



Jackson Township Newsletter

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2018

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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

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JACKSON TRUSTEES ORGANIZE FOR 2018

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Board for 2018, electing Todd J. Hawke as President and Jamie Walters as Vice President.

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

(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer/Economic Development Director, Todd J. Hawke, President, Jamie Walters, Vice President, and John E. Pizzino, Trustee

*A Message from your Jackson Township Officials...
We are presenting the following article from the Highway Division of the Public Works Department for your information.*

THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP ROAD LEVY

The Jackson Township road levy is due to expire at the end of this year. A renewal and increase of the road levy will be on the May 2018 ballot as Issue 16.

This extremely important levy has been the necessary backbone of Jackson Township Highway Division resurfacing and roadway improvements in our ever-growing community and traffic. The original 3 mill levy was initially passed by voters in 1978, and has been renewed by voters many times over the years.

According to the 1980 census, the Township had 29,001 residents, and approximately 115.54 road miles. Now the Township has an estimated population of 41,000 residents and as of January 2017, the Township certified 203,451 in road miles. Unfortunately, with time the effective rate of the levy has diminished to .702 of a mill, and is collecting approximately \$1,324,000.00 annually.

The Township continues to experience growth in residential and commercial development. Routine maintenance of existing Township roads and infrastructure has increased with the Township's growth in population and residential and commercial developments as evidenced by a historic examination of the Township's resurfacing budget.

RESURFACING BUDGET 2007-2017

2007	\$ 568,530.00
2008	\$ 618,633.00
2009	\$ 636,349.00
2010	\$ 774,723.00
2011	\$ 839,869.00
2012	\$ 881,826.00
2013	\$ 902,159.00
2014	\$1,216,442.00
2015	\$1,430,045.00
2016	\$1,270,550.00
2017	\$1,310,000.00

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WELCOME TO JACKSON'S "NEW" LIBRARY

Jackson Township's "NEW" Library is on the way!

Last fall, the Stark County Library Board reaffirmed their commitment to build a "New State-of-Art" Stark County District Library Branch in Jackson Township. The new library is planned to be a part of Jackson Township's master plan for the space in and around the North Park, which includes an amphitheater, tennis/pickle ball courts, and other new additions.

"We are pleased to welcome the new free-standing Jackson Township Library Branch back as part of our community," said Todd J. Hawke, President of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees. "This state-of-the-art library will be a great asset for Jackson Township serving residents of all ages, and will be a welcome addition to the North Park Activity Complex build-out."

The new library will be at the corner of Community Parkway and Fulton Drive. Parking for the library will be accessible from Fulton Drive, while the amphitheater and tennis courts will be accessed from Community Parkway. The library is



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Jackson Township Fire Department News



Tracy R. Hogue, Fire Chief

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered and may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked.
- They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care.
- The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

HOW CAN YOU HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE INJURY

- When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- Help the resident make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits and practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- Install working smoke alarms in the home and test them at least once a month.
- Finally, reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

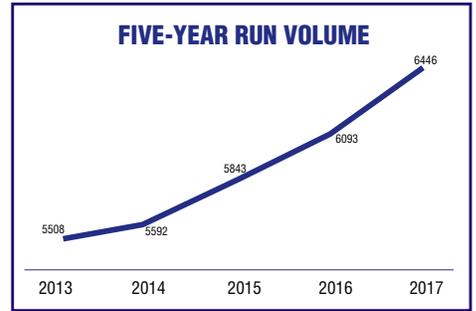
Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue

(Source of information, National Fire Protection Association)



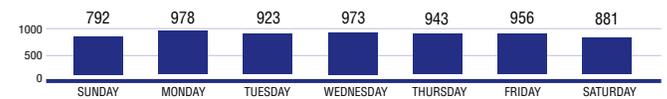
2017 YEAR END REPORT & STATISTICS

Jackson Township has witnessed continual growth, both in residential and commercial aspects. Along with this, the fire department has seen an



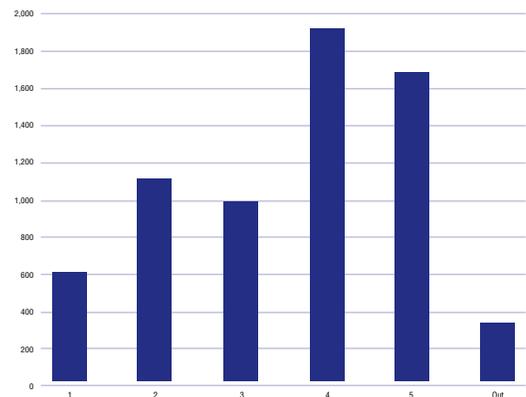
increase in requests for emergency responses. 2017 topped out with 6,446 calls handled by the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD), 76% of those were emergency medical related, with the remaining 24% being either fire or miscellaneous in nature.

