



Jackson Township Newsletter

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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials...

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The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Board for 2014, electing Todd J. Hawke as President and James N. Walters as Vice President.



They also set their 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.

(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer, Todd J. Hawke, President, James N. Walters, Vice President, and John E. Pizzino, Trustee.

TRUSTEES NAME NEW POLICE CHIEF AND MAJOR

Mark Brink is appointed as the NEW Police Chief and Ty Bissler is promoted as the NEW Police Major.

The Jackson Township Trustees have promoted Mark Brink as the new Police Chief, and have also promoted Ty Bissler to the position of Major. Trustees thanked Brink for his contributions during the past year. Trustee James Walters said, "Brink was brought on board because of his eight years experience as a police chief, and his strong reputation for leadership and integrity." Brink was with the Lawrence Township Police Department before being hired as a major in Jackson.

Ty Bissler has been with the Jackson Police Department for more than 20 years. He started as a patrol officer, and was promoted to sergeant and then lieutenant. Bissler oversaw the patrol division before being named acting chief last year. Bissler was thanked by the Trustees for his excellent job as acting police chief.

All three Jackson Trustees said they appreciated the teamwork that Brink and Bissler have demonstrated during the past year. Trustees unanimously expressed their intention to keep the team together.

"I think the best way to move the Police Department forward is to keep the team together by promoting Major Brink to Chief and Lt. Bissler to Major," said Trustee Walters.



Left to right: Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Trustee Todd Hawke, Police Major Ty Bissler, Police Chief Mark Brink, Trustee John Pizzino, Trustee Jamie Walters

Massillon Municipal Court Judge Edward J. Elum swearing in Police Chief Mark Brink



Massillon Municipal Court Judge Edward J. Elum swearing in Police Major Ty Bissler

Jackson Board of Trustees President Todd Hawke thanked both officers for their hard work during the past year. "I think moving these two officers to the higher positions is a highly positive thing to do," Hawke said.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Trustees, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to lead the Jackson Township Police Department," Brink said. "The police department has excellent officers, and I appreciate the opportunity to move the department forward."

Trustee Hawke said the fact that trustees did not need to look outside the police department for a chief and major speaks to the trust in Brink and Bissler. "We feel they're the right people for the job," he said.



Tracy R. Hogue
Fire Chief

Jackson Township Fire Department News

2013 was again a very demanding year for our Jackson Township Fire Department. With the sub-zero temperatures causing havoc to humans, homes and commercial structures, the Fire Department was prepared for these incidents. The first cold stretch in January produced over 60 calls for service in two days.

Now we can look forward to spring and warmer weather. Due to the long dark days of winter, I am sure you will be replacing some older light bulbs this spring and would like to share with you the safety precautions for the new style light bulbs.

Between 2012 and 2014, standard 40-watt and 100-watt incandescent light bulbs must use 30% less energy to meet minimum efficient standards. What does it all mean?

- You are not required to throw out your existing bulbs.
- Manufacturers simply can't manufacture certain bulbs as time goes on.
- There is a range of specialty incandescent bulbs that are exceptions, including 3-ways, reflectors, appliance bulbs and some decorative options.
- Moving forward, you'll choose from better technology like energy-efficient soft white, CFL and LED options.

Energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) are becoming more common in homes and at work. In addition to using less electricity, they also have a positive impact on the global climate. Here are some important safety tips you should know about CFLs.

PURCHASE CFL LIGHT BULBS that have the listing label of a recognized testing laboratory. Light bulbs labeled by a recognized testing lab will ensure that the bulb meets the latest product safety standards.



WHEN A CFL BURNS OUT

- When a CFL bulb burns out it may smoke and the plastic base may blacken. This is normal and is not a fire safety issue.
- CFLs should never be discarded with household trash. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that consumers use local recycling options.

IF A CFL BREAKS

CFLs are made of glass and can break. Be careful when removing from packaging and installing or removing from a socket. If a CFL breaks:

- OPEN a window to allow the room to air out for 5–10 minutes.
- People and pets should LEAVE the room.
- TURN OFF forced air heating and/or air conditioning.
- COLLECT broken glass and visible powder using stiff cardboard, tape or a damp paper towel.
- PLACE the debris in a glass container with a metal cover in a safe location outside until you can dispose of it.
- CONTACT your local government to find out how to dispose of the jar containing the debris.
- CONTINUE airing out the room for several hours.



