

Jackson Township

NEWSLETTER



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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials...

THE DOWNTOWN "HEART" OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP

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The geographical center "heart" of Jackson Township has become a daily downtown reality. The newly widened and improved traffic system has come to life with drivers becoming accustomed to the many driving lanes and the newly improved traffic signal operations.

All four signaled intersections have easily identified crosswalks. Each crosswalk has a pedestrian button on the traffic signal pole and a sign identifying specifically which crossing it controls. Activating the correct button one time will enter the traffic signal sequence to stop traffic for the crosswalk. The "man" symbol on the opposite side of the crosswalk will illuminate white for about 10 seconds followed by a flashing yellow "man" for 20 more seconds. You must be alert to this white and yellow "man" sequence and move immediately to cross the street. Be alert to all traffic and realize that the traffic in the "right turn on red" lane must see you and yield to your use of the crosswalk. This "right turn on red" driver can also see the white and yellow pedestrian crossing man signal. The pedestrian friendly crossings are well marked and the signaled crosswalk provides enough time for safe crossing if utilized in an alert and timely manner.



This downtown area is surrounded by attractions inviting residents and visitors. New sidewalks with night street lighting make pedestrian traffic available to the schools, library, parks, Jackson Township government operations, and the many fine commercial establishments at all hours. Drivers will find easy

access into and out of these areas to suit their business and pleasure needs. Ample parking has been planned to accommodate the current and future traffic growth.

Your Jackson Township Officials invite you to come to the downtown center of Jackson for your recreation, education, shopping, and business needs.

You will find the "HEART" of Jackson Township to be clean, decorative, safe, and functional.



JACKSON TRUSTEES ORGANIZE FOR 2010

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Township Board for 2010, electing John E. Pizzino as President and James N. Walters as Vice President.

They also set their meeting schedule and made committee assignments. Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Executive session or work session at 4:00 pm, with the general session at 5:00 pm. **This is a NEW start time for the general session.**

TOWN HALL MEETING

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

It is scheduled for Sunday, March 28, 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 Spring and Summer hours. North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. now through November 30. South Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Edward & Mary Zink Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Nelson M. Keck Park, and Stuhldreher Street Fields are open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

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 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 Park
5891 Lake O'Springs Avenue
4. Nelson Keck Park
Wales Avenue
5. Edward and Mary Zink Park
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

JACKSON PARKS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 25 - Baseball / Softball Fields
- 17- Soccer Fields
- 6 - Tennis Courts
- 4 - Basketball Courts
- 1 - Skate Park
- 1- One-Mile Walking Track
- 1- Two-Mile Multi-purpose Track
- 2 - Midget Football Fields
- 6 - Flag Football Fields
- 4 - Lacrosse Fields
- 4 - Picnic Shelters and Restrooms
- 3 - Gazebos

STRAUSSER PARK

This new field at Strausser Elementary Park is 330'x 330', and will be ready for use this spring. It will be used by youth organizations for football, soccer, lacrosse and other athletic activities.

DURING 2009, THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARK PROGRAMS HAD GREAT PARTICIPATION:

Organized Youth Sports:..... 3,960+ participants
 Community Celebration:..... 50,000+ participants
 Programs and special events:..... 12,000+ participants

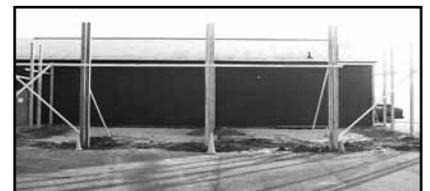
In 2009 there were 207 shelter permits and 58 field permits issued.

PARK FACILITY RESERVATION INFORMATION:

To reserve a pavilion, athletic field, tennis, volleyball, or basketball courts please contact the Park Department at 330-832-2845 to inquire about availability. Permits are required to avoid double booking and must be picked up prior to the reservation date. Applications are accepted at the Jackson Township Administration Building located at 5735 Wales Avenue NW, and may be found at www.jacksontwp.com.

NEW COLD STORAGE BUILDING FOR PARKS

Construction of our new storage building addition is underway. This building will be used for cold storage and will be built by the Jackson High School Building Trades class. This is a win/win project for the school and Jackson Township. The hands-on education for the students will prepare them for their futures in the building trades.



PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS

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

HEALTHY KIDS DAY AT THE DAVID YMCA

Saturday, April 17, 2010. Free and open to the community.
 Call the David YMCA for times and a schedule of activities.

PEE WEE T-BALL:

Boys and girls ages 4 – 6 years old.
 Registration starts April 26, 2010 at the YMCA.

The YMCA provides memberships, adult wellness classes, swim lessons, youth sports, and so much more. Stop in for a tour!

Many other adult and kids programs are offered.
 A family membership is a great gift for the family.

