



Jackson Township Newsletter

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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

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JACKSON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT IS SOUND!

(The following article is based upon the State of Jackson Township's Government presentation to the members of the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce...presented by Jackson Township Trustee President John Pizzino and Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez)

The State of Jackson Township Government is strong and fiscally sound. Jackson Township is adding several new businesses, including CVS Pharmacy and Mercy Medical, which are under construction in the "Heart" of the Township at Fulton and Wales. Residents will see new resurfacing of 12 miles of township roads, plus improvements to Frank Avenue and its intersection with Portage Street.

The Fire Department responded to more than 4,500 calls, while the Police Department responded to more than 30,181 calls, which is an increase of 14 percent from last year.

The Park Department, which is funded from the general fund, and not through a tax levy, offers eight parks on 242 acres for recreation and programming to Jackson Township residents.

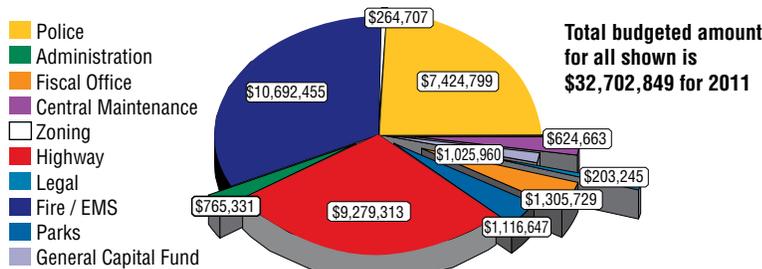
Department heads have been saving Township taxpayers money. Financially, the department heads have done a good job managing their budgets. Overall, the savings total \$800,000 from all departments. The township has not asked for new taxes in the last three cycles. The Fire Department is running on the same funding for the last seven years, the Police Department for the last six years, and the Highway Department is operating on a 12-year-old levy.

Jackson Township avoided a hostile annexation attempt from North Canton by entering into a fifty year CEDA agreement with the City of Canton. The agreement should create new jobs and help the economy grow in Jackson Township.

As we enter this new year of 2011, our residents can be assured that their Jackson Township government is very sound and fiscally responsible, and that Jackson Township continues to be a wonderful place to live, work, play, and to raise a family.

WHERE YOUR TOWNSHIP TAXES ARE SPENT

Department Budgets for 2011 as approved by Trustees



Capital Funds include tax dollars that have been accumulated primarily from estate taxes the Township has received. Those funds are invested and saved for major projects or equipment such as, the widening of main roads and intersections in the Township, purchase of land, construction of buildings, the purchase of fire trucks, ambulances and Police cars.

Since 2001, over 14 million dollars has been re-invested into our community from this fund in capital purchases and operating dollars for the Police Department. No levy tax dollars were used, no borrowing was needed, and no interest was paid. Some of the projects and items that were paid for are: the Safety Building, the new Highway Department and Vehicle Maintenance buildings, 3 fire trucks, 1 ambulance, 7 police cruisers, the Highmill / SR 236 improvements, a park truck and tractor and the purchase of 21.4 acres of new park land.

STATE OF OHIO FUNDING

Several changes have been proposed at the State level that would reduce funding for townships. The Jackson Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer have been working diligently to make state legislators aware of the negative impact that funding reductions would have on our Township services. In order to maintain our current level of services, we strongly urge our legislators to provide townships with alternate sources of funding to replace the funds being considered for reduction or elimination.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees will be hosting two Town Hall meetings in the coming months.

The first meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 3**, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall, 5735 Wales Avenue NW. The second Town Hall meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 16, 2011**, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the North Park during the Community Celebration at the Jackson Township tent.

Any residents with questions or concerns are welcome to attend.



Jackson Trustees Organize for 2011

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Township Board for 2011, re-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.

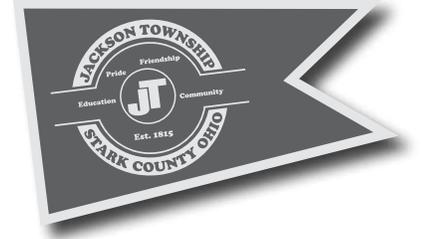
(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer, and Jackson Township Trustees William M. Burger, James N. Walters, Vice President, and John E. Pizzino, President.



