



# Jackson Township *Newsletter*

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2015

*We make things happen!*

*A Message from your Jackson Township Officials...*

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## JACKSON TRUSTEES ORGANIZE FOR 2015

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Board for 2015, electing James N. Walters as President and John E. Pizzino 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, Trustee, James N. Walters, President, and John E. Pizzino, Vice President



## SIGN UP FOR ALERTS & ADVISORIES WITH "NIXLE"

We have a great service available for you to receive community alerts. It's called "Nixle", and if you are interested in receiving alerts, please register through the "Nixle" website (<http://www.nixle.com/>).

It immediately connects you to trusted, important information by text message, email, and over the web. By registering, you get Jackson Township Police Department alerts and advisories.

Frequently, these alerts are advisories of areas to avoid due to crashes, construction, high water, snow emergency/snow parking bans, and missing persons. These are just a few examples of many messages you may receive regarding your community.

### NOTE:

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

# Jackson Township Fire Department News

## EFFECTS OF STATE FUNDING CUTS...BY THE NUMBERS

The 2014 fall edition of the Jackson Township Newsletter featured

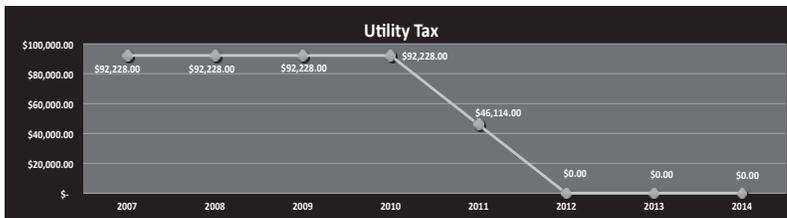
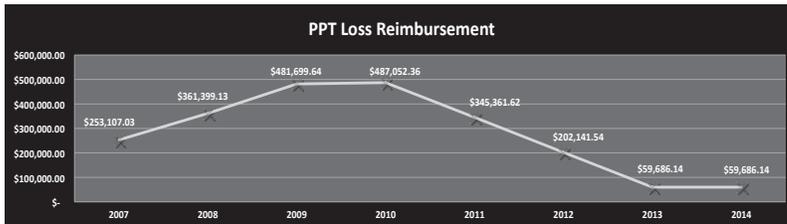
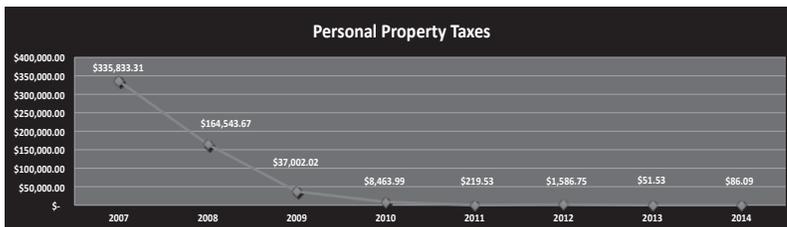


**Tracy R. Hogue**  
Fire Chief

an article written by the Jackson Township Fiscal Officer, Randy Gonzalez, titled: "Local Safety Forces Seeing Effects of Funding Cuts". First published in the July/August/September 2014 edition of "In Command" magazine, the article identifies areas where the State has either reduced or eliminated funding for local safety forces. 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".

What exactly does this mean, and how has it affected your Jackson Township Fire Department? Simply stated, the State's reduction or elimination of these funds has decreased the fire department's operating revenue by 6.6 percent. As a result, the department is operating with a staffing level that is 6.7 percent less when compared to 2010 staffing levels. Despite this challenge, we remain committed to serving the Jackson Township community in the most reasonable and efficient manner possible.



## HOSE HOUSE BY FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC MATT ANSTINE

At some point, all little kids want to be a firefighter. Why is that? Simple answer: firefighters get dirty and play with water!! In order to exploit this issue in a positive way, Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Anstine constructed this two-story playhouse with fire showing through the windows. The purpose of this project is to allow children of all ages to get their hands on a real fire hose, assisted by a real firefighter, and knock the spring loaded fire panels back, thus putting the fire out. This has become a great teaching prop for the Safety Center Open House, as well as other community events.