Call for more information 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.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK WAS A GREAT SUCCESS



Tony Codispoti and his daughter Alexandria enjoyed visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claus during the Holiday in the Park.

The Jackson Township Holiday in the Park was held on December 12th. The Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts and the Jackson Park 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.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop on over to Jackson Township's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27 at the Jackson North Park. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. sharp, so get there early!

Children (crawlers to 4th grade) will be divided into age groups. Bring your own baskets and be sure to visit with the Easter Bunny!



The event is co-sponsored by the Jackson Girl Scouts. For more information contact the Jackson Township Park Department at 330-832-245.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

June 16 through June 19, 2010
Jackson Township North Park

Bring your family and friends out to enjoy one of Jackson Township's largest celebrations! Attractions over the four-day event include a 5K 'Night Glow' Run and Walk, Car Show, Food, and great Free Entertainment each night. Two new activities planned for this year are the Strong Man Event and a 3x3 Basketball Tournament. In a continued effort to provide quality entertainment to the residents of Jackson Township, we have obtained Bates Amusements to provide rides for the Jackson Community Celebration. Bates Amusements is known for having the highest standards in the amusement business.

There will be a spectacular fireworks display on Saturday, June 19.

For additional information, please contact the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department at
(330) 832-2845

Summer Park Programs

Country Line Dancing

Wednesdays, June 2 through August 25

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. • North Park Pavilion

(This program WILL NOT BE HELD Wednesday, June 16 due to the Jackson Township Community Celebration)

Enjoy country line dancing in the North Park Pavilion every Wednesday this summer. Instructor Maryann Ziegler will lead the group in various forms of country line dancing, including reggaes, cha-cha's, and much more! This free activity is open to everyone. No registration is required.

Sandy Stuff

Mondays, June 7 & 21 and July 12 & 26

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. • North Park Sand Volleyball courts

Toddlers ages 4 and under can experience an imaginary day at the beach complete with sand castles, water toys, and beach activities. Simple activities such as treasure hunts or squeezing lemonade will be included at each session. This program is free to all participants. Pre-registration is required with the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Dept.

Fishing Fundamentals

Tuesdays, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20, and August 3

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. • North Park Pond

Bring your poles and enjoy your summer days at the ol' fishin' hole! Join us at the pond in the North Park on selected dates from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy the morning learning some basic fundamentals of fishing and fish identification. Don't forget to bring your own bait. This program is free for everyone. Registration is required for this program, so register early!



Tiny Tracks

Wednesdays, June 9 through August 11

Session I: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Session II: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Session III: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(This program WILL NOT BE HELD Wednesday, June 16 due to the Jackson Township Community Celebration)

This program explores new activities and themes each week, offering a fun, hands-on experience for ages 3-5. Each session will meet at the North Park Pavilion. Participants may sign up for as many sessions as they desire.

The program is free, but registration is required for this program, so register early!



Picture Perfect

Fridays, July 23, and August 6

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Kids learn the basics of creatively constructing a page of their first scrapbook. Remember to bring your own pictures or mementos to add a personal touch to your project! This program is offered at no cost and is designed for children 8-15. Pre-registration is required with the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Dept.

Black Light Volleyball

Thursdays June 24, July 8 & 22

9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. • North Park Pavilion

Teens entering grades 6-9 can experience the coolest nighttime volleyball game ever! Black lights will be used to illuminate the court, net, and ball. Pizza, beverages, and unique glow-in-the-dark novelties will be provided for all players and participants. Be sure to wear light colors that will glow under the black lights! Sign up as a team or by yourself! This program is free to all participants. Pre-registration is required with the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Dept.

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Annual Jackson Township Pet Parade

Saturday, July 17

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon • South Park- Bog Shelter

Ages 15 & younger can show off their favorite pets in the Jackson Township Pet Parade! (All pets are welcome!) Participants and their pets are encouraged to dress in costumes, although it is not required. Awards will be given in the following categories:

Smallest Pet, Biggest Pet, Most Unusual Pet, Prettiest Pet, Owner & Pet Look-a-Like, Famous Hollywood Pet, Team Mascot, Judges Choice Award and more. This is a free event. **Pre-Registration is required for this program, so register early! Registrants must obtain a copy of the rules prior to the date of the event. Registrations will not be accepted the day of the event.**



Creative Movement

Mondays, July 12, July 26, August 2, and 9th

12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m. • North Park Pavilion

Enjoy the summer with your preschooler in the park! Join Barb Craven, of Craven Dance Studio, as she leads Creative Movement in the North Park. Children will enjoy exercising, singing and creative movement through music. This is a FREE program open to boys and girls ages 3 to 5. **Registration is not required for this program.**

Tie-Dying!

