



Jackson Township *Newsletter*

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A Special Message From Your Fiscal Officer

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The State budget has been approved and, as you may have read, there will be major cuts to local governments. Jackson Township will lose about 3 million dollars a year primarily from the elimination of the estate tax in 2013 (tax on estates over \$385,000), an accelerated phase out of personal property tax reimbursements (tax on business inventory that the State eliminated but was reimbursing local Governments for), and nearly a 75 percent reduction to Undivided Local Government Funds by next year (taxes paid to the State from our community that were returned to us).

What impact will this have on you? Some; although the Trustees and I have worked closely with department heads to lessen the blow. We could see this day coming and we have been planning for it. Your Jackson Township government remains committed to providing the very best of services possible without asking for property tax increases, for as long as we can. We have used a four-step approach to help accomplish this goal.

1. We established special savings accounts as follows:

- a. **Levy Balancing Fund:** it helps get the department through the later years of their fixed levies.
- b. **Capital Improvement Fund:** used to purchase major equipment such as fire trucks, ambulances or police cruisers. Also used to construct buildings such as the Safety Center, Highway and Maintenance Buildings and Fire Station 5 (primarily from Estate Taxes).
- c. **Accumulated Benefits Fund:** used to pay out earned benefits to employees at retirement. Could also be used for buy-out programs that could save the township money. Funds were set aside so day-to-day budgets for operations would not be impacted.

2. Made cuts through layoffs, attrition, eliminating positions and reducing spending. As employees have retired or moved on, their jobs have not been filled. Positions have been absorbed through reorganization and utilization of job sharing. A good example is that some highway department employees have recently retired, so park workers, who are very busy in the summer, are now being licensed and trained to plow and salt your streets in the winter. Beyond personnel, cuts have been made in the purchase of equipment and contractual services. We are also saving by sharing the cost of services with other local governments.

3. Reorganization of departments. Three department heads have been merged into one new position. The Director of Central Maintenance for buildings/grounds and vehicles, the Park Director, and the Highway Superintendent are now combined into one position, the Public Works Director. Two department head positions have been eliminated. In addition, the Law Director went from a full-time to a part-time position with no benefits. His assistant's schedule was also reduced to 32 hrs a week.

4. Locate additional sources of revenue other than Property Taxes. The Township entered into an economic development agreement with the City of Canton, which provides for shared income tax on any new Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) agreements. The first one will be the land on the corner of Frank Avenue and Shuffel. The land was transferred by the State from the Highway Patrol to Stark State College. The first project at this location is the Stark State College and Timken Company's Wind Energy Research and Development Center. All who work on that land, including the construction workers who build the facilities, will be subject to an income tax. The tax will be used by Jackson Township to offset property taxes for safety forces in an effort to keep your property taxes down. The agreement also protects our commercial tax base by prohibiting annexation by Canton for 50 years, and blocks North Canton from the same.

With the current economy, your elected officials understand you have had to tighten your belts, and we are working to make sure your local government is doing the same thing. We are looking at more future partnerships with the Schools, Library, YMCA and other Communities, and we will continue to attempt to provide more for less. Your input is always welcome, and we invite you to join us at any of our meetings. Thank you.

Randy Gonzalez, Jackson Township Fiscal Officer

TOWN HALL MEETING

The Board of Trustees will be hosting two town hall meetings this fall. The meetings are scheduled for Sunday, September 25 and Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall, 5735 Wales Avenue NW.

Any residents with questions or concerns are welcome to attend.



New Mercy Medical Health Center & STATCARE of Jackson Slated to Open in November



Construction of the NEW Mercy Health Center and STATCARE is progressing well.

Construction on Mercy Medical Center's new Health Center and STATCARE of Jackson is continuing on schedule. The new facility, located at the corner of Wales Avenue and Fulton Road, is located next to the Paul and Carol David YMCA. Hospital officials expect construction to be completed in September, equipment installation in October, and tenant occupancy in November.

The new health center will initially include an image center, lab services, cardiac diagnostic services, sleep lab, STATCARE Immediate Care Center, Mercy Primary Care (office of Dr. H. Nguyen) and offices for Urology One and Tri County Hematology and Oncology.

The new Mercy Health Center is a strategic, developer-hospital-physician partnership between Signet Healthcare, Mercy and local physician practices. Construction is being managed by the Fred Olivieri Construction Company.