Chief Heck with his "Bugle" award from the elected officials and department heads.



Lee Antonacci, Chief Heck, and Randy Yost accept their service awards.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CAMPAIGN

The 28th Annual National Night Out, America's Night Out Against Crime, a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2011. Come out and join the Jackson Township Police Department at the Jackson Township North Park on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in, local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

If you cannot attend the event at the North Park, you can show your support by turning on your outdoor lights and porch lights. We hope to see you on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

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.





Tracy Hogue
Fire Chief

Jackson Township Fire Department News



"I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Fire Chief. I started my career with the Jackson Township Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter one day after graduating from Jackson High School in 1976. As a lifelong resident of Jackson Township, I am married to Paula and we have two children, Kayla, a senior at the University of Mount Union, and Kyle, a freshman at Stark State College.

I am eager to continue the long tradition of great fire service in this Jackson Township community. I have inherited the finest, most dedicated group of firefighter/ paramedics who provide you with the protection of life and property. This would not be possible without Chief Ted R. Heck, who committed over 39 years of public service to Jackson Township. I wish him and his wife Kay the most enjoyable retirement, for it is well deserved."

The Jackson Fire Department is committed to providing quality service in a timely and effective manner in the areas of fire prevention, fire control, emergency medical treatment, transportation and public education.



Retiring Fire Chief Ted Heck swearing in the new Fire Chief Tracy Hogue on February 14, 2011.

2010 was the busiest year for the Jackson Township Fire Department. The department responded to 5014 calls for assistance. This is the most alarms that the fire department has ever responded to. The majority of these calls were for paramedic help, which included heart attacks, diabetic emergencies, strokes and auto accidents. No lives were lost to fire in 2010.

The Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau presented numerous adult and children programs.

The programs included Safety Village, Safe Kids Day at Jackson North Park, and Fire Prevention Week. The bureau also reached preschools and daycare centers.

Fire prevention is a very important part of the fire department. The bureau is also responsible for the inspection of all public buildings, for investigating the cause of fires, and for issuing fireworks permits. During fireworks displays, fire prevention is required to standby during their discharge.

OUTDOOR BURNING GUIDELINES

Open Burning is prohibited in all parts of Jackson Township, anytime of the year. Open burning occurs anytime you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack. The Ohio EPA bars the burning of garbage, waste associated with preparing and cooking food, as well as rubber, grease, asphalt, tires, auto parts, plastics and dead animals.

Campfires, barbecues, and cookouts are permitted, but they must be no larger than 3 feet high by 3 feet across and use clean, seasoned firewood or the equivalent.

If you have any questions concerning these regulations, please feel free to contact the Jackson Township Fire Department at (330) 834-3950 or the Ohio EPA at their website: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/facts/openburn.pdf>.

CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION CLASSES



CPR classes are available through your Jackson Township 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.

	2009	2010
Auto Accidents	340	397
CO Alarms	64	75
Emergencies	3,521	3,715
False Alarms	271	299
Grass Fires	13	21
Hazardous Materials	61	47
Miscellaneous	414	383
Structure Fires	58	64
Vehicle Fires	29	13
TOTAL CALLS	4,771	5,014

Jackson Township Fire Department Retirements

Chief Ted R. Heck started full time in January 1972 as the first Jackson Township full-time firefighter. He was promoted to chief on Dec. 1, 1975. Chief Heck has been married to Kay for 41 years. She is retired from Jackson Local Schools. They have two sons Matt, captain with the Massillon Fire Department, and Todd who is a law enforcement officer. They have six grandchildren. Chief Heck was instrumental in starting the Fire Science Program at Stark State College where he is also an instructor. This program now includes an associate's degree, certification for firefighters, whether full or part-time, and emergency medical certifications. Chief Ted R. Heck also helped form the County Hazardous Materials team.

The department has grown from four volunteer stations to five full-time stations with 70 full-time and 35 part-time staff.

