of a cup of coffee per week. That is a very small price to pay to save the lives of your loved ones in the event of a fire.



Smoke detectors in the home are important to the safety of the occupants, but they are not enough to save the lives. The time to escape a house fire has dwindled from 17 minutes 20 years ago to three minutes today, and this poses a severe risk to those who cannot self-evacuate or who have mobility concerns.

Fire Chief Ted Heck and Tracy Hogue, Captain in charge of fire prevention for Jackson Township, both support residential sprinkler systems. Captain Hogue states that 85% of all fires start in the home. The fires are fueled by new lightweight construction and more flammable contents. A sprinkler system would not replace a smoke detector, but would work with the detector in saving lives and property.

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

## FIRE HYDRANT TESTING

Over the summer months your Fire Department checked and flowed over 350 hydrants around Jackson Township. The township has three different companies that supply water to the residents, Aqua Ohio, Canton Water Department and the North Canton Water Department. A few problems were found with the hydrants that ranged from leaking water when opened, to not being able to open them at all. The water companies have been working with the fire department to correct the situation.

A number of the hydrants were very hard to find because some were covered by homeowners landscaping or overgrown by vegetation. If the firefighters have a hard time finding the hydrants in a non-emergency situation, think of the difficulty in locating them in a timely manner during an emergency.

Although we don't want to think about it yet – winter weather will be upon us shortly. When cleaning the snow from your driveway, please take a little time to clear the area around the closest

hydrant to you. This may be a Life Saver! **Reminder, change your battery in your smoke detector when you turn your clocks back.**

## 911 ADDRESS SIGNS

**Can the fire department find your house?** Is your address visible from the street any time of the day or night, in any type of weather? The biggest problem the fire department has in locating your emergency is finding the address. Over three thousand address signs have been sold since the fire department started selling the signs.

There are some neighborhoods where the only place with an address is on the Postal Service cluster boxes. This makes it difficult to find the correct address. Other homes have their addresses on a mailbox, but the box is located around the corner from the front of the house near the driveway. These numbers may be completely different in range, 5300 for one, and 8300 for the neighbor around the corner.

*We encourage Jackson Township residents to purchase a 911 address sign to assist the Fire Department in locating you quickly in the event of an emergency.*

## 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.



## ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

On November 2, 2010, voters in Jackson Township will have the opportunity to authorize the Board of Trustees to become an electric aggregator for eligible Township residents and small businesses. Government aggregation provides group buying power typically resulting in a better price for electric generation than an individual's price. The government aggregator (Township) chooses the electric generation supplier for all the customers in its group.

**The aggregation program on the ballot will only apply to Ohio Edison customers at this time.** The program will not affect American Electric Power customers. However, if AEP rates increase in the future, government aggregation programs may offer a more competitive price on electric generation.

If voters approve this ballot issue, a letter will be sent to consumers specifying the terms and conditions of the offer as well as the rate. The aggregation program is structured so that all eligible residents and small business customers in the community are automatically enrolled. Residents do not need to do anything to join the program. However, anyone who does not want to participate in the program can easily opt out by returning a form which will be mailed to all eligible members.

The local electric utility will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to homes and businesses, and will continue to read your meter, maintain poles and wires, and restore power after an outage.

To learn more about electric aggregation, please go to our website, [www.jacksontownship.com](http://www.jacksontownship.com).

## NEW JACKSON TOWNSHIP FLAGS ARE FLYING

Purple and gold flags are now flying in the breeze in Jackson Township.



Each of the new Jackson Township flags welcomes motorists into the center "Heart" of Jackson Township at the intersection of Wales Avenue and Fulton Road, as well as flying in the air at Township buildings and parks. The flags are a result of a township contest in January.