NEW WIND ENERGY CENTER COMES TO JACKSON!

Recently, ground was broken for a new \$11.8 million wind energy center on a fifteen acre site at the northeast corner of Shuffel Drive and Frank Avenue Northwest. The project is a partnership between the Timken Company and Stark State College, which owns the site. The Jackson Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer were successful in working with our legislators to transfer the property from the State Highway Patrol to Stark State. The school envisions the area as a high-tech campus, focused on emerging technologies, such as wind energy.

The 18,000 square-foot building will open next year, said Doug Smith, Timken senior vice president of technology and quality. The center will create research opportunities and a technical certification program for Stark State students. They will be able to acquire experience conducting research, development and testing of various large wind turbine-bearing systems. The facility is the first of its kind in the Americas.

Announced last year, the project is funded by more than \$6 million from Timken; \$2.1 million from Ohio's Third Frontier Commission; and a \$1.5 million loan from the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. The goal of the Timken Company is to make stronger, longer-lasting turbine bearings. A lab will construct a piece of equipment that will test the giant bearings. Inside the center, the company will be able to replicate conditions and the environment of anything from a desert to the ocean coast.

U.S. wind turbines generate two percent of the country's electricity, according to the federal Department of Energy. The agency projects the use of wind energy to be 20 times that much in 10 years.

The Wind Energy Center site is located in what will be the first Joint Economic Development District between Jackson Township and the City of Canton.

Jackson Township will retain property taxes collected on the property and split with Canton the city's 2 percent income tax collections.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY FALL 2011 PROGRAMS

The Jackson Township Branch Library is offering many great fall programs for adults, teens, and children. Fall programs begin in September and run through December.



For more information on the programs that are available call 330-833-1010

The Jackson Township Branch Library is located at 7487 Fulton Drive NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646
www.starklibrary.org

CHILD CAR SEAT INSPECTION AND INSTALLATIONS

Child car seat inspections and installations are held at the Jackson Safety Center at the corner of Fulton and Wales. Out of 125 child car seats that were inspected, 49 car seats were found to be incorrectly installed. This shows that it is very important to have those car seats inspected. *To schedule an appointment, please call 330-834-3960.*



HALLOWEEN – TRICK OR TREAT

Jackson Township's
Halloween Trick or Treat will be held on
Sunday, October 30,
from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Tracy Hogue
Fire Chief

Jackson Township Fire Department News

With the summer months behind us I can report that it was a very busy and productive summer for the Jackson Fire Department. Calls for service have risen by almost 15 percent, which kept our firefighter/paramedics very active through the

summer season. On a proactive fire safety approach to the fire service, we graduated 138 kindergartners and 1st graders from our annual Jackson Safety Village sponsored by the Fire, Police and Jackson Local Schools. I would like to thank the volunteers and business sponsors for supporting this annual event for the youth of Jackson.



You may have seen our Fire Prevention Bureau set up at several community events over the summer months. They were involved in instructing numerous fire safety-training programs to residents and area businesses. These include fire extinguisher training, restaurant/nightclub safety, Vial of Life, children's programs, car seat inspections, Touch-A-Fire-Truck, dialing 911 for children, and safety lectures for associations or groups. If you or your business is interested in one of our programs, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 330-834-3953.

As always, a heartfelt thank you to the residents of the Jackson community who support the fire service and the employees of the fire department.

TED HECK RECEIVED SPECIAL AWARD

On July 19, 2011, at the Ohio Fire Chief's Association Conference, Retired Fire Chief Ted Heck received the Distinguished Service Award in Columbus. This is one of the most prestigious awards given by the Association.



Ted Heck

JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY VILLAGE 2011

The Jackson Township Police and Fire Departments, in conjunction with Jackson Local Schools, held the annual Safety Village program from June 13th through June 17th at Sauder Elementary School.

The program included lessons on home safety, stranger danger, gun safety and seatbelt safety. Additional programs included school bus safety, bicycle safety, water safety, pedestrian safety, railroad safety, drugs, poisons, and weather safety.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



An Open House will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Safety Center. Dedication of the restored 1953 GMC Fire Engine will be at 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. *Please join us!*

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS



On Monday, June 13, 2011 six full-time firefighter/paramedics were sworn-in by the Board of Trustees.