Firefighter/Paramedic Lynn Aduddell, also retired recently. Lynn worked for the Jackson Township Fire Department for 25 years.

Battalion Chief Lee Antonacci retired March 11, 2011. Lee and his wife Laurie have two sons, Tyler and Ross. Lee worked for the Jackson Township Fire Department for 35 years. Lee was one of the first paramedics in Jackson Township, and one of the first members of the Hazardous Materials team. He spent one year with the Wooster City Fire Department in the mid-1970's.

Deputy Chief Randy Yost retired March 10, 2011. Randy and his wife Paula, a retired Jackson Local School teacher, have three children, Ryan, Sarah, and Jenny. Randy worked for the Jackson Township Fire Department for 39 years.

All of the retiring members of our Jackson Township Fire Department will be missed.



Ted R. Heck



Lynn Aduddell



Lee Antonacci



Randy Yost

News From Your Police Department



David J. Zink
Police Chief

The Jackson Township Police Department has added some new faces.

Sara Tornero has been added to our clerical staff to fill a vacancy which occurred in early 2010. The Jackson Township police department has seen a 14 percent growth in calls for service over the past year. Our clerical staff processes a huge volume of paper work, ensuring that all deadlines are met. Sara is a Kent State graduate and is a welcomed addition as her knowledge and experience are being put to good use.

We have also hired two part-time police officers, Jason Gerber and Tim Rice. Jason comes to us from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. Tim is relatively new to police work, although not new to public service. He has worked many years as a Plain Township Firefighter. We are excited to welcome these dedicated individuals to our ranks.

We accepted the retirement of long time Part-time Officer, Joseph Selogy. Joe served our community for twenty years after retiring from the City of Canton. He celebrated almost fifty years of police service.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Does Jackson have a Noise Law?? -- YES!

The Township has a limited ability to pass laws under Home Rule. Our Fiscal Officer, Randy Gonzalez, was instrumental years ago in lobbying to enable townships to pass limited types of legislation, such as a Noise Resolution. No one's quality of life should be adversely affected by excessive noise. If you are subjected to noises of such a volume as to be detrimental to your life, health and right to the peace and enjoyment of your property, contact the police department. A complainant will need to write out a statement and be willing to testify in court. Officers will try first to address the issue through voluntary compliance and if we are unable to do so, a township

citation may be issued on your complaint. It is imperative that I remind everyone that the department needs a willing complainant to testify if the issue cannot be resolved first through a warning. The language within the resolution covers such nuisances as loud music, barking dogs, music instruments and televisions. Many questions may be answered by simply accessing the township web site www.jacksonstp.com. It is very user friendly and informative.

OFFENSE

%+/- 2009 2010

OFFENSE	%+/-	2009	2010
Calls for Service	14%	26,539	30,181
Traffic Crash/Property	0%	1,620	1,620
Traffic Crash/Injury	36%	161	219
Traffic Crash/Fatality	400%	0	4
Traffic Crash Fatalities	500%	0	5
Hit Skip/Accident	3%	62	64
Arson	-60%	5	2
Stolen Vehicles	-26%	54	40
Recovered Vehicles	-50%	12	6
False Alarm Drops	-6%	1,579	1,488
Citations	37%	2,519	3,439
Vandalism	7%	207	222
Criminal Mischief	-18%	135	111
Theft	-7%	1,174	1,088
OVI	14%	195	223
Homicides	-100%	2	0
Juvenile Arrests	-19%	368	299
Aggravated Robbery	-33%	6	4
Robbery	-43%	28	16
Aggravated Burglary	33%	3	4
Burglary	32%	102	135
Breaking & Entering	-43%	99	56
Rape	-28%	18	13
Other Sex Offenses	14%	14	16
Public Indecency	100%	4	8
Domestic Violence	14%	111	127
Drug & Drug Related	45%	121	175
Kidnapping	0%	2	2
Assaults	5%	110	116
Shoplifting	7%	395	423
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	-2%	178	175
Residential Alarms	3%	860	886
Juvenile Citations	-34%	161	107
Vacation Checks	99%	2,629	5,225

Are people permitted to solicit door to door in our neighborhoods?? -- NO!

