



Jackson Township *Newsletter*

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We make things happen!

A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

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Information About The Jackson Township Fire Department

In November 2006, the Jackson Township Community supported a Replacement Levy for the fire department. Your approval generated new dollars for the fire department to continue providing the service you have come to expect and support. Since then you have supported two renewal levies – Thank You!

Tuesday, November 3rd you have the opportunity to support your Fire Department's call for help. Ongoing State funding cuts and the drain of our reserve accounts has initiated our call for help. The 2014 fall edition of the Jackson Township Newsletter featured an article written by the Jackson Township Fiscal Officer, Randy Gonzalez, that was published Statewide, it was titled: "Local Safety Forces Seeing Effects of Funding Cuts". According to Gonzalez (2014), "Fire departments all across Ohio are dealing with losses of funding from the state...Reductions or eliminations of Personal Property Tax, Personal Property Tax Reimbursement and the Utility Tax are direct losses to fire department levies across the state". The article specifically identifies areas where the State has either reduced or eliminated funding for your fire department. Simply stated, the State's reduction or elimination of these funds has decreased your Jackson Township Fire Department's operating revenue. As a result, the department is operating with 6 less firefighters/paramedics raising our most critical response times and placing us back to staffing levels from 2010.

Despite this challenge, we remain committed to serving the Jackson Township community and are proud of what has been accomplished. Our most significant achievement has been the Class 2 ISO rating for our Jackson community. The Insurance Service Office (ISO) has been evaluating communities in the areas of risk management and preparedness since 1971. Yet, one particular and significant component scrutinized in a community's risk management and preparedness evaluation is the local fire department. We are evaluated on fire suppression capabilities that include emergency communications, water supply, and operational preparedness and deployment. In addition, ISO recognizes community efforts to reduce losses through fire prevention, education, and investigation, all of which help the insurance industry establish insurance premiums for home owners and business owners alike. This rating establishes Jackson Township Fire Department as one of the 32 among the 1,000+ fire departments in Ohio as a Class 2, and we are proud to do our

part to help our Jackson Township community.

Working with the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer, the department has done everything possible to keep pace with the growth of the township without asking for increased funding from the residents. However, we are at the point for the first time since 2006 that current levy dollars no longer support the level of service you expect and deserve. To ensure service remains current, support for additional funding is necessary. With your support, the 6-mill renewal levy and 1.5-mill additional levy will sustain your fire department and continue protecting you and your family for the next five years.

Please understand; without levy dollars your Jackson Township Fire Department cannot continue to operate. The additional 1.5-mills being voted on will cost \$53 a year per \$100,000 of your home's valuation, \$4.41 a month, or less than 15 cents a day.

One of the true benefits of township government is that you the voter will decide what your fire department will look like going forward. I hope this information will assist you as you vote this November.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or any member of the Board of Trustees or Fiscal Officer.



Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue



Since July 2014, all five of Jackson Township's Fire Stations have been on calls for service simultaneously 85 times. This photograph shows four of Jackson's paramedic units at Aultman's Emergency Department all at one time.

Jackson Township Fire Department News

THE IMPORTANCE OF FACEBOOK



Tracy R. Hogue
Fire Chief

Social media is an important form of modern communication.



Facebook currently has more than one billion users, which makes it educational, cost-effective, and a social phenomenon. The importance of the online social media site to reach out to customers, the taxpayers, and to build relationships, is hard to overstate with users across the world devoting countless hours to the site and Facebook becoming

an increasingly important way of obtaining information not only about friends and family but also about local, state and national events.

For Jackson Township residents and businesses, Facebook is about connecting the taxpayers with their local community government. Its impact on the field of communications between Jackson Township and its residents means that many have turned away from traditional communication tools. Some services are finding that Facebook may even replace their own websites. Access to literally thousands of residents and businesses has a significant amount of impact on communications for our Jackson Township community in the 21st century.

We would hope you will take the time to not only visit our Fire Department Facebook page but also the other services with Facebook pages offered by Jackson Township.

