



# Jackson Township Newsletter

FALL  
2018

*We make things happen!*

## *A Message from your Jackson Township Officials*

**We are presenting the following article from the Park Division of the Public Works Department for your information.**

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### THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARK LEVY



The Jackson Township park system has been a major gathering place of our community for years. People of all ages enjoy sports, activities, and

other events in our parks year around. The Community Celebration and fireworks, summer Farmers Market, annual Haunted Hay Ride, Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Derby, Movies in the Park, Holiday in the Park with Santa and the Christmas tree lighting are just a few of our most popular events.

Thousands of young men and women participate in youth sporting events held in our parks. They grow both mentally and physically utilizing all of the parks' fields for an array of various sports. Countless adults and kids utilize the walking/running tracks along with the tennis, volleyball and pickleball courts, or just spending some quite time with nature at the South Park Bog. Jackson Parks were developed with the intent to have something for people of all ages.

Currently, North Park is being reworked with some new additions on the way. In a joint venture with the Jackson Local Schools, an additional set of tennis courts were recently added. Also coming are two new restroom facilities and additional water fountains equipped with drinking/bottle fillers. The new basketball courts are being used, and have the additional feature of being utilized as an ice skating rink in the winter.

As you are probably aware, the new main addition to the park system will be the North Park Amphitheater. Representative Kirk Schuring has brought \$1.5 million

back to us in state funds to help make this possible. The Amphitheater will host many events from those listed above along with band concerts, book readings, plays, movies, and will be available for private events.

Beyond the services provided to our families, our parks are also a vital part of Jackson Township's economic development. Our tax base is heavily based on the retail, restaurant and hotel industries. The Jackson Parks bring in many families from outside our community for numerous uses and this helps bolster our local businesses while assisting in keeping residential taxes down.

The 1 mill park levy you passed five (5) years ago is up for renewal in November. With assistance from grants, good management and hardworking Park employees, NO ADDITIONAL dollars are being requested. They have operated within the budget you voted and with your assistance, they intend to do so for another five (5) years. The cost of the renewal is \$27.25 a year, per hundred thousand dollars of the Auditor's appraised value of your home. No New Taxes. See the table on this page for a closes look at your individual projected cost and should you decide to vote yes an affirmative vote will not increase your taxes. Thank you for your ongoing support;



it is the residents of Jackson Township that make things happen!

### ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX COST OF PROPOSED 1 MILL PARK LEVY

Market Value	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$175,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$275,000	\$300,000
x35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%
Taxable Value	\$35,000	\$52,500	\$61,250	\$70,000	\$87,500	\$96,250	\$105,000
Millage Proposed	0.000889836	0.0008898	0.0008898	0.0008898	0.00088984	0.00089	0.000889836
Tax Before Reduction	\$31.14	\$46.72	\$54.50	\$62.29	\$77.86	\$85.65	\$93.43
Reduction Factor	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875
<b>Annual Tax Per Home</b>	<b>\$27.25</b>	<b>\$40.88</b>	<b>\$47.69</b>	<b>\$54.50</b>	<b>\$68.13</b>	<b>\$74.94</b>	<b>\$81.75</b>
<b>Cost Per Month</b>	<b>\$2.27</b>	<b>\$3.41</b>	<b>\$3.97</b>	<b>\$4.54</b>	<b>\$5.68</b>	<b>\$6.25</b>	<b>\$6.81</b>

## Jackson Township Fire Department News



**Tracy R. Hogue, Fire Chief**

The fall months are here and I hope you all had an enjoyable summer with your families. With the ever-changing seasons in Ohio, each season is unique in how we use our utilities to safely operate our home like water, gas and electricity.

Each year in the United States, there are more than 45,000 electrical fires in homes. Electrical malfunction is the leading cause of home fires year after year. About half of these involve lighting equipment or home electrical wiring. Home electrical fire deaths peak between midnight and 6:00 am and the peak months for electrical fire deaths are December through March.

That was the bad news, now let us look at ways to prevent this from happening inside your home and prevent a house call from the Jackson Fire Department.

- Plug only one heat-producing appliance such as a coffee maker, space

- heater or microwave directly into a wall outlet at a time.
- Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.
- Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.
- Electrical work should be done by a qualified electrician.
- Do not overload extension cords or wall outlets.
- Check your electrical cords and replace them if you find cracks or damage, do not attempt to repair them.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the fixture or lamp.
- Insert plugs fully into sockets.
- Do not overload power strips.
- Use power strips that have internal overload protection.