Call volumes remained relatively consistent every day of the week. Just as last year, Mondays seem to be the busiest; 2017 brought 978



emergency responses. While Sundays show the least amount of activity with 792 calls being handled.

The JTFD staffs five stations, manned 24/7 with cross-trained certified firefighter/paramedics. Fire Station #4, which in part protects the Belden Village area, generated the largest volume of emergency calls for service. In this district, 1,886 responses were generated. Fire Station #5, covering the southern portion of the township was just as consistent with 1,660 calls.



NEW FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

On January 9, 2018, Steven Rabatin and Shiloh Bailey joined the ranks of the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) as full-time firefighter/paramedics. The retirements of Captain Ray Green and Firefighter/paramedic Eric Gunn last year created these openings. Full-time personnel are selected from the eligible part-time members serving within the department. We are excited to have these two certified candidates as they begin their careers with the JTFD.



KEEPING UP WITH GROWTH

In December 2017, the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) replaced the advanced life support (ALS) ambulance housed at fire station #3 with this Lifeline Unit. This ambulance sits on a Freightliner chassis and is consistent with the EMS units positioned throughout the township. Medic-3 replaces a 2003 Ford Chassis that was able to be used as a trade-in, thus reducing the overall cost of the unit.



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 is \$35.00 per person for each class. 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.

SAVE *the* DATE!

Join us to celebrate our great Jackson Township community during the Jackson Township Community Celebration in the North Park.

ENJOY FUN, FOOD & FIREWORKS!

Wednesday, June 27th through Saturday, June 30th

Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

HOME SECURITY TIPS FOR SPRING

Signs of spring are finally arriving! As temperatures rise, now is a great time to make sure your home is secure during the warmer months ahead. When the weather gets nicer, people begin spending more time outside. Unfortunately, that also includes the burglars and others who may be targeting your home. Burglary is not the only danger you need to worry about this spring.

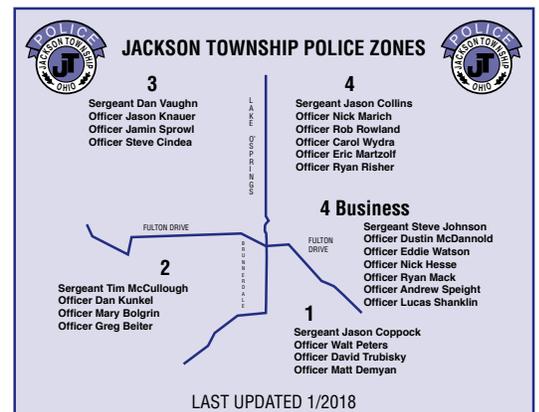
HERE ARE SOME QUICK TIPS TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER:

- 1. Check smoke detectors:** The start of daylight savings time is a great reminder to check the batteries in your smoke detectors. Test the alarms to make sure they are working or install a fresh battery. If the detector is older than 10 years, it should be replaced.
- 2. Mow the grass:** A clean-cut lawn doesn't just make your property look nice, it helps deter burglars. High, uncut grass is a sign to burglars that the property may be vacant.
- 3. Lock doors and windows:** When the temps rise, it's tempting to leave doors and windows open to let the fresh air in after a long winter. Just be sure to lock storm doors and close everything when you are away, or at night, to keep the bad guys out.
- 4. Use outdoor lights:** A dark, unlit home is a welcome invitation for burglars. Keep your home well lit with low-watt CFL or LED bulbs.
- 5. Put yard tools away:** After a long day of spring yard work, be sure to put the tools back in the shed or garage. Leaving tools lying around puts them at risk of being stolen and sends a signal to burglars that you are not paying close attention to your property.
- 6. Make house numbers visible:** In an emergency, responders will need to find your house easily. If they cannot see the numbers on your house, it will delay their response time when every second counts. Make sure the numbers on your home are clearly visible from the street.
- 7. Plan carefully before vacation:** Going away for Memorial Day or other holidays? Keep an extra car parked prominently in the driveway (or ask a neighbor to park their car there) to create the appearance that you are home. Use lighting timers to schedule your lights to go on each night while you are away.
- 8. Don't tell the world you are going away:** It may be tempting to post pictures of your vacation on Facebook, or to change your voicemail message to let people know you are away. However, both of these actions make it easy for savvy burglars to know it's safe to enter your home.
- 9. Consider a home security system:** Without a doubt, the best way to protect yourself, your family and your home is to have a professional security system installed. Simply having a home security system deters burglars while also providing you with the peace of mind of 24/7 monitoring in the event of forced entry, fire, carbon monoxide and other dangers.