(Left to right): Alex M. Hoce, Tyler L. Teeter, Matthew R. Gatchell, Jeremiah J. Hershberger, Shawn S. Parsell, and Richard L. Wigfield.



On Monday, June 27, 2011 three new fire captains and two full-time firefighter/paramedics were sworn-in by the Board of Trustees.

(Left to right: Captain Robert J. Leahy, II, Captain Daniel P. Pappas, Captain Daniel R. Block, and Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics Jeremy M. Talkington and Robert V. Cline)

CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) CLASSES



Want to make a difference? Want to get involved? Did you know that the Fire Department conducts both CPR & First Aid Classes? Both of these courses are in accordance to the American Heart Association Standards. The cost for each is \$35.00. Whether you are a business looking to train your entire staff or a resident looking to learn the newest life saving standards, contact the Jackson Township Fire Department at 330-834-3950 to register.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS

CAPTAIN CHARLES PRESSLER

Retired June 30, 2011 after 32 years with the Fire Department. Chuck was hired full-time in 1979 and promoted to Captain on February 7, 1994.

CAPTAIN FRANK KRAUSS

Retired June 17, 2011 after 27 years with the Fire Department. Frank was hired full-time in 1984 and promoted to Captain on March 1, 1992.



CAPTAIN CHARLES PRESSLER



CAPTAIN FRANK KRAUSS

Policing the Township



The Jackson Police Department continues to provide a unique service not offered in other communities. Your Jackson Township Police Department assisted motorists who locked their keys in vehicles 1,800 times, and checked residents' homes while they were on vacation 5,000 times so far this year. Over the summer, a rash of

daytime burglaries plagued the Township. Investigations conducted by the Detective Bureau led to the arrest of a subject that was responsible for a majority of the burglaries in the Township as well as other areas of Stark County. Charges are pending on a second group involved with some of the other burglaries.

JACKSON SRT TEAM

The Jackson Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) is in its third year of existence. The members are extremely dedicated and are a well-trained unit. They train 16 hours a month. The eagle pin worn above their nameplates identify members of the SRT team. Negotiators are a vital component of the SRT team. In the month of July our negotiators were very busy. Sgt. Tim McCullough successfully saved the life of a young woman, whom he spoke to for two hours on the Hall of Fame Bridge. Officer John Crane gained the trust of a distraught man who was driving around threatening to harm himself. The man would only speak to or surrender to Officer Crane.

POLICE TRAINING

Training is a vital part of police work. Certain types of training are actually mandated on a yearly basis to remain a certified officer. Your police department prides itself on being well trained and professional. Additional instruction in the field can be costly. In an effort to control costs today and into the future, several of our personnel have received specialized education this past year. These officers will be able to provide the department with the required instruction and other needed trainings. The model we have implemented will enable us to save on travel and tuition associated with going outside the department.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is a national event which brings the community and safety forces together for a night of crime prevention and safety awareness. This year's event was held in the Belden Village area at the Target parking lot. The event went well although attendance was less than expected. The program will continue and will be expanded. The event is held annually on the same date, August 2nd. The Jackson Township Police Department welcomes any community group or business to join us at next year's event.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

We want to encourage everyone to wave down a Jackson Township Police officer patrolling your neighborhood if you have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed. The Police Officer will be glad to assist you, or you can contact your Jackson Township Police Department at 330-834-3960 or at www.jtpd.com.

FALL FOOTBALL GAMES

Fall is approaching and school has started. Please be patient with new traffic congestion as it relates to bus stops. Give yourself more time in your morning commute. The community is excited about the new stadium turf and is hoping for a successful football season. Pedestrian traffic on Friday nights will be in abundance. Caution should be used when driving in the Fulton, Wales and Mudbrook road areas on Friday night home games.





Ralph E. Boger
Public Works Director

is to service the Carrington allotment and the developing Greenwich Place on the east side of Arlington. It also serves to prevent potential flooding in the older Jackson Bluffs and Jackson Meadows allotments.



Mt. Pleasant Bridge Improvement:

The bridge on Mount Pleasant next to the railroad crossing west of Pittsburg Avenue has been replaced under a contract by the Stark County Engineer. The Akron Canton Airport traffic once again is able to use this routing.