Follow these electrical tips to help keep your home fire safe. As always if you have fire prevention questions, please feel free to call one of our fire inspectors from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at 330-834-3951 or if you have a fire/electrical emergency call 9-1-1.

From all of us at the Jackson Fire Department, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season.



**Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue**

Jackson Township Fire Department

*(Info based on statistics/facts from US Fire Administration)*

### COMMUNITY SUMMER OUTREACH & INVOLVEMENT



◀ The fire department has had another very active summer. Calls for emergency services have increased, just as in the past. However, our members have taken some time to interact with the community. Static displays allow us to answer prevention questions one-on-one with our neighbors.

Assisting Jackson youth at summer programs can be very educational.



Training evolutions, while watering the high school ballfields benefits everyone involved.



◀ The Field of Heroes is one of the favorite events; this kicks off the summer activities.

### NEW RESCUE-1



In July, the Jackson Township Fire Department took delivery of a new apparatus. This 2018 Sutphen replaced the 2002 American LaFrance vehicle. Rescue-1 is assigned to the Safety Center Fire Station. The tools and equipment carried on Rescue-1 are used to mitigate a variety of

issues faced by the crews every day, including motor vehicle accidents, rope rescue issues, and conducting searches for missing persons.

During the dedication, as the vehicle was placed into service, the community assisted with washing the truck for the first time. This was followed with pushing it into the station, indicating that "Rescue-1 was IN-SERVICE".



### 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.

## PASSING OF RETIRED REVEREND DOUG PATTON

A prominent member of the Jackson Township community, more specifically the Jackson Township Fire Department, has passed away. Retired Reverend Doug Patton served as the department chaplain for many years. When called for, he would respond to emergency scenes as an advocate for families in need. Reverend Patton was always a shoulder to lean on for our members after a difficult call or personal issue. His passion, desire to help, and dedication to our community cannot be put into words. He filled a vital role within our organization.



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK SAFETY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

**October 7, 2018**



For one week each year, communities all across the country take the time to discuss and practice fire safety. This year's theme is "Look. Listen. Learn". It reminds everyone to Look for places that fire can start; Listen for the sound of smoke alarms; Learn two ways out of each room.

Both the Jackson Fire and Police Departments kicked the week off with an open house of the Safety Center. The public spent a few hours exploring our facility and meeting those that protect them every day. They got to see and touch special equipment and apparatus, as well as meet some interesting characters.



## 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 \$40.00. 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.**

# Jackson Township Police Department



*Police Chief Mark Brink*

## JACKSON POLICE EXPAND RELATIONSHIP WITH JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS

At the start of the 2018 school year, we began a new partnership with the Jackson Local School District by placing School Safety Officers in all school buildings. With approximately 140 years of combined police experience, most of the School Safety Officers are retired police officers. They are extremely knowledgeable and have the background and a variety of police experiences to fit well in the school environment.

The officers were assigned to the schools by the Chief of Police based on their individual experience.

### THE SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- SSO Danny Sturia (*retired Jackson Township Police*)
- SSO Greg Beiter (*retired Jackson Township Police*)
- SSO John Angelo (*retired Jackson Township Police*)
- SSO Melissa Kosco (*retired Canal Fulton Police*)
- SSO Chad Lebold (*former Hills & Dales Police*)
- SSO Noah Timberlake (*former East Canton & Lawrence Township Police*)

The purpose of this position is to serve as a resource for the Jackson Local School District, provide support to the students, teachers and staff in all law enforcement matters and to act as a liaison between Jackson Schools and the Jackson Township Police Department. The incumbents will also enforce traffic and criminal laws.