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

Thank you, Chief Mark Brink



JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS HISTORY

OFFENSE	2016	2017	%+/-
Calls for Service	35,309	40,134	13%
Traffic Crash/Property	1,791	1,530	-14%
Traffic Crash/Injury	239	262	9%
Traffic Crash/Fatality	1	1	0%
Traffic Crash/Fatalities	1	2	100%
Hit Skip/Accident	69	108	56%
Arson	4	9	125%
Stolen Vehicles	18	25	38%
Recovered Vehicles	13	7	46%
False Alarm Drops	1,329	1,387	4%
Citations	2,040	2,058	8%
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	209	151	-27%
Criminal Mischief	66	39	-40%
Theft	1,202	1,034	-13%
OVI	153	228	49%
Homicides	0	1	100%
Juvenile Arrests	236	173	-26%
Aggravated Robbery	5	2	-60%
Robbery	31	27	-12%
Aggravated Burglary	8	7	-12%
Burglary	99	93	-6%
Breaking & Entering	33	36	9%
Rape	13	15	15%
Other Sex Offenses	56	51	-8%
Public Indecency	9	9	0%
Domestic Violence	176	208	18%
Drug & Drug Related	225	209	-7%
Kidnapping	1	1	0%
Assaults	102	100	-1%
Shoplifting	548	443	-19%
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	281	233	-17%
Residential Alarms	1,372	1,315	-4%
Juvenile Citations	88	113	28%
Vacation Checks	7,288	8,391	15%
Business Checks	14,803	19,457	31%
Extra Patrols	7,771	8,074	3%
School Visits	357	387	8%



SOME HISTORY ABOUT THE SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE

On January 9, 1992, the FBI announced the Safe Streets Violent Crimes Initiative. This initiative was designed to allow the Special Agent in Charge of each FBI field division to establish FBI-sponsored, long-term, proactive task forces. These task forces would be focused on violent gangs, crimes of violence, and the apprehension of violent fugitives.

Since 1992, the FBI's Safe Streets Violent Crime Initiative has successfully aligned FBI Agents, local law enforcement investigators, and federal and state prosecutors onto SSTFs to reduce violent crime. This combination brings not only resources together in a "force multiplier concept," but it also utilizes the expertise of each agency such as the FBI's enterprise theory of investigation and the local departments' uniform enforcement actions to effect gang suppression.

FOCUS OF SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE

The SSTF focuses primarily on street gang and drug-related violence, addresses specific violent crime problems through the teaming of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers and prosecutors to conduct long-term, proactive investigations. In addition, the SSTF addresses the most significant violent fugitive investigations.

The task force concept increases the effectiveness and productivity of limited personnel and logistical resources, avoids duplication of investigations and consequent wasteful expenditure of resources in matters of concurrent jurisdiction, and expands the cooperation and communication among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The SSTF allows the application of sophisticated investigative techniques normally associated with complex organized crime and racketeering investigations. Such techniques are frequently not available to local police agencies.

CANTON SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE

The Canton Safe Streets Task Force is comprised of representatives from the ATF, Jackson Township

SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE *continued*

Police Department, Canton Police Department, MEDWAY Drug Task Force, Louisville Police Department, and the State of Ohio Adult Parole Authority. During the past year the Canton SSTF has engaged in three major cases affecting the Stark County Area:

OPERATION LONGHORN: This investigation focused on two Jackson Township residents who imported over 250 kilograms of cocaine from Texas to Stark County during 2016. The cocaine was stored at a residence in Jackson Township and distributed throughout Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, and Carroll Counties. As a result of a joint investigation with FBI Houston and DEA Houston the subjects were arrested in Houston, Texas following a transaction with their Mexican cocaine supplier. The investigation resulted in the following:

- 60 kilograms of cocaine
- \$50,000 in assets and property
- \$1,000,000 in United States Currency
- 7 firearms