(Source for information is National Fire Protection Association)

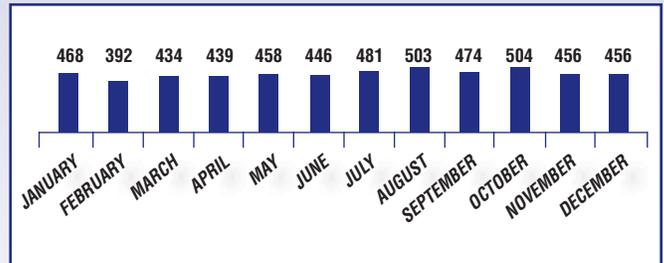
Have a great, enjoyable and "fire safe" summer, from all of us at the Jackson Township Fire Department. - Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT. STATISTICS

The Jackson Township Fire Department had an increase in run volume for the year of 2013. In 2012, the department handled 5,403 incidents. During 2013, 5,511 incidents were handled by the members. There was a noted increase in Emergency Medical (EMS) calls, while most other responses remained the same.

	2012	2013
Auto Accidents	404	396
CO Alarms	69	66
Emergencies (EMS)	3,848	4,060
Fire Alarms	407	418
Grass Fires (Outdoor Waste)	59	50
Hazardous Materials	52	61
Miscellaneous	452	338
Structure Fires	87	85
Vehicle Fires	25	37
TOTALS:	5,403	5,511

The following chart shows the monthly call volume for the department. As depicted, the department started off the year climbing in volume each month. The numbers rose again with the highest month being October. The months of June and July appear to have been fairly busy as well. The total yearly volume of 5,511 is an increase over last years' volume of 5,403.



Recently, the Jackson Township Fire Department replaced laptops that had been used on all EMS calls in order to capture the required patient information with APPLE IPADS. The cost of an APPLE IPAD was found to be one-third of upgrading the outdated laptops. This information is needed when transferring care to any of the emergency rooms in our response area. The user friendly interface of these devices, along with updated software has reduced the amount of time the crews spend completing patient care reports at the hospital. These APPLE IPADS are also being utilized for other valuable functions such as on-scene tracking and accountability of personnel, identifying hazardous material based on labels found on vehicles involved in accidents, and providing a quick reference guide to emergency medical protocols. Thus, our personnel are made available for service quicker by returning sooner to protect our residents.

CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) CLASSES



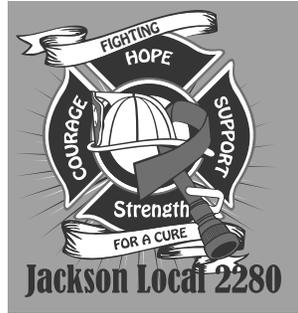
Want to make a difference?
Want to get involved?

Did you know that the Jackson Township 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.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS

Members of the Jackson Professional Firefighters Association were the winners of the 2013 International Association of Firefighters "Best Pink T-shirt Design" contest. The International received more than 100 entries from affiliates throughout the United States and Canada. Throughout October, IAFF affiliates participated in Breast Cancer Awareness Month events and activities, wearing pink t-shirts as part of their fundraising efforts across the USA. Local President Mike Peel and Fire Chief Tracy Hogue stated they could not be prouder of the Jackson members. The winning t-shirt was designed by Jackson Captain Mike Crable's wife Vickie Crable.



RETIREMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN DOUG PATTON

Chaplain Doug Patton retired December 31, 2013 from the Fire Department. Doug began his career in 1982.

"Doug has been a tremendous resource for the firefighter/paramedics of the Jackson Fire Department when we needed his faith, his calmness and reassurance that God was watching over us during or after an incident that was difficult to handle. Whether it was a visit to each fire station or a call to assist us at a scene, he always left with a prayer.



He also assisted the residents of Jackson Township when called upon and he touched them with his faith during the most difficult times and situations in their lives." The current and retired members wish him the best in his retirement.