- Jackson Township Board of Trustees
- Jackson Township Fire Department
- Jackson Township Police Department
- Jackson Township Public Works Department
- Jackson Township Zoning Department

Have a great, enjoyable and "fire safe" Fall and Holiday Season from all of us at the Jackson Township Fire Department.

Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue



MEETING THE GROWTH CHALLENGES OF THE TOWNSHIP



Inspectors Tim Coppock and Aaron Stoller review building plans.

In 1989, the Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) was staffed with four members, all full-time inspectors. Due to retirements, the current FPB consists of only three full and one part-time state certified fire safety inspectors; our part-time member is also a certified plans examiner. They are responsible for inspecting the 2,300 businesses within the township, along with continuously providing public education. This small group is also tasked, in conjunction with the detective bureau and the State Fire Marshal's Office, with conducting all of the fire investigations that originate within the township.

The township has seen major growth, especially within the past ten years. Working with both the township zoning office and the Stark County Building Department, the FPB reviews building plans. The purpose is to focus on life-safety items such as the fire alarm systems, sprinklers, and evacuation plans. With all of the new construction going on within the township, these members stay very busy. As any new construction or remodeling project reaches completion, all of the life-safety features are tested and verified by both the Stark County Building Department and these members of the FPB before they can receive a certificate of occupancy.

Through the efforts previously stated, along with a large amount of public education, as the job title dictates, the members of the fire prevention bureau work diligently in order to prevent the outbreak of fire.

They are a very important portion of the Jackson Township Fire Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Fire Department and Fire Prevention Bureau have been busy this summer with many community activities. Here are a few of the programs we've been involved with:

1. Safety Village
2. Pride Program
3. Prom Promise
4. Breakfast at Manor Care
5. Community Celebration
6. Community Celebration Fireworks
7. Church of the Lakes Touch a Truck
8. Sam's Club Safety Day
9. Field of Honor
10. Buehler's Touch a Truck
11. Lake Cable Fireworks
12. Glenmoor July 4th parade
13. Glenmoor Fireworks
14. Brookside Fireworks
15. YMCA Touch a Truck
16. HOF Balloon Classic
17. HOF Fireworks



JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER'S REUNION

On the evening of August 18, 2015 the Jackson Fire Department held its annual reunion at the Lake Cable pavilion. Jackson firefighters who gave their service to this community from the 1950's to present attended the event filled with reminiscing, fellowship and fire service stories.



TIM SWONGER RETIRED FROM THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT ON JULY 23, 2015.

Tim Swonger began as a volunteer and was appointed to serve as a full-time firefighter in July 1976. He was promoted to Captain in November 1986 and promoted to Battalion Chief in August 1999.

Congratulations on your retirement!



FILL THE BOOT

Since 1954, firefighters have supported the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through the "Fill the Boot" Campaign. In true fashion, members from the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) partnered with members from the Plain Township Fire Department (PTFD). They descended on the intersection of Whipple Avenue and Everhard Road.

For four hours on Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd and August 23rd, their combined efforts collected nearly \$10,000.00 for Jerry's Kids. A huge thank you is owed to those that gave up a portion of their weekend and participated, along with the caring motorists that emptied their ashtrays of pocket change to help.



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 with 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.



HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT

JACKSON TOWNSHIP'S Halloween Trick or Treat will be held on:

Saturday, October 31, 2015

From 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



The Jackson Township Fire, Police, Public Works, and Zoning Departments have joined the Jackson Township Board of

Trustees with Facebook pages. These pages have very useful information about all departments.

SO "LIKE" US AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE TOWNSHIP.

Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

TOP TIPS FOR SAFE ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Before you start your holiday shopping, remember to STOP, THINK, & CONNECT: Make sure security measures are in place, understand the consequences of your actions and behaviors and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

Keep a Clean Machine: All the devices you use for shopping - including smart phones and tablets should have up-to-date software including security software, operating systems, programs and apps.

When in Doubt, Throw it Out: Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or, if appropriate, mark as junk email.

Think Before you Act: Be wary of communications that offer amazing deals that sound too good to be true, implore you to act immediately - including those about a problem with an order or payment or ask you to view the website via a provided link.