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Total Year End Run Volume

The Jackson Township Fire Department witnessed another increase in run volume for the year of 2014. In 2013, the department handled 5,511 calls for service. 5,592 incidents were handled by the members during 2014.

	2013	2014
Auto Accidents	396	514
CO Alarms	66	76
Emergencies (EMS)	4060	4090
Fire Alarms	418	404
Grass Fires (Outdoor Waste)	50	59
Hazardous Materials	61	49
Miscellaneous	338	298
Structure Fires	85	70
Vehicle Fires	37	32
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>5,592</b>

Emergency Medical (EMS) remained the most common type of response handled by the department.

However, there was an increase in auto accidents. All other categories remained relatively the same. Structure fire responses were down compared to previous years, along with 32 vehicle fires. Thirty-four of the 70 structure fires required fire investigations.

## 2014 FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS AND FULL-TIME HIRING

The retirement of Battalion Chief Mike Sibila in May of 2014 brought two promotions and one hiring that was needed to fill the vacancies.

In August, Mike Crable was promoted from the Captain ranks and filled the Battalion Chief position. The vacant Captain's position



**Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Nelligan**



**Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Sullivan**

was filled with full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Gary Harrison. Firefighter/ EMT Mike Nelligan was selected to fill the full-time Firefighter/Paramedic position.

Also in December of 2014 Firefighter Brian Jacobson retired and part time firefighter/paramedic Ryan Sullivan was hired to fill Firefighter Jacobson's vacancy.

They are all dedicated, educated, and honorable, and will continue to provide the residents and businesses of Jackson Township with first class fire and emergency services.



**Battalion Chief Mike Crable**



**Captain Gary Harrison**

## RETIREMENT

Congratulations to firefighter Brian Jacobson. Brian began his career with the Jackson Township Fire Department in February 1988. After 26 years of dedicated service to the community, firefighter Jacobson retired on December 24, 2014. Brian and his wife, Kathy, will be enjoying their time together in the warmer climate of South Carolina - happy retirement, best wishes, and thank you for your service!



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





*The Jackson Township Historical Society has been busy planning various community events in recognition of the Jackson Township Bicentennial. Below is a schedule of events for the public to enjoy throughout 2015. Make plans to attend and help celebrate Jackson Township's 200th birthday.*

**APRIL**

- Jackson Branch Library will display the history of the Ohio & Erie Canal and the Civil War.
- The German American Club Singers will perform in recognition of the German heritage of the early settlers of Jackson Township. This event will be held at the McDonaldsville St. Paul United Methodist Church on April 19 at 2:00 p.m.

**MAY**

- A Bicentennial Open House will be held on May 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Jackson High School in the Commons area. The event will feature a handmade quilt with squares created by Jackson Local elementary third-grade students. There will be a raffle for the quilt with proceeds benefiting the Jackson Township Historical Society.

**JUNE**

- Old-fashioned games will be featured during the Jackson Community Celebration at the Jackson North Park. The dates of the Celebration are June 24 through June 27.
- Jackson Branch Library will have an Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition presentation – date and time to be announced.

**JULY**

- Civil War History and Encampment will be presented by the 29th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Company on July 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Jackson Center School, 7756 Fulton Road NW, next to Jackson High School.

**AUGUST**

- Jackson Township Historical Society's Annual Antiques Appraisal and Harvest Day will take place on August 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Jackson Center School, 7756 Fulton Road NW.

**SEPTEMBER**

- Ohio & Erie Canal Walking Tour with historian Terry Woods, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER**

- Ghost Stories Open House on October 17 at Jackson Center School. This event will be in conjunction with the Jackson Parks Haunted Hayride. The time to be announced.

**NOVEMBER**

- YMCA display case exhibit. Senior citizen members of the Paul and Carol David Jackson Township YMCA will create this exhibit.

**DECEMBER**

- Christmas Open House at Jackson Center School on December 12. The open house will be held in conjunction with the Jackson Parks Holiday in the Park event. The time to be announced.