Recently, four individuals – Troy Hankins, Anthony Pizzino, Aaron Strickland and Judy Haas – were awarded their own flags as a "thank you" for their contribution to this historic project. Long-time resident

Judy Haas suggested having a Township flag contest. Troy Hankins won the contest with his design, which includes the words: "Community, Friendship, Pride, and Education. The flag design also includes a logo submitted by Anthony Pizzino. Aaron Strickland organized and coordinated the contest, which was open to students in grades 6 to 12 and lived in Jackson Township. There were 116 entries.



(Left to right) Randy Gonzalez, Aaron Strickland, Marilyn Lyon, John Pizzino, Troy Hankins, William Burger, Judy Haas, James Walters and Anthony Pizzino.



The new flags are available to residents in a "Garden" size of 12" by 18" at a cost of \$8.48, including tax, at the Jackson Township Administration Building.

## NEW MERCY MEDICAL JACKSON HEALTH CENTER

Mercy Medical is expanding healthcare services in the "downtown" heart of Jackson Township



Mercy Medical Center has broken ground on the new 55,000-sq.-ft. Mercy Health Center and STAT-CARE of Jackson. The new facility is a strategic, developer-hospital-physician partnership between

Signet Healthcare, Mercy Medical Center and local physician practices. Located next to the Paul and Carol David YMCA at the corner of Wales and Fulton Roads in the heart of Jackson Township, the new health center will initially include an imaging center, lab, cardiac diagnostic services, sleep lab, STAT-CARE Immediate Care Center, Mercy Primary Care – Jackson, and offices for Urology One and Tri-County Hematology and Oncology. Construction is being managed by Fred Olivieri Construction Company.

Tom Cecconi, Mercy president and CEO, believes this partnership will benefit the people of Jackson Township as they continue to build a thriving community center. By offering a broad range of accessible and affordable health services, the new health center will also be part of carrying out the hospital's long-standing mission.

During the groundbreaking and blessing service, Cecconi said, "This land where we are today has become a vibrant Township hub, and with the new Mercy Health Center, it will be even more so. When our new facility opens in about a year from now, we plan to employ 24 more people, in addition to the approximately 50 at our current health center. That center will be put to other uses. We thank the Jackson Township Trustees for welcoming us to your community, and we look forward to continuing to be a good neighbor and leader here in this wonderful community."

(Left to right) Thomas E. Cecconi, President and CEO, Mercy Medical Center; Sister Judith Ann Karam, C.S.A., President and CEO, Sisters of Charity Health System; Roger Mann, Chairman, Mercy Board of Directors; Anthony S. Manna, Chairman and CEO, Signet Enterprises, LLC; William M. Burger, Jackson Township Trustee; and Dina K. Rooney, M.D., Tri County Hematology and Oncology.



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY TO EXPAND

The Jackson Township Branch of the Stark County District Library could get a \$3.2 million overhaul and expansion due to some structural issues and a lack of space. A presentation was made to the Jackson Township Trustees at a recent meeting. The Library branch was built in 1992.

"The Jackson Library has moisture and masonry failures, including the roof, and an underground data wire has collapsed, making it unusable," said Executive Director Kent Oliver. "The Jackson Library is one of the busiest branches in the library system," he said, "and it needs more space."

Library officials want to expand the 15,500 square-foot facility by 5,400 square feet, and fix the structural problems. The estimated cost is \$3.2 million, including new furniture.

To accomplish all this, Oliver told Township Trustees that library district officials plan to start a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds for the project. The Stark County District Library leases the property for \$1.00 a year from Jackson Township. There are no current plans to seek a tax levy to pay for the project.

# Jackson Township Police Services



**David J. Zink**  
**Police Chief**

Your Jackson Township Police Department provides many services to Jackson Township residents of which you may or may not be aware. The department operates with a ***Community Oriented Policing*** philosophy. What this means is that we partner with our residents in addressing their needs and resolving issues that may arise. I have out-

lined a few of the services we provide our residents, and will continue to cover additional services in future newsletters.

### **VEHICLE LOCK OUTS**

Officers respond to Township residents who have accidentally locked their keys in their vehicles. Each cruiser is equipped with a vehicle lock out tool to assist them in unlocking the vehicles.