Get Savvy about Wi-Fi Hotspots: Don't share personal or financial information over an unsecured network (a connection that doesn't require a password for access). Using the direct web access on your phone (via a 3G/4G connection) is safer than an unsecured wireless network when on your mobile device.

Make Sure the Site is Legitimate: This includes a closed padlock on your web browser's address bar or a URL address that begins with http or https. This indicates that the purchase is encrypted or secured. For new sites, check online reviews.

Protect your Personal Information: Be alert to the kinds of information being collected to complete the transaction. Make sure the information requested is only that needed to complete the transaction. Only fill out required fields on checkout forms. Check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used.

Use Safe Payment Options: Credit cards are generally the safest option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product isn't delivered or isn't what was ordered. Credit cards may have a limit on the monetary amount you will be responsible for paying. Never send cash through the mail or use a money-wiring service.

Keep a Paper Trail: Save records of your online transactions, including the product description, price, online receipt, terms of the sale, and copies of email exchanges with the seller. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there aren't any unauthorized charges. If there is a discrepancy, call your bank and report it immediately.

Holiday Safety Tips

DRIVING

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.
- Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM)

- If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a mall or well-lighted location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.
- Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.
- Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

SHOPPING

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your Drivers License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.



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

- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, and on buses.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

WINTER SAFE DRIVING TIPS

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

CHILDREN

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

AT HOME

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.
- Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.

STRANGERS AT YOUR DOOR

- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.

- Ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.
- Donate only to a recognized charitable organization.

HOSTING A PARTY

- Have non-alcoholic beverages available for party guests.
- Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.
- Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

ATTENDING A PARTY

- Have something to eat before consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Eat high protein foods that will stay in your stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into your system.
- Remember only time will eliminate the alcohol from your body.
- Know your safe limit.
- Never drink and drive.

NEW FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS

On Tuesday, August 25, 2015 Jackson Township Trustees appointed part-time Officers Jamin C. Sprowl and Colt D. Weber as full-time Patrol Officers for the Jackson Township Police Department.



Left to right: Police Chief Mark Brink, Police Officer Colt D. Weber.



Left to right: Police Chief Mark Brink, Police Officer Jamin C. Sprowl.



Ralph E. Boger
Public Works Director

Jackson Township Public Works Department Jackson Township Highway Division

JACKSON TOWNSHIP GROWTH

The impressive growth of Jackson Township in the past years from farmland to beautifully developed commercial and residential areas has taken many well planned decisions by many individuals and government officials to be the prized and proud Township we are today.

The highway system we appreciate in Jackson today has grown by many miles, lanes of travel, and signalized intersections serving our 36 square miles of growth and development. This has been associated with miles of new water lines, gas service piping, sanitary sewers, storm water drainage, and the accompanying necessary power, cable, telephone, and Internet services.

Jackson Township Trustees and other government agencies are working hand in hand with the commercial development and residential areas to smartly manage the levies, grants, and funding mechanisms for the highways, parks, and safety forces to continue to "make things happen".

"Downtown" Jackson has grown from 1976 to 2010 as shown in the associated pictures of the Wales Avenue/Fulton Drive intersection.



Northbound



Southbound



Eastbound



Westbound



CONSTRUCTION REVIEW FOR 2015

- Resurfacing of 20 miles of aging allotment roadways got off to an early start in 2015. The publicly bid contract was \$1,288,865.
- Curbing replacement of 5,432 feet with a contracted value of \$146,664 in 2015 has continued for seven consecutive years on the deteriorating curbing areas of the Township.
- Striping of the various Township heavily traveled 40 miles of roadways was contracted for edge lines, centerlines, and intersection markings. This contract was \$49,218.
- The Stark County Engineer resurfaced several busy roads under their jurisdiction in Jackson as part of the County cooperation.