**PROCLAMATION  
JACKSON TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL**

WHEREAS, we honor the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Jackson Township, Stark County Ohio. As we celebrate this significant milestone in the Township's history, we reflect upon our history and acknowledge the contributions of past and present members of the Jackson Township community; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1815, the Board of Trustees convened the first meeting of the newly formed Township 11 in Range 9; and

WHEREAS, the Township was named after General Andrew Jackson, the hero of the Battle of New Orleans of the War of 1812 and later the seventh president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, for 200 years, members of this community have strived to make Jackson Township a desirable place to live, and we recognize the important role they all have played in establishing pride in their community; and

WHEREAS, we honor all those who have come before us, and in special dedication to honor the memory of one of our most outstanding citizens, William "Bill" Burger, Sr., a Jackson Township firefighter and Assistant Fire Chief, Ohio National Guardsman, Township Trustee, founder of the Jackson Historical Society, member of the Jackson Lion's Club, and volunteer, who exemplified the best of Jackson Township's citizens by dedicating himself to the preservation and betterment of the Jackson Community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, hereby proudly proclaim this the JACKSON TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL YEAR beginning this day through the last day of December, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.



*Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer*

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Todd J. Hawke, Trustee*

*John E. Pizzino, Trustee*

*James M. Walters, Trustee*



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

The Jackson Township CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) is continuing to build on recent efforts to expand the role of the corporation in efforts to build momentum around its Mission. To that end, in addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings, the corporation has added Work Sessions every other month to discuss larger on-going projects as well as new initiatives that the corporation has as priorities. We are continuing to further develop current initiatives of gathering data on vacant commercial properties, looking into various options of incentives that may be available, and working with State Legislators to better address the needs of our Township's business community. Additionally, we are looking at creating an overall marketing approach to attract businesses to the Township for re-development of current properties and/or new developments that may exist or become available.

In addition to these initiatives, the CIC created a liaison position to allow for better communication amongst collaborative partners. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rafael Rodriguez, Business Development Manager for the Canton Community Improvement Corporation. This addition will allow for us to have better communication between the two entities as we look to partner and build incentive packages to attract business to the area. We welcome Rafael to the Board and look forward to his insights and expertise as we move forward.

Over the next 12 months, especially through the scheduled work sessions and partnerships, we will look to explore ways to further all points of our Mission Statement: industrial, economic, commercial, and civic. As always, input and involvement from all residents and businesses is welcomed and appreciated.

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

We must have "Made things Happen" last year because the Farmers Market will return for the 6th 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 11.

The Jackson Township Parks will be hosting the weekly Farmers Market on Thursdays from **3:00 pm to 6:30 pm from June 11 through Oct. 1.**



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](mailto:mreno@jacksontwp.com).*

4th Annual Field of Honor/Field of Heroes  
**REMEMBER \* HONOR \* HEAL**

**Save THE Date** Memorial Day Weekend  
 May 22-25, 2015  
 Jackson Township Safety Center

**Honor Our Heroes**  
 in the community – members of the armed forces, veterans, first responders, teachers, coaches, medical professionals, family members and more.

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**  
 visit [www.jacksonrotaryfoundation.com](http://www.jacksonrotaryfoundation.com)

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**Rotary**  
 Rotary Club of Jackson Township

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**JUNE 24 - JUNE 27, 2015**

*We are looking for sponsors for the 2015 Jackson Community Celebration*

### SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Fireworks	\$10,000
Adult Beverage Tent	\$ 5,000
Stage	\$ 2,500
Entertainment	\$ 1,000
Inflatables	\$ 750
Grand Patron	\$ 500
Super Patron	\$ 250
Supporting Patron	\$ 100

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

# Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Administration as well as the Jackson Township Police Department, wishes to thank the voters of Jackson Township for their support during the November Election. Because of your support the Police Department will be able to continue to meet the law enforcement needs of the community. It is an honor to serve Jackson Township residents and to be part of what makes this a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Thank you, Chief Mark Brink



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

## VEHICLE LOCK-OUT AND HOUSE CHECKS

We are pleased that we are able to continue to provide **vehicle lock-out** service to our Jackson Township community. If you have locked your keys in your vehicle, please call our dispatch service, at 330-832-1553, and we will have a cruiser respond to attempt to unlock your vehicle. Although some vehicles are more difficult to unlock than others, we are typically able to unlock most vehicles.