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

*Thank you,  
Chief Mark Brink*



(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer/Economic Development Director, Todd J. Hawke, President, Part-Time School Safety Officer Melissa Kosco, Part-Time School Safety Officer Noah Timberlake, Part-Time School Safety Officer Chad Lebold, and John E. Pizzino, Trustee

## SAFETY VILLAGE PROGRAM



The Safety Village Program is a cooperative between Jackson Township Police, Jackson Township Fire and Jackson Local Schools intended for first grade students. This is an opportunity for officers and firefighters to spend four days with young people in an enjoyable and educational environment. The program features discussions about gun safety, internet safety, 911 emergency calls, bullying, seat belt safety, fire safety, school bus safety. Children are

divided into groups and they stay in these groups for the entire length of the program. In the gym, there is a village set up with streets, cross walks, and pedal cars. The village is set up to educate students on traffic safety through the hands-on instruction. Instructors also teach songs and cheers as a way for students to remember lessons they learned in this program. After completing the program, students receive a certificate and a Safety Village t-shirt. Numerous volunteers also assist with the program. Safety Village has been very positive in the community and is usually held in early June.



# P.R.I.D.E.

## POLICE • RE-ENFORCING • IMPORTANT • DECISIONS • EDUCATION STUDENT SUMMER PROGRAM

The Jackson Township Police Department sponsors the P.R.I.D.E. summer program for students going into the 6th and 7th grade. The two-week summer program is designed to help students make wise, healthy, and appropriate choices. High school counselors and area professionals, along with Jackson Township Police Officers teach the curriculum. The program has guest speakers, numerous field trips, and provides students with knowledge of not only drugs and alcohol, but also internet safety, bullying, sexting and appropriate cell phone use, public speaking, healthy eating, exercise, and giving back to our community.

### THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRIDE PROGRAM ARE:

- To empower, through education, the young people of Jackson Township with the information they need to make correct and positive decisions about drugs, gangs, peer pressure, bullying, cell phone use, and other issues confronting them in today's society.
- To provide the young people of Jackson Township an additional resource they can rely on when making these decisions - a police employee they know personally.
- To improve the image of the Jackson Township Police Department in the eyes of students and the community as a whole.



## HIRING OF NEW FULL-TIME OFFICER

Part-time Officer Brandon Alger was sworn in as a full-time officer on June 26, 2018. Officer Alger has worked as a part-time officer since December 2017.

Chief Brink and Officer Brandon Alger



## PART-TIME OFFICERS HIRED

Police Chief Mark Brink congratulates the newly hired part-time Police Officers.



Robert T. Moderwell hired on July 20, 2018.



Bradley J. Mercier hired on July 24, 2018.



Yuri Vovk hired on July 24, 2018.



Shawn D. Phillips hired on July 24, 2018.

We are excited to add Officers Moderwell, Mercier, Vovk, and Phillips and welcome them to the Jackson Township Safety Service Family!

## RETIREMENT



### DEBBIE COLANER

The Jackson Township Police Department would like to announcement the retirement of Secretary Debbie Colaner after 10 years of service. Debbie served the department as payroll coordinator and as a Detective Bureau secretary. Debbie is known for her

positive attitude and attention to detail. Debbie was the type of employee who was uplifting to those around her and was always smiling. Congratulations and best wishes on your future endeavors, Debbie. You will be missed greatly!



Find us on:  
**facebook**

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.**

## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR ONLINE SHOPPERS

- **HO-HO-HOLD ON BEFORE YOU FOLLOW THAT LINK!**

Can't wait to buy that Chia Pet for 80 percent off? Beware of clicking on links you receive from unfamiliar websites. It could be a "phishing" scheme, where shoppers who click through are led to a false site developed to steal their data. If the deal is too good to pass up, type the website name into your browser.

- **SANTA'S WATCHING! SO ARE THIEVES, UNLESS YOU LOCK YOUR DEVICE.**

Webroot found that a surprising 53 percent of respondents leave their devices unlocked, which can expose their personal information to prying eyes. Most devices request that you lock it with a password or code; take advantage of this feature to keep your information secure.

- **FOR SAFE ONLINE SHOPPING, MAKE SURE YOUR APPS ARE DOWNLOADED FROM A TRUSTED SOURCE, SUCH AS THE ANDROID MARKET, APPLE APP STORE OR THE AMAZON APP STORE.**

When you download the app, it will ask for various "permissions." Read through them and note whether they make sense... for example, does a shopping app need access to your contact list? Another way to check the safety of an app is to read through the feedback section of the market and only choose apps with a high rating.

- **THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

For safe online holiday shopping, a secure network connection, like that in most homes or workplaces, is ideal. Public Wi-Fi can be easily hacked with the right tools, exposing your passwords, billing information and other sensitive data. Therefore, if you are using a public connection, limit yourself to window-shopping and price comparing, rather than buying.