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Arlington Storm Sewer:

A 36" storm sewer has been installed on Arlington Avenue from Windy Lane to just beyond Cheryl Lane. This drainage is

CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENT IN 2011

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Frank Ave. Widening & Improvement: Frank Avenue public bidding has taken place by the Stark County Engineer and a contractor will start construction of an added northbound lane from Mega to Portage. The Portage and Frank intersection will be greatly improved with additional lanes north of Portage to Bob O'Link. This project will extend into 2012 with traffic maintained.

Sanitary Sewer Project: The Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District has completed the installation of sanitary sewer availability in the Jackson Meadows Allotment south of the Jackson Middle School.

Resurfacing Project 2011: Jackson Township has completed resurfacing of 13.5 miles of various Township roadways at a cost of \$830,000 as supported by the road levy funding.

Curbing Replacement: 8,650 feet of deteriorated or damaged curbing was replaced by a contract of \$199,410. This completed the fifth year of these curbing improvement efforts.

Jackson Roadway Striping: 40 miles of striping has again been completed on the busiest township jurisdiction roadways as they intersect with the county and state roads and intersections. This contract utilized \$39,218 of road levy funding.

FALLING LEAVES DISPOSAL

The Township yard debris drop off is conveniently located and maintained south of Fulton in the Jackson South Park. The debris drop-off has been continuously busy this year but the falling leaves this fall will again see high traffic at the site. Please exercise extreme caution of the backing vehicles and trailers.

Winter drop-off hours return November 1st through March 31st of 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.



Jackson Township Public Works Department

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Board of Trustees moved forward with reorganization of the Central Maintenance, Parks, and Highway Departments in order to operate more efficiently under upcoming economic constraints.

Ralph Boger, recently named Public Works Director, is facilitating the seamless integration of these three very important departments. Central Maintenance Director Carles Moore is now a foreman. Parks and Recreation Director David Ruwadi is now a foreman, with Mike Danner as the Public Works Coordinator. Victor Volpe remains the foreman for the Highway Department. The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of township buildings, equipment, parks, roadways, and snow and ice control.

It is anticipated that approximately 57 percent of local government funds will not reach the township due to State budget cuts. This restructuring is one of the proactive steps that the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer have taken to reduce costs while continuing to maintain services.

WINTER IS AHEAD

The Highway Department trucks have upgraded to modern salt distribution equipment. We anticipate safe and effective snow and ice control and a more economically controlled use of salt.

Please inspect your mailbox for strength to withstand flying snow. The plow trucks hit very few mailboxes, but damage is caused from snow impact on poor mailbox installations.

Placing of stakes or reflectors along the backs of your curbing on curves or winding roads is a real help to the drivers on dark and snowy nights.

As always, the Highway Department plows main streets first followed by cul-de-sacs and plowing back to the road edges. The 24-hour, 7-day response is always determined by observing the weather conditions of icing streets, snow covered and slippery streets, and finally plowing of deeper snows and blowing drifting snow.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The two oldest highway trucks have been replaced with two new trucks with plows and the latest in salt spreading equipment. Several pieces of smaller maintenance tools have been added to strengthen our repair techniques.

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Households not served by public sewers usually depend on a septic system to dispose of wastewater. Properly maintaining your septic system now will maximize your system's life, and good maintenance reduces the risk of contaminating your well water, and may save you from costly repairs or system replacement. Taking care of your septic system isn't difficult. The following guidelines will help you properly maintain your septic system.

Divert Rainwater Away From the Septic Drainfield: A waterlogged drainfield won't absorb liquid waste. Roof gutters and foundation drains should divert water away from the septic drainfield.

Keep Trees Away from the Septic System: Trees with very aggressive roots, such as willows, should not be planted near the septic system.

The Toilet Isn't a Garbage Disposal: Never flush cat litter, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, coffee grounds, or cigarette butts. Put these items in the trash can.

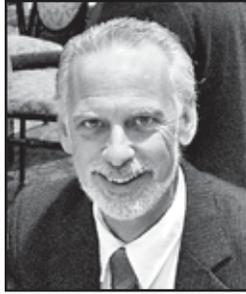
Avoid Hazardous Chemicals: Varnish, paint thinners, motor oils, gasoline and other similar chemicals can ruin your system and are a hazard to groundwater. Dispose of them properly.

Protect the System from Damage: Do not drive over the drainfield, build a structure on top of it, or cover it with concrete or asphalt.