Tuesdays, June 29, July 13, 27 & August 10

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. • North Park Pavilion

Join the Recreation Staff for some summertime fun! Program participants will meet at the North Park Pavilion. This program is designed for ages 6-12. Participants must bring their own items to tie-dye. (Plain white t-shirts work best.) **There is no charge for the program, but you must pre-register with the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department for each session.**

Kid's Yard Sale

Saturday, July 31 (Rain date August 7)

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. • North Park

Buy or sell used children's clothes and toys still in good condition. Kids, ages 12 & under, will have the chance to experience what it's like to work in retail! There is a \$5 fee per table for this event. You must pre-register, as space is limited. Limit of 2 tables per family. Register by Friday, July 23 for your space. **Registrations will not be accepted the day of the event.** Not selling anything? Browse the selections and be prepared to purchase loads of great bargains! **There is no admission fee.**

My Grandparent & Me at the Ol' School House

Thursdays, June 24, July 8, & 22

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. • Held at the Ol' School House

Grandparents can reminisce and share memories with their grandchildren at the schoolhouse on Fulton Road N.W. The setting in the schoolhouse is perfect for an old-fashioned light and fun history lesson. Different activities are scheduled on each date. Interested children, ages 6 to 12, should bring their grandparents (or any older adult) to the school house on Fulton Road, between Jackson High School and South Park. **Please register with the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Department for this free program.**

Ohio Division of Wildlife Hunter's Safety Education Course

Jackson Township Safety Center

Thursday, September 16: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, September 17: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 18: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The hunter education program is designed for every age and ability and is designed to provide hunters with a clear understanding of firearms, ammunition, gun handling, archery, hunter responsibilities, outdoor safety, wildlife management and conservation, and other related information. Once you've completed the course work, you will be given a 100-question test. Students must score 80% or higher on the test to obtain certification. Completion of a hunter education course is required for all first-time hunting license buyers in Ohio. **This is a free program, but you must register with the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Department. Space is limited, so register early! Participants must attend all three sessions.**

Introducing the Second Annual
ARTS IN JACKSON PARK

A Brush With Nature



LIVE MUSIC & THE PERFORMING ARTS

JURIED ARTISANS DISPLAYING FINE ART

CHILDREN'S AREA WHERE THEY CAN CREATE THEIR OWN WORK OF ART

\$1.00 ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
NO PETS ALLOWED

DOMESTIC BEER AND FOOD FOR PURCHASE

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS
WWW.JBCC.ORG/ARTSINJACKSONPARK

JACKSON NORTH PARK
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2010
11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. ♣ RAIN OR SHINE

JACKSON-BELDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
To benefit various charity organizations in Jackson Township and the Parks Department



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.jacksontownship.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.

Call for Service



Harley L. Nefzter
Police Chief

In 2009, our department handled 26,539 calls for service. Our total calls for service were down from 2008; however we continue to realize a significant amount of thefts from vehicles and shoplifting cases. Although the majority of these cases are committed by non-residents, we all need to be attentive to our surroundings and ensure valuables are out of sight, purses are always attended, and unattended vehicles are always locked. Closer to home, unlocked vehicles have been entered, garages opened and burglars have entered through unlocked service doors into homes to take purses, wallets, electronics, etc. Our officers made two arrests of individuals committing these types of offenses in the past year. In both occasions, the

bad guy entered homes that were occupied. Since our most recent arrest, the incidents seem to have stopped. However, we recommend taking the following precautions to minimize your likeliness of becoming a victim.

- Keep vehicle doors, garage doors and service doors closed and locked. Often we will find open doors during our overnight patrols. Although, we'll call you to close the door, the bad guys will not!
- Use exterior lighting whenever practical.
- Utilize existing home alarm systems.
- Take advantage of our vacation check program.
- Be attentive to your surroundings. You can help us by reporting any unusual activity so it can be investigated by our personnel.

Many neighborhood associations have a network of email users. When an incident occurs in a neighborhood, often a flurry of emails will follow. Be careful to only forward accurate information. I appreciate calls when incidents occur so we can put out accurate information through these networks. Speculation and rumors only create panic. Please call Major Dave Zink or myself to get accurate information to communicate with others. As we develop our new web site, look for updated information on these types of incidents to be broadcasted which will enhance our community's safety.