We also provide **vacation checks** when you are going to be out of town. You can either go to our website or call our dispatch service to sign up for vacation checks. You will be asked a number of questions which include emergency contact information, as well as information for a key holder that would be in the

area. *Please take advantage of these services.*

## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TAKE-BACK

Please remember that our prescription take-back container is available in our Safety Center lobby during regular business hours, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday – Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. We accept all types of pill form prescription drugs. We do not accept syringes or liquid items in this container. One of the fastest growing problems in our country is the abuse of prescription drugs. The best thing we can do is to get the prescription drugs out of our houses when they are no longer needed so they do not get into the hands of someone who will abuse them. Prescription drug abuse is the gateway to the abuse of heroin, which has a devastating impact on communities all over the country. It is sad to see the number of deaths that Stark County has experienced over the past few years. Deaths from heroin doubled from 2013 to 2014 in Stark County. We think it is imperative for everyone to realize this is an epidemic that is affecting all of us in some way. *Please drop off your prescription drugs or feel free to contact us with any concerns.*

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. CRIME STATISTICS HISTORY

OFFENSE	2013	2014	%+/-
Calls for Service	32,212	32,628	1%
Traffic Crash/Property	1,734	1,785	3%
Traffic Crash/Injury	215	209	-3%
Traffic Crash/Fatality	1	2	100%
Traffic Crash Fatalities	1	2	100%
Hit Skip/Accident	75	84	12%
Arson	2	3	50%
Stolen Vehicles	24	10	-58%
Recovered Vehicles	8	6	-25%
False Alarm Drops	1,333	1,356	2%
Citations	2,012	2,162	7%
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	214	158	-26%
Criminal Mischief	97	79	-19%
Theft	1,277	1,189	-7%
OVI	209	164	-22%
Homicides	0	0	0%
Juvenile Arrests	231	283	23%
Aggravated Robbery	4	4	0%
Robbery	12	23	92%
Aggravated Burglary	4	5	25%
Burglary	112	98	-13%
Breaking & Entering	53	58	9%
Rape	9	3	-67%
Other Sex Offenses	23	35	52%
Public Indecency	7	5	-29%
Domestic Violence	135	140	4%
Drug & Drug Related	118	175	48%
Kidnapping	1	3	200%
Assaults	91	93	2%
Shoplifting	517	542	5%
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	229	220	-4%
Residential Alarms	910	889	-2%
Juvenile Citations	102	105	3%
Vacation Checks	7,582	7,479	-1%
Business Checks	6,361	5,957	-6%
Extra Patrols	3,401	4,802	41%
School Visits	350	230	-34%

## POLICE AWARDS 2014

On January 23, 2015, the Jackson Township Police Department held its annual awards ceremony. The following officers and civilian employee were recognized for outstanding service in the following categories:

**Perfect Attendance Award:** any member who completes a full calendar year without an unscheduled absence from duty.

Sergeant Steve Johnson  
Sergeant Tim McCullough

Officer Tom Minarcheck  
Officer Rob Rowland

**Civilian Award:** criteria is based on performance of duty, demeanor, and self-improvement efforts.

Secretary 3 Gina Marie Miller

**Commendation Award:** any member who has performed in such a manner as to significantly improve a department operation or bring pronounced credit upon him or herself, the department or the police service.

Sergeant Jim Monigold

Officer Josh Escola

**Merit Award:** any officer who has performed a duty at some risk to his or her life or safety; performed a routine duty with such excellence, diligence, and at some personal inconvenience or has been instrumental in apprehending a dangerous or notorious criminal.

Sergeant Steve Johnson  
Detective Tony Crookston  
Detective Kim Haines

Officer Ricky Seifer  
Officer John Angelo  
Officer Walt Peters

**Police Chief's Honor Award:** any member for his or her continuing service in a skill area or assignment characterized by sustained performance at a high level or great personal growth and development in a difficult task or challenging skill, the impact of which is of major importance to the department, administration or citizenry.

Major Ty Bissler

Detective Gary Frascone



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

# Jackson Township Public Works Department Highway Division

## EXPENDITURE BACKGROUND

The Jackson Township Public Works Department consists of a Highway Division, a Maintenance Division, and a Park Division. These divisions budget their department

tax revenue expectations very carefully in the fall for the following year. At that time the Jackson Township Board of Trustees reviews these budget submissions for revisions and acceptance.

