



# Jackson Township *Newsletter*

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## *A Message From Your Jackson Township Officials...*

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## JACKSON & CANTON TO SHARE TAXES FROM WIND SITE

Jackson Township and the City of Canton will soon be sharing income taxes from contractors working on a planned \$11.8 million wind energy research center...a joint project of the Timken Company and Stark State College. Permanent employees will be subject to the two percent income tax when the center opens.

Changes in state laws have eroded Jackson Township's share of tax revenue that the township counts on to provide services to the residents. To help compensate for the loss, Jackson entered into a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Canton on 26 acres near the Akron-Canton Airport last year – home to the new wind energy research center.

JEDDs have been around for two decades and this is Jackson Township's first venture. Township Trustees and the Mayor of Canton say they envision this to be the first of many such districts to come.

Recently, Jackson and Canton officials held a first-ever JEDD board meeting, where they adopted many of the rules and regulations needed to make it legal and functional.

Jackson Township's Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez says that perhaps 25 years from now, when he and many other local officials are long retired, your township government will be funded largely with income-tax collections instead of property taxes.

## JACKSON TRUSTEES ORGANIZE FOR 2012

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Board for 2012, electing James N. Walters as President and William M. Burger as Vice President.



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



Trustee James N. Walters congratulates Randy Gonzalez after he was sworn in as the newly re-elected Jackson Township Fiscal Officer.



Trustee John E. Pizzino swears in newly re-elected Trustee James N. Walters.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Executive session and/or work session at 4:00 pm, with the general session at 5:00 pm.



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**Tracy Hogue**  
Fire Chief

# Jackson Township Fire Department News

As we look back at 2011, it was again a very busy year for the Jackson Fire Department. The department responded to 5,356 calls for service in 2011, a 9 percent increase over 2010. To explain a "call for service", each incident that the fire department responds to is assigned only one incident number no matter how many units are needed or the size of the response.

The daily operations could not be managed alone and I am fortunate to have a staff of Chief grade officers who assist in this process.



**Deputy Chief Tim Berczik** directs the efficient and orderly operations of Fire Prevention, Training, Paramedic Coordination and other personnel not assigned to shifts. He also assists in formulating policy, plans, records and training procedures and shares responsibility for management, achieving goals and objectives of the department. Regarding personnel, he assists in screening applications based on qualifications, interviews and reference checks, then will make recommendations for selecting or rejecting applications.



**(Left to Right) Deputy Chief Scott Morton and Deputy Chief Tim Berczik**

**Deputy Chief Scott Morton** oversees apparatus repair, building maintenance, scheduling, work assignments and deadlines. He also assists in devising acceptable standards and procedures for recruitment and selection of department members. Regarding personnel, he assists in screening applications based on qualifications, interviews and reference checks, then will make recommendations for selecting or rejecting applications. He assists in developing budget goals, plans and objectives, projects, forecasts

and estimates in reviewing expenditures and revenues. Inventory management and communications/radio equipment are also his responsibility.

**You may contact any of the Fire Department Administration personnel at (330) 834-3953 or by e-mail at the following:**

- Chief Tracy Hogue** - thogue@jacksontwp.com
- Deputy Chief Tim Berczik** - tberczik@jacksontwp.com
- Deputy Chief Scott Morton** - smorton@jacksontwp.com

## FROM THE TRAINING DIVISION



Since the early 1950's, the Jackson Township Fire Department has responded to numerous types of emergencies, not just fires, making it an all-hazards type of organization. Because of this, our members are required to be certified in several disciplines. The members of the department are required to be certified to the State of Ohio Firefighter II level, which means they must complete more than 260 hours of training in all aspects and duties that may be required of a firefighter at anytime. The part-time members are required to be certified to the State of Ohio Emergency Medical Technician level and the full-time members are required to be certified to the Paramedic level.

Once these certifications are obtained, the department conducts training and exercises that assist in maintaining these skills. Areas such as fire hose deployment, the use of self contained breathing apparatus, search and rescue, and emergency vehicle operations are covered on a routine basis. Specialty training in the proper use of auto extrication tools, ice rescue, and rope rescue operations are also covered at various times throughout the year.