Fire Chief Tracy R Hogue

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT ON EARNING MERCY'S STEMI CUP AWARD FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2013!

Mercy Emergency Chest Pain Center presented its STEMI (St Elevation Myocardial Infarction) Cup on February 20, 2014 to the JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT for achieving the best "door to balloon angioplasty" (D2B) time of 10 minutes. This was the best D2B time for the second half of 2013 at Mercy.

The acronym STEMI describes a heart attack caused by a com-



Jackson Township Fire Department members, pictured left to right: Fire Chief Tracy Hogue, Fire Captain Kai Rieger, Medic Jason Bryant, Medic Ryan Casper and Fire Deputy Chief Tim Berczik. *Not pictured: Medic Adam Resanovich*



Pictured left to right: Natasha Benson, RTR (Registered Radiology Technician), Mercy Heart Center; Tracy Miller, Certified Cardiovascular Care Coordinator, Mercy Heart Center; Dr. Ahmed Sabe, Medical Director, Mercy Heart Center and co-director, Mercy ECPC; Jason Bryant, Medic; Ryan Casper, Medic; Julie Sopher, RN, Mercy Heart Center; Nicole Shade, RN, Mercy Heart Center; Michelle Nelson, BSN, RN, Clinical Manager of Mercy's Cardiac Cath Lab/EP Lab/CVSOB. *Not pictured: Medic Adam Resanovich*

pletely blocked blood vessel. When this happens, time is muscle. Each and every minute is crucial when it comes to the patient's chance for survival and speed of recovery.

At Mercy, the heart catheterization lab is literally just feet away from the ambulance entrance, significantly shortening the span between a heart attack and lifesaving angioplasty. Many Mercy patients receive catheterization within 15 minutes, making Mercy one of the nation's fastest angioplasty responders.

Congratulations again to JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT members for their life-saving efforts!!

(Article and photos from Mercy Medical Center, Canton, Ohio)



Accepting the STEMI Cup award on behalf of the Jackson Township Fire Department are Medics Jason Bryant (L) and Ryan Casper (R). *Not pictured: Medic Adam Resanovich*

OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation recently awarded the Jackson Township Fire Department a safety intervention grant to purchase two LUCAS Chest Compression systems. The chest compression system is designed to perform continuous chest compressions on a pulseless patient at a rate of 100 beats per minute. The equipment will provide opportunities for EMS to continue resuscitation efforts while removing a patient from a confined or hazardous area or while loading or unloading a patient. A significant portion of the EMS calls to the department are for cardiac-related events. The cardiac arrest patient produces an increased risk of muscular skeletal injuries to the EMS providers while performing CPR. The purchase of these chest compression systems will greatly reduce the risk of injury to our EMS staff while continuing to provide outstanding emergency services to the community.



Left to right: Fire Captain Seth Rieger, Firefighter Luke Ediger, Firefighter Jeremy Marzilli, and LUCAS Chest Compression Sales Representative Dan Craven

Jackson Township Police Department



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



Police Chief Mark Brink

JACKSON POLICE PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES WITH THE JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Unfortunately, if you look nationally, there has been an increase in school violence, so we are being proactive by having our police officers make daily visits to all schools in our jurisdiction. Since the inception of the program, officers have made over 300 visits to our schools. This is in addition to officers assigned to the middle school. We continue to become familiar with school facility layouts and engaging the staff and students in a positive manner.

NEW JACKSON POLICE CRUISERS

With the Ford Motor Company not producing the Ford Crown Victoria Model, we have decided to try the new police Interceptor SUV's. The overall cost of the vehicle and the gas mileage is minimal when compared to the Crown Victoria. The benefit of the SUV is the overall compart-



ment room and the ability to transport two prisoners at the same time. The new SUV's are all-wheel-drive making them practical in bad weather conditions.

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT BICYCLE SAFETY

- Bicyclists are required to follow the same rules as any other vehicle driver.
- Bicyclists have the same rights as drivers of other vehicles.
- Bicyclists have the use of the full lane of travel; however, they are required to ride to the right if traveling more slowly than other traffic, unless turning left.
- Traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings apply to bicyclists, and they must obey all traffic laws.
- Bicyclists should always stop and look left-right-left before entering the roadway.
- More than a half million collisions between motor vehicles and bicyclists occur in the United States each year. Many of these incidents are the result of the motorists' failure to properly yield to bicyclists.