A transient vendor permit is issued for a person who opens a temporary place of business outside a building or while traveling about the Township, and sells, offers for sale, or solicits orders for future delivery of goods in commercial areas only. Transient vendors are not permitted to solicit in residential neighborhoods of Jackson Township. Charitable activities are exempt from transient vendor fees. Charitable groups may solicit for donations in the residential neighborhoods provided that they register with the Jackson Township Zoning Department first. All charitable solicitors are provided a badge from the Zoning Department.

The Jackson Township Police Department may be contacted if a solicitor attempts to sell items or solicit money in the residential neighborhoods without a badge. **Phone (330) 834-3960.**

We are continuing to build on our successful COP philosophy.

One way to do this is to disseminate information to our residents as quickly as possible. In the near future, when accessing the Police Department's web site www.jtpd.com, there will be a link that will enable residents to register their phones or e-mail addresses. Once registered, residents will be able to receive instantaneous texts or e-mails alerting them if there is a certain problem within the township, making them aware of unexpected road closures, or sharing other important information.

If anyone has questions concerning any of our programs, you may inquire at the Police Department at www.jtpd.com or by calling us at (330) 834-3960.

COP (Community Oriented Policing) meetings will be held on the following dates at the Safety Center in the first floor training room.

- March 21, 2011** 7pm **Zone 3**
- April 21, 2011** 7pm **Zone 1**
- May 22, 2011** 7pm **Zone 2**

POLICE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The police department will host two summer programs for our young people.

The first program is the **Jackson Safety Village**, an educational program hosted at Sauder Elementary School. This program is a partnership between the Jackson Township Police and Fire Departments and the Jackson Local Schools, which teaches children safety procedures. It is for children currently in Kindergarten or 1st Grade for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Safety Village runs from June 13 through June 17.

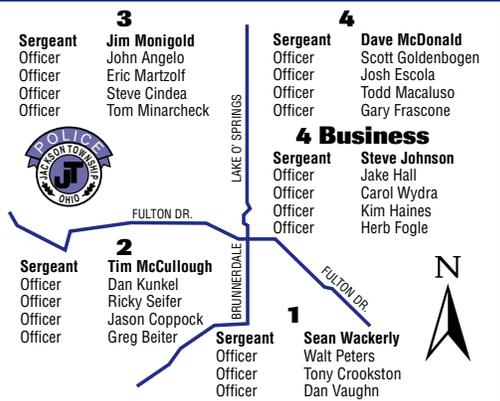
Registration/information forms can be picked up at the Jackson Safety Center after April 18 and must be returned before May 20.

The second program is **P.R.I.D.E.** (Police Reinforcing Important Decisions and Education). This is a two-week program that teaches current fifth and sixth graders how to make good choices through fun games and field trips.

This program runs June 13 through June 24 at Amherst Elementary School.

Currently, the department is holding its **Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs program**, which is in its eleventh year. Officer Cindea leads this unique program that is envied by many others. Young people learn valuable life lessons and a hobby that will remain with them forever.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP POLICE ZONES



The Police Department will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the Safety Center.



Ralph E. Boger
Highway Superintendent

2010 Highway Progress in Jackson Township

JACKSON TOWNSHIP YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

The very popular and improved Jackson Township drop-off is located in the South Park with access from Fulton Drive west of the high school. Summer drop-off hours are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from April 1 to October 31st. It is open to local residents for biodegradable yard waste material. Please deposit no demolition materials, treated wood, stones, dirt, and finally no plastics or junk.

THE 2010 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IN REVIEW

- The Hills & Dales widening project from Brunnerdale to the Massillon corporation limit is complete with four lanes and a westbound left turn lane at Harris, plus a greatly improved intersection at Stuhldreher and Perry. Stimulus funding of \$5.2 million was used for this construction.
- The dangerous intersection at High Mill and Lafayette was given much improved visibility and turn lanes on Lafayette. Jackson Township received Ohio Public Works Commission funding to assist Jackson in this \$580,000 construction expense.
- A failed culvert was replaced on Meadowview using the Stark County Engineer labor and equipment. Jackson Township furnished material costing \$23,198.
- Resurfacing of 12.61 miles of Jackson Township roadway was accomplished at the contract price of \$774,723.
- Striping was reapplied on 40 miles of Jackson Township roadway costing \$40,907.
- 8,660 feet of curbing was replaced in the highest priority of Jackson Township deteriorated curbing locations for \$158,402.