- **DECK YOUR HALLS:**

The National Cyber Security Alliance recommends that you make sure you have a security suite (firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware) installed and updated with the most current information before shopping online. Also, keep your operating system and Web browser up-to-date. Before you enter your personal and financial information for an online transaction, look for signs that the site is secure. 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. Never use unsecured wireless networks to make an online purchase.

Before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used. Never send cash through the mail or use a money-wiring service because you will have no recourse if something goes wrong. Save records of your online transactions. Review your credit card statements for unauthorized transactions and report discrepancies immediately.

## TIPS FOR HOLIDAY SAFETY

### WHEN YOU ARE OUT SHOPPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS, STAY ALERT TO SURROUNDINGS:

When in crowded places, be alert for potential thieves. Do not overload yourself with packages and be wary of strangers approaching you for any reason. The holiday season is notorious for con artists who may attempt to distract you with the intention of taking your money or belongings. When possible, avoid wearing expensive jewelry or carrying large amounts of valuables. Never leave personal belongings unattended.

Lock your vehicle and hide valuables in the trunk or locked compartment. Park in well-lit areas. There is safety in numbers. Arrange to shop with friends or relatives instead of going out alone. Keep a close eye on children at all times.

Coach your children on what they should do if they become separated from you. Practice approaching a store clerk or security personnel.

Prior to getting into your vehicle, look inside and around it. If you observe evidence of a possible burglary, call your local law enforcement agency. As an added precaution, make sure you have a record of your credit card numbers in a secure place at home.



### KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

If you have not already done so, the holiday season is a great time to get to know your neighbors. Neighbors watching out for neighbors helps keep an eye out for suspicious activity and makes communities safer. Criminals will often pose as a delivery person or someone seeking charitable donations. Be cautious when talking to unfamiliar people and do not let them in your home.

Thieves usually do not approach homes that appear to be occupied. Leave outside lights on at night or set them with a timer. When you leave the house during the day, consider leaving an interior light on to give the appearance that someone is home.

Holiday decorations can quickly become a hazard if not properly cared for. If you have a live tree, water it daily and check lights for breaks or exposed wires. In addition, do not run extension cords through windows or garage doors. Just the slightest opening can expose your home to thieves.

Think twice before posting pictures of your gifts on social media. Furthermore, make sure you do not have your location tagged to the post. Placing the box to the 60" TV outside on the day after Christmas is just asking for trouble. Divert thieves by breaking down boxes and packaging and placing them in your trash receptacle.

### HOLIDAY TRAVEL:

Stay tuned to weather conditions in order to anticipate inclement weather and plan accordingly. Carry chains, keep sufficient gas in the tank and always use extreme caution while driving.

Inform someone who is trustworthy where you will be and when you might be expected back. Ask a neighbor or other dependable persons to watch your house, retrieve your newspapers, and mail if possible. Any time you are traveling, wait until after your trip to post pictures and comments on social media.

Many people celebrate the season by attending holiday parties. Enjoy these gatherings responsibly. Do not drink, then drive; get a ride with someone who is sober. The Jackson Township Police Department recommends you prearrange transportation if you plan to consume alcoholic beverages.

The Jackson Township Police Department hopes that you have a safe and happy holiday season!

*Chief Mark Brink*

# Jackson Township Public Works Department Jackson Township Highway Division



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

## CONSTRUCTION SEASON PROGRESS FOR 2018

The largest 2018 construction project is the building of the Strip Avenue Extension from the Eagle Circle intersection north of Home Depot to Applegrove Street on the north. Current traffic is unaffected by this improvement. This will be a three-lane roadway with curbing and necessary storm water retention basins. The opportunity to use roadway fill material from the adjacent land greatly reduced the expense of creating the necessary grade levels for this new roadway. Traffic is expected to use this new roadway to and from Applegrove Street NW. This in turn will ease traffic on Frank Avenue, Sunset Strip Avenue, Freedom Street, Whipple Avenue, and Portage Street in accessing the shopping complex south of this roadway. The Applegrove intersection with this new Strip Avenue Extension is anticipated to be further improved east and west to handle this increased traffic in the future.