OFFENSE 2008 2009

OFFENSE	2008	2009
Calls for Service	28,616	26,539
Accident/Property	1650	1620
Accident/Injury	180	161
Accident/Fatal	3	0
Traffic Crash Fatalities	3	0
Hit Skip/Accident	62	62
Arson	6	5
Stolen Vehicles	60	54
Recovered Vehicles	4	12
False Alarm Drops	1834	1579
Citations	2486	2519
Vandalism	236	207
Criminal Mischief	139	135
Theft	1265	1174
OVI	189	195
Homicides	0	2
Juvenile Arrests	304	368
Aggravated Robbery	11	6
Robbery	26	28
Aggravated Burglary	5	3
Burglary	79	102
Breaking & Entering	99	99
Rape	10	18
Other Sex Offenses	18	14
Public Indecency	6	4
Domestic Violence	102	111
Drug & Drug Related	156	121
Kidnapping	1	2
Assaults	132	110
Shoplifting	394	395
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	160	178
Residential Alarms	790	860
Juvenile Citations	151	161
Vacation Checks	3757	2629

INCREASE IN PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

We have realized an increase in pedestrian traffic between the schools and the YMCA, Foxboro Square, Buehler's Market Place, the Library and North Park. We ask for your assistance when traversing these areas, especially before and after school. As this area continues to be developed, we anticipate more pedestrian traffic in the area. So please assist us in keeping this area safe. Some additional thoughts to consider are:

- When you are backing out of your driveway, check the sidewalk in addition to the roadway to avoid pedestrians who might be crossing.
- If you are a pedestrian, do not assume because you can see a vehicle they can see you. Wear reflective clothing, walk facing traffic if no sidewalk is available, and don't take risks by crossing in front of traffic.
- Review crosswalk locations and pedestrian signal operation with your school children.

VACATION CHECKS

Take advantage of our vacation checks. When you plan to go on vacation, make arrangements for your mail and papers to be picked up. If you contact us, we will get some information and drive by your residence throughout the day to make sure everything is okay. This is a service that we are proud to provide.

If you have any questions regarding our year-to-date statistics or if we can be of any assistance please contact us at www.jttd.com or (330) 834-3960.

Chief Nefzter is retiring as Police Chief on March 26, 2010.

Neighborhood Meetings

We conduct at least twelve neighborhood meetings a year with residents and our business community to encourage dialogue and discuss areas of mutual concern. We think it's important to hear from our residents and business leaders so we know we are meeting your expectations. Our notifications are usually by mail and will indicate when and where these meetings will be held. Please do not be alarmed by these notices. Usually, these meetings are just informative and an opportunity to exchange dialogue. If something major is going on in your area we will communicate that information to you clearly with suggestions to keep you safe. Thank you for your attendance at these meetings. We enjoy an excellent relationship with our residents and business leaders which will keep our community safe.



Ralph E. Boger
Highway Superintendent

Funding for the these projects is from OPWC Grants, Ohio Safety Grants, Federal funds, and joint project funding with ODOT, the Stark County Engineer, and all combined as necessary to leverage Jackson Township road levy funding.

A Good Year for Highway Progress in Jackson

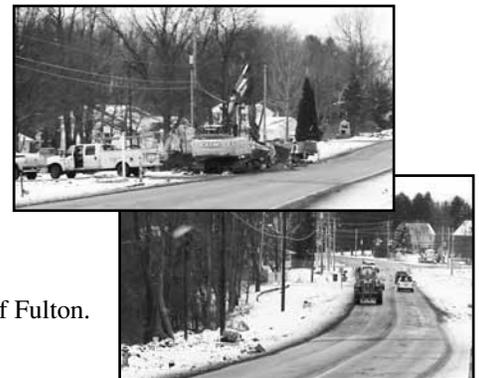
2009 CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT REVIEW

FUNDS

• Wales and Fulton intersection improvement (completed in July 2009)	\$4,668,980
• Streetscape with lighting and sidewalks (completed in November 2009)	\$495,067
• Resurfacing of 12 miles of township roadways	\$606,132
• Re-striping of 40 miles of township roadways	\$39,437
• Mudbrook was widened to 3 lanes for school traffic	\$149,463
• Curbing replacement of 10,550 feet of curbing in various locations	\$186,827
• Purchased 2 new dump trucks with snow and ice equipment	\$209,046
• Snow and ice control used 10,121 tons of salt in the 2008-2009 season	\$476,806
• Flasher signal was placed in operation at Lake O'Springs and Huckleberry	\$54,560
• Storm sewer pipe under Springlake into Lake O'Springs	\$25,000
• Township yard debris drop-off improvement	\$24,647
• High Mill/Lafayette intersection improvement is under contract (2010 expense)	\$576,470

2010 CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER PROJECTS

- Hills & Dales widening will be completed in the fall from Massillon to Brunnerdale.
- The High Mill/Lafayette intersection improvement will be completed by midsummer.
- Resurfacing about 12 miles of township roadway will be done.
- Restriping will be completed on 40 miles of Jackson Township roads.
- Curbing replacement will again be contracted for various locations.
- A new rubber tired loader will replace an aging 1992 loader.
- A bypass storm sewer will alleviate flooding east of Arlington and north of Fulton.
- Snow and ice control is anticipated for the 2010-2011 season.