OPERATION BLACKBEARD: This case targeted a Canton, Ohio street gang that was distributing heroin, fentanyl, and cocaine. This organization was also responsible for gun trafficking. During 2017, Federal Arrest Warrants and Search Warrants were executed and resulted in the arrests of 16 individuals and the seizure of:

- 37 firearms
- 250 grams of fentanyl
- 4 pounds of crystal methamphetamine
- 100 grams of heroin
- 1 kilogram of cocaine

OPERATION SCARLET RIDER: This investigation focused on a Mexican Drug Trafficking Organization operating out of Massillon, Ohio, that imported cocaine and crystal methamphetamine from Mexico to Stark County, Ohio. The narcotics were offloaded from a semi at the Truck Stops of America in Jackson Township, Ohio. During November of 2017, search warrants were executed in Stark County and Wayne County that resulted in the seizure of:

- 14 kilograms of cocaine
- \$400,000 in United States Currency
- 8 pounds of crystal methamphetamine
- 15 firearms
- 40 pounds of marijuana

Jackson Township has had a full-time officer on this task force since 2013.

THANKS TO DETECTIVE FRASCOE

For a Job Well Done!

Officer Gary Frascione began his law enforcement career in 1995, after serving in the United States Navy. Officer Frascione served with the Navarre Police Department where he worked as a DARE officer, Field Training Officer and rose to the rank of Captain. In 2007, Officer Frascione was hired by the Jackson Township Police Department. While at Jackson, Officer Frascione was a Field Training Officer in the Patrol Division before being transferred to the Detective Bureau. While working in the Detective Bureau, Officer Frascione investigated sexually oriented crimes and participated with the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force. Officer Frascione plans on finishing his career and retiring as a Jackson Township Police Officer.

- Chief Brink

HIRING OF NEW FULL-TIME OFFICER

Part-time Officer Nicholas F. Marich was sworn in as a full-time officer on November 18, 2017. Officer Marich has worked as a part-time officer since April 2017.

Officer Marich with Police Chief Mark Brink



HIRING OF NEW PART-TIME OFFICERS

We would like to introduce Brandon M. Alger, who was sworn in on December 21, 2017 as a new part-time officer with the Jackson Township Police Department. Welcome Officer Alger to the Jackson Township community and the Police Department.

Officer Alger and Police Chief Mark Brink



(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer/Economic Development Director, Todd J. Hawke, President, Office Jordan Starcher, John E. Pizzino, Trustee and Jamie Walters, Vice President

We would like to welcome back Jordan M. Starcher as a part-time officer with the Jackson Township Police Department. Officer Starcher was sworn in on January 9, 2018.

STARK COUNTY METRO NARCOTICS UNIT

The Stark County Metro Narcotics Unit is a multi-jurisdictional task force that is comprised of a Jackson Township Officer as well as other surrounding agencies that work collaboratively with the Stark County Sheriff's Office in providing manpower to investigate and effectively decrease the drug use and trafficking that is taking place in Stark County.

The agents of the Metro Narcotics Unit investigate drug overdoses and work collaboratively with other agencies in joint investigations. This proves effective in achieving the agencies goal of combining countywide resources to reduce the amount of drugs within Jackson Township and more broadly Stark County, and bringing drug cases to prosecution. The combined experience of the drug unit gives the Metro Narcotics Unit a diverse background to pull from, and the ability to work effectively in many different scenarios.

The total number of overdose deaths in Stark County in 2017 was 110 deaths, which is a decrease from 2016. This decrease can be contributed to the combined efforts of multiple agencies within Stark County. When a fatal overdose occurs within the county, one of the agents from the Metro Narcotics Unit is called out to the scene to begin investigating and collecting evidence. Agents work to pursue the supplier in an effort to get an indictment and traffickers off the streets. The opioid epidemic continues to demand the focus of the Stark County Metro Narcotics Unit, which is why it is imperative to have the support of multiple agencies within the drug task force in order to investigate overdoses more effectively and efficiently.

Jackson Township is an integral part of this effort. Officer Hall has been assigned to Metro and has successfully investigated thousands of cases leading to the prosecution of many high-level drug dealers.

Jackson Township Public Works Department Jackson Township Highway Division



Ralph E. Boger
Public Works Director

TOWNSHIP POLICY WITH HOMEOWNERS

The Highway Division of Jackson Township is in charge of the maintenance and repair of the Jackson Township jurisdiction roadways. Please understand that the State of Ohio (ODOT) and the Stark County Engineer also have roadways in the Township that are separate from Jackson Township roadway jurisdiction.