As far as maintaining proficiency in the current emergency medical techniques and requirements, our members regularly attend recertification courses in areas that include Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and the International Trauma Triage course. Based on the certification level, each member is additionally required to complete a minimum of 86 hours in continuing education throughout the year. The fire department supports the regional concept for specialty areas such as the Stark County Hazmat Team, Stark County Fire Chief's Incident Management Assistance Team, the Jackson Police Department's Special Response Team, as well as the State's Region-Five Water Rescue and Urban Search & Rescue Team. The members that are utilized to support these teams are required to obtain additional training specific to each discipline. Team recertifications are required often in order to stay proficient for each of the areas.



From the supervisory side, all members are required to complete various levels of incident command training based on the National Incident Management System. In addition, the officer core members also must complete the State of Ohio Fire Officer I and II level programs.

The Jackson Township Fire Department is made up of highly motivated, dedicated members. One of the department goals is to remain as proficient as possible. When not being engaged in assisting you, the residents of the township, a majority of their time is spent training and preparing to mitigate potential unwanted situations.

## 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 Comparative Run Numbers

	2011	2010
Auto Accidents	392	397
CO Alarms	75	75
Emergencies (EMS)	3,885	3,715
False Alarms	383	299
Grass Fires	35	21
Hazardous Materials	50	47
Miscellaneous	448	383
Structure Fires	74	64
Vehicle Fires	15	13
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>5,014</b>

This is a 9% increase in run volume

# 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.jacksonwp.com](http://www.jacksonwp.com) to download an application.

## 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.



## RATE JUMP ALARMS AEP CUSTOMERS

Article taken from  
*The Independent*  
on Friday,  
February 24, 2012



# THE 2012 JACKSON SAFETY VILLAGE

Will be held from June 18 through June 22, 2012 at Sauder Elementary School located at 7503 Mudbrook Street NW.

Jackson Local School District children & St. Michael's Elementary School children that have completed Kindergarten or First Grade during the 2011 - 2012 school year are eligible to attend.

The hours of Safety Village are from 8:45 a.m. until noon daily.

**FIRE & POLICE LESSONS INCLUDE:** Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety, Stranger Danger, Internet Safety, Calling 911, Fire Prevention, Two Ways Out, and Crawling under Smoke.

**ADDITIONAL LESSONS TAUGHT THROUGHOUT THE WEEK INCLUDE:** Poison & Drug Safety, Bus & Railroad Safety, and Water Safety/Weather Safety.

The lessons are a combination of classroom and hands-on, giving the children an opportunity to see fire and police equipment up-close and to ask questions. If you are interested in enrolling your child, information/registration forms are available at the Jackson Township Safety Center located at 7383 Fulton Drive NW.

Forms may be picked up beginning Monday, April 23, 2012 and returned by Friday, May 25, 2012.

(Sorry, no forms will be mailed)

The cost for Safety Village is \$20.00 per child, and it is limited to 150 children.

*Jackson Safety Village is a cooperative effort between the Jackson Township Fire & Police Departments and the Jackson Local Schools.*



## THE FARMERS MARKET WILL RETURN TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP THIS SUMMER!

The Jackson Township North Park will be buzzing with farmers market vendors this summer. If you did not have a chance to visit our Farmers Market last year, you can join us this year beginning Thursday, June 14.



The Jackson Township Parks will be hosting the weekly Farmers Market on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning June 14 through September 27. No market will be held on June 28 due to the Community Celebration.

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.

# Jackson Township Police Services



*David J. Zink  
Police Chief*

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

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

## HOOKED ON FISHING NOT ON DRUGS

The Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs program is up and running. This is the 12th year for the program. The program was started by and still is headed up by Officer Steve Cindea. The program is open to 7th and 8th grade students. The program teaches angling skills for the beginner or experienced angler, aquatic and biology lessons.

The Jackson Township Police Department's program is the longest running program in the State of Ohio. Officer Cindea has partnered with several community businesses and organizations to make the program a huge success. The program has even involved other Township employees that participated in giving back to the youth of our community.

## VACATION SEASON IS APPROACHING

Take advantage of our vacation checks. When you plan to go on vacation, make arrangements for your mail and newspapers to be picked up. If you contact us, we will place your residence on the house checklist and drive by your residence throughout the day and evenings to make sure everything is okay. This is a service that we are proud to provide. In 2011, the department did 6,775 vacation checks. Please keep garage doors and service doors closed and locked. Often we will find open doors during our overnight patrols. Although we'll call you to close the door, the bad guys will not! Help us to take away these opportunities to become a victim of crime.