The yearly expenditures of the Jackson Township Highway Division are controlled by competitive public bidding on operations including resurfacing, curbing replacement, and striping. The Township advertises and receives aggregate and asphalt material costs for the year early each spring. New equipment is bought through the State of Ohio bidding process or from local vendors who can successfully compete with the State bidding results. The Township purchase of road salt is one of the largest expenses and

has been purchased yearly from the bid results of the Stark County Engineer salt consortium or the State of Ohio salt pricing efforts. Finally, all labor rate expenses and conditions are determined by negotiated agreements.

Expenses of Jackson Township continually increase and demand the associated careful budgeting and control by the Board of Trustees. This is necessary to maintain the high standards of efficiency expected by and for its residents. Jackson Township's steady growth of business and neighborhoods along with the demands of improved traffic and infrastructure is ongoing.

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP PROGRESS IN 2014

Jackson Township saw the completion of the Frank Avenue project from Bob O'Link Street to just south of Strausser Street. This County-Township joint effort was managed by the Stark County Engineer and is expected to serve increased traffic to and from the northern areas of Jackson Township as the development along Frank continues to move forward.

Resurfacing was completed by contract on over 19 miles of allotment roadways at a contract cost of \$1,272,630. Curbing replacement of 4,927 feet preceded the resurfacing with a bid totaling \$137,069. Striping of the busiest 40 miles of Township roadway was in place for \$41,642. Major storm sewer repair was completed with a \$29,792 contract.

The severe winter set the stage for much roadway and drainage maintenance throughout the year by the Highway Division employees. This followed the expensive and exhausting snow and ice control all directed by Victor Volpe, Highway Foreman.

## Home Resident Clean Water

Your home and land upon which it sits is continually threatening the clean water quality for our entire community. When it rains, your house roof, pavements, and yard shed water that contains sediments. The residents use and dispose of water from cooking and clean living requirements from within the home.

Soil erosion and the resulting sedimentation are the leading causes of water quality problems in Ohio's streams, ponds, and rivers. Along with sedimentation this home water runoff carries grease, oils, paints, chemicals, and debris.

It remains the responsibility of all of us to protect our water runoff from these kinds of contamination. The Federal Clean Water Act has been initiated and has been in effect for years for this reason.

*Thank you for being clean water considerate.*

## 2015 PLANNING AND EXPECTATIONS

The Jackson Township resurfacing project for 2015 will be advertised for a public bidding in early spring and is budgeted at \$1.3 million. This is estimated to resurface 17 miles or more of the oldest and most needy Township allotment roads.

The curbing replacement contract is budgeted at \$150,000 and is estimated to replace nearly 6,000 feet of deteriorated curbing.

Roadway striping of 40 miles of the Jackson Township busiest roadways has a budget set at \$50,000 and is publicly bid for restriping once a year.

The Township orderly and timely replacement of equipment will see two new snow plow trucks to replace the oldest two trucks. A bucket truck will be added to maintain all high lighting, highway tree trimmings and maintenance, as well as the "downtown" street banners and decorations.

The Jackson Township yard debris drop-off site is now open dawn to dusk seven days a week for your convenience.

The winter snow and ice control planning will begin with newly bid salt pricing, equipment preparations, problem reviews and corrections. All salt distribution equipment has been computer modernized to limit salt usage on the roadways to a minimum. The newly established snow parking ban will remain in effect for next season.



# Stark County Building Department Information

ANGELA CAVANAUGH, RA, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL  
330-451-1770

The Stark County Building Department is located at 3951 Convenience Circle NW, Suite 110, Canton, Ohio, 44718. The building department is now located in the same building as the Stark County Health Department. The following is a list of items that do not require a permit from the building department for one, two and three family structures.

## BUILDING PERMITS

1. One story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, not exceeding 200 sq ft.
2. Fences not over 6 ft. and playground structures.
3. Retaining walls not over 4 ft.
4. Water tanks supported on grade not over 5000 gallons.
5. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30" above grade and not over any basement.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
8. Decks not exceeding 200 sq. ft. in areas that are not more than 30" above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling (self supported) and do not serve the required 36 inch exit door.