WINTER IS APPROACHING

RESIDENT YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

Jackson Township Winter yard waste drop-off times of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM will start November 1st through March 31st. The highly appreciated yard waste drop-off location in South Park has seen very beneficial resident use this summer. The leaf drop-off season is upon us and will see the heaviest drop-off traffic of the year. A little patience and much safety awareness are necessary to accommodate the many backing vehicles near the pile. Only biodegradable material is acceptable. Please utilize this drop-off rather than blowing or raking your leaves into the drainage ditch or street where they create drainage problems.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS READY FOR WINTER

The Jackson Township Highway Division is ready for the difficult winter weather driving conditions. All trucks have been serviced and equipped with the plows and computer controlled salt spreading systems. Drivers will have reviewed their snow routes and placed guide staking on the difficult roadway locations to prevent yard damages. Residents are invited to reflector mark just behind the curb if desired. Also removal of snow from mailbox and upstream locations may be helpful.



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

The Jackson Township CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ray Hexamer, Executive Director for the Massillon Development Foundation and Salvatore Miraglia, Jr., retired Steel Division President with The Timken Company. Thomas Schmidt, past president of the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce was also appointed to the CIC Board. We welcome all three members, and we look forward to working with them.

The CIC welcomes the public to attend our regularly scheduled monthly meetings to meet our new board members and/or share your ideas with the board members.

SNOW PARKING BAN



The snow parking ban will again be in effect for all Jackson Township roadways anytime snow has become or is expected to be 2" deep or more. Notice will again be posted and announced when the snow parking ban is in effect. Vehicles left in the streets will be towed. Jackson Township sincerely requests your cooperation in moving vehicles off the road to allow proper plowing and salting. If parking for your several vehicles is a problem, now is the time to solve the problem.



Clean Water In Jackson Township

The Clean Water Act is a mandated federal program from both the U.S. EPA and the Ohio EPA, which requires Jackson Township and urbanized communities to meet water quality standards.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To keep the storm water leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Repair auto leaks.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.) and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.

***Keep our
water running clean!***

BICENTENNIAL

WRAP UP

A daunting task: Take 200 years of Jackson Township history and squeeze it into a bicentennial year of programs, events, and exhibits. Mission accomplished – with the assistance and cooperation of many individuals, organizations, the schools, and township government.

In January, the township's Board of Trustees proclaimed 2015 to be the bicentennial year of Jackson Township, and the Jackson Library's display case showcased the history of the township's earliest families. Other exhibits at the library have featured the Ohio & Erie Canal, an important means of travel in the early days of the township, and a history of the Jackson Local School District.

Both the YMCA and Jackson Township Hall have also featured township history in their display cases, and the Y's Sue McFarland and the Township's Mary Reno were active members of the Bicentennial Committee, which planned the many events held throughout the year.

Mary Reno also designed the bicentennial logo, and the Friends of the Jackson Parks donated the funding to pay for the banners with that logo, which adorn the display poles on Fulton and Wales roads.

In March, St. Jacob's Lutheran Church celebrated its bicentennial with an organ concert presented by Canton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and members of the Jackson Township Historical Society were invited to present short talks that provided historical background to the church's beginnings. McDonaldsville United Methodist Church also hosted a bicentennial program, as the German American Singers presented a program of German and American songs to celebrate the German heritage of Jackson Township's early settlers.

Coordinated by social studies teacher Joe Knopick and with the assistance of several teachers from different departments, Jackson High School hosted a bicentennial open house in May, where students exhibited history projects that ranged from the history of the Jackson band to the changing looks of fashion.

The Jackson Township Historical Society set up its booth at the annual Community Celebration in June, with the assistance of Park Maintenance & Grounds Foreman Dave Ruwadi, and under the direction of Greg Weekley, JTHS members made cotton candy and popcorn, one of the Historical Society's major fundraising projects every year.

In July, the 29th OVI Co. G, a Civil War re-enactment group, brought their living history encampment to Jackson Center School. Mark Holland, the Archivist at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum and a Civil War re-enactor, helped to bring the 29th OVI to the schoolhouse grounds.