Homeowners' property adjoining Jackson jurisdiction roadways have mailboxes, downspouts drainage piping, dog fences, sprinkler systems, driveway aprons, and lawn areas all sharing in this public location. It is the homeowners' responsibility for installation, repair, and general upkeep. The Township policy in this public area is as follows.

- Damage to mailboxes resulting from snow plowing will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Mailboxes that are damaged by actual physical contact with Township equipment will be repaired at no expense to the homeowner only if they were properly located and installed. The mailbox owner is responsible for repair or replacement if the mailbox was damaged by flying snow and there was no physical contact with the plow equipment.
- Downspouts are vulnerable at the road edge. Downspout repair or location changes are the homeowners' responsibility. Permission must be obtained to discharge downspouts directly into catch basins.

- New curbing replacement must be preceded by locating downspouts, dog fences, and sprinkler systems to avoid accidental destruction during replacement.
- Drive aprons behind the public street edge or curbing are totally the homeowners' responsibility. Resurfacing may provide one to two feet of asphalt into the drive approach for a smooth transition.
- The Township is responsible for maintaining all public street drainage, ditches, curbing, and catch basins. Piping is supplied if drive culverts fail, but replacement is the homeowners' responsibility. Drainage ditches may be cleaned by the Township, but homeowners are responsible for daily maintenance of ditches, leaves, and debris. A permit is required with the approval of the Township for homeowners wishing to enclose ditches.
- The public frontage lawn areas are mowed and maintained by the homeowner or resident. The Township mows unpopulated fields and frontage.
- Trimming of shrubbery, bushes, and trees growing in the public right-of-way is the homeowners' responsibility. If they are left to grow, it may create visibility problems for drivers. It can also impose on the road edge and passing traffic. The Highway Division is pleased to discuss assistance in this correction effort on public right-of-way by contacting 330-832-4016 or rboger@jacksontwp.com.

BLOCK PARTIES

We will no longer provide barricades or permit block parties on the street due to the safety hazard they present for our fire and police departments.