Perform Regular Maintenance: Solids must eventually be pumped from the tank. It is recommended that you have your septic tank pumped every 3-5 years of full time use.

If you have any questions about your septic system or proper maintenance, you can contact the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9904. Additional information can also be found online at <http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/wastewater.cfm>

Park Summer Program Wrap-Up



David R. Ruwadi
Park Maintenance
& Grounds Foreman

This summer was another successful and fun one for Jackson Township Parks and Recreation. Weathering heat waves and blustery days, the Jackson Township Park Programmers concluded this year's schedule with hit programs such as Sandy Stuff, Tiny Tracks, Black Light Volleyball, the Annual Pet Parade, Tie-Dying, and the Kid's Yard Sale.

TINY TRACKS

The most successful program was Tiny Tracks. This program let preschool-aged children explore their creativity as well as participate in wacky fun games. New activities and themes made every week a surprise for the preschoolers. Some of these themes included Dr. Seuss, Digging up Dino's, and Little Chefs.

PICTURE PERFECT

In this program, the kids learned the basics of creatively constructing a page of their first scrapbook. The children brought their own pictures or mementos to add a personal touch to their project.

BLACK LIGHT VOLLEYBALL

Teens entering grades 6-9 experienced the coolest nighttime volleyball game ever! Black lights were used to illuminate the sand volleyball court so the kids could play a full game of volleyball under the stars. Pizza, beverages, and unique glow-in-the-dark novelties were provided for all players and participants. The teens wore light colored clothes in order to glow under the black lights.

ANNUAL JACKSON TOWNSHIP PET PARADE

This program allowed kids ages 15 and younger the chance to show off their favorite pet. All sizes, shapes, and types of pets were welcomed ranging from the biggest of dogs to smallest of frogs. The turnout was outstanding and made for a fantastic parade. A panel of three judges awarded prizes for the following categories along with judge's choice awards:

- Smallest Pet:** Mackenna Mauser with dog Lucy
- Team Mascot:** Eric Landrum with dog Oliver
- Biggest Pet:** Abbie Green with dog Eli
- Prettiest Pet:** Sydney LoVaglio with dog Beasley

Owner and Pet

- Look-a-Like:** Gabriella Gamboa with dog Milkshake
- Most Unusual Pet:** Tyler Mann with fire-belly toad Ribby
- Famous Hollywood Pet:** Anna Hensley and dog Hayly
- Best Kiss:** Sean & Kasey Rea with dog Charlie
- Best Trick:** Laurel Albertson with dog Hannah
- Judge's Choice:** Marley with dog Sammie



Biggest Pet Winner. Abbie Green and dog, Eli.



Kasey & Sean Rea with their Goldendoodle "Charlie". They won Best Kiss at the Jackson Township Pet Parade.

JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

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

Jackson Township Parks:

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| 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. until 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 - 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.

More Jackson Parks Programs to Enjoy

HAUNTED HAYRIDE: Our annual Haunted Hayride will take place on Saturday, October 22nd from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the Jackson South Park. The hayride wagons will be donated by farmers in our township to take people throughout the many scary scenes in the South Park. Volunteers and park employees will provide these scary scenes. If you or a group would be interested in being part of the event this year, contact the Park Department at 330-832-2845 or email druwadi@jacksontwp.com.

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

Children can drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox addressed to the North Pole between December 1 and December 15. All letters received by December 15 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 on Saturday, December 10 in the Jackson North Park from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts, Crosspoint United Methodist Church, and the Jackson Parks Department put on a great display of lights and luminaries for the event. Enjoy caroling, and the community tree lighting along with gathering with family and friends. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus!



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.jacksontwp.com.

PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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
- Youth activities
- Youth running
- 4 to 6 year old soccer
- Senior programs, and so much more!

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.

TIE-DYING Participants met at the North Park Pavilion for some tie-dyeing fun! It was designed for children ages 6-12 and they had the opportunity to tie-dye their own shirts. Park programmers helped the kids with designing and dyeing their shirts.



KID'S YARD SALE Kids had the opportunity to have their very own yard sale! Open to the community, anyone could buy used children's clothes and toys that were still in good condition. Customers were presented with a wide selection of items and great bargains.