Hills & Dales Widening

TOWNSHIP SNOW AND ICE CONTROL ON OUR 200 ROAD MILES

Each winter season brings its share of a variety of snows and icing conditions. Jackson Township stocks salt which is purchased through the Ohio Department of Transportation road salt bidding results. In 2009-2010, our 10,000 tons of salt requirement will again cost nearly a half million dollars! The salt becomes necessary primarily for the many light snow and icy, slippery conditions. Snow plowing events are fewer, but produce more challenges for our drivers with long hours, hidden curbing and yard edges, and objects such as mailboxes, driveways, and cul-de-sacs.



Your dedicated Jackson Township Highway Department employees come to work at all hours of the day and night, and drive many hours in order to provide safe roads for the traveling public.

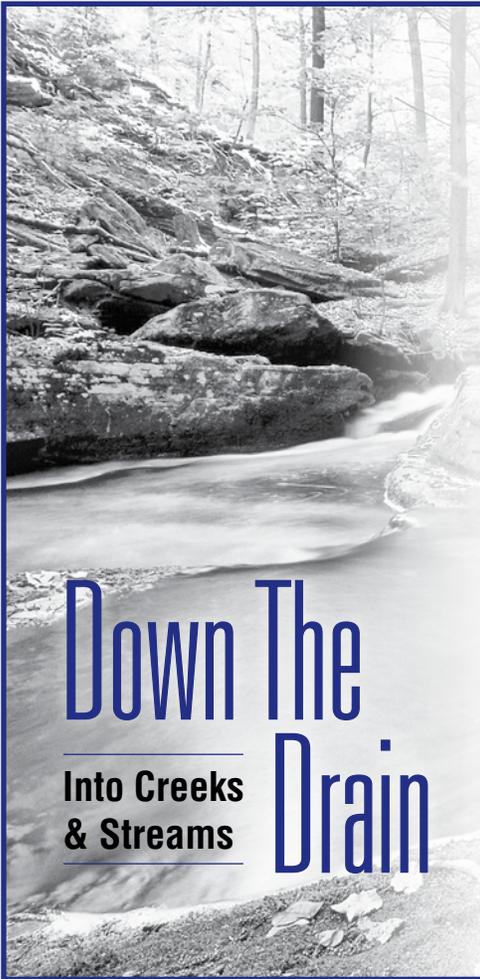
JACKSON TOWNSHIP DEBRIS DROP-OFF

The Township maintains a public drop-off site, open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week, for proper disposal of leaves and yard waste. This spring the drop-off site welcomes your winter yard debris and grass clippings. In the fall, Jackson Township will also pick up your bagged leaves in paper bags if you need assistance.

**Summer hours of
9:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.
begin April 1st, and continue
through October 31st.**

The highly successful Jackson Township drop-off area is just west of Jackson high school on Fulton Drive in the South Park. We again remind our Jackson residents that we can accept only biodegradable yard waste. Please deposit no demolition materials, treated wood, stones or dirt, and finally no plastics or junk. A container is provided for your old plastic bags, which were used to carry the grass and leaves.

Please exercise extreme caution in this busy debris drop-off area of moving and backing vehicles and trailers.



Down The Into Creeks & Streams Drain

Litter in the street, oil and antifreeze from a leaking automobile engine, fertilizer/pesticides on your lawn, and sediment from a poorly maintained construction site are all examples of non-point source pollution. If you live in an urban or suburban residential area, chances are during a storm or snowmelt, these and other contaminants are being carried away untreated to a storm sewer system. Unlike a sanitary sewer system, which is directed to a facility for treatment prior to discharge into a waterway, a storm sewer system simply carries storm water and anything in it, untreated, directly to our waterways.

Compounding this problem is the volume of storm water runoff generated from parking lots, highways, driveways, rooftops, and other impervious surfaces. Storm water previously ponded on the forest floor, and given time to infiltrate the soil, recharge groundwater, evaporate, or become utilized by plants is now converted directly to surface runoff. The result is an increase in the volume and velocity of water in creeks and streams that can lead to flooding, stream bank erosion, scouring and down cutting, channel widening, and ultimately leads to habitat alteration.

There are a variety of structural and non-structural systems that, if utilized, can significantly reduce the quantity and improve the quality of our urban storm water.

For example, retention ponds and detention systems are both structural systems designed to release storm water at a controlled rate, or at a calculated rate equal to predevelopment forest floor discharge. Other structural systems include infiltration systems such as porous pavement and infiltration trenches, vegetated filter strips, and constructed wetland systems.

Our personal pollution prevention practices are much more cost effective than structural systems.