Bill Gill of Kiko Auctions donated his time to the annual antiques appraisal day held at Jackson Center School in August. Gill, who has more than 40 years of experience in auctions and appraisals, entertained the audience as he appraised the items they had brought in. China, glassware, and old furniture – value going down, he said, because young people are not collecting what their parents and grandparents collected. A first edition Harry Potter book signed by the author could be worth \$1,000 or more. Carl Geib coordinated with other members of the Stark Antique Power Association to display antique tractors and cars on the front lawn of the schoolhouse during the antiques appraisals.

Other projects, spearheaded by Judi Malinowski and Lynn Weekley, have included two bicentennial quilts, one completed with drawings by Jackson Local elementary school students, and the other featuring photographs of historic places in Jackson Township. A book, *A Pictorial History of Jackson Township*, was compiled by the Jackson Township Historical Society, with primary research by JTHS members Lou Ann Manwaring and Doris Wertz. The student-drawing quilt is being raffled to raise funds for the Historical Society; the other quilt will become a part of the Historical Society's permanent collection. Copies of the bicentennial book, a limited-run edition, are on sale for \$12 each, available through the Historical Society. A contest that will run until October is to identify barns in Jackson Township. For more information visit the Historical Society's website <http://jacksontwpshistory.org> or contact JTHS by e-mail at jackson.historical@gmail.com.

This bicentennial year has been a tribute to the history of Jackson Township, but it should also be a testament to the many volunteers whose efforts have made all of the events, programs, and exhibits a success. Just a few have been mentioned here, but many more, who have not been named, worked tirelessly to commemorate the 200 years of Jackson Township history. Their work helps to make Jackson Township a thriving community with a long history and a bright future.

Mary Aaby, Jackson Township Historical Society

PAUL & CAROL DAVID YMCA
Jackson Township

the  **UNLIMITED POTENTIAL**
YMCA OF CENTRAL STARK COUNTY



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Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

ZONING BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES

Two zoning boards that are vital to effective implementation of township zoning are the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. The establishment of a Zoning Commission and a Board of Zoning Appeals is a requirement of the Ohio Revised Code for administration of a township zoning resolution. Both boards are comprised of five regular members and an alternate that are appointed by the township trustees. All board members must be township residents. Regular members are appointed for staggered five-year terms. Alternates are appointed for one year.

Applications to serve on the zoning boards are solicited annually in the month of November and appointments or reappointments are made only after the Board of Trustees has interviewed applicants.

ZONING COMMISSION

The function of the Jackson Township Zoning Commission is to consider and make a recommendation to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees in connection with any request to rezone property (map amendment), or any request to change the zoning resolution (text amendments). Upon receipt of an application the request is forwarded to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission who makes a recommendation to the Zoning Commission to approve, deny, or modify the request. The recommendation from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission must be considered by the Zoning Commission at a public hearing prior to making their decision. Upon the conclusion of the zoning commission hearing, the Zoning Commission's recommendation is forwarded to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees who then holds a public hearing. A majority vote of the Township Trustees is required to deny or modify the Zoning Commission's recommendation. An amendment adopted by the Trustees becomes effective 30 days from the date of their decision unless a petition for referendum is filed within that 30-day period.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The purpose of the Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is to act upon appeals from a decision or determination of the zoning inspector, to consider applications for variances, and the granting of conditional use permits. All testimony is given under oath at a public hearing. Anyone who does not agree with a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals has the right to appeal the decision to the Court of Common Pleas within 30 days of the decision.

Please visit our Jackson Township Zoning Department facebook page as well as our website for up-to-date zoning schedules and information.

PROPER DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOL WATER

Do not allow pool water to discharge to a septic system, waterway, or into a storm sewer.

Drain Your Pool in an Approved Manner: When swimming season is over, pool owners need to be careful of how and where they discharge swimming pool water. The discharge of chlorinated swimming pool water directly into a waterway or into a storm sewer is prohibited.

The storm sewer system (which includes ditches and pipes) was designed to handle runoff from rain and snow only. The water is not treated before it is discharged into area creeks and rivers. If the water contains chlorine, it can be very toxic to fish and other aquatic plants and animals. Therefore, residential swimming pool water must be dechlorinated before being discharged.