With Spring and Summer approaching, please drive safely.

HOOKED ON FISHING - NOT ON DRUGS

The Hooked on Fishing Program enters its 14th year. The program is led by Officer Andrew Speight. The program teaches angling skills for the beginner or experienced angler, aquatic and biology lessons. The program is open to 7th and 8th grade students and is utilized to teach students to avoid drug use and how to combat peer pressure. The Jackson Township Police Department's program is the longest running program in the State of Ohio. Officer Speight has partnered with several community businesses and organizations to make this program a huge success.

CANTON SWAT CO-OP

Jackson Township Police Department has joined the Canton Police Department SWAT co-op. The co-op consists of 12 local agencies. We currently have three members participating on the team. Our agency believes the co-op offers an opportunity to participate in a program that benefits our Township as well as being cost effective.

DRUG TAKE BACK

We are pleased to announce the Jackson Township Police Department has a permanent drug take back container, which is located in the lobby of the Jackson Township Safety Center. All unused and expired medication can be dropped off Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may drop off all prescription and non-prescription pills, syrups and creams. Please do not drop off any syringes or illegal drugs.

Prescription drugs are being abused at an alarming rate when they are in the hands of individuals they were not prescribed for. It is our goal to get these drugs off the street and out of the hands of people who would abuse them. Medication can also contaminate our water supply if they are not disposed of in a proper way. Please help us get these unwanted and unused drugs off the street.

FBI TASK FORCE

We are pleased to announce our partnership with the FBI. In November of 2013, we assigned one of our officers to the FBI Task Force "SAFE STREETS" and "Violent Crimes against Children" divisions. As our community grows we believe it is important to participate with law enforcement on a federal level. This partnership will be of great value to our community as we are able to share resources.

Police Chief Mark Brink

Heroes Honored

Two Jackson Police Officers received the highest award for rescuing a woman from a burning apartment.

Family members and other officers from the Jackson Township Police Department filled the Township Hall to see officers Daniel Kunkel and Jason Coppock recognized for their heroic actions on December 19, 2013. The two officers were honored for rescuing a 21-year-old woman from her burning apartment.

Major Ty Bissler praised the officers for risking their own safety to save someone else. "It is with great pride that I present them both with the Valor Award," said Bissler.

The Valor Award is the highest award issued by the Jackson Township Police Department. It is given to those who perform under hazardous conditions at great risk to his or her own life and safety, or for those who have saved a person from death or great bodily harm.



Jackson Township police officers Daniel Kunkel (left) and Jason Coppock (right) each received the Valor Award from Major Ty Bissler (center) and Certificates of Commendation from the Jackson Township Trustees.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. CRIME STATISTICS HISTORY

OFFENSE	2012	2013	%+/-
Calls for Service	34,245	32,212	-6%
Traffic Crash/Property	1,831	1,734	-5%
Traffic Crash/Injury	234	215	-8%
Traffic Crash/Fatality	4	1	-75%
Traffic Crash Fatalities	5	1	-80%
Hit Skip/Accident	93	75	-19%
Arson	2	2	0%
Stolen Vehicles	36	24	-33%
Recovered Vehicles	7	8	14%
False Alarm Drops	1,243	1,333	7%
Citations	2,642	2,012	-24%
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	159	214	35%
Criminal Mischief	88	97	10%
Theft	1,177	1,277	9%
OVI	310	209	-33%
Homicides	0	0	0%
Juvenile Arrests	251	231	-8%
Aggravated Robbery	9	4	-56%
Robbery	21	12	-43%
Aggravated Burglary	6	4	-33%
Burglary	89	112	26%
Breaking & Entering	82	53	-35%
Rape	8	9	13%
Other Sex Offenses	19	23	21%
Public Indecency	9	7	-22%
Domestic Violence	142	135	-5%
Drug & Drug Related	200	118	-41%
Kidnapping	1	1	0%
Assaults	104	91	-13%
Shoplifting	521	517	-1%
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	243	229	-6%
Residential Alarms	841	910	8%
Juvenile Citations	111	102	-8%
Vacation Checks	7,774	7,582	-2%
Business Checks	4,085	6,361	56%
Extra Patrols	3,772	3,401	-10%
School Visits		350	

2014 JACKSON TOWNSHIP

SAFETY VILLAGE

The 2014 Jackson Township Safety Village will be held from June 9 through June 13, 2014 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 2013 – 2014 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 21, 2014 and returned by Friday, May 23, 2014. (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.



