



Jackson Township *Newsletter*

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A Message From Your Jackson Township Officials...

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2012 WILL BE A CHALLENGING YEAR DUE TO STATE BUDGET CUTS

Economic development is underway in Jackson Township, where there are approximately 2,200 businesses. The goal of your Jackson Township officials is to always maintain and attract new businesses, protect our boundaries, and give residents the services they have come to expect. At the same time, we must maintain strict budget controls while providing the best of services possible.



Preparing for the future, your Jackson Township officials have established special savings accounts for levy balancing, capital improvements, and accumulated benefits. We have also made cuts through layoffs, attrition, eliminating positions and reducing spending. In addition, we have reorganized departments to save additional funds. And finally, we continually try to locate additional sources of revenue other than property taxes.

With the current economy the way it is, your elected Jackson Township officials understand that you have had to tighten your belts, and we are working to make sure your Township 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.

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

Thank you to the voters for supporting the fire levy renewal in November.

Your Jackson Township Trustees & Fiscal Officer wish all Jackson Township residents and their families a happy, healthy holiday season, and a prosperous New Year.



Mercy Medical Center Opens New Health Center and STATCARE

Mercy Medical Center celebrated the opening of the new Mercy Health Center and STATCARE of Jackson in November. A formal dedication, blessing and ceremonial ribbon cutting were held, followed by a public open house.

The New Mercy Health Center will serve the residents of Jackson Township, Massillon and Western Stark County. The Health Center includes a STATCARE Immediate Care Center, imaging center, laboratory services, Mercy Heart Center cardiac diagnostic services, and a sleep lab. Offices for Tri-County Hematology and Oncology have also moved to the building. A *Mercy Primary Care* physician office and Urology One offices will open in early 2012. The new facility will provide over 100 jobs, with more to be added in the future.

Located next to the Paul and Carol David YMCA near the corner of Wales Avenue and Fulton Drive in Jackson Township, the 55,000 square-foot health care facility represents a unique partnership and will meet the health care needs of the community in a variety of ways.

“At our groundbreaking last year, I referred to this land as a ‘field of dreams,’” said Thomas E. Cecconi, Mercy President and CEO. “Today I feel great pride in the transformation of this ‘field of dreams.’ The community had a vision and we are proud to be a part of it.”



Participants in the ribbon cutting ceremony were: William M. Burger, Jackson Township Trustee; Anthony Manna, Chairman, Signet Enterprises; Sister Judith Ann Karam, C.S.A., President & CEO, Sisters of Charity Health System; Judith Barnes Lancaster, Chairman, Mercy Board of Directors; Thomas E. Cecconi, President & CEO, Mercy Medical Center; Dina K. Rooney, M.D., Tri-County Hematology & Oncology; and Steven Meeks, President, Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce.

Mercy purchased the land on which the new Mercy Health Center and STATCARE sits many years ago. The area surrounding this land has grown significantly in recent years. “This location is a community hub for residents with the schools, library, government offices, neighborhoods and the Paul and Carol David YMCA,” said Sister Judith Ann Karam, C.S.A., President and CEO, Sisters of Charity Health System. “It is truly an honor for Mercy to be here in the center of it all.”

Mercy Medical Center, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System, operates a 476-bed hospital serving Stark, Carroll, Wayne, Holmes and Tuscarawas Counties and parts of Southeastern Ohio. It has 620 members on its Medical Staff and employs 2,500 people. Mercy operates outpatient health centers in Carroll County, Jackson Township, Lake Township, Louisville, North Canton, Plain Township and Tuscarawas County. A Catholic hospital, Mercy Medical Center upholds the mission and philosophy of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine and continues to be responsive to the needs of the community. For more information, see www.canton-mercy.org.

KAISER PERMANENTE OPENS NEW JACKSON OFFICE

James Walters, Vice-President of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees; Ohio Senator Scott Oelslager; Dr. Ronald L. Copeland, Medical Director at Kaiser Permanente; Stark County Commissioner Dr. Peter Ferguson; Bleva Denmark-Tibbs, Vice President of Medical Operations at Kaiser Permanente and Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce President Steven Meeks mark the opening of Kaiser Permanente’s new Jackson Township office in Gander Mountain Plaza with a ribbon cutting recently.



This is the organization’s first full-service Medical Office in Stark County and it provides a laboratory, pharmacy and physicians all under one roof. This “one-stop” medical office is a vital part of Kaiser Permanente’s unique integrated care delivery system that emphasizes total health, prevention, and empowers members with the latest technology to manage their health and communicate with their doctor.