ROADS SCHEDULED TO BE RESURFACED IN 2018

ROAD	FROM	TO	ROAD	FROM	TO
ANDALOR	MILL RIDGE	E. END	MILLHEIM	CENTURY VILLAGE	N. END
ARAMIS	W. CURB	E. END	MILMONT	AMHERST	GOODYEAR
ASHMEDE CT.	GREAT COURT	W. END	MORNINGVIEW	MT. PLEASANT	GLENRIDGE
ASHMOOR	BRAUCHER	RICCARDI	MUDBROOK	WALES	DREXEL
ASPENWOOD	OAKBRIDGE	E. END	MUDBROOK	DREXEL	W. CURB
BENTHAM	LORRAINE	W. END	OAKBRIDGE	QUAIL HILL	N. END
BIRCHCREST	CLIFFSIDE	GLENBROOK	OAKDALE	W. CURB	PIPERGLEN
BLUERIDGE	PORTAGE GLEN	E. END	OLD SPRING	FRANK	BROOKSTONE
BRIDGECREEK	N. END	S. END	OMEN	WONDERLAND	E. END
BROOKSTONE	OLD SPRING	OAKBRIDGE	ONTARIO	AMHERST	W. END
BROOKSTONE	OAKBRIDGE	W. END	PARSONS CT.	GREAT COURT	W. END
CAMPUS HILL	UNIVERSITY HTS.	S.W. END	PIPERGLEN	OAKDALE	STUHLDRHEHER
CENTURY VILLAGE	BRUNNERDALE	HENRY'S MILL	PORTAGE GLEN	PORTAGE	N. END
CHEVERTON	PIPERGLEN	E. END	QUAIL HILL	OAKBRIDGE	FRANK
CLIFFSIDE	SANDBRIDGE	BIRCHCREST	REGENCY DR.	DRUMMOND DR.	W. END
CLIFFVIEW	WONDERLAND	W. ALLOTMENT	RICCARDI	LORRAINE	ASHMOOR
COLTON	AMHERST	ONTARIO	RIDGECOURT	YWNDGATE	E. ALLOT.
DOVERSHIRE	PIPERGLEN	ARAMIS	SAND RUN CIRCLE	LUTZ	W. END
DRUMMOND DR.	GREAT COURT	W. END	SANDBRIDGE	GLENBROOK	W. END
EASTBROOK	GLENBROOK	EAST END	SCENICRIDGE	GLENRIDGE	SUMMIT
EASY	AMHERST	W. END	SHADYBROOK	LUTZ	SCENICRIDGE
FALCONS RIDGE	PERRY	S. END	SHADYOAKS	W. END	E. END
FIELDMONT	MEARS GATE	LORRAINE	SHADYVIEW	WONDERLAND	SHADYOAKS
FOX HOLLOW	WALBRIDGE	WALNUT RIDGE	SHADYVIEW	SHADYOAKS	S. END
FRANK SVC. RD.	N. END	S. END	SOAMES CT.	GREAT COURT	W. END
GLENARDEN	GOODYEAR	E. END	SPRING BLOSSOM	OAKBRIDGE	E. END
GLENBROOK	MUDBROOK	ENTRY BLVD.	STRAUSSER	WHIPPLE	W. OF TIM
GLENBROOK	ENTRY BLVD.	SANDBRIDGE	SUMMIT	MORNINGVIEW	W. END
GLENRIDGE	SHADYBROOK	HICKERYLANE	SYLVIAN	MAPLEGLN	W. CURB
GOODYEAR	N. END	S. END	TECHWOOD	FRANK	W. END
HARLEUIN CIR.	DRUMMOND DR.	W. END	THAMES CT.	DRUMMOND DR.	S. END
HARVEY	MEARS GATE	S. ALLOTMENT	TIM	KEVIN	N. OF STRAUSSER
HENRY'S MILL	N. END	S. END	TREYBURN	WEATHERSTON	N. OF STRAUSSER
HICKERYLANE	SHADYBROOK	GLENRIDGE	UNIONDALE	OXFORD	E. END
HOLLYRIDGE	PORTAGE GLEN	W. END	UNIVERSITY HTS.	KENTVIEW	KENTVIEW
KENTVIEW	TECHWOOD	BEGINNING OF CURB	WALBRIDGE	OAKBRIDGE	W. END
KEVIN	WHIPPLE	TIM	WALCOTT	LORRAINE	ASHMOOR
KINGSBORO	WYNDGATE	W. END	WALL ST.	COLTON	W. END
LANGLEY	BRIDGECREEK	W. ALLOTMENT	WALNUT RIDGE	N. END	S. END
LORRAINE	WALCOTT	S. ALLOTMENT	WEATHERSTON	PIPERGLEN	E. END
MAPLEGLN	HOLLYRIDGE	N. END	WESTRIDGE CIR	WYNDGATE	W. END
MEARS GATE	WALES	HARVEY	WONDERLAND	MT. PLEASANT	S. END
MEARS GATE	HARVEY	N. END	WOODBIDGE	EASTBROOK	N. END
MILL RIDGE	PERRY	S. END	WYNDGATE COURT	STRAUSSER	S. END

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION BOOK

The Jackson Township Zoning Resolution Book consists of all the zoning regulations for residential, commercial and industrial districts in the township. The resolution book can be found on our website at www.jacksonwp.com on the Zoning Department page.

The original Jackson Township Resolution Book was adopted and became effective on November 13, 1959. It has been revised over the years to keep up with changing laws and our growing township.

Updated regulations became effective on January 11, 2018. Mobile food vendor regulations were added and is defined as any mobile trailer or motorized vehicle that moves about the township and is designed to be self-contained, portable and not permanently attached to the ground from which the food within the confines of the mobile unit is then peddled, vended, sold or given away. The mobile food vendor must obtain a permit on a yearly basis, which allows them to sell from different locations in the commercial areas of the township with the property owner's permission.

Other updated items include adding definitions and revisions for clarification purposes regarding items such as doghouses, children's playhouses and tree houses, parking of vehicles, and accessory buildings and structures. Always check with the zoning department prior to starting any construction to ensure that all proper permits are obtained as well as compliance with the zoning regulations.

In addition to the zoning resolution book, zoning applications can also be found on our website as well as the fee schedule for zoning permits.

ZONING COMPLAINTS

The Zoning Department can only enforce a violation of the zoning resolution. The Zoning Department has no authority over civil issues, easements, or disputes between property owners that are not zoning issues or violations. The Trustees have the enforcement to process a nuisance if one exists on the property.

A zoning complaint form is available on our website for complaints regarding a possible nuisance or that are zoning related. All complaints are public record; therefore, if someone inquires about a complaint that was filed, our office will provide any information we have obtained regarding the complaint.