Here are some examples of things we can do to reduce non-point source pollution: recycle used motor oil and antifreeze, clean up automotive spills and leaks with a dry absorbent material, wash cars on the grass away from storm drains or at a commercial carwash, dispose of old household chemicals during community collection days, clean up pet waste along streets or sidewalks, and compost lawn debris such as grass trimmings and leaves.

Most importantly, do not dump chemicals into the storm sewer system, because you're contributing to water quality going right down the drain!

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.

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

ZONING INSPECTOR'S MUTUAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Zoning Inspectors' Mutual Assistance Committee consists of all Stark County Zoning Inspectors, as well as officials from the Stark County Building Department, the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, the Health Department, Stark Soil and Water and the Prosecutor's office.

Once a month the Zoning Inspectors' Mutual Assistance Committee meets to discuss topics of interest, as well as minor and major zoning violations. Some items of discussion in 2009 included Updates on Small Wind Energy Legislation, Zoning of Electronic Billboards, Site Plan Reviews, Low Impact Development, Stark Parks Updates, Zoning for Agricultural Preservation, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Religious Land Use and Institutional Persons Act. The Committee also reviewed the Health Department's role in Nuisance Abatements, Determining Division of Property, and discussions of past court cases dealing with zoning issues. In July, the Committee met with Stark Parks and toured the Walborn Reservoir sponsored by Lexington Township.



Jackson Township sponsored the Zoning Inspectors' Mutual Assistance Committee meeting on October 23, 2009 at the Stark State College of Advanced Technology Center. Dan Birmingham of the Rolls-Royce Fuel Cell Division gave a presentation on fuel cell technology and explained the process of the fuel cell functions. Mr. Birmingham also took the Committee on a tour of the fuel cell building located on the Stark State Campus.

ZONING PERMITS

It's that time of year again when many township residents will be undertaking home improvement projects. Prior to construction, zoning permits are required for most types of exterior residential construction alterations and additions; however, home repairs that do not involve structural changes do not require a permit.

Some of the accessory uses that require permits include the following:

Accessory Building, use or structure	Yard in which Use or building permitted	Minimum distance in feet from structure to:				Maximum Height of Structures (in ft)
		Rear Lot Line	Side Lot Line	Street R.O-W Line	From Principal Building	
1. Detached Accessory Building 120 sq. ft. or less ^(a)	Rear and Side	5	5	25	15	15
2. Detached Accessory Building >120 sq. ft. ^(a)	Rear and Side	15	10	25	15 ^(a)	18
3. Temporary Storage Pod (unit)	Rear and Side	15	10	25	5	10
4. Permanent year round Swimming Pool, Private ^(a)	Rear and side	15	10	25	15 or attached by decking surface	N/A
5. Satellite Dishes >25" in diameter or 491 square inches ^(a)	Rear or side	5	5	25	May be attached	Not located on rooftops
6. Farm Markets	Front, side or rear	15	10	25	15	18
7. Temporary buildings/trailers and uses	Front, side or rear	10	10	25	20	18
8. Fences ^(a)	Front, side or rear	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	^(b)
9. Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace	See 401.12 J for outdoor wood burning furnace requirements					
10. Freestanding Wind Energy Conversion System	See Section 401.12K for WECS requirements					
11. Hot Tubs ^(a)	Rear and Side	15	10	25	N/A	N/A
12. Enclosed Hot Tub/Sauna	Rear and Side	15	10	25	15	18
13. Pergola or Arbor	Rear and Side	15	10	25	N/A	18
14. Small Structure Mounted Wind Energy Conversion System ^(a)	See Section 401.12(L) for SSM-WES requirements					

Porches and Decks: Setbacks from property lines are the same as the principal structure.

Swimming pools: No pool shall be filled with water until the appropriate means of preventing uncontrolled access from the street or adjacent properties has been completed.

Many types of construction projects also require a building permit. For information, residents should contact the Stark County Building Department at 330-451-1770.

Some uses that **DO NOT** require permits include the following:

Fences, patios, and sidewalks: Fences may not be located closer than 5 ft. to any street road right of way. Fences within the front yard may not exceed 4 ft in height. The front yard is considered to be any yard area from the front corner of house forward. Fences must not obstruct the view of motorists. Fences in the rear or side yard may not exceed 8 ft. in height and there is no setback requirement.

Parking of vehicles: Boats, trailers and RV's are permitted to be parked in the rear or side yard in a residential district; however, any vehicles that are in a wrecked, inoperable, dismantled or abandoned condition or without legally displayed license plates, are prohibited from being parked in a residential district unless parked or stored in a completely enclosed building.