## ELECTRICAL PERMITS

1. Cord and plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Replacement of branch circuits over current devices of the required capacity and type in the same location.
3. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus, or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
4. Repairs and maintenance such as replacement of lamps or connection of portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

## MECHANICAL PERMITS

1. Portable heating, cooking, fuel cell equipment or clothes drying appliances.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment.
3. Gas lines, heating or cooling piping installed by the utility company.
4. Portable heating, ventilation, evaporator cooler, and cooling units.
5. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
6. Self contained refrigerator equipment with a motor of one horsepower or less.

**PLUMBING PERMITS** for household, septic and wells must be obtained through the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9904. It is important to obtain a permit where required as it is cheap insurance to insure proper installation. Also, to sell your home, often home inspectors and banks will request to have a copy of the building permit. **If there is any question if a permit is required, you may contact the Building Department between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 330-451-1770.**

# SAFETY VILLAGE

The 2015 Jackson Township Safety Village will be held from June 8 through June 12, 2015 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 2014 – 2015 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 20, 2015 and returned by Friday, May 22, 2015.**  
(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.**



# Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



*Joni Poindexter  
Zoning Inspector*

## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission each consist of five members who are appointed to a five-year term and one alternate who is appointed for a one-year term by the Jackson Township Trustees.

### BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2015 ARE:

#### Board of Zoning Appeals

- Edward McDonnell
- Leon Vitale
- Daniel Creighton
- Patrick Snyder
- Charles Rohr
- Richard Lutz-Alternate

#### Zoning Commission:

- James Conley
- Scott Sandrock
- David Theil
- Larry Everhard
- John Weston
- Frederick Monsell-Alternate

## THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECENTLY APPROVED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING RESOLUTION BOOK.

### Modifications for Residential Districts:

1. Boat docks shall be a minimum of 5 ft. from the side property line of land area. For properties that extend into the water the setbacks shall not be regulated in the water area. A permit is not required for a boat dock
2. Decks as an accessory to a boat dock shall be a minimum of 5 ft. from the side property line.
3. Decks as an accessory to a swimming pool shall be a minimum of 10 ft. from the side or rear property line.
4. The minimum rear yard setback has been modified from 15 ft. to 10 ft. for an accessory building greater than 120 sq. ft., swimming pools, Hot Tubs, Saunas, Gazebos, Pergola, Arbors and Temporary Car Ports. A 10 ft. side yard setback is also required for these types of uses.

### Modifications for Commercial Districts:

1. The minimum required number of parking spaces for specific uses in Section 601.2 has been modified; however, it is the responsibility of the business/property owner to ensure there is enough parking for the use of the property.
2. Regulations regarding Sexually Oriented Businesses, Adult Entertainment Establishments and Massage Establishments.  
To see all modified text changes please go to the Zoning Department page on our website at [www.jacksonwp.com](http://www.jacksonwp.com) and click on Zoning Resolution Book effective December 10, 2014.

Zoning applications and Zoning Complaint forms can be found on the Zoning Department page of our website. Applications and complaint forms can be filled out on-line and printed for submission.

## NEW BUSINESS OPENING IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Taco Bell - 5366 Wales Avenue NW - Market Place at Nobles Pond  
2,150 sq. ft. building

## Zoning Permit Statistics

<u>PERMITS ISSUED</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
New Residential (Single Family)	101	102
New Multi-Family Units	66	48
Residential Alterations & Additions	200	183
New Commercial	9	11
Commercial Alterations & Additions	116	113



**David R. Ruwadi**  
Park Maintenance  
& Grounds Foreman

# Jackson Township Public Works Department Parks and Recreation Division

## 2014 - A YEAR IN REVIEW - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

The Jackson Township Parks hosted many special events last year and we are very happy to say these events were very well attended. An estimated 65,000 children and adults attended the special events and recreation programs offered through the Jackson Township Parks. An estimated 23,600 children and adults visited the Parks through youth sports programs, schools, churches and organizations for a total of 88,600. There were 44 field applications received and 202 shelter permits issued.

These events could not have been made possible without the help of the many volunteers and sponsors from the community, and we would like to thank you.