Upon receiving a zoning or nuisance complaint, an inspection is conducted by the Zoning Investigator. If it is determined that there is a violation per the zoning resolution or nuisance legislation, a letter is sent to the owner of the property, and/or tenant, stating what the violation is and how to correct it. If the violation is not corrected within the specified time period, and owner/violator has not contacted our office regarding the violation, further action is taken to get the matter resolved including a possible fine being issued to the property owner or a nuisance hearing being set before the Trustees. Please be courteous to your neighbors and keep your property clean and well maintained to avoid a complaint being filed for your property.

ZONING STATISTICS FOR 2017

New Residential Construction	97
Residential Alterations and Additions	221
Residential Fence Permits	123
New Commercial	7
Commercial Alterations and Additions	124

Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals & Zoning Commission

The Board of Appeals holds public hearings and makes decision regarding variances, appeals of the decision of the zoning inspector and conditional use permits.

The Board of Appeals members for 2018 are as follows:

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

The Zoning Commission holds public hearings and makes a recommendation to the Trustees regarding text and map amendments.

The Zoning Commission members for 2018 are as follows:

- James Conley
- David Theil
- John Weston
- Chylece Head
- Matthew Sutter
- Fredrick Monsell-Alternate
- Justin Gantz-Alternate

ILLEGAL SIGNS

TEMPORARY SIGNS THAT ARE POSTED ILLEGALLY IN THE TOWNSHIP OR WITHOUT A PERMIT ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL.

Between January 1 and December 31, 2017 there were seven hundred ninety-four (794) illegal signs removed by the Zoning Department. Almost all signage that is posted outside of a building requires a permit.



David R. Ruwadi
Park Maintenance
& Grounds Foreman

Parks and Recreation Division

2017 - A YEAR IN REVIEW - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

The Jackson Township Parks hosted many events last year and we are very happy to say these events were very well attended. An estimated 75,000 children and adults attended special events and recreation programs offered through the Jackson Township Parks. An estimated 25,000 children and adults visited the Parks through youth sports programs, schools, churches and organizations for a total estimated visitor count of 100,000. These events and programs could not have happened without the help of the many volunteers and sponsors from the community, and we would like to thank you.

Projects that were completed to improve the park system:

NORTH PARK

- New Fencing at north end of the park
- New playground swing sets

2018 PROJECTS FOR THE PARKS DIVISION

The park division will be busy in 2018 working on a few projects:

- Amphitheater
- Basketball courts relocation
- North Park playground upgrade
- North Park Splash Pad
- North Park north east parking lot sealing
- South Park additional fencing and security camera installation
- Athletic dugout upgrades
- Donated land for soccer/lacrosse/football

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.



REMEMBER TO CONTROL YOUR PET WITH A LEASH & CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET.

Pets are permitted in all parks **EXCEPT** the North Park.

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 pavilion, 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

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.

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

STRAUSSER ELEMENTARY PARK: This Park was acquired through a land lease with the Jackson Local Schools Board of Education. The park consists of three small soccer fields and two full size multipurpose fields for lacrosse or football.

bicycling, 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.

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 pavilions and restrooms, a playground, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pit, seven ball fields, four soccer fields, two youth 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

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. **To reserve a pavilion, athletic field, or tennis court please call the Park at 330-832-2845 to inquire about availability.** Applications can be found on our web page at www.jacksontownship.com and can be submitted electronically. Forms are also available at the Jackson Township Administration Building located at 5735 Wales Avenue NW. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



PROGRAM INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All program registration forms and program flyers can be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Building and on our website at www.jacksonstp.com. For your convenience, registration forms can be dropped off after hours at our Evening Drop Off box, located next to the main entrance at the Jackson Township Administration Building.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will be hopping into Jackson Township for the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. sharp in the Jackson Township North Park, located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School.

This annual holiday event is co-sponsored by the Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts in cooperation with Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division, and will offer various age groups the opportunity to collect filled eggs. Age groups range from crawlers through fourth grade. Participants should arrive by 10:30 a.m. with their own Easter baskets.

JACKSON PARKS FISHING DERBY

This year our annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 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 and 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. After 11:00 a.m. adults can try their luck at fishing.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Farmers Market	Thursdays, July 12 - October 4, 2018
Community Celebration	June 27 - June 30, 2018
Haunted Hayride	October 20, 2018
Holiday in the Park	December 8, 2018
Santa's Mailbox	December 1 - 15, 2018



MOVIES in the PARK SERIES

Free summer movies will be playing again this summer in the Jackson North Park. Plans are in the works for movie nights along with different activities planned for each night.