WITH SPRING AND SUMMER RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, CONSIDER USING A RAIN BARREL FOR THE SUMMER GARDENING SEASON

Why Harvest Rainwater with Rain Barrels?

Besides helping the environment, an obvious reason for harvesting rainwater is to save money. Depending on the size of your house and the amount of rainfall in your area, you can collect a substantial amount of rainwater with a simple system. This extra water can have a significant impact on your water bill. The use of rainwater combined with the domestic use of grey water can further increase your savings. Even if you live in a rural area and have your own well, the fact that rainwater is naturally soft water may be enough to justify harvesting rainwater.

If you're harvesting rainwater with rain barrels to use for watering your landscaping, the rainwater can help to improve the health of your gardens, lawns, and trees. Rain is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. For this reason, plants respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!



Jackson Township Rain Barrel

Parks and Recreation Division



David R. Ruwadi
Park Maintenance
& Grounds Foreman

2013 - A YEAR IN REVIEW - SUMMER OF ACTIVITY

An estimated 59,500 children and adults attended the special events and recreation programs offered through the Jackson Township Parks. An estimated 23,000 children and adults visited the Parks through youth sports programs, schools, churches and organizations for a total of 82,500. There were 37 field permits and 202 shelter permits issued.



PARK HOURS

We are now operating on our spring and 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 Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Stuhldreher Street Fields, and Strausser Elementary Park are open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

For your walking pleasure, the red walking track in the North Park is marked with yellow hash marks at every one tenth of a mile. The outside loop of the track is 1 mile+.

JACKSON PARKS

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

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, 1/2-acre fishing pond with a boardwalk and gazebo. **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 3/4-acre mini-park was donated to the Township in 1998 to encourage beautification projects.

Stuhldreher 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 PROGRAMMING

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will be hopping into Jackson Township for the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, 2014 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, 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.

FACILITY RESERVATION INFORMATION

Applications can be found on our web page at www.jacksontownship.com and can be submitted electronically. Forms are also available at the Jackson Township Administration Building located at 5735 Wales Avenue NW. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To reserve a pavilion, athletic field, or tennis court please call the Park Department at 330-832-2845 to inquire about availability.

HOOKED ON FISHING DAY

The Hooked on Fishing Day will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Jackson North Park pond, rain or shine. Ages 15 and 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, May 2.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Farmers Market: Thursdays from June 12 through October 2, 2014

Community Celebration: June 25 - 28, 2014

Haunted Hayride: October 18, 2014

Holiday in the Park: December 13, 2014

For additional information, please call the Jackson Township Park Division at 330-832-2845, or visit the park web page at www.jacksontwp.com.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

JUNE 25 THROUGH JUNE 28, 2014

*We are looking for sponsors for the
2014 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**



Michael B. Vaccaro
Law Director
Jackson Twp, Stark County, OH

MICHAEL B. VACCARO
*was appointed as the Jackson
Township Law Director on
October 31, 2013.*

Attorney Vaccaro is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University where he earned his BA degree. He then earned his J.D. at Capital University Law School. Upon admittance to the Ohio Bar, Mr. Vaccaro joined the Legal Department of the Stark County Job and Family Services, Children Services Division in 1995 as a staff attorney. In 2000, Mr. Vaccaro was appointed as Supervising Attorney of the Children Services Division Legal Department, where he supervised five staff attorneys and three support staff. Mr. Vaccaro supervised approximately 400 active child abuse, neglect and dependency cases in various stages of litigation.