A LOOK FORWARD INTO 2011 JACKSON CONSTRUCTION

- Approximately 13 miles of Jackson Township roadways will be resurfaced.
- Striping will be redone on 40 miles of our busiest roadways.
- A fifth year of curb replacement will be contracted according to the 2011 budget allowance.
- A bypass storm sewer will be built along 1,400' of Arlington Ave. from Windy Lane St. to Greenwich Blvd. This sewer is to prevent downstream allotment flooding and serve new development in this area.
- The Jackson Recycling Station is contracted for drainage improvement and new asphalt surface in the spring. The station will remain open during this work.
- Frank Ave. will add a northbound lane from Mega to Portage with an improved intersection at Portage. This is a Stark County Engineer joint project with Jackson Township to begin in the fall of 2011.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS WILL HELP YOU PROTECT STORM WATER QUALITY IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP AND THROUGHOUT THE WATERSHED:

1. Do check your vehicles for leaks and have your leaks repaired. Even a small amount of oil or other automotive fluids that drip onto the pavement can pollute thousands of gallons of water. Please be sure to properly dispose of used oil and antifreeze, and never dump it on the ground or in a storm sewer.
2. Choose native plants as you start thinking about what plants you can integrate into your landscaping this spring. Plants native to the Northeast Ohio area thrive in our soil and weather conditions, requiring less water, fertilizer, pesticide and maintenance. Deep-rooted native plants also filter rainwater before it enters streams and rivers. Native perennial plants require little maintenance once the garden is established. Replace a patch of high-maintenance lawn with low-maintenance native perennial plants. Native plants also attract beneficial insects that feed on problem-causing pests.
3. Do pick up your pet's waste. It is still as important as ever to pick up after your pets because your pet's waste contains bacteria that threaten the health of animals and people, especially children.

Remember, storm water is not treated before it is discharged into your local creeks, streams, and rivers. Please contact the Stark County Health Department with any questions regarding storm water. Stark County Health Department, Phase 2 Storm Water Program, 3951 Convenience Circle NW, Canton, Ohio, 44718, phone, 330-493-9904.

PERSONNEL

The Highway Department welcomes Jeremiah Thompson and Victor Volpe. Their experience and efforts have plowed your winter snow and ice this winter and will be valuable additions on our road maintenance crews.



Victor Volpe



Jeremiah Thompson

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DEPT. PERSONNEL



Retirement: Dave Crum retired October 30, 2010 after 32 years of service to Jackson Township. He worked for the Highway Department, then the Central Maintenance Department as a mechanic.

New Hire: Jackson Township welcomes JD Friedrich to the Maintenance Department as a mechanic to replace Dave Crum. JD brings his knowledge of servicing and repairing vehicles and communications equipment.





Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

THE PURPOSE OF ZONING IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

The primary purpose of zoning is to regulate the manner in which land is used and to establish requirements to ensure that individual properties are developed according to development standards that will ensure quality development.

Zoning is a basic tool for guiding the growth and development of Jackson Township into balanced and orderly patterns of land use and development.

Jackson Township has had zoning since 1959. At that time there were three basic zoning classifications: residential, commercial, and industrial. As the township has grown, the demands for greater and more sophisticated land use regulations have been needed.

There are currently thirteen zoning classifications including three commercial, one industrial, eight residential, including one that permits limited commercial uses on parcels of one hundred acres or more. Then there is the Canal Parkland zoning district that allows both residential and limited types of commercial uses, such as arts and crafts, gift shops, incidental food and ice cream shops, bike rental and repair, ATM's and restaurants that accommodate visitors and which are consistent with the character of the Ohio Erie Canal corridor.

**THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF USES:
PERMITTED USES, CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES & NONCONFORMING USES.**

A **permitted use** is a use that is permitted by right in a specific zoning district provided that all the requirements of other Jackson Township regulations have been met.