Zoning Department Statistics		
PERMITS ISSUED	2009	2008
New Single-Family	67	56
2-Family / Multi-Family	1/2	2/21
Residential Alterations	184	187
New Commercial	2	10
Commercial Alterations	123	131



Ted R. Heck
Fire Chief

2009 - A Busy Year for the Fire Department

The Jackson Township Fire Department responded to 4771 calls for assistance. The majority of these calls were for paramedic help, which includes heart attacks, diabetic emergencies, strokes and auto accidents.

Chief Heck has reported that no lives were lost to fires in 2009.



Tracy Hogue, Captain in charge of the Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau, reported that the bureau presented 89 adult and children programs. The programs included Safety Village and Fire Prevention Week. The bureau reached out to the preschools and daycare centers. They also have programs for the senior citizens.

Fire prevention is a very important part of your fire department. The Fire Prevention Bureau is responsible for the inspections of all public buildings, the review of plans for construction of new buildings, the remodeling of older buildings, and the investigation for the cause of fires. The Bureau also issues fireworks permits and is required to stand by during their discharge.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Auto Accidents	356	340
CO Alarms	72	64
Emergencies	3,572	3,521
False Alarms	321	271
Grass Fires	14	13
Hazardous Materials	70	61
Miscellaneous	458	414
Structure Fires	73	58
Vehicle Fires	21	29
TOTAL CALLS	4,957	4,771

JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY VILLAGE

June 14 through June 19
Sauder Elementary School
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon • \$20 fee

Must be in Kindergarten or 1st grade for the 2009-2010 school year.

Registration/Information forms can be picked up at the Jackson Safety Center after April 19, and the forms must be turned in before May 20.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau at 330-834-3951.

Sponsored by the Jackson Police and Fire Departments & Jackson Local Schools

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.



Chuck Gandee
Recycling Station Manager

Springtime at the Jackson Recycling Center

It is that time of year when our thoughts turn to spring. Along with spring there are all those items we have gathering dust in our attic, basements and garages. Your Jackson Township Recycling Center can accept most home appliances, books, newspapers, and magazines. This is a great way to keep items out of our landfills and give them new life.

Please help your recycling center and bring only those plastics for which we have an outlet. Those are #1 and #2 PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS, BLACK PLASTIC BAGS, AND STYRO-FOAM. Call or stop by and we will give you a list of what we accept. We also offer shredding services. Starting March 1st there is a charge of \$.50 per pound to cover our cost. We can do the shredding for you or you can watch it being shredded.

The Jackson Township Recycling Center had a banner year in 2009. The center collected and recycled 4,013,043 lbs. of materials. All materials collected went to make new books, newspapers, boxes and other items. What a great job you did! Remember, we are open for tours, just call and schedule a time. We enjoy showing how the station operates, and kids are amazed by the can crusher. Thanks for making 2009 so successful, and for using your Jackson Township Recycling Center.

Chuck Gandee, Station Manager
Phone: 330-833-7517
Email: recycle@sssnet.com

DID YOU KNOW CORNER

- A. Every year Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall twelve feet high from New York to Los Angeles.
- B. For every glass bottle we recycle, we save enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours.
- C. Bridges are being built out of old car bumpers and milk jugs and are being tested at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Tanks weighing 140,000 lbs. rumble across them every day, and experts tell us they are holding up as well, if not better, than ones made out of lumber and steel and will last as long as 50 years.

FRIENDS OF JACKSON COMMUNITY PARKS

The Friends of Jackson Community Parks will be going into its second year and we are very encouraged by the wonderful support from the Jackson Township community. We are generating needed funds through donations and memberships. We have joined the Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce in hopes of encouraging our local businesses to support the Jackson Township Parks.

There are a host of projects that we are working on that will need funding. Some of those projects are the skate park, new playground equipment in the South Park, a new fence around the pond in the North Park, and various other small projects.

The cell phone-recycling program is going well. Help save the environment and at the same time help us improve the Jackson Parks. Cell phones can be taken to Buehlers or to the Jackson Belden Chamber Of Commerce.

We are still looking for people to volunteer their time or talents to help with our fundraising efforts.

Contact Steve Rohr at 330-844-1212
if you have an idea or interest in helping.

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER TO BUILD A NEW FACILITY IN JACKSON

Mercy Medical Center will build a new \$13 million medical center facility in Jackson Township. The new Mercy Health Center of Jackson, to be located at 3760 Caritas Circle near the Paul and Carol David Jackson Township YMCA at Fulton & Wales, will include a STATCARE, physician offices, laboratory, radiology, mammography, bone density screening and other services. The new 55,000 sq. ft. facility will expand services that are offered at Mercy's current facility at 7452 Fulton Drive, and will retain 50 jobs and create 24 more. Signet Healthcare is Mercy's development partner for the project, which will utilize local suppliers and trades.