Mr. Vaccaro has also maintained a private practice in Jackson Township since 1995. His previous experience includes a Judicial Externship with the Magistrates of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and subsequently served as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Franklin County Municipal Court from 1994 to 1995. From 1986 to 1991, Mr. Vaccaro served in the Ohio Army National Guard as combat medic assigned to the 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Mr. Vaccaro served on the Stark County Traumatized Child Task Force and Public Children Services Association of Ohio Legislative Committee.

Michael and his wife, Vanessa, are longtime residents of Jackson Township, and they have three children.



Ralph E. Boger
Public Works Director

Jackson Township Highway Division

2013 PROJECT & PROGRESS REVIEW

Resurfacing was accomplished on 12.93 miles of Jackson Township allotment roadways. The contracted cost of this improvement was \$912,680.

Deteriorated curbing was contracted to replace 8,345 feet at the cost of \$199,863.

Forty miles of Jackson Township major roadways received centerline and edge line striping along with new arrows, stop lines, and channel lines at the contract price of \$41,609.

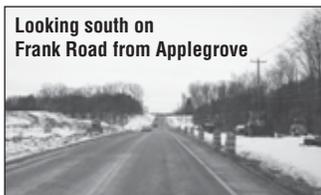
Hills & Dales was widened and improved from west of the Dressler-Woodlawn intersection to Whipple Avenue. The traffic signal and lane configuration at this intersection was updated. This completed the two-year joint project with the Stark County Engineer. The project received an OPWC (Ohio Public

Works Commission) grant of \$1,500,000 plus local Township and County funding assistance.

Frank Road (Phase II) widening and improvement was started in mid-2013 to widen to four lanes from Bob O'Link to Applegrove and taper back to two lanes at Strausser. The traffic signal and lane work at Applegrove will be completed with Frank Avenue by mid-2014. A \$1,500,000 OPWC grant along with joint funding from Jackson Township and the Stark County Engineer will accomplish this safety and roadway expansion.



Looking north on Frank Road from Huckleberry



Looking south on Frank Road from Applegrove



Two new snowplow trucks

Two new snowplow trucks and a pickup truck were purchased to replace three older vehicles. Orderly and planned updating and sound maintenance of all equipment continues in order to avoid equipment downtime and future financing

shortfalls. The equipment cost was \$230,500.

2013 ROAD LEVY RENEWAL

The citizens of Jackson Township voted to continue the 3-mill renewal road levy for another five years with a 72.6 percent favorable vote. The Township has grown but the levy has remained the same.

Thank you for the opportunity to utilize and leverage these funds for the benefit of Jackson Township's future resurfacing, maintenance of drainage, signage, and road safety conditions.

2014 EXPECTATIONS

Frank Avenue widening, from Portage to Strausser, will be complete in early summer. This successfully allows the increased traffic to safely access and pass through the growing area north of Portage on the east side of Frank.

Jackson will be contracting to resurface about 15 miles of aging allotment roadways. The many new allotment roads built in the 1990's and early 2000's will challenge the funds available. All 202 miles of asphalt are carefully evaluated in the spring to properly maintain your neighborhood roadways.

Curbing replacement will continue in 2014 on the most deteriorated sections. This contract is completed prior to any new pavement work to achieve the best results.

A yearly striping contract of about 40 miles of our busiest roadways continues to provide bright new center and edge lines along with the arrows and stop lines for our drivers' safety both day and night.

The Highway Department continues all other daily repair and maintenance on the road surfaces, drainage areas, mowing, and signage installations. The office requests and accepts all resident reports of problems recognized on our 202 miles of Township jurisdiction roadways.

CLEAN WATER

JACKSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS HELP MAINTAIN OUR CLEAN WATERWAYS

Homeowners are responsible for keeping their property ditches free of debris such as leaves, grass clippings, and trash. The Highway Department routinely sweeps our roads and repairs our curbs and catch basins. We will clean ditches from soil buildup and flush drive culverts.

The entire community benefits when everybody does their part. Let's work together to keep Jackson Township a beautiful place to live.

WINTER SNOW AND ICE

The fourteen truck routes have been busy this season. Each winter brings a variety of snow and icing conditions at all hours of the day and night. Road salt becomes primary for the many light snow and icy slippery conditions. Snow plowing events begin with more than 2 inches of snow and produce the stress on plow drivers of long hours, hidden curbing and yard edges, as well as mailboxes, driveways, and cul-de-sac snow placement. Parking on the roadways, especially cul-de-sacs, prevents our drivers from doing their job efficiently.