## SPRING SAFETY TIPS

Spring is approaching and the weather is hopefully improving. The school, parks and YMCA pedestrian traffic is increasing. Caution should be used when driving in the Fulton, Wales and Mudbrook road areas.

## JACKSON SRT (SWAT) TEAM

The Ohio Tactical Officers Association (O.T.O.A) annual conference will be held in Jackson Township in May of 2012. This conference was previously held in larger cities and Jackson Township was selected due



to the great things our community and business neighbors offer. The members of the SRT team are working hard to represent our community in making the conference a memorable one. *Members of the team include officers Collins, Escola, Haynam, Fogle, Vaughn, Hall, Kunkel, and Lt. Lenemier*

## DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF PROGRAM

The Jackson Police Department will participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Drop Off Program on Saturday, April 28, 2012. You can drop off your prescription medications at the Jackson Safety Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The last take-back was a huge success. I want to remind everyone to be careful of how you discard your medications. They can fall into the hands of the wrong people or contaminate our water supply. This is the third year the Jackson Police Department will participate.



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

# Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



*Joni Poindexter  
Zoning Inspector*

## ZONING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Prior to construction, zoning permits are required for new construction and most types of exterior residential construction alterations and additions; however, home repairs that do not involve structural changes do not require a permit.

An application for construction of a new single family dwelling, or two family dwelling, shall include a plot plan drawn to scale showing the exact dimensions and area of the lot to be built upon, location, dimensions, height, bulk and intended use of structure(s) to be erected (construction plans), parking spaces, sanitary sewer permit or septic tank permit and a house numbering slip.

Zoning Certificates are required for all new commercial construction and alterations and additions, including interior remodeling. Two full sets of construction, site and landscaping plans drawn to scale, and a house numbering slip and sewer guarantee, if applicable, are required to be submitted at the time of application.

## RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS

All above ground swimming pools over three (3) feet in height and all in ground swimming pools require a permit and shall be located a minimum of 10 ft. from the side lot line and 15 ft. from the rear lot line. Pools are required to be 15 ft. from the principal structure unless attached by a decking surface. Swimming pools are only permitted in the side and rear yard. Above ground pools with a wall height of less than four feet, and all in ground pools, or the entire property upon which they are located shall be enclosed by a wall or fence having a minimum height of four (4) feet or greater and be equipped with a suitable locking device to prevent uncontrolled access. No swimming pool shall be filled with water until the appropriate means of preventing uncontrolled access is complete. Above ground pools with a wall height of four (4) feet or greater shall not require fencing; however, the pool shall be secured to prevent uncontrolled access.

## RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

The total square footage of accessory buildings shall not exceed 1,200 square feet in an R-R, R-1, or R-1A district for parcels one acre or less. For parcels with more than one acre, the maximum detached accessory building size shall be 3,000 square feet or three percent (3%) of the lot or parcel. However, accessory buildings shall not exceed the square footage of the principal dwelling and cannot be placed on a lot or parcel without a principal dwelling.

An application for an accessory structure shall include a site plan showing all existing structures on the property, property dimensions, and the proposed structure's location, size, height and setbacks from all other structures and property lines.

## RESIDENTIAL PORCHES, DECKS, PATIOS AND SIDEWALKS

Porches, balconies, and decks attached to a principal building shall meet the setbacks of the principal building. Unattached decking shall be at least 15 feet from the principal building. The installation of cement, brick, or block patios (without footers) and sidewalks do not require a permit.

## Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals consists of five members who are appointed to a 5-year term and one alternate who is appointed for a 1-year term by the Jackson Township Trustees. Any adverse decision of this Board can be appealed to the Stark County Common Pleas Court. The Board of Appeals meetings are held the 2nd and/or 4th Thursday of the month as needed at 5:30 p.m.

**The Board is a quasi-judicial body established by statute and its function is to hear:**

1. Requests for variances from the terms of the Zoning Resolution.
2. Requests for a conditional use certificate.
3. Appeals from the decision of the Zoning Inspector.