SANDY STUFF Toddlers experienced an imaginary day at the beach complete with sand castles, water toys, and beach activities. Simple activities such as treasure hunts or squeezing lemonade were included at each session.

GAMES GALORE Kids age nine to 12 met at the North Park Shelter for a different sport each session. Games included basketball, fishing, Chinese dodge ball, soccer, and volleyball.



Thank You For A Great Community Celebration

Thanks to the good weather and the support of the residents of Jackson Township, the 2011 Jackson Community Celebration was very successful. The attendance was over 50,000 people for the four-day event. Thanks to Massillon Cable TV, Inc. for their special children's events each day and for their major sponsorship. On Friday night the 5K Run set a record with approximately 1,400 participants. This year's Car Show was very successful with many unique vehicles. Saturday morning started with the 3x3 Basketball Tournament, and then the Celebration of Strength by the American Highlanders was featured. The evening ended with a fantastic fireworks display. A BIG THANK YOU to all the Volunteers, the Jackson Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Township employees, Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary of Jackson Township, and the many generous sponsors who supported the event. THANK YOU to the residents and friends who attended and supported this special event.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SPONSORS

Thank You!

- A/C Laser Technologies
- Aparco Security Systems
- Aqua Ohio
- Aultra Administrative Group
- Bair's Polaris-Victory
- Bellstores Marathon
- Buehler's Fresh Foods
- Burnham & Flower Agency of Ohio
- Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Cee-B Glass
- DeHoff Development Company
- Dobransky Firearms
- Employers Health Purchasing Corp.
- Fallsway Equipment Company
- Findley Davies, Inc.
- Friends of Jackson Community Parks
- Gaslite Villa Convalescent Center
- Great 2 Inflate
- Hammontree & Associates
- Heitger Funeral Services
- Huntington National Bank
- Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce
- Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty
- Massillon Cable TV, Inc.
- M-E Companies, Inc.
- Mercy Medical Center
- Midwest Sign Center
- Preferred Temporary Services, Inc.
- Redmonds Parts & Supply, Inc.
- Republic Waste Services
- Southeastern Equipment Co. Inc.
- Southway Fence Company
- Staley Technologies
- Standard Plumbing & Heating
- Suarez Corporation Industries
- Terry's Truck & Trailer, Inc.
- Wilkof Industrial Supply
- Wingfoot Commercial Tire
- YMCA - Paul & Carol David



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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 complete projects in the Jackson Parks. The used cell phone recycling program has been very successful. Over \$750 was made in the first year. In 2011 we donated \$500 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, so check out that junk drawer and bring us your old phones.

We continue to look for donations and grants to complete the skate park. The playground in the Jackson South Park has seen many years of use and some parts need to be updated or replaced. Tennis court lighting is another project that will take substantial funding to accomplish. Another project we would like to do is construct a restroom/picnic pavilion in the area of the basketball courts and skate park.

Your tax-deductible membership or donations 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 to volunteer with the group. Persons with grant writing and financial skills would be greatly appreciated.

You can pick up a membership form at the Jackson Township Hall. 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.

Thank you,
Steve Rohr and Steve Studer

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES

With the winter months just around the corner, some people choose to heat their homes with outdoor wood burning furnaces. An outdoor wood burning furnace is defined as any equipment, device or apparatus which is installed, affixed or situated outdoors for the primary purpose of combustion of fuel to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat to a principal residential structure or any other site structure on the residential premises.

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

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

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

TEXT AMENDMENTS

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees approved text amendments to the zoning resolution, which became effective on August 10th. Some of the text changes include revising temporary sign regulation schedules, adding definitions to internet cafe's, skilled gaming rooms, freestanding wind energy conversion systems and small structure mounted wind energy conversion systems, as

well as separating recreational uses into four different classifications. The zoning resolution book can be viewed on our website or purchased from the zoning department for \$15.00

RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

On July 11, 2011 the Jackson Township Board of Trustees approved the rezoning of approximately 63 acres along the east side of Wales Avenue, north of Nancy Jo, from B-3 Commercial Business District and R-R Rural Residential District, to R-3 Residential Planned Unit Development. The \$25 million project allows for the construction of 21 two-unit and 47 four-unit condominium buildings for a total of 230 units. The single story condominiums will sell between \$175,000 and \$250,000.