- Resurfacing of 17.97 miles of Jackson Township streets has been completed at a cost of \$1,339,866. Repair of catch basins and curbing was done prior to the resurfacing.

- Curbing replacement contract was completed on 4,988 feet of deteriorated curbing on all the streets scheduled for resurfacing this year, joined by curbs due on future street resurfacing at a contracted value of \$168,095.

- Forty miles of striping on township roadways has been completed at a contracted value of \$45,947. The new road striping assists with safe driving during both day and night time driving.

- The Jackson Township Safety Center parking area, including entry drives, was resurfaced this summer at the cost of \$70,535.

- After many years of aggravating disturbance following heavy rainfalls, two chronic flooding areas were reconstructed to improve the water flow.

- ✓ Water was rerouted at East Blvd and Villa Padova to Lake Cable via a new drainage line. This further prepares East Blvd for future resurfacing.

- ✓ A joint project with the Stark County Engineer installed pipe in a section along Jackson Avenue and Knight Street.



Looking north from the Strip/Eagle intersection north of Home Depot.

## HIGHWAY DIVISION

Jackson Township now maintains over 200 miles of asphalt roadway. Weather, traffic, wear and tear, and normal aging continually contribute to the need for maintenance and repair. The Highway Division appreciates daily observations and requests by our residents to repair the large and small issues to provide a safe and comfortable transportation system. Finally, the Highway Division appreciates the available grants and resident support of the funding that is necessary to accomplish this goal.

## SOUTH PARK YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

The new operating hours and access restrictions at the yard debris drop-off site in the South Park have been well received by the Jackson residents. The severe reduction in funding from the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District throughout the area has been challenging to accommodate. Thank you for your patience and understanding as Jackson provides this heavily used disposal service opportunity.

### YARD DEBRIS WASTE SITE FALL LEAF COLLECTION DATES AND HOURS

Effective October 1, 2018 through January 13, 2019:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Thursday:	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday:	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday:	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday:	10:00 am to 6:00 pm



**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 14, 2019 THE YARD DEBRIS WASTE SITE WILL BE CLOSED FOR WINTER.**

# SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITY DURING A SNOW EVENT

The Township has a curb-to-curb snow removal policy. Dangerous hills, curves, and bridges are monitored and treated as necessary throughout an event. All Jackson Township streets within our jurisdiction receive snow removal service according to the following priorities that have been established based on traffic volumes and speeds:

## **ROUTE PRIORITY GUIDELINES:**

### **Priority 1:**

Major arteries are plowed first. These streets will continue to receive treatment as long as weather conditions continue. Blowing snow and freezing roads once snow has thawed can require continued treatment.

### **Priority 2:**

Residential streets and cul-de-sacs will be serviced once priority 1 streets are cleared.

### **Priority 3:**

Centers of cul-de-sacs will be last due to the time involved in clearing them.

In addition, private residential and commercial streets, as well as streets in other jurisdictions like State and County roadways, are not treated by Jackson Township. Subdivision streets not turned over to Jackson Township will not be treated.

## **RESIDENTS CAN ASSIST THE SNOW PLOWING PROCESS IN SEVERAL WAYS:**

- Do not shovel or plow snow into Township streets.
- Do not shovel or plow snow around fire hydrants.
- Keep distance from the snowplows.
- Keep children away from snowplows and piles.
- Remove parked cars from the street.
- Do not attempt to pass a snowplow.

Depositing snow or ice on any public sidewalk, street, bike path, road or highway is not permitted (see ORC 4511.74). Townships have control over “township” roads that have been properly dedicated to the Township, which includes “right-of-way” (see ORC 4511.01(UU)(2)). Right-of-way denotes land, property, or the interest therein, usually in the configuration of a strip, acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes. When used in this context, right-of-way includes the roadway, shoulders or berm, ditch, and slopes extending to the right-of-way limits under the control of the state or local authority. Generally speaking the road right-of-way extends ten to twelve feet from the edge of the road or curb.

As dictated by the O.R.C. Sec 5571.14 objects bounding Township roads may be declared a public nuisance. The Township cannot allow objects which will impede our ability to remove snow on or near the roads edge. Some examples of things we frequently have problems with are basketball hoops, landscape rocks and railroad ties.