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals are Ted Deremer, Edward McDonnell, Phillip Kirkbride, Gary Zillich, and Leon Vitale. Daniel Creighton serves as the alternate.

## Zoning Permit Statistics

PERMITS ISSUED	2010	2011
New Residential (Single Family)	59	48
New Multi-Family Units	0	18
Residential Alterations & Additions	180	164
New Commercial	7	7
Commercial Alterations & Additions	138	137

## Zoning Commission

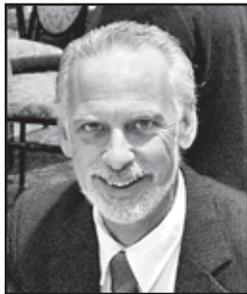
The Zoning Commission consists of five members who are appointed to a 5-year term and one alternate who is appointed for a 1-year term by the Jackson Township Trustees. The Zoning Commission meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month as needed at 5:00 p.m.

**The Board is a quasi-legislative body established by statute and its function is to:**

1. Establish and amend the Township Zoning Resolution.
2. Establish and amend the Official Zoning Map.

Members of the Zoning Commission are Donna Conaway, James Conley, John Clark, David Thiel, and Scott Sandrock. William Wallace serves as the alternate.

Hearings scheduled for the Board of Appeals and Zoning Commission can be found on our website at [www.jacksontownship.com](http://www.jacksontownship.com).



*David R. Ruwadi  
Park Maintenance  
& Grounds Foreman*

## We Are Now Operating On Our Spring & Summer Hours

The North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. through the month of November. South Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Edward and Mary Zink Park, Nelson M. Keck, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Stuhldreher Street Fields, and Strausser Elementary Park are open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Pets are permitted in all parks **EXCEPT** the North Park. Please remember to control your pet with a leash and clean up after your pet.

**NORTH PARK:** This is a beautiful 70-acre complex located at 7660 Fulton Road N.W. (across from Jackson High School). North Park features a picnic shelter, restrooms, fully accessible playground, 1.1 mile paved walking track, seven athletic fields used for baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse, a multi-use track used for skating and bicycling, seven ball fields, six tennis courts, four basketball courts and two sand volleyball courts. There is also a stocked, 1½-acre fishing pond with a boardwalk and gazebo. North Park’s walking track is illuminated for your walking pleasure. Pets are prohibited at the North Park.

**SOUTH PARK:** Located at 4811 South Park Drive N.W. (next to Jackson High School). 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 State Nature Preserve 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 and restrooms, a playground, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pit, seven ball fields, four soccer fields, two midget football fields, six flag football fields and a concession stand. The South Park is also the home of the park maintenance facility.

**JOSEPH E. FISHER PARK:** Established in 1989, this park is located at 5819 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 two soccer fields, five ball fields, a playground, a picnic pavilion and restrooms located on the property.

**CRYSTAL SPRINGS BRIDGE PARK:** The Bridge across the Tuscarawas River at this site was destroyed by the 1913 flood. A temporary swinging bridge forced the Crystal Springs residents to cross the river at great risk. In 1914 a new bridge was erected with a wooden floor that was replaced by iron grid in the 1940’s. In 1995 when the Stark County Commissioners vacated this bridge, the Jackson Township Historical Society intervened to save it, and as a result the Jackson Township Trustees assumed responsibility for this bridge. In 1996 the bridge and road easement were formally dedicated as the Crystal Springs Bridge Park. Visitors can also enjoy a scenic hike or casual bicycle ride along the historic Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath.

**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.

**EDWARD AND MARY ZINK PARK:** Located at the intersection of 38th and Michael Street, this ¾-acre mini-park was donated to the Township in 1998 to encourage beautification projects.

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

**STRAUSSER ELEMENTARY PARK:** This park was acquired through a land lease with the Jackson Local Board of Education. The park consists of three small soccer fields and two full size multipurpose fields for Lacrosse, soccer, or football. Plans have been made for future expansion.

### PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to offering facilities for both organized sports leagues and the general public, Jackson Township Parks host many special events such as:

- Easter Egg Hunt**..... March 31, 2012
- Hooked on Fishing Day**..... May 5, 2012
- Community Celebration** ..... June 27 - 30, 2012
- Haunted Hayride** ..... October 20, 2012
- Holiday in the Park** ..... December 8, 2012

### PARK SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

**Contact the YMCA for more information at 330-830-6275.**

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARK SYSTEM UPDATE

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees would like to thank all the individuals and youth organizations for their donations to our parks. The donations help offset some of the cost for field maintenance. The Jackson High School Building Trades Class constructed the new dugouts on all of the girls’ softball fields with funding from the JGSL. These types of projects help improve our park system for everyone to enjoy.

Park operations and maintenance have always been funded from the Township’s general fund. **There is no Township park levy.** State funding cuts of \$3 million will begin in 2013. Please keep in mind that these cuts will significantly impact the park budget.

Your support of our parks is needed in order to continue providing the level of service our residents have come to expect.

# Upcoming Jackson Park Events



The Easter Bunny will be hopping into Jackson Township for the **Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. sharp in the Jackson Township North Park, located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School.

This annual holiday event is sponsored by the Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts in cooperation with Jackson Township Parks & Recreation, and will offer various age groups the opportunity to collect filled eggs. Age groups range from crawlers through fourth grade. Participants should arrive by 10:45 a.m. with their own Easter baskets.

For additional information on the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact Jackson Township Parks & Recreation at (330) 832-2845 or [druwadi@jacksontwp.com](mailto:druwadi@jacksontwp.com).

The Canton Audubon Society is sponsoring a **Garlic Mustard Pull** in and around the Jackson Bog and along the South Park trails. Mike Witt will lead the event on Saturday, April 14 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. rain or shine. The Garlic Mustard Pull is an event that will promote

awareness about the invasive garlic mustard plant. Not only do these invasive weeds choke out native wildflowers, out-competing them for space and sunlight, but they also excrete chemicals through their roots further preventing wildflower growth. The plants will be pulled out by volunteers and placed in plastic trash bags that will be provided. The pulled plants will be properly disposed of. The public is invited and encouraged to wear long pants and work gloves.

The Canton Audubon Society will also host **two Earth Day Walks** on Saturday, April 21. One will be at 7:30 a.m. and a second at 5:00 p.m. Meet at the Jackson Bog/South Park Pavilion for this spring walk to look for wildflowers, migratory birds, and other features of the Bog. All ages are welcome.

April 22 is **Earth Day** at KSU Stark from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a FREE family-friendly afternoon filled with environmental educational activities, demonstrations and discussions for all ages, planetary, geologic time scale and nature walks, old fashioned games, mock fossil digs, entertainment, giveaways and much more! Contact Mike Witt for more information at [baldeaglephoto@sbc-global.net](mailto:baldeaglephoto@sbc-global.net).

## NEW DATES FOR THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The Jackson Community Celebration has new dates this year.

It will be held Wednesday, June 27 through Saturday, June 30 at the 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, rides, food, 3x3 Basketball Tournament, and the Celebration of Strength. There will be great free entertainment each night. For additional information, please contact Jackson Township Parks & Recreation at (330) 832-2845 or [druwadi@jacksontwp.com](mailto:druwadi@jacksontwp.com).

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

June 27 - 30, 2012

*We are looking for sponsors for the  
2012 Jackson Community Celebration*

### SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Platinum Sponsorship	\$10,000
Gold Sponsorship	\$ 5,000
Silver Sponsorship	\$ 2,500
Bronze Sponsorship	\$ 1,000
Grand Patron Sponsorship	\$ 500
Super Patron Sponsorship	\$ 250
Supporting Patron	\$ 100

For additional information, please contact  
Jackson Township Parks at  
**(330) 832-2845**

## JACKSON-BELDEN FOOD FEST & FIREWORKS

The Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce's annual Food Fest & Fireworks will be held one week earlier for at least the next three years, making this year's event dates July 20th and 21st.

The event will mark its 17th year of collaboration with the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival and its Balloon Classic Invitational this year on The Kent State University Stark Campus' grounds in Jackson Township.

The event has normally taken place the last weekend of July, but due to a conflict with the United States National Hot Air Balloon Championship, this year's and the two following years' events have been moved to the next to last weekend in July. The scheduling change should be a positive in extending the overall Pro Football Hall of Fame festivities and allowing some break-up in time for the countless volunteers that make all of these events possible.

The Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce looks forward to seeing everyone out on July 20th and 21st to enjoy all of the food, music, festivities, and of course fireworks!

Date Change



*Ralph E. Boger*  
**Public Works Director**

## 2012 Planned Construction Improvement Projects

**FRANK AVENUE PHASE 1** from Mega to Bob O’Link started in 2011 should see completion by late summer of 2012.

**FRANK AVENUE PHASE 2** from Bob O’Link to just south of Strausser Street will be bid and contracted late in 2012 for construction in 2013. This joint Stark County Engineer and Jackson Township project has received an OPWC Grant for \$1,500,000 toward the \$3,142,940 project.

**FRANK AND SHUFFEL TRAFFIC SIGNAL** is under contract and the construction is expected to take place this spring on this intersection currently controlled by a four-way stop.

**HILLS & DALES ROAD** from Whipple to west of the Dressler-Woodlawn intersection will be bid this spring for construction to start in midsummer. This project will see a large storm sewer installation and roadway widening with construction extending into 2013.

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY** improvement efforts will include contracts for resurfacing, curb replacement, and striping in coordination with the everyday efforts of patching, drainage improvements, mowing, traffic signage maintenance, and finally snow and ice control.

**THE WINTER SEASON SNOW AND ICE CONTROL** has experienced a surprise ending to 2011 and entry into 2012 – no snow or ice of any consequence. The previous season, we used 5,600 tons of salt valued at \$268,688 in the same time period! This is welcome savings in the squeeze for funding to provide quality services required and expected in Jackson Township. These savings also extend to the equipment usage and labor requirements.

## 2011 Construction & Progress Review in Jackson Township

### **RECYCLING CENTER**

The original asphalt surface dating back to the 1984 establishment of the Jackson Recycling location was removed and rebuilt with improved drainage to service the public traffic at a cost of **\$73,159**

During this project, an auxiliary roadway to the Safety Service Center was added for access of Police and Fire vehicles. **\$7,597**

### **NEW HIGHWAY DEBRIS SHELTER**

A new 120’ x 24’ open-sided shelter was added in the Highway Department yard area to shelter three debris gondolas, and to protect stored street sweepings and catch basin cleanings from the elements of wind, rain, and snow. The Federal Clean Water Act, as enforced by the EPA, prohibits new leachate formations produced as runoff from this debris. **\$73,000**

### **ARLINGTON AVENUE STORM SEWER**

The new 36” storm sewer services the Carrington Allotment and the new Greenwich Place Allotment. It also prevents flooding of the two older allotments of Jackson Bluffs and Jackson Meadows. **\$175,335**

### **RESURFACING PROJECT**

This annual resurfacing of the older Jackson Township road surfaces is a large expense and depends on the Road Levy for funding. The 13 miles of resurfacing in 2011 was publicly bid and contracted. **\$839,869**

### **CURBING REPLACEMENT**

In 2011 the curbing contract replaced 8,400 feet of what was determined to be the worst of the deteriorated curbing. This is also an annual effort to update our infrastructure. **\$203,252**

### **ROAD STRIPING**

Jackson stripes 40 miles of the busiest roadways each year. This publicly bid roadway striping is very effective to assist driving safety on arteries, intersections, and night traffic. **\$39,218**

### **FRANK AVENUE PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENT**

The Stark County Engineer and Jackson Township joint construction has started to add a northbound lane from Mega through the improved Portage intersection to end at Bob O'Link. **\$1,400,000**

### **TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE BELDEN VILLAGE AREA**

The Stark County Engineer completed work on six signals on and surrounding Dressler Road from Target Plaza through Belden Village Avenue to improve traffic flow and movement. **\$950,000**

## **SPRING YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF**

This well respected and utilized drop off area in South Park entered from Fulton Drive will begin summer hours on April 1st of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. extending until October 31, 2012. Please remember that this area can only accept biodegradable materials; no plastics, treated lumber, stones, dirt, or demolition products. Also, please exercise great personal caution among the backing vehicles and trailers.



## **Federal Clean Water Act**

Pet ownership has long been one of the enjoyable and rewarding things in our daily lives. With this ownership comes the responsibility of proper care and management of the pets.