**Tracy Hogue
Fire Chief**

Jackson Township Fire Department News

"First and foremost I want to take a moment to wish your family a safe and happy holiday season. It is hard to believe summer and fall have passed and we are again in the winter season. With this season comes some special fire safety concerns due to the cold weather when our families

become confined to the indoors more than any other time of year. Take time to review these safety concerns with the occupants in your home to insure your holidays are not ruined by an unforeseen incident:"

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn.

- Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
- Replace electric cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or loose connections.
- Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace conventional batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers. Sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive.

THANK YOU !

"I would like to thank all the residents of Jackson Township for passing our recent fire levy. As stated, this is a renewal and not a new tax. My staff continues to be good stewards with your tax money and will continue to provide the best service possible with your dollars."

Chief Tracy R. Hogue



Dry-Hydrants

The steady growth of Jackson Township has brought with it the installation and extension of water lines throughout the Jackson Township community, which the fire department depends upon as the primary source for extinguishing fires. Yet, there are areas within Jackson Township that do not have a dedicated water source and the fire department must rely on other methods that supply water to fires that occur in these areas. One method the fire department utilizes to supply water at a fire scene are tanker trucks. Tankers, as they are more commonly referred, carry on average 3,000 gallons of water. Combined with the water carried by fire engines, the Tanker's large volume of water ensures that the fire department has a sufficient supply of water to extinguish fires in non-hydrant areas.



A second method for supplying water at a fire scene is a *dry-hydrant*. The fire department utilizes *dry-hydrants* as an alternative to supply water at a fire scene. *Dry-hydrants* are permanent non-pressurized water sources located near large volumes of water such as ponds and lakes. There are several *dry-hydrants* located in Jackson Township, one of which is located in Jackson's North Park. Typically, *dry-hydrants* are installed by private landowners. Because the fire department relies on *dry-hydrants*, flow tests are performed to measure the volume of water they will supply during a fire. In some cases, pond sediment or broken plumbing will prevent a *dry-hydrant* from supplying the appropriate volume of water necessary to extinguish a fire. These instances require the *dry-hydrant* to be either serviced or repaired to ensure it is functional in the event it is needed during a fire. During the months of August-October, Fire Department personnel worked with landowners in a collaborative effort to repair two *dry-hydrants*, one of which was relocated to improve accessibility for fire department vehicles. The repairs and subsequent relocation will allow the fire department to continue utilizing alternative water supply methods in areas where standard fire hydrants do not exist.

Thanks to the following businesses for their donations toward refurbishing the 1953 GMC fire engine.

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| • SLESNICK STEEL AND RECYCLING | • NORTHERN MOBILE ELECTRIC |
| • CROW'S AUTO BODY, INC. | • OSCAR'S TOWING |
| • AKRON BRASS COMPANY | • RACK COATING, INC. |
| • A.L. PAVEY COMPANY | • SCRAP-N-TIME |
| • BROTHERS TRUCK PARTS | • SUPERIOR SPRINGS |
| • CLASSIC INDUSTRIES | • TERMINAL SUPPLY |
| • DOVER BRAKE, INC. | • WALT'S GLASS |
| • JAY BIRD CUSTOM LETTERING & ART | • WORKMAN'S NAPA |
| | • ELECTRA TARP |
| | • PRESTA PRODUCTS |



Fire Prevention Week 2011 & Jackson Safety Center Open House



This year's theme for fire prevention week was to "Protect your family from Fire". The Jackson Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau continued this tradition by spending three weeks in the elementary schools educating 817 kindergarten and first grade children inside the Stark County's "Family Education Smoke Trailer". The trailer is used to educate children on fire safety in the home and to crawl under smoke in order to escape a fire.

Jackson Fire and Police Departments also held their annual open house on

October 9 at the safety center during National Fire Prevention Week. Many Jackson residents and families visited during the open house and viewed demonstrations and exhibits.

During the celebration, the firefighters re-dedicated Jackson Township's 1953 GMC fire engine. This fire engine was one of the Township's first fire trucks to protect our community. Many volunteers who worked on the truck were in attendance to unveil the restored engine. We would like to thank Firefighter Mike Wykoff and the other fire department members who spent many hours on the project.