## **SNOW AND ICE SEASON**

The Highway Division is preparing for the winter months and has the road salt storage areas filled and ready. The snowplow trucks and equipment are being inspected and will be ready when needed. The drivers will review the safety status of their trucks and the fifteen snow routes will be marked with helpful roadside stakes. The winter season demands the utmost in safe operations, driver awareness, and timely application of salt and plowing for the schools, commercial operations, and general transportation expectations.

## **SNOW PARKING BAN**

The snow parking ban will be in effect for all Jackson Township roadways anytime snow has become or is expected to be 2” deep or more. Notice will be posted and announced through local media outlets, the Township’s website and Facebook page 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 to allow proper plowing and salting. If parking for your vehicles is a problem, now is the time to solve the problem.



# Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



*Joni Poindexter  
Zoning Inspector*

## **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION APPLICATIONS**

Applications to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission are solicited annually in the month of November. Appointments or reappointments are made after applicants have been interviewed by the Board of Trustees. All applicants must be a resident of Jackson Township.

The Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals are comprised of five regular members that are appointed for a staggering five-year term and two alternates that are appointed for a one-year term. The alternates are required to attend all meetings; however, they will only participate and vote at a hearing in the absence of a regular member. All members are required to view the property in question that is coming before the board prior to the hearing.

The Zoning Commission (ZC) considers and makes 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 amendment). Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month as needed.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) acts upon appeals from a decision or determination of the zoning inspector, considers applications for variances and the granting of conditional use permits. Meetings are normally held on the second and/or fourth Thursday of the month as needed.

## **ZONING PERMITS**

Zoning permits are required for new residential construction, and most types of exterior residential additions or alterations with the exception of home repairs that do not involve structural changes. Permits are also required for most signs and all new commercial construction and additions as well

as commercial interior alterations. Failure to obtain the proper zoning permits can result in penalty fees in addition to the zoning permit fee. In most instances, building permits are required from the Stark County Building Department, except for certain types of small residential alterations and additions less than 200 sq. ft. Always check with the Stark County Building Department to see if a building permit is required in addition to the zoning permit.

Applications for zoning certificates for new residential dwellings and new commercial buildings must include a house number slip and sewer guarantee as well as a site plan and full set of construction plans drawn to scale (one set for residential and two sets for commercial). A landscaping plan must be submitted for new commercial buildings. Final approval from Stark County Regional Planning is required prior to the issuance of a zoning permit for new commercial and commercial additions if not being constructed on a platted lot.

When submitting a sign application for a commercial permanent wall sign, it is important to show what the linear width of the building wall is in which the sign will be located as well as any existing signage that is currently on and will remain on the wall to properly determine if the sign meets the maximum allowable signage. For commercial permanent freestanding signs, it is important to show the linear width of the street frontage and any freestanding signage that is located on the property.

The zoning department strives to process permits as quickly as possible, usually within a few days to a one to two week time period, depending on the type of permit. However, in some instances during the peak construction season permits may take up to 30 days to process. It is important to ensure the application is filled out in its entirety with the correct information in a legible format, along with a site plan, if applicable, which in turns helps expedite getting the permit processed in a timely manner. Applications that are deemed unreadable or incomplete may be returned to the applicant for more information.

Information regarding your property can be found on the Stark County Auditor's website under real estate search.

# TRANSIENT VENDOR LEGISLATIVE

**The Jackson Township Board of Trustees has historically taken action to prohibit door-to-door soliciting by Transient Vendors as was permitted in Ohio Revised Code section 505.94.**

Subsequently, a series of US Supreme Court decisions recognized door-to-door soliciting as protected commercial speech. These court decisions required the Ohio General Assembly to amend Ohio Revised Code section 505.94 so that it was compliant with US Supreme Court decisions.