Dechlorinate Pool Water before Discharging: Reduce the chlorine in the pool water to undetectable levels before draining it. The simplest method is to stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait. Sunlight will naturally dissipate the chlorine within a few days. It can also be reduced by adding a chemical called sodium thiosulfate, which is available at pool stores. Monitor the chlorine level with a swimming pool chlorine test kit. When there is no longer any detectable chlorine in your swimming pool it is safe to discharge the water. When discharging the water, allow it to flow over a grassy area at a slow rate to allow for some filtration of the water.

Saltwater Swimming Pools: The recent increase in popularity of saltwater swimming pools has caused many to examine the best method for discharging this type of water. At this time, it is still undecided. The bottom line is that some smaller water bodies can be more severely affected due to the higher salinity of the discharge water. Please exercise caution.

OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES

With winter creeping upon us people are looking for alternative ways to save energy when heating their home such as an outdoor wood-burning furnace. An outdoor wood burning furnace is defined as any equipment, device or apparatus which is installed, affixed or situated outdoors for the primary purpose of combustion of fuel to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat to a principal residential structure or any other site structure on the residential premises. An outdoor wood burning furnace is permitted within the R-R Rural Residential District on lots that are five (5) acres or greater and must comply with the following requirements.

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

A zoning permit is required for an outdoor wood-burning furnace.



David R. Ruwadi
Park Maintenance
& Grounds Foreman

Parks and Recreation Division

“THANK YOU” TO THE RESIDENTS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARK SYSTEM.

In 2015 we were able to accomplish many updates to our park system. In the North Park, the walking track was sealed, the shelter was power washed and completely re-stained, and the restrooms received a new floor coating. The tennis court and basketball parking lot was repaired, top coated, and re-stripped. A new fence was erected at the South Park. The Park Division was able to purchase a new mower and a pickup truck. There are plans currently underway to repair the tennis courts and to have the parking lot at Fisher Park repaved. Also under consideration is a new playground structure at South Park.



Pets are permitted in all of our parks except the North Park. While on any other park grounds, lots, streets, drives or any other park facilities, all pets shall be controlled by a leash connected with a person or fixed object.

JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

Jackson Township residents have eight parks with approximately 240 acres.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. North Park | 7660 Fulton Road |
| 2. South Park | 4811 South Park Drive |
| 3. Joseph E. Fisher | 5891 Lake O'Springs Avenue |
| 4. Nelson Keck | 7500 block of Wales Avenue |
| 5. Edward and Mary Zink | 38th Street and Michael Drive |
| 6. Stuhldreher Street Fields | Stuhldreher and Hills and Dales |
| 7. Strausser Elementary Park | 8646 Strausser Street |
| 8. Crystal Springs Bridge Park | 4400 block of Erie Avenue |

North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. now through November 30. Beginning December 1 through February 28, North Park will be open sunrise to 8:00 p.m.

When visiting any of our other parks, such as South Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Edward & Mary Zink Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Nelson M. Keck Park, Strausser Elementary Park, and Stuhldreher Street Fields, the hours of operation are dawn to dusk.

For your walking pleasure, there is a 1.1 mile paved walking track. The purple walking track in the North Park is marked with yellow hash marks at every one-tenth of a mile to measure your walking distance.

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Beginning January 4, 2016, you can turn in your pavilion application forms or submit them electronically through our website to reserve any of the four Jackson Township park pavilions. Reservations will not be taken over the phone and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. You must pick up your permit approximately one week prior to your reservation.

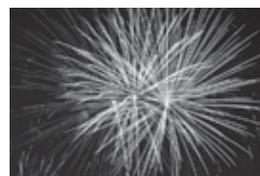
For pavilion availability, you may contact the Jackson Township Parks at 330-832-2845. For Jackson Township residents, business owners, and non-profit organizations, there is no charge to use the pavilions. The charge is \$10 per hour for non-residents and for-profit organizations and companies.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The support of the residents and local businesses of Jackson Township contributed to a very successful 2015 Community Celebration. Again the attendance was over 55,000 for the four-day event. Thanks to MCTV for their special children's activities each day and for their major sponsorship. The 5K run had over 1,700 participants. There were sixty-seven vehicles in the car show.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Volunteers, the Jackson Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Township employees, Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary of Jackson Township, and the many generous sponsors who supported the event.