Safe and drivable winter roadways become the constant goal of your Jackson Township Public Works Department.

HOME YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

The Jackson drop off is located in South Park and easily accessed from Fulton Drive. It is now open dawn to dusk seven days a week for your convenience.

We again remind our Jackson Township residents that we can accept only biodegradable yard waste. Please do not deposit demolition materials, treated wood, stones or dirt, and finally no plastics or junk.

It remains a good practice to exercise extreme caution in this busy drop off area of moving and backing vehicles and trailers.

SAVE THE DATE!

3RD ANNUAL FIELD OF HONOR/FIELD OF HEROES

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ HEAL

**Memorial Day Weekend – May 23 – 26, 2014
Jackson Township Safety Center**

Join honorary chairpersons, Ambassador W.R. “Tim” and Sue Timken in saluting our heroes in the community – members of the armed forces, veterans, first responders, teachers, coaches, medical professionals, family members and more.



Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Call (330) 754-5767 or visit
www.jacksonrotaryfoundation.com

Rotary Club of Jackson Township

SPONSOR ★ VOLUNTEER ★ BUY A FLAG ★ SPREAD THE WORD

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER AND CONDO ASSOCIATIONS

Jackson Township is gathering information on active homeowner and condo associations. We are putting together an internal database of contact information for the associations in an effort to improve communication between the Township and our Jackson Township residents.

If you are the president or an officer of your homeowner or condo association, please email Mary Reno at mreno@jacksontwp.com and we will add you to our database.



GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT

SIGN UP and take a hit at
GREAT Programming for Kids
Financial Assistance Available



- Swim lessons
- T-ball
- Youth Running
- Summer Day Camp registration begins April 1
- Before & After School Child Care

**Enjoy a variety of Group
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David Y of Jackson Twp.
7389 Caritas Circle NW
(Just off Wales Rd. across from Buehler's)
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Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



*Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector*

IT'S TIME TO START THOSE HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Arrival of the spring season means that many township residents will be undertaking home improvements. When planning your projects, remember to obtain any needed approvals and permits before you begin. Zoning permits are required for most types of exterior residential construction or alterations with the exception of home repairs that do not involve structural changes. Failure to obtain the proper zoning permits can result in penalty fees in addition to the zoning permit fee. Some of the most common uses that require permits include the following:

Zoning Permit Statistics

PERMITS ISSUED	2012	2013
New Residential (Single Family)	110	101
New Multi-Family Units	53	66
Residential Alterations & Additions	212	200
New Commercial	9	9
Commercial Alterations & Additions	130	116

Detached accessory buildings including storage sheds:

A permit is required for all accessory buildings, including storage sheds that are greater than 32 sq. ft. Structures are permitted in the side and rear yard only and must be at least 15 feet from the principal building. The required minimum setback for an accessory building less than 120 sq. ft. is 5 ft. from the side and rear property line. Accessory buildings that are greater than 120 sq. ft. are required to be a minimum of 10 ft. from the side and 15 ft. from the rear property line. They are also required to be 15 ft. from all other buildings. Any accessory buildings or structures adjacent to a side street must maintain a 25-foot setback from the street right-of-way.

Temporary Carport: A temporary carport is permitted with a permit in the rear or side yard. It must be located a minimum of 15 ft. from the rear and 10 ft. from the side property line. If abutting a secondary street the minimum setback is 25 ft. from the road right of way. The carport must be temporary in nature and not attached to the principal dwelling to be considered a temporary carport.

Porches and Decks: Permits are required for porches and decks. If attached to the principal dwelling porches and decks must meet the same setbacks as required for the principal dwelling. If attached to an accessory building or structure, or as a freestanding structure, porches and decks must meet the same setbacks as required for an accessory building or structure.

Other accessory structures: Other accessory structures that require a zoning permit include, but are not limited to, swimming pools, hot tubs, pergolas and arbors, gazebos, temporary storage pods, outdoor wood burning furnaces, outdoor fireplaces, and satellite dishes greater than 25 inches in diameter or 491 square inches.