In response, the Ohio General assembly amended Ohio Revised Code section 505.94 in September of 2017. Per the amendment... "Transient Vendor" means any person who opens a temporary place of business for the sale of goods or who, on the streets or while traveling about the township, sells or offers for sale goods, solicits orders for future delivery of goods or attempts to arrange an appointment for a future estimate or sales

call. "Transient Vendor" does not include any person who represents any entity exempted from taxation under section 5709.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, or any person licensed under Chapter 4707 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Per the Transient Vendor Legislation a Board of Township Trustees may, by resolution, require the registration of all transient vendors within the unincorporated territory of the township and may regulate the time, place and manner in which these vendors may sell, offer for sale, or solicit orders for future delivery of goods and prohibit solicitation at any residence at which the owner or tenant has posted a sign on the property prohibiting solicitation. Per the Jackson Township resolution it is a violation for any person to go upon, ring the bell, knock on the door of or attempt to gain admission to the premises of any residence, dwelling or apartment in the Township where the owner, adult occupant or other person in control thereof has expressed his or her objection to such activity either by explicit instructions, oral or written, or by posting a decal or sign indicating "No Solicitation" or words of similar import, unless prior to such entry, bell ringing or knocking, such person has been requested or invited by the owner or adult occupant or other person in control of the premises to be thereupon for such purpose. Residents may obtain a No Solicitation sticker at the Jackson Township Administration office. It will not be sufficient to place one "No Solicitation" sign at the entrance of a neighborhood. Each residence must display a decal or sign indicating "No Solicitation" or words of similar import.

Activities related to a service requested by the owner or occupant of the property and undertaken in the ordinary course of business, including but not limited to deliveries of utility notices, telephone directory deliveries, regular newspaper deliveries, work order notices, and service inquiries, are presumed to be requested or invited for the purpose of the transient vendor legislation.

Persons selling items for any projects sponsored by an elementary, middle, and high schools, and/or churches, and/or juvenile sports groups are exempt from obtaining a permit.

A transient vendor is required to obtain a transient vendor permit and pay a fee for such permit, except entities exempted from taxation under Section 5709.4 who provides notice to the Board of Trustees that its representatives are present in the Township shall be exempt from the permit fee. Permits shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days. Transient vendors are required to carry a photo identification and a copy of a valid permit issued by the township.

Transient vendors, going door to door, shall only be permitted to solicit between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Solicitation shall not be permitted on Sundays or legal holidays.

For the purpose of vending, a Mobile Food Vendor shall not be considered a transient vendor and shall comply with mobile food vending regulations per section 411.19 of the zoning resolution.

**If a transient vendor knocks on your door and you have a No Solicitation sticker posted, you can contact the Jackson Police Department at 330-834-3960 to file a complaint.**

## Proper Discharge of Swimming Pool Water

When swimming season is over, pool owners need to be careful of how and where they discharge swimming pool water when they lower the level of their pool. The discharging of chlorinated swimming pool water directly into a waterway or into a storm sewer is prohibited. Always drain your pool water in an approved manner.

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, swimming pool water must be de-chlorinated before being discharged. 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 supply stores (always follow the directions). 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.





*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.**

The park division was busy in 2018 working on many projects to improve the park system. Come out to the North and South Parks to see the newly completed projects.

### **SOUTH PARK**

- ✓ New fence installed

### **NORTH PARK**

- ✓ Walking track was sealed
- ✓ New basketball courts constructed
- ✓ New tennis courts constructed by Jackson Local Schools
- ✓ New mower purchased

### **THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE NORTH PARK**

- ✓ Site preparation for the new Library and Amphitheater will begin soon
- ✓ Boardwalk decking will be replaced
- ✓ New playground equipment will be installed

### **PARK PAVILION RENTALS**

Beginning January 2, 2019, 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.

For pavilion availability 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.

Make your plans for reunions and graduation parties now because the pavilions are heavily used during the summer months and get booked fast.

*Reminder:  
You must pick up your permit approximately one week prior to your reservation*

## **THANK YOU FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!**

The continued support of the residents and local businesses of Jackson Township contributed to a very successful 2018 Community Celebration. This year's attendance was over 54,000 for the four-day event. Approximately 1,500 participated in the 5K NightGlow Run and the car show had some very unique vehicles.

### **A BIG THANK YOU:**

To all the volunteers, the Jackson Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer/Economic Development Director, Township employees, 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.

## JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

*Jackson Township residents have eight parks with approximately 240 acres.*

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS:

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

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, 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.



Pets are permitted in all of our parks except the North Park. While on any other park grounds, lots, streets, drives or any other park facilities, all pets shall be controlled by a leash connected with a person or fixed object. Do not leave pets unattended.

# SAVE the DATE

Next year's Jackson Township Community Celebration is scheduled for June 26, 27, 28, 29 2019.

## PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Division to improve the quality of life for all residents by providing & maintaining quality parks, facilities, programs, services and cultural opportunities designed to enhance the appreciation of open space, leisure and community involvement.

## 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. It is very important that children remember to include their names and addresses on their letters. Letters must be dropped off personally. 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 North Park on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting. The Jackson Parks and Recreation Division will have a great display of lights for the event. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus! North Park is located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School.

This FREE holiday event is sponsored by Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division, 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](http://www.jacksonntp.com).**

# THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET



## WHERE DID THE SUMMER SEASON GO?

This year's summer weather was hot and humid, but it did not stop the steady stream of customers shopping during the ninth year of the Jackson Township Farmers Market. This year's market was the most successful season yet. We had a record number of vendors who brought a variety of items. We had many new vendors selling large varieties of homegrown fruits and vegetables, herbs, delicious homemade baked goods, homemade pasta and sauce, local honey, maple syrup, grass fed beef, pastured pork & poultry, bee products, natural body products, beautiful flowers, and food trucks if you needed a snack.

If you are a vendor and are interested in attending the market next season, contact Mary Reno at 330-832-7416.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the customer survey on our website [www.jacksontownship.com](http://www.jacksontownship.com).

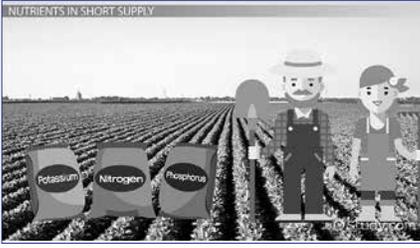
We look forward to your input on the Jackson Township Farmers Market to help us improve next year.

*Jackson Township appreciates our residents' support of our Farmers Market. We hope to see all of you next summer.*





# Pipe Committee Education



Jackson Township is a part of the Stark County Public Involvement and Public Education “PIPE” Committee and our goal is to provide public education on storm water management along with ways to prevent pollutant parameters concerning the Total Maximum Daily Load’s (TMDL’s) of Phosphorus, Habitat, Bacteria, and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in the Nimishillen and Tuscarawas Watersheds. One of our themes for 2018 is reducing manure from infiltrating into the surface water. Below is some information on manure and nutrient management and the effects on water quality.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Manure is a valuable source of plant nutrients but also a potential pollutant. Proper management of nutrients from commercial fertilizers and organic sources is important to protect our environment and to have economically and environmentally sustainable livestock operations.

Animal production has the potential to negatively affect surface water quality (from pathogens, phosphorus, ammonia, and organic matter); ground water quality (from nitrate); soil quality (from soluble salts, copper, arsenic, and zinc); and air quality (from odors, dust, pests, and aerial pathogens). Manure and other byproducts of animal production, if not carefully managed, will have a significant negative impact on the environment. Agricultural production has been identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the largest single contributor to water quality impairment for rivers and lakes.

**WATER QUALITY:** Surface and ground water quality can be affected by improper storage, transport, and use of animal manures. Problem areas for investigation include: preventing runoff of land applied manure from entering surface water supplies, infiltration of water containing pollutants reaching ground water supplies, chemical and physical mechanisms for operation of filter strips and buffer strips, modeling movement of manure nutrients in soil, tillage practices to reduce the transfer of manure nutrients to surface or ground waters, cropping practices to minimize water pollution, pre-treatment processes of animal manures to reduce potential for water contamination, and treatment of animal manures to allow direct stream discharge as in municipal facilities.

We encourage everyone to **“JOIN THE TEAM, WE’RE ALL DOWNSTREAM”** and team up with the Stark County watershed partners to explore ways to focus on keeping our stormwater clear in 2018. Look for storm water educational information on our website [www.jacksonswtp.com](http://www.jacksonswtp.com).

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

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

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



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[www.cantonchamber.org](http://www.cantonchamber.org)

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P.O. Box 35171, Canton, OH 44735-5171 330-830-8622

**JACKSON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP.**  
5735 Wales Ave. N.W. 330-832-7416

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP RECYCLING STATION**  
5717 Wales Ave. N.W. 330-833-7365

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**  
*(Branch of the Stark County District Library)* 330-833-1010  
7186 Fulton Dr. N.W. [jackson@starklibrary.org](mailto:jackson@starklibrary.org)

**JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS**  
7602 Fulton Dr. N.W. 330-830-8000

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

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