### SUMMARY OF PROJECTS THAT WERE COMPLETED IN 2014

#### North Park:

- The walking path was repaved, widened and made more accessible.
- The parking lot was restriped, and the drains were cleaned and painted.

#### South Park:

- A new vinyl fence was installed around the yard debris drop-off site.
- All the parking lots were restriped.
- Restrooms, shelter and picnic tables were repainted.

- The park maintenance garage received new energy efficient lighting and the ceiling was painted.

#### Fisher Park:

- The restrooms and picnic tables were repainted. A top coat was applied to the access path. The playground was mulched and the parking lot was restriped.

### SUMMARY OF PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2015

#### North Park:

- The walking path will be sealed and a color coat added. The pavilion will be repainted.

#### South Park:

- New fencing will be added to the baseball and football fields by Fulton and Arlington. A new playground structure was approved.

#### Fisher Park:

- The parking lot will be paved.

#### Tennis Courts:

- The parking lot will be repaved and the tennis courts will be repaired and resurfaced.

A new wing mower will be purchased to replace an old small Z turn mower. This new mower will improve the mowing of parks.

### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK RE-CAP

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony was held in the Jackson Township North Park on December 13, 2014 with over 550 people enjoying the light displays, refreshments, caroling, Jackson Arts School of Dance and the community tree lighting. The children enjoyed



a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus! This free holiday event is sponsored by the Jackson Girl Scouts Service Unit, Pat Catan's, Buehler's Fresh Foods, Crosspoint United Methodist Church, and Jackson Parks.



Photos by Patricia Faulhaber

### JACKSON PARKS AND 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, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Stuhldreher Street Fields, and Strausser Elementary Park are open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

### 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, 1½-acre fishing pond with a boardwalk and gazebo. Pets are prohibited at the North Park.



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

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**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 four 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 or football.

## FACILITY RESERVATION INFORMATION

Now that spring is just around the corner, the parks will become very active with spring sports and events that will require a permit. Applying for a permit to use one of our facilities will ensure it will be ready for your use.

Applications can be found on our web page at [www.jacksontwp.com](http://www.jacksontwp.com) and can be submitted electronically. Forms are also available at the Jackson Township Administration Building located at 5735 Wales Avenue NW.

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

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

*Remember you must pick up your permit before your event.*

## 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:*

**HOOKED ON FISHING DAY:** The Hooked on Fishing Day will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 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. All registration forms must be received no later than noon on Friday, May 8, 2015. 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](http://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.



**CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES:** Creative Movement classes will return this summer to the Jackson North Park pavilion with instructor Barb Craven, owner of Craven Dance Studio. The classes will be held on Mondays, July 20, 27, and August 3, 10, 2015. All sessions will begin

at 12:00 p.m. and will be approximately 45 minutes in length. Enjoy the summer with your preschooler in the park while they enjoy exercising, singing and creative movements with music. The program is for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

**THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Farmers Market	Thursdays, June 11 through Oct 1, 2015
Community Celebration	June 25 - 27, 2015
Haunted Hayride	October 17, 2015
Holiday in the Park	December 12, 2015
Santa's Mailbox	December 1 - 15, 2015

## Gardening With Zest



Gardening with Zest is back again this summer. Put on your gardening gloves and come join us for this educational series that will be held at the Jackson Township Branch Library, 7487 Fulton Drive NW. All of the sessions will start at 6:00 p.m. and the program is free.

- April 29 - Getting your gardens started
- May 27 - Vegetable gardening made easy by using perennial vegetables
- June 24 - Composting 101
- July 29 - Weed control and irrigation of your garden
- August 26 - To prune or not to prune
- September 30 - Getting your garden ready for winter and how to take care of your tools



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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 three to four times a year with a circulation of approximately 22,000 Jackson Township homes and businesses.

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*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.jacksonstp.com](http://www.jacksonstp.com) to download an application.

## 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.



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The “**Jackson Township Board of Trustees**” and the “**Jackson Township Fire Department, Stark County, Ohio**”, have launched Facebook pages in an effort to use social media as a way of increasing communications with our residents and engaging the public. Our Facebook pages will feature announcements, press releases, and other useful resources. **Find us on Facebook!**

## 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.



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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](http://jacksontwp.com), or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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