Jackson Township Police Services



*David J. Zink
Police Chief*

Police Department News

The Jackson Township Police and Fire Departments held their annual Open House at the Safety Center on Sunday, October 9. We had a very large turnout; those who attended enjoyed themselves. If you were unable to attend, please keep this in mind for next year. It is a great opportunity to see your department, view equipment and meet the officers.

The police department participated in the DEA Prescription Drop-off Program on October 29. By accepting prescription drugs and syringes, we collected more than eight large boxes of medications. The take-back was a huge success. I want to remind everyone to be careful of how you discard your medications. They can fall in the hands of the wrong people or contaminate our water supply. This was the second year the Jackson Police Department participated.

There was a fundraising event for our Special Response Team hosted by Belden Village Music on October 29. The music store gave away three guitars, raising and donating more than \$1,000 to the team. The department will use the proceeds to purchase equipment. We want to thank everyone who participated.

On October 22, the department hosted an informational booth at the “Unity in the Community Pancake Breakfast” and also participated in the annual Jackson Parks Haunted Hayride. Both events had a huge attendance and are examples of why Jackson Township is such a great place to live, work, play and to raise a family.

Jackson Township Police Department Mission Statement

The Jackson Township Police Department's mission is to enforce the laws of the State of Ohio in a professional, unbiased manner and to provide courteous service to Township residents and visitors.

Your Jackson Township Police and Fire Departments scheduled a live emergency exercise in conjunction with security and other personnel at Westfield Belden Village Mall, which was held November 20. This type of training ensures that the emergency services in our community are prepared for unexpected situations that may arise. It is reassuring to know that we have professionally trained safety forces protecting all of us.

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

SAFE SHOPPING TIPS

DURING THIS BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING SAFE SHOPPING TIPS IN MIND:

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



CAR DRIVING TIPS FOR WINTER SAFETY

These car-driving tips can help you navigate the snowy and icy conditions of winter safely. It is essential for parents to share these tips with teens. Most young drivers learn how to drive during the warm months, which teaches nothing about the hazards of black ice and snowdrifts. However, your kids need to learn how to handle a car in snowy conditions.

It is a good idea for parents to ride along with teens the first few times they venture out in treacherous weather. You can also look for defensive driving quizzes online. For the greatest measure of safety, sign up your teen for a defensive driving course. These classes go far beyond what's taught in most driving schools, giving students hands-on opportunities to practice controlled braking or reacting to a spinout.

Here are some tips for safe driving in the winter.

1. Slow down. Drive at least 10 mph slower than you usually would if roads were fairly clear. Patches of ice can be hidden and surprise you. Slower speeds help you stay in control.
2. Give space. Cars around you may start to skid. Maintain at least three car lengths of distance between you and the car in front of you, which gives you more time to respond. Remember, even if you're prepared, other drivers might not be.
3. Brake slowly. Slamming on the breaks is a sure way to skid and lose control. Ease your foot off the brake if you begin skidding.
4. If the roads are very snowy, put your car in low gear and take it slow. Avoid cruise control and overdrive.
5. Check your wiper fluid. Make sure it is made for cold weather, and is fully stocked. Salt buildup on your windshield can drastically reduce visibility.
6. Beware of ice. Bridges and overpasses freeze before the road does. Slow down when crossing them and when using on and off ramps.
7. Don't pass plows and salt trucks. You're safer behind them and you'll get a windshield full of salt if you try to pass.
8. Adjust your driving to meet the conditions. Remember that the response time of your vehicle to stops and starts is reduced when snow is on the road.
9. Spinning your wheels digs you in deeper if you're stuck in the snow. Try rocking back and forth by switching between forward and reverse. Keep some salt, sand or kitty litter in the car, as well as a shovel, to clear away snow. Use a light touch on the gas. If the wheels start to spin, stop and dig the car out a little more. Spinning your tires creates ice ruts that will keep you trapped.
10. Steer into a skid. If your car starts to skid, steer in the direction of the skid. Slow down gently, rather than slamming on the brakes. Newer cars have antilock brakes that reduce the risk of skids, but these won't cut down on your stopping distance or help your car stop if you're on an icy grade.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS & ADVISORIES

Stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts advising you of road closures and other significant alerts from your Jackson Township Police Department. It is very simple to do.

We have a great new service available for you to receive community alerts. It is

called Nixle, and if you are interested in receiving alerts, please register through the Nixle website (<http://www.nixle.com/>). It immediately connects you to trusted, important information by text message, email, and over the web. By registering, you get Jackson Township Police Department emergency alerts and advisories.