Fences, patios, sidewalks and driveways: Fences, sidewalks, driveways and cement or block patios do not require a permit. Fences within the front yard shall not exceed 4 feet in height. Fences located in the side or rear yard shall not exceed a height of 8 ft. When abutting a side or rear yard, fences are permitted to go up to the property line; however, a 5 ft. setback is required for a fence that abuts any road right of way. At no time shall a fence be permitted to obstruct the view of motorists.

Always check with the zoning department prior to construction or adding structures to the property to ensure if a zoning permit is required and the correct location in which the structure or addition it is permitted on the property.

Many types of construction also require a building permit. Township residents should contact the Stark County Building Department at 330-451-1770 for information on building permits.

More information regarding zoning regulations for residential uses can be found in the Jackson Township Zoning Resolution Book, Chapter 401, on the Zoning Department page of the Township website at www.jacksontownship.com.

NEW BUSINESSES PROPOSED IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Three McDonald's restaurants:

1. 3439 Whipple NW, 4661 sq. ft. restaurant
2. 4643 Belden Village & Everhard, 4673 sq. ft. restaurant
3. Foxboro Square just north of the corner of Wales & Fulton, 4365 sq. ft. restaurant

Dunkin Donuts: 2151 Wales NW, 1815 sq. ft. restaurant

Conrad's: Next to CVS at Market Place Nobles Pond, 6,490 sq. ft. service building

Embassy Suites: SE corner Shuffel & Freedom, 150 rooms, 31,360 sq. ft. Hotel

La-Z-Boy: North of Metro & Dressler NW, 15,200 sq. ft. retail bldg.

Mattress Firm: 6825 Sunset Strip, 5119 sq. ft. retail bldg.

Zeigler Tire: 6741 Whipple NW, 8885 sq. ft. service bldg.

Spectrum: 7442 Frank NW, 13,651 sq. ft. medical bldg.

NEW INTERACTIVE MAPPING

Alan Harold, the Stark County Auditor, has created an interactive zoning map for Jackson Township.

This map can be found on the Jackson Township website www.jacksontownship.com in the Jackson Township Zoning Map section of the Zoning Department page. Addresses on the map can be found by typing in the complete property address in the search box. By clicking on a specific parcel a box will pop up with more information about the parcel, including the zoning classification. A link is also shown in the box which will direct you to information on how to obtain a zoning permit, and also to the Stark County Auditor's website for additional information regarding the parcel in question. This is a great tool for finding information about a specific parcel of land; however, you should always verify a zoning classification with the zoning department before designing construction plans to ensure the use is permitted within that zoning district.

THE FARMERS MARKET WILL RETURN TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP THIS SUMMER

The Jackson Township North Park will be buzzing with Farmers Market vendors again 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 12. This will be the fifth year for our market.

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 12.



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.

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

JACKSON TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Jackson Township local government to provide for and promote the general health, safety, and welfare of Township residents and businesses by:

- delivering service in a professional, impartial, and cost-effective manner;
- planning for the long-range development and improvement of the township; and
- being responsive to the individual needs of the township residents and businesses with an awareness of the community's collective needs.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

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

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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

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

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

RECYCLING STATION

Jackson Township Recycling Station

WOW! What a year 2013 was.



Steve DeJane
Recycling Station Manager

Through the efforts of the residents of Jackson Township and surrounding communities, you helped keep 3,843,255 lbs. of recyclables out of our landfills.

Remember, the more we recycle, the longer we preserve our landfills.

For those new to the area, we are the drop-off facility for recyclables. We are located at 5717 Wales Avenue N.W., next to Community Parkway. Just pull around the building to the front and our staff will unload your car. Please ask for a list of items we accept.

Just a reminder that our recycling station is open for tours, so if you have an interest just call and we will schedule a time for you.

Thanks for making 2013 so successful and for using your Jackson Recycling Station.

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Closed Wednesday and Sunday

Feel free to call me if you have any questions. Steve DeJane, Jackson Recycling Station Manager 330-833-7365 • Email: recycle@sssnet.com

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JACKSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

(Branch of the Stark County District Library)

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ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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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 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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