It is important to make sure dog and pet waste is cleaned up often. Although it may not seem significant, dog and pet waste is a proven environmental pollutant. Spring showers may carry the waste directly into nearby streams and creeks via the storm sewer system during this time of year. Unfortunately, this water does not get treated and it can cause problems for aquatic life, other animals, as well as humans.

Animal waste contains many disease causing organisms as well as excess nutrients that affect water quality. The poor water quality can lead to the death of aquatic plants and animals, cause excessive weed and algae growth, and make water unsafe for human recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, or boating.

### **Preventing storm water pollution from pets is as simple as remembering to do the following:**

- When walking your dog, always bring a bag to collect waste.
- Encourage residents and neighbors to do this as well.
- Remember to pick up waste on your property daily as spring rains will carry it into the storm sewer system.
- Once you have picked up the waste, place it in the trash.

Picking up pet's waste is necessary for public health reasons as well as quality of life, but it is also a responsibility as a pet owner to see that pets are not contributing to water pollution.

## **EQUIPMENT UPGRADE**

Jackson Township Highway Department purchased two new trucks complete with the latest salt control distribution equipment valued at \$109,000 each. These replace the two oldest trucks, which were sold to other public agencies.

Further upgrades include a new one-ton dump truck for patching and lighter work, and a new mini backhoe for smaller ditch and drainage repair efforts.

## **NEW SEPTIC REGULATIONS FROM THE STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

In January 2012, the Stark County Health Department updated regulations regarding home septic systems which utilize aerobic treatment units (aerators).

All homeowners with an aerobic treatment unit are **required** to have a **current service contract and maintain a contract for the life of the system**. Aerobic systems are highly mechanical. Continual maintenance of these types of systems is vital for proper wastewater treatment.

Please contact a licensed service provider to obtain a service contract. A list of providers can be found on the Health Department's website [www.starkhealth.org](http://www.starkhealth.org).

**If you have any questions please contact  
Courtney Myers at 330-493-9904 ext 239.**

## ANOTHER COLLEGE COMES TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP

National College is opening a campus in Jackson Township, and is leasing 21,000 square feet in Thursday's Plaza at 4736 Dressler Road NW, where they are investing \$1.5 million to renovate the site.

The campus features a medical lab, computer labs, library, bookstore, student lounge, as well as faculty and staff office space. The campus initially will employ 10 to 12 full-time faculty and staff, and several more part-timers.

National College officials expect enrollment of more than 200 students within the first two years. The school offers associate degrees or diplomas in 14 programs, such as medical assisting, health information technology, accounting, business management, and information systems engineering.

The new campus is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Founded in 1886, the Roanoke, Virginia based National College operates 30 campus locations in Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana – educating more than 10,000 students.

"The Canton area is a logical step for National College, given the success of our Akron area campus in Stow, and the similar work force and economic needs of Stark County," said Jill Morrow, Campus Director. "I look forward to leading the college's newest campus and continuing our 125-year tradition of excellence in preparing students for rewarding careers."

Three other higher education institutions located in Jackson Township are Brown Mackie College, Kent State University Stark Campus - Kent State University's largest regional campus, and Stark State College, which is the largest of the seven colleges and universities in Stark County.

## FRIENDS OF JACKSON COMMUNITY PARKS

Our used cell phone-recycling program is expanding. We now have new collection points at Jackson High School, Starbucks, Buehler's, and the Jackson Township Administration building.

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

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

We continue to look for volunteers. Individuals with grant writing and financial skills would be greatly appreciated. You can pick up a membership form at the Jackson Township Administration building.

For more information contact Steve Rohr at 330-844-1212 or Steve Studer at 330-832-7326.

You can also email us at [steverohr@hotmail.com](mailto:steverohr@hotmail.com).

*Thank you for your support*  
Steve Rohr • Steve Studer

## CANTON STUDENT LOAN FOUNDATION

### Low-Interest Student Loans Offered for Stark County Graduates

Applicants Eligible for \$12,000 Total for Undergraduate Education

Students looking to further their education during tough economic times can turn to a local foundation for low-interest student loans.

The Canton Student Loan Foundation, a non-profit organization, is offering student loans to Stark County graduates. The loans can be applied to any undergraduate course of study, including four-year college degrees, two-year associate degrees and degrees from technology and trade schools.