(NOTE: After selecting the Nixle link, you may register by entering your zip code in the field provided and clicking Go! On the next screen you will see a Sign Up Now box.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

First, I am happy to report that we saw very few incidents of vandalism or criminal damaging this past Halloween. I was contacted by a resident residing in Hampton Hills allotment concerning trick-or-treat. She asked if allotments report to the police department when they may be deviating from the regularly scheduled trick-or-treat times. The time that we designate is actually recommended by our Stark County Commissioners. The Board of Trustees follow suit and adopt the times at a Trustees' meeting. I shared this with the caller and she said that her particular allotment held theirs at a different time.

There is no formal mechanism in place regarding the notification of the Township or the notification of other residents living in the affected area. There are a few allotments that have associations that wish to hold their festivities at a later time and communicate that to the residents of that allotment. The police department does like to know if your allotment is having your trick-or-treat at a different time. We add patrols so officers and our youth explorers can distribute candy to our children, helping us ensure the experience is safe and enjoyable. It seems we get an influx of non-residents when there are different times. I would keep this in mind when making the decision to adjust your times, deviating from the recognized times.

Secondly, I was approached about the township's recently adopted refuse resolution. What is it? The Board of Trustees recently adopted a resolution restricting the hours of when trash can be collected within 500 feet of any residential dwelling, apartment building or other residential structure. The hours of collection are restricted to between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Our officers have been instructed to enforce the resolution, resulting in the offender subjecting themselves to a \$500 fine for a first offense and \$1,000 for any future violations.

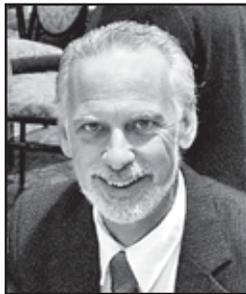
Chief Zink

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.





David R. Ruwadi
Park Maintenance
& Grounds Foreman

PARK SHELTER APPLICATION PROCESS

Beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2012, you can turn in your shelter application forms to reserve any of the four Jackson Township Parks shelters. Reservations will not be taken over the phone. The reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Once your applica-

tion is received, your date and time will be held. You must pick up your permit approximately one week prior to your reservation date. For shelter availability, contact the Jackson Township Park office at 330-832-2845.

If you are a resident or business owner in Jackson Township there is no charge to use the shelters. For non-residents there is a \$10 per hour charge.

HAUNTED HAYRIDE

The Annual Haunted Hayride took place on Saturday, October 22, at the Jackson South Park. Over 3,000 people came out and rode one of the six hay wagons provided by local farmers in our Township. There were many scary scenes throughout the South Park that were provided by volunteers and park employees. If anyone is interested in being part of next year's event, contact the park office at druwadi@jacksontwp.com. Thanks to all who helped make this year's event a huge success.



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Holiday in the Park was held on Sunday, December 10, at the beautifully decorated Jackson North Park. All who attended had a great time enjoying the tree lighting, caroling, dance programs, crafts, and good food. The children enjoyed the annual visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The event was provided by the Jackson Township Park Department, Jackson Girl Scouts, and the Crosspoint United Methodist Church. Thank you to all who helped make this a successful event again this year.

NEW SWING SET FOR FISHER PARK

A new swing set is planned for the Joseph Fisher Park which is located at 5891 Lake O' Springs. Jeffrey Fisher, President of Fishers Foods, donated funds to purchase the swing set. Mr. Fisher presented a check to the Board of Trustees at their September 12, 2011 meeting.

PARK SUMMER PROGRAMS

Due to budget cuts from the State of Ohio, Jackson Township Parks will no longer conduct summer programs. The Paul & Carol David YMCA of Jackson Township will continue the most popular program, Tiny Tracks, and various other programs.

Watch for information this spring from the YMCA.

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 |

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARK HOURS

Starting December 1, 2011 through February 28, 2012 the North Park is open from sunrise until 8:00 p.m.

South Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Edward & Mary Zink Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Nelson M. Keck Park, Strausser Elementary 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.

NORTH PARK WALKING TRACK

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.

FRIENDS OF JACKSON COMMUNITY PARKS

A 501(c) (3) Tax Exempt Corporation

Please consider becoming a Friend of Jackson Community Parks member. You can find our membership and involvement form on the Jackson Township Website: <http://www.jacksontpw.com/FriendsofJackson-CommunityParks.aspx>.