"Mercy is pleased to be able to build this new medical facility to deliver more convenient, quality medical services closer to home for the residents of Jackson Township and nearby communities," commented Tom Cecconi, Mercy president and CEO.

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
JUNE 16 – 19, 2010**

**We are looking for sponsors for the
2010 Jackson Community Celebration**

Sponsorship Packages Available

Platinum Sponsorship	\$10,000
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Grand Patron Sponsorship	\$ 500
Super Patron Sponsorship	\$ 250
Supporting Patron	\$ 100

For additional information, please contact the
Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department at
(330) 832-2845



Jackson Township Has A New Official Flag

Thanks to an idea from long-time Jackson Township resident, Judy Haas, we now have an official flag for Jackson Township. Judy proposed that the Trustees hold a contest for students to compete in creating an official Jackson Township flag.

Aaron Strickland, a Jackson High School senior, volunteered to coordinate the Jackson Township Flag contest for the Board of Trustees. The contest was open to Jackson and other students in grades 6 through 12. Aaron collected 116 creative designs from the students and submitted them to the Board of Trustees.

On Monday, January 25, the Board selected Troy Hankins as the winner of



Judy Haas accepting a Certificate of Appreciation for her vision and outstanding commitment to Jackson Township, and for proposing the Jackson Township Flag Contest.

From left to right - Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Trustee John Pizzino, Judy Haas, Trustee James Walters, and Trustee Bill Burger.

the Judy Haas Jackson Township Flag Award. Troy is a 6th grade student at Jackson Memorial Middle School and is the son of Jennifer and Harold Hankins. Troy was awarded \$400 that was personally donated by the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. The official flag design will include a portion of another design created by Anthony Pizzino, an 8th grader at Jackson Memorial Middle School, son of Trustee John and Lisa Pizzino.



This is the design that Troy Hankins submitted for the new Jackson Township flag. The "star" in the center will be replaced with the "JT" logo from Anthony Pizzino's design. The flag contains the words "Pride, Friendship, Education and Community".



Aaron Strickland accepting his award for his initiative and special effort in organizing and carrying out the Jackson Township Flag contest.

From left to right - Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Trustee Bill Burger, Trustee John Pizzino and Aaron Strickland. (Trustee James Walters is behind Aaron Strickland)



This is the design that Anthony Pizzino submitted. The "JT" circle in the center of the flag will be used in the center of the final flag.



Troy Hankins accepting the "Judy Haas - Jackson Township Flag Award" for designing the winning flag

From left to right - Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Trustee John Pizzino, Troy Hankins, Trustee James Walters, and Trustee Bill Burger

FARMERS MARKET COMING TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP IN JULY 2010

The Jackson Township North Park will be buzzing with farmers and vendors this summer. The Jackson Township Park Department will be hosting a weekly Farmers Market on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning July 15 through October 14.

North Park is located on Fulton Drive NW across from Jackson High School. We are looking for interested area farmers and vendors who want to sell their locally grown vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants and flowers, or products such as syrups, honey and baked goods. The market will provide a place for local growers to sell fresh and healthy foods while bringing neighbors together in the Jackson community.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the market each Thursday.

If your group would like to assist, or if you are interested in participating in the Farmers Market as a vendor this summer, please call Mary Reno at 330-832-7416 or send an Email to: mreno@jacksontwp.com.

WESTERN STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL

Since 2008, the Western Stark County Safety Council has been helping local businesses save money and reduce workplace injuries. The Western Stark County Safety Council offers quality programs addressing occupational safety and health, workers' compensation and risk management education and information.

Members of the Western Stark County Safety Council attend monthly luncheons that cover important topics such as preventing workplace injuries, fire prevention, building safety, and accident investigation. Luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Jackson Township Hall and cost \$10. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation representatives frequently attend these meetings to offer updates, guidance and access to helpful safety resources so that members can further their dedication to a safer workplace.

The Western Stark County Safety Council also offers classes designed for any individual in an organization who wants to make a difference, prevent an accident, and contribute to a safer workplace. In 2009, members were educated by knowledgeable and qualified instructors on pandemic preparedness, fire prevention, fleet safety, machine guarding, and OSHA recordkeeping.

In addition to the educational benefits of membership, non-group-rated employers actively participating in the safety council program may qualify for up to a 4% workers' compensation premium rebate. For information on how to qualify for this rebate, go to our website www.westernscsc.org and click on Learn More.

There is no charge to become a member. The Western Stark County Safety Council is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 year (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011). If you currently belong to any of Ohio's Safety Councils and wish to transfer to the Western Stark County Safety Council, you must finish through June 30, 2010 before changing over. It is also important that you notify your previous council of the change at that time.

For more information on Safety Councils, please contact us at www.westernscsc.org or call (330) 833-4400.



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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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