THANK YOU to our residents and friends who attended and supported this year's Jackson Township Community Celebration.



SAVE THE DATE:
Next year's Jackson Township Community Celebration is scheduled for June 29, 30, and July 1, 2, 2016.

Recap on Summer Park Programs

GARDENING WITH ZEST

For the second year in a row, this summer's Gardening with Zest Educational Program was well attended. There were six different programs offered through a collaborative effort of the Jackson Township Parks and the Ohio State University Extension Stark County Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Keep your garden gloves ready for next summer's program.



Kip Gardener, Master Gardener, talks about weed control and irrigation of your garden.

MOVIE & JAZZ CONCERT IN THE PARK

Friday, August 21st was a special evening in the North Park with Disney's "Big Hero 6" movie playing for the kids to enjoy. Earlier that evening there was a great music performance by The Jazz Workshop. There were over six-hundred in attendance for this first time Movie in the Park. Let us know how you liked this program. Send an Email to druwadi@jacksontwp.com.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES

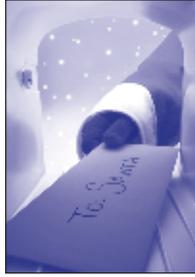
Barb Craven, owner of the Craven Dance Studio, kept area preschoolers very busy this summer while they enjoyed exercising, singing and doing creative movements with music.



UPCOMING PARK PROGRAMS

SANTA'S MAILBOX ON DISPLAY IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Jackson Township is making preparations for the "Santa's Mailbox" program this holiday season. Santa's Mailbox will be located in front of the entrance to the Jackson Township Administration Building, 5735 Wales Avenue NW, at the corner of Mudbrook Street and Wales Avenue.



Children can drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox addressed to the North Pole between December 1 and December 15. All letters received by December 15 will receive a response from Santa himself. Children must remember to include their names and addresses on their letters. Letters must be dropped off personally. Any letters sent through the mail will not receive a response.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in the Jackson North Park on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus! Jackson North Park is located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School. This FREE holiday event is sponsored by Jackson Township Parks, Jackson Girl Scouts Service Unit, and Crosspoint United Methodist Church.

For additional information regarding "Holiday in the Park", please call the Jackson Township Parks at (330) 832-2845, or visit the parks web page at www.jacksonntp.com.

RECYCLING STATION

Jackson Township Recycling Station

WOW! What a year 2014 was.



Steve DeJane
Recycling Station Manager

Through the efforts of the residents of Jackson Township and surrounding communities, you helped keep 3,010,915 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 rear of 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 2014 so successful and for using your Jackson Recycling Station.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 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

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.



THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET



For the sixth year in a row Jackson Township has made "Healthy Things Happen" at the Jackson Township Farmers Market. At the beginning of the season we did have some rainy weather, but that did not stop the shoppers. The vendors were very happy with the steady

stream of customers shopping on Thursdays between 3:00 & 6:30 pm, making this a very successful season. New vendors this year added



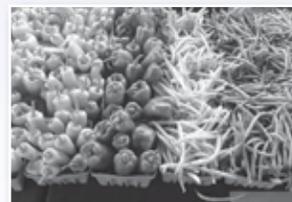
to the market's success. Vendors sold large varieties of home grown fruits and vegetables, delicious homemade baked goods, local honey, syrup, freezer meat, garlic products, gourmet popcorn, natural body products, and beautiful flowers. If you are a vendor and are interested in attending the market, contact Mary Reno at 330-832-7416.



Please take a few minutes to fill out the customer survey on our website www.jacksonntp.com. We look forward to your input on the Jackson Township

Farmers Market to help us improve next year.

We appreciate our residents' support of our Farmers Market. We hope to see all of you next summer.



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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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