A **conditionally permitted use** is a use which may be permitted in a specific zoning district provided the use conforms to the conditions, standards, and requirements of the zoning regulations and is approved for a particular parcel in accordance with the administrative procedures specified within the zoning resolution.

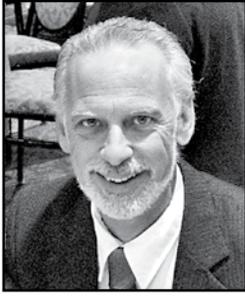
A **nonconforming use** is any use of land, use of building or use of land and building in combination, lawfully existing on the effective date of the regulations or any amendment thereto, which does not conform to the use regulations of the district in which it is situated.

A legal non-conforming use may be altered or enlarged a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) in square foot area upon application and approval of the Township Zoning Inspector. However, such alteration or enlargement shall be constructed in compliance with the current regulations of the district in which the nonconforming building, structure, or use is permitted.

Always check with the Jackson Township Zoning Department before starting a project to ensure the use or structure complies with the zoning regulations.

Zoning Department Statistics		
PERMITS ISSUED	2009	2010
New Residential (Single Family)	67	59
New Multi-Family Units	20	0
Residential Alterations & Additions	182	180
New Commercial	2	7
Commercial Alterations & Additions	120	138

Parks & Recreation Department



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.jacksontwp.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.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARK HOURS

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+.

2010 - A GREAT YEAR IN REVIEW

An estimated 63,790 children and adults attended the special events and recreation programs offered through the Jackson Township Park Department. We had an estimated 3,683 children and adults visit the Parks through our youth sports programs, schools, churches and organizations for a total of 67,473. There were 28 field permits and 215 shelter permits issued.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** on March 27, 2010 was a huge success with over 1,300 attending. This is a combined program with the Jackson Park & Recreation Department and the Neighborhood Girl Scouts.

Hooked on Fishing Day was held on May 1, 2010 and was well attended with more than 300 children and parents. This is a combined program with the Jackson Township Park & Recreation and Police Departments as part of their Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program.

The Jackson Community Celebration had wonderful weather for the four-day event. Approximately 50,000 people attend last year's event.

It was another wonderful year of our **free summer programs** for the residents of Jackson Township. Some of the events were Country Line Dancing, Fishing Fundamentals, Tiny Tracks, My Grandparent and Me, the Annual Pet Parade, Creative Movement, Tie Dying, Kids Yard Sale, Black Light Volleyball, Sandy Stuff, and Picture Perfect.

JACKSON NORTH PARK WAS THE SITE OF THE FIRST JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS' MARKET.

The market was held on Thursdays from July through October. The Farmers' Market was very well attended by the residents of the Township. Look for your Farmers' Market to return to Jackson Township in 2011 on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning June 30 through September 29.

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Jackson Township Park Facilities consist of 8 parks and approximately 242 acres.

North Park – This 70-acre complex at the corner of Fulton Road and Wales Avenue features a picnic shelter, restrooms, playground, 1.1 mile paved, illuminated walking track, seven athletic fields used for soccer and lacrosse, a multi-use track used for skating and bicycling, seven ball fields, six tennis courts and two sand volleyball courts. There is also a stocked 3-acre fishing pond with a boardwalk and gazebo. Park hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

South Park – Located on Fulton Road next to Jackson High School the South Park includes the Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve. There are two miles of hiking trails that are accessible to the public. Trails leading through the Bog offer a rare look into the pristine habitats of hundreds of plants that have survived the ice age. In addition to the diverse plant and wildlife environment, this 95-acre complex offers two picnic shelters, restrooms, playground, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pit, seven ballfields, four soccer fields, two midget football fields, and one concession stand.

Joseph E. Fisher Park – Established in 1989, this park is located on Lake O'Springs Avenue. The park has increased in size from 9 acres to 27 acres thanks to the generosity of East Ohio Gas in 1997. There are four soccer fields, five ballfields, playground, picnic pavilion and restrooms located on the property.

Nelson M. Keck Park – This 30.63-acre park is located on Wales Avenue just south of Strausser Street. Although mostly a wooded area, this park is ideal for small family picnics.