Your donation will go directly to benefit park projects. There is playground equipment that is in need of replacement and upgrading, and the skate park is still in need of additional ramps. This and other improvements to our Jackson Parks are necessary to keep our parks at their best.

Funding cuts from the State of Ohio and lack of a levy to fund park operations are putting our parks in a very precarious position.

The Friends of Jackson Community Parks is working to find grants and donations to help offset the cuts from the State. The used cell phone recycling program has been successful and we feel it could be more successful if more Jackson Township residents were aware of the program. We currently have two drop-off points for used cell phones. There is one at Buehlers and one at the Jackson Township Administration building in the lobby.

Call or email Steve Rohr to become involved, find out more, or to make a donation. **Phone- 330-844-1212 • Email steverohr@hotmail.com**

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.jacksontpw.com to download an application.

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 WINTER INCLUDE:

- Swim lessons
- 4 to 6 yr old basketball league
- Basketball for 3 & 4 yr olds with their parent
- Adult Health and Wellness classes
- Karate lessons
- Childcare
- Youth Running
- Youth and Women Group Golf lessons
- Senior Programs
- Open Gym
- Free Babysitting while you work out
- Family Events and so much more!

**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.**

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.





Ralph E. Boger
Public Works Director

Jackson Township Construction in 2011

ARLINGTON AVE. STORM SEWER: Arlington Ave. was closed between Mudbrook and Fulton in early July to install 36" diameter storm piping to serve the Carrington allotment on the west side and the new Greenwich Place allotment being built on the east side of Arlington. The pipe further serves to prevent flooding in the older original Jackson Bluffs and Jackson Meadows allotments on the east side of Arlington. The project was completed in time for school opening and opened the door for resurfacing of Arlington from Fulton to Mount Pleasant.

RESURFACING: The resurfacing of 13 miles of Township roadway was completed by a publicly bid contract. 1.5 miles required grinding prior to the new surface, and curb edge preparation was accomplished on 4.7 miles prior to resurfacing.

STRIPING: Forty miles of the busier Jackson Township roads were restriped with centerlines, edge lines, stop bars, and arrows for your driving assistance and safety.

CURBING: The curbing contract in 2011 completed replacement of 8,400 feet of deteriorated curbing. Mother nature continually requires upkeep of our infrastructure.

CLEAN WATER EFFORTS: The Highway Department continuously collects road sweepings, catch basin cleanings, and debris from Jackson roadways. The Federal Clean Water Act requires that this contaminated material be kept dry from rain and snow to prevent the creation of leachate. A large roof shelter has been constructed at the Jackson Township Highway Garage to accomplish this need.



Construction For 2012

FRANK AVENUE

Widening and improvement of Frank Avenue commenced work in the fall of 2011 and will be completed in 2012. This joint project with the Stark County Engineer will add a northbound lane from Mega to an improved intersection at Portage, tapering back to two lanes at Bob O'Link. Further construction will continue north on Frank Avenue as completed design, right-of-way, and OPWC grant funding becomes available.

HILLS & DALES ROAD

Widening and improvement, including a large storm sewer, will be publicly bid by the Stark County Engineer in the spring of 2012. This joint project from the west side of Woodlawn-Dressler to Whipple will clear up long standing drainage problems and improve traffic in this highly developed section of Hills & Dales.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Jackson will continue improvement and maintenance of Township infrastructure by publicly bidding and contracting resurfacing, curb replacement, striping, and drainage projects in 2012. Daily repair and maintenance of signage, surface, and drainage problems will be completed in-house by the Highway Department.



WINTER IS BEARING DOWN ON OUR ROADWAYS AND YOUR TRAVELS

Jackson Township has carefully prepared our trucks, truck drivers, and salt material to respond and maintain safe road surfaces for our residents, school, and business travel operations. Winter presents variations of ice, snow, more snow and drifting snow, along with high and low temperatures and winds, light and dark working conditions all arriving to challenge our efforts. Your Jackson Township Public Works Department is ready 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.



Snow & Ice Control Training for our staff

FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Your Jackson Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer have recognized and are meeting the challenge of operating with greatly reduced tax income. The Public Works Department is a combination of the Highway Department, Maintenance Department, and Park Department. This consolidation allows collaborative use of the personnel and equipment to maintain the high level of service expected by our residents.

The 200-mile Jackson Township road system is in a continuous state of wear and deterioration. We have experienced rising costs of asphalt and highway materials, gasoline, and repair costs. The Board of Trustees has carefully reviewed the daily operations for efficiency and monitored the budget for expense spending.