The approval of an R-3 Residential Planned Unit Development is based on a specific site plan. Once approved, any substantial changes to the plan must be re-submitted to the Board of Township Trustees for review and approval.

CVS OPENS IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

On Monday, July 11, 2011 the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting for the new CVS/pharmacy and Minute Clinic at the corner of Wales Avenue and Fulton Drive in Jackson Township.



Left to right – Brian Conde – Store Manager, Maynard Randles – District Manager, Ed Chessar – Pharmacy Supervisor, Emma Groethe – Manager Minute Clinic, Steven Meeks – President, Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce



Chuck Gandee
Recycling Station Manager

The Recycling Station is Improved

It is that time of year again. It seems like summer just started and now fall is upon us. Just a reminder that you can take all those leaves, flowers and garden waste to the drop-off area just west of Jackson High School.

This summer saw a greatly needed improvement at the Recycling Center. We now have a new driveway with improved drainage as well as a new exit. Please be aware that there is a new entrance and exit for our safety forces, which is located next to our entrance.

When visiting the Recycling Center please drive carefully. Watch for cars dropping off at the Goodwill trailer and watch out for the attendants unloading cars.

We cannot accept medical supplies of any kind so please ask your medical professional for a place to properly dispose of them. We currently can accept only #1 and #2 plastics.

Have a safe and fun fall, and remember to always recycle, our planet depends on it. Thanks for using your Jackson Township Community Recycling Center.

Chuck Gandee
Jackson Recycling Station Manager
330-833-7365
Email: recycle@sssnet.com

DID YOU KNOW?

- Best Buy has a drop off recycling drum for all your small household batteries.
- Over 99% of all lead acid batteries are recycled. These batteries have the best record of all recyclable materials.
- The U.S. Postal Service reduced its waste to landfills and recycled over 222,000 tons in 2010.
- Two companies have recently joined forces to make crude oil from different grades of plastic and old tires. They hope to be operational in 2012, with the plant located in Ohio.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET

Jackson Township made “Healthy Things Happen” again this summer with the second annual Jackson Township Farmers Market. The Farmers Market had a steady stream of customers shopping on Thursdays between 3:00 and 6:00 pm. Vendors sold a large variety of home grown fruits and vegetables, delicious homemade baked goods, local honey, syrup, freezer beef and pork, and beautiful flowers.

If you have not had a chance to visit the farmers market, it will be open until Thursday, September 29, so stop by and enjoy the various items for sale.

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.jacksontwp.com.



WE APPRECIATE OUR RESIDENTS' SUPPORT OF OUR FARMERS MARKET.

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.



WESTERN STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL NEWS

The Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce will continue the Western Stark County Safety Council for the 2012 season (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012).

The Western Stark County Safety Council, one of three available in Stark County, meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. The cost for lunch and speaker addressing safety topics is \$10. Monthly safety classes, also held on a regular basis, are usually free to Safety Council members.

Safety councils provide businesses with quality programs addressing occupational safety and health, and workers compensation and risk management information. They inform participants about new techniques, products, and services. In addition to the educational benefits of membership, employers actively participating in a safety council program may qualify for as much as a 4 percent workers' compensation premium rebate for the 2012 year including a potential 2 percent rebate for Group rated companies.

Learn more about Safety Councils or become part of WSCSC, at westernscsc.org or call 330-833-4400.

STREETSCAPE STREETLIGHT POLE BANNER PROGRAM

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

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

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

Applications and full Streetscape streetlight pole program rules can be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Department, 5735 Wales Avenue NW or at www.jacksontwp.com.

For further information call Mary Reno at 330-832-7416.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

If you are looking for a great way to market your business, you should consider advertising in the Jackson Township Newsletter. The Township newsletter is published four times a year with a circulation of approximately 22,000 Jackson Township homes and businesses.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Business Card size:	\$ 150.00
One fourth (1/4) page:	\$ 250.00
One half (1/2) page:	\$ 500.00
Full page:	\$1,000.00

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any advertisement for publication. Only retail ads will be accepted.

Please contact Mary Reno at 330-832-7416 for more information or visit our website at www.jacksontwp.com to download an application.

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ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Disclaimer: Advertisements published in the Jackson Township Newsletter in no way constitute an endorsement of a product or service by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees. For information about advertising opportunities, please contact Mary Reno at 330-832-7416.

911 HOUSE NUMBERING

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

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