Crystal Springs Bridge Park – Dedicated in 1996, this park connects the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath with Erie Avenue and Forty Corners. It stretches across the Tuscarawas River and is preserved as one of Jackson Township's historical structures. Visitors to Crystal Springs can enjoy a scenic hike or casual bicycle ride along the historic Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath.

Strausser Elementary Fields – Located on Strausser Street behind the Strausser Elementary School, this 8-acre park has two multi-purpose athletic fields built in 2009.

Edward & Mary Zink Park – Located at the intersection of 38th Street and Michael Street, this mini-park was donated to the Township in 1998 to encourage beautification projects. An ornamental garden and picnic tables are planned for the future.

Stuhldreher Street Fields – Stuhldreher Street Fields, which consist of approximately 11 acres, is located at Stuhldreher Street near the intersection of Perry Drive & Hills & Dales Road. Acquired in 1998, this Jackson Park offers two large soccer fields with adjacent parking.

Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department

5735 Wales Avenue NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646 • (330) 832-2845 • Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The **second annual Arts in the Park** was held on August 29, 2010. This was a combined effort between the Jackson Park & Recreation Department and the Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce.

Our **annual Haunted Hayride** took place on October 24, 2010 at the Jackson South Park. This year we had more than 3,500 in attendance who rode one of the six hay wagons throughout the many scary scenes that were made possible by volunteers and park employees. We would like to thank our sponsors Leppo Rents - Bobcat of Canton, and Buehler's Fresh Foods.

The **annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony** was held in the Jackson Township North Park on December 11, 2010 with over 600 people enjoying the luminary displays, refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting. The children enjoyed a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus! The Jackson Township Park & Recreation Department, Jackson Girl Scouts Service Unit, Window Genie, Buehlers, and Crosspoint United Methodist Church sponsored this free holiday event.

The Jackson Township Park & Recreation Department operates from the Township's General Fund, which means there is not a levy for operating the Park Department.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The **Annual Jackson Township Easter Egg Hunt** will be held **Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. sharp** at the Jackson North Park located at 7660 Fulton Drive NW.

Children (crawlers through 4th grade) are invited to attend this annual event. Arrive early and bring your own basket. Be sure to visit with the Easter bunny.

The Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts will again host the event with the help of the Jackson Township Park Department. **For more information contact the Jackson Township Park Department at 330-832-2845.**



JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**June 15 through June 18, 2011
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, 3x3 Basketball Tournament, Celebration of Strength, and great Free Entertainment each night. Bates Amusement will be back again to provide rides for the Celebration.

*There will be a spectacular fireworks display
on Saturday, June 18.*

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

HOOKED ON FISHING DAY

The **Hooked on Fishing Day** will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.** at the Jackson North Park pond, rain or shine. Ages 15 & under are invited to participate in this fun and exciting event. Children should bring their own poles n' bait and try to catch one of the many fish stocked especially for this event. Children will get to participate in special events such as the Kids Casting Contest and the Big Fish Contest.



Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. This is a FREE event. Registration is required no later than Friday, April 29th.

SUMMER PARKS PROGRAMS

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Wednesdays, June 1 through August 24

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

North Park Pavilion

(This program WILL NOT BE HELD Wednesday, June 15 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, reggaes, cha-cha's, and much more! This **FREE** activity is open to everyone. **No registration is required.**

SANDY STUFF

Mondays, June 20 and July 11, 25 & August 8

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

GAMES GALORE

Tuesdays, June 21, July 5 & 19, and August 2

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

North Park Shelter

Ages 9-12 can meet at the shelter for a different sport each session. Games could include kick ball, dodge ball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, fishing, flag football, and basketball. This program is **free** for everyone. **Registration is required for this program, so register early!**

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TINY TRACKS

Wednesdays, June 22 through August 10.

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

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

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



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 22, and August 5

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

Held at the Ol' School House on Fulton Drive NW

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 to 15. **Pre-registration is required with the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Department.**

Black Light Volleyball

Thursdays June 23, July 7 & 21

9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

North Park Volleyball Courts

Teens entering grades 6 to 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 Department.**

Annual Jackson Township Pet Parade

Saturday, July 9th

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! Registrations will not be accepted the day of the event.** Registrants must obtain a copy of the rules prior to the date of the event.