Jackson Township residents have continuously supported the road levy, which provides the greatly improved road and highway system that you experience today.

With the above financial challenges in mind and the ever-tightening economy, your road levy support with no new taxes has become extremely well appreciated and paramount to our continued high level of transportation service.

Retirements

The Township has recognized two new retirees from the Highway Department for their long and faithful service to Jackson Township. Stephen Ott retired August 31, 2011, after 37 years of service. Kenneth Ferguson retired September 30, 2011 after 34 years of service.

The loss of their experience and dedication will require careful and diligent replacement training effort within the Jackson Township Public Works Department.



**Stephen Ott and
Ralph Boger,
Public Works
Director**



**Kenneth
Ferguson**

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE

Before installing that banner or portable sign, make sure you have obtained a sign permit from the Zoning Department to avoid costly penalty fees. A temporary sign advertising a commercial message, or products or services sold on the property is permitted to be displayed for 15 consecutive days with a permit, four times a year between January 1st and November 16th. Three additional signs are allowed with a permit between Nov. 17th and December 31st to help the advertising of specials during the holiday season.



Always check with the Zoning Department prior to displaying any outside signage.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Every business in Jackson Township must register with the Zoning Department by obtaining a certificate of compliance permit, which is required prior to opening of a business in Jackson Township. Failure to obtain the certificate of compliance permit is in violation of the Jackson Township Zoning Resolution.

A new or updated certificate of compliance permit is required for the following:

- New use
- Change of ownership
- Change in tenant

Applications are available on our website at www.jacksontwp.com and the fee is \$40.00.

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 for internet cafes, skilled gaming rooms, and additional language for 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.



Chuck Gandee
Recycling Station Manager

Recycling News

Winter is again upon us and the Recycling Center will be open for business as usual. Please continue to recycle as you have in the past.

In the last newsletter it was stated that Best Buy recycles small household batteries, which they do, but they are the rechargeable ones only. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We receive many calls on what to do with old paint. The recycling station does not accept paint. However, if there is less than an inch in the bottom of the can, you can add sand or kitty litter to it and, once it is dry, put it out for pickup by your trash collector.

NOW THAT WINTER IS HERE, WHY NOT GET A JUMP ON SPRING-CLEANING?

Clean out that garage, basement, or attic and bring those unwanted items to the Recycling Center or the Goodwill trailer.

If you are looking for a good website that has great articles on recycling and natural home cleaners, check out <http://homeownersinsurance.org>. Items such as lemons, baking soda, vinegar, and table salt are excellent cleaners.

Chuck Gandee
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DID YOU KNOW?

- The US food industry uses over 2.8 billion cans each year.
- US Farmers grow 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins annually.
- Yale University undergraduates have discovered an organism that can digest plastic. The endophytes found in fungi native to the Amazon rainforest, could have a dramatic impact on the bioremediation of landfilled plastic.

Thanks for using your Jackson Township Community Recycling Center.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GROUP BRINGS JOBS

The International Association of Information Technology Asset Managers has moved its headquarters to 4848 Munson Street NW in Jackson Township and has begun hiring up to 100 employees. Moving from Suffield Township in Summit County, it has tripled its office space to accommodate growth. The new office space is more than 14,000 square feet.

The organization helps companies with information technology and its goal is to educate companies on how best to track and manage computer hardware and software. A statement from the association said its more than 7,000 members include Dell, Aeru Planning in Japan, BTC in Poland, Well-Point and Southwest Airlines.

“In order to service our rapidly growing membership and the acute interest in ITAM from the IT community, we’ve significantly increased our staff in the last 18 months, and we plan to add up to 100 more staff members in 2012,” said CEO Barbara Rembiesa in a statement.

Jennifer Fugel, spokeswoman, stated that the hiring of sales, professional education trainers, and support personnel is expected next year. Some positions are salaried, while sales positions are commission based.

The association website is www.iaitam.org.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET SURVEY

The Jackson Township Farmers Market Committee is looking for your feedback on this past summer’s Farmers Market. Please take a few minutes and log onto www.jacksontownship.com and click on the Farmers Market survey. Your input is very important to us. The survey results will help us in the planning for next year’s Farmers Market.



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LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT? WHY NOT AN ADDRESS SIGN FOR YOUR HOME?

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 jacksonswp.com, or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646



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