An annual interest rate of 6 percent is deferred while the student is attending classes, so the effective interest rate is 1.5 to 2 percent, much lower than many other sources. There are no fees.

Students may borrow up to \$12,000 total over the course of their education. Freshmen can receive \$3,000 per year and students closer to graduation may be able to receive more per year.

To be eligible for a loan, students must have graduated from a Stark County high school, have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average, be pursuing an undergraduate course of study and be attending school on a full-time basis (enrolled for at least 12 credit hours per term).

To apply online, visit [www.cantonstudentloan.org](http://www.cantonstudentloan.org). Or contact the Canton Student Loan Foundation at (330) 493-0020 or at [info@cantonstudentloan.org](mailto:info@cantonstudentloan.org). Loan applications are due in the Foundation's office by June 1, 2012.

## PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS

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

**Building Community • Encouraging Healthier Habits  
One Friend at a Time**

- **Spring programs include:** 4 to 6 year old soccer, swim lessons, 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 Y for information.
- The YMCA provides memberships, adult wellness classes, swim lessons, youth sports and so much more. Stop in for a tour!
- Looking for a Summer Childcare program? The David Y has summer childcare for kids entering Kindergarten – 8th grade.

Call for more information at 330-830-6275 or go to [www.ymcastark.org](http://www.ymcastark.org)

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



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**Chuck Gandee**  
*Recycling Station Manager*

# Jackson Recycling Station Had A Great Year

It's that time of year we look forward to...the long winter is over and we are ready for those cleaning projects. If you are cleaning your basement, garage or attic, check with your recycling center or the Goodwill to see if they accept your unwanted items. If you have yard waste, please take it to the drop-off area in the Jackson South Park so it can be made into mulch and reused.

We ask that you use caution when driving around the Recycling Center. With the warmer weather, we have more volunteers and employees outside working and they may not always see you.

We will be working on landscaping so there may be trucks dropping off mulch and other items. The speed limit on the grounds is 15 miles per hour.

We had a great year in 2011. Thanks to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, we were able to get our driveway repaved and our drainage improved. We recycled 3,500,000 lbs. of recyclables in 2011.

*Thanks for using your Jackson Recycling Station.*

*Chuck Gandee*  
*Jackson Recycling Station Manager*  
330-833-7365 • Email: [recycle@sssnet.com](mailto:recycle@sssnet.com)

**IF YOU HAVE WONDERED HOW ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY RECYCLING, HERE ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES OF THE POWER OF ONE:**

- 1 recycled tin can would save enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours
- 1 recycled bottle would save enough energy to power a computer 25 minutes
- 1 recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 30-watt light bulb for 6 hours
- 1 ton of recycled aluminum saves 4 tons of bauxite
- 1 recycled print run of the Sunday issue of the New York Times would spare 75,000 trees
- 1 person can make a difference when it comes to recycling

## RESIDENT SURVEY RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

Jackson Township is exploring the option of contracting with a single waste collection agency for the benefit of our residents. (This will not affect commercial areas of the Township.) As we explore our options, we would appreciate your feedback.

**Please take a few moments to complete our survey.**

1. Who is your current waste collection service provider? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your current rate? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly
3. What factors are important to you in a waste collection service?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Price	<input type="checkbox"/> White Goods Pick-up (refrigerators, stove, scrap metals, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Waste Pick-up	
4. If the service rates were lower, would you opt to use the Township's selected provider?  Yes  No
5. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please return your completed survey to the Jackson Township Administration Office at 5735 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon, OH 44646 or visit [www.jacksontwp.com](http://www.jacksontwp.com) to complete the survey online.*

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### JACKSON TOWNSHIP RECYCLING STATION

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### JACKSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

*(Branch of the Stark County District Library)*

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## 911 HOUSE NUMBERING

Seconds count in emergencies. To aid safety personnel in finding your home, residents are encouraged to purchase a 911 House Numbering Sign made of blue metal background and large white reflective numbers.



A \$15 fee is required with proceeds benefiting the Jackson Township Safety Forces Association. On-line registration forms are available under the Fire Department's program section at [jacksontownship.com](http://jacksontownship.com), or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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