Creative Movement

Mondays, July 11, July 25, August 1, and 8

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 28, July 12, 26 & August 9

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.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 item to tie-dye. (Plain white t-shirts work best.) Limit 2 items per person. **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 30 - (Rain date August 6)

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.** There is a limit of 2 tables per family. Register by Friday, July 22 for your space. Not selling anything? Browse the selections and be prepared to purchase loads of great bargains! There is no admission fee. **Registrations will not be accepted the day of the event.**

My Grandparent & Me at the Ol' School House

Thursdays, June 23, July 7, & 21

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.**

Friends of Jackson Community Parks

Friends of Jackson Community Parks 501 (C) (3) Tax Exempt Entity

This spring the Friends of Jackson Community Parks will be four years old. At this time we would like to thank our Township officials and our residents for their support. We continue to look for grants and tax deductible donations to complete Jackson Park projects. The economy is looking better and we hope to see more donations and grants become available in the next few years. Keep in mind that any donation you make will be tax deductible.

The used cell phone recycling program has been very successful. We have made over \$1,000 and plan to donate \$500 of those earnings to the 2011 Jackson Township Community Celebration. Cells phones will again be collected at our table in the Jackson Township tent during the Jackson Township Community Celebration. This past year we held a Labor Day Car Show in the parking lot of Buehlers and it was a great success. There are plans to have another car show this year on September 4th, so keep that date open and bring your classic car.

Funding is needed for many projects in the park. We would like to put in ramps for the skate park and update or replace the playground equipment in the south park. The hope is to make this playground more accessible for all children.

We continue to look for people who want to be involved with the group. Individuals with grant writing and financial skills would be greatly appreciated. Call us if you have a fundraising idea.

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 steverohr@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

Steve Rohr
Steve Studer

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PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS



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

- **Spring programs include:** 4 to 6 year old soccer, swim lessons, a youth track program, adult health and wellness classes, karate lessons, childcare programs, senior programs, family events and much more.
- **Healthy Kids' Day – coming in April:** call the David YMCA for information.
- 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 on membership, programs, and pricing at 330-830-6275 or go to www.ymcastark.org

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

The Farmers Market will return to Jackson Township this Summer!



Jackson Township North Park will be buzzing again with farmers market vendors this summer.

The Jackson Township Park Department will be hosting a **weekly** Farmers Market on **Thursdays** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning **June 30**

through September 29.

North Park is located on Fulton Drive NW across from Jackson High School. The market will provide a place for local growers to sell fresh and healthy foods and to bring neighbors together in the Jackson community.



Chuck Gandee
Recycling Station Manager

An Amazing Year at the Jackson Recycling Station

It's hard to believe another year is upon us and we will soon be doing all those spring cleaning chores that we put off all winter. Remember to check with the Recycling Station to see if we accept certain items and recycle them or if you can donate them to the Goodwill trailer.

We had another amazing year in 2010. With your help, we recycled close to 4,000,000 pounds of material. The Station receives many calls about what to do with cans of old paint. The paint in the can needs to be completely dried by leaving the lid open or by using sand or kitty litter to soak up the paint. You can then put it out for your regular trash collector to pick up.

If you have visited our facility lately you may have noticed that we have a new exit to help with traffic flow. This exit has made it safer for loading and unloading trucks at the side of the building. You will see another construction project that will be underway soon. The south side of the drive and parking lot will be undergoing major repair to improve drainage and to replace asphalt. Watch for the "Under Construction" signs.

Thanks for making this past year at the Jackson Township Community Recycling Center such a great success.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

- More than 70% of the planet's surface is covered with water and only 3% is fresh water.
- If we recycle every plastic bottle we use, we could keep two billion tons of plastic out of landfills.
- If every U.S. household replaced just one incandescent bulb, we would save enough energy to light about three million homes for a year and save more than \$650 million in annual energy cost.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION JUNE 15 – 18, 2011

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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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