### **SECURITY SURVEYS**

Officers will come to your home and/or business and review with you security issues that will assist in making your property less desirable to potential criminals. They may make suggestions for better security measures including landscaping, lighting, locks and more.

### **VACATION CHECKS**

Residents can complete an on-line form or call the police department directly to request having their properties checked while on vacation. Officers will physically check your properties by walking around checking doors and windows and noting anything they think may be suspicious.

### **QUESTION AND ANSWER**

We are often times asked questions by residents concerning their own children or school age children in the neighborhood. This past summer, road patrol officers have been diligent in enforcing the law as it relates to young adults' behaviors. Arrests have been made concerning underage alcohol consumption, Drug Possession, Criminal Damaging and Unruliness, to mention a few. We enforce these laws hoping we will be successful in helping our youth make positive choices. I want to encourage anyone having information regarding an establishment supporting underage drinking or any persons providing drugs to our youth, to please pass the information onto the police department.

### **JUVENILE QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Does Jackson Township have a curfew?**

Yes. Persons under the age of 18 are prohibited from being in public places between the hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday evenings and on Friday and Saturday between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. There are exceptions to these rules for school activities, church affiliated activities and work situations. Officers are guided by this resolution and may stop and inquire of minors in public places between these hours.

#### **2. Are mischievous acts of toilet papering someone's property or moving yard displays a crime?**

Yes they are. Ohio Revised Code No. 2909.07 defines Criminal Mischief as no person shall without privilege to do knowingly move, deface, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with the property of another. Criminal Mischief is a Misdemeanor of the Third Degree punishable by a maximum of sixty days in jail and a five hundred dollar fine.

#### **3. What is Unruliness?**

This is what is called a status offense or an offense that only a person under the age of eighteen can be charged. An unruly child does not submit to the reasonable control of the child's parents, teachers, guardian, or custodian by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient. Any child who behaves in a manner as to injure or endanger the child's own health or morals or the health or morals of others may be charged as an Unruly Child.

# SAFETY TIPS

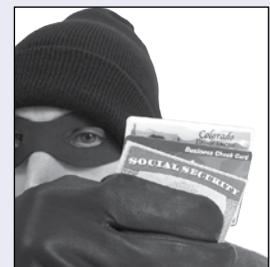
Halloween is almost here. Please remember to accompany your children or have them walk with others while trick-or-treating. The Jackson Township's official trick-or-treat time will be held Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parents, please be sure to check your children's candy carefully. **THAT FOUR LETTER WORD (SNOW) SOON FOLLOWS HALLOWEEN.**

### **HERE ARE SOME WINTER SAFETY TIPS:**

- Allow more driving time between appointments
- Check your tires for wear and proper inflation.
- Make sure your gas tanks have at least a half a tank of fuel
- Never warm your car up in an enclosed area
- Do not use cruise control on slippery roadways
- Limit unnecessary errands in inclement weather
- Heed weather advisories
- Always wear your seatbelt

### **YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS WANT EVERYONE TO HAVE A SAFE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE. IF YOU KEEP THESE FEW SAFETY TIPS IN MIND, YOUR EXPERIENCE CAN BE SAFE AND ENJOYABLE:**

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
  - Park in well lit areas, shopping before dark if possible
  - Carry purses with a shoulder strap
  - Lock your car doors
  - Do not leave electronics within view inside your vehicle
  - Place packages in your trunk out of sight
  - Never place your hand bag or wallet in a shopping cart
  - Note where you are parked, being mindful of your surroundings.
- If you see someone that appears suspicious, move to another parking area and contact police.



In closing, I want to encourage all Jackson Township residents to wave down an officer patrolling your neighborhood if you have questions or concerns that need to be addressed. The officer will be glad to assist you or, if you wish, you can contact us at [www.jtpd.com](http://www.jtpd.com) or phone us at (330) 834-3960.

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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](http://jacksontwp.com), or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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