KEEP THESE DATES OPEN FOR A FUN NIGHT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

June 1 • July 20 • August 10

Stay tuned to www.jacksonstp.com and the Township's Facebook page for more details.

This is a free event. All registration forms must be received no later than noon on Friday, May 4, 2018. 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.jacksonstp.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 16, 23, 30, and August 6**. All sessions will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will be approximately one hour 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.

CHANGES AT THE YARD DEBRIS WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

Jackson Township's South Park has been a host site for the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District's Yard Waste collection program for a number of years. In December of 2017, the Solid Waste Management District notified the Township to close the site at the end of the year (2017), while it evaluated the program over the winter months.

Prior to the December 2017 closure, the Solid Waste Management District had historically entered into contracts with various vendors to haul the yard debris from the various collection sites established in Stark County. Communities that hosted sites customarily received small amounts of grant monies to help with site improvements specific to each site.

On February 13, 2018, David Held, the Executive Director, of the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District attended a work session with the Board of Trustees. During the work session, Mr. Held notified the Trustees the funding to operate the yard debris waste drop-off site in South Park would be drastically cut. Citing changes in market dynamics, the Solid Waste Management District would no longer enter into contracts for the collection and removal of yard waste on behalf of the various collection sites established in Stark County. Instead, the Solid Waste Management District would provide significantly reduced funding to communities that host the sites. Host communities, like Jackson Township, will then have to enter into contracts of their own for the hauling service and for the end collector to take the debris. Additionally, host communities will have to make up the difference between the funds provided by Solid Waste Management District and the costs for hauling and collection of the yard debris services.

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees are committed to investigating services that will reasonably and economically allow the Township to continue to provide a site for Jackson Township residents to responsibly dispose of their yard debris. The Board of Trustees will evaluate the future sustainability of the site monthly and changes will be made to maximize the service and keep it affordable.

The yard debris waste drop-off site in South Park will remain closed through April 13, 2018. The site will reopen on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) only starting April 14, 2018, from 10 am to 8 pm. The site will be locked at closing time each day. Likewise, what specific yard debris and waste will be taken is subject to change. For now, the site will continue to take grass clippings, leaves and other plant cuttings and debris. The site will not take tree or plant branches larger than two inches in diameter, cut trees, logs, stumps, no construction materials, treated wood, dirt, stones, and junk. Under no circumstances will commercial lawn and/or commercial tree removal services be permitted to dispose of material at the site.

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.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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

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

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



Green Cleaning Workshop

Jackson Township along with the Stark Soil and Water Conservation District and the Stark County Public Involvement and Public Education “PIPE” Committee hosted a Homeowners Green Cleaning Workshop at the Jackson Township Administration Offices. Eighteen people attended the workshop to learn about simple, safe, and cost efficient alternatives to conventional cleaners. During this hands-on workshop, multiple eco-friendly household cleaners were made using natural ingredients, vinegar, and essential oils. Those in attendance created green cleaning products to take home, and received recipes for additional household cleansers. These green home cleaners are safe for your family, pets, and local watersheds!

If you are interested in attending other Homeowner’s Series Workshops contact the Stark Soil and Water Conservation District at 330-451-7645.



THE 2018 JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY VILLAGE

The 2018 Jackson Township Safety Village will be held from **June 11 through June 14, 2018** at Sauder Elementary School located at 7503 Mudbrook Street NW. Children that reside in Jackson Township and have **completed Kindergarten or First Grade during the 2017 – 2018 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 30, 2018 and returned by Friday, May 25, 2018. *(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.

Get Ready for Another Farmers Market

This year the Jackson Township Farmers Market will be sponsored by Fresh Thyme Farmers Market.



Our market provides a place for local growers to sell fresh and healthy foods and to bring neighbors together in the Jackson community.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, July 12 through October 4 • 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Jackson North Park, Fulton Drive NW



LOOKING FOR VENDORS:

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.



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.



The Homeowner's Workshop Series

STARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Stark Soil and Water Conservation District

The workshops below will present information to adults on how to implement best management practices around the home to adopt healthy household habits to help protect our lakes, streams, rivers, and wetlands. Through the generosity of Stark County communities, the 2018 workshops will be held at multiple locations throughout Stark County.

For registration, please call 330-451-SOIL (7645), or email rebecca.oneill@starkswcd.org.

Pond Management

Learn how to manage water quality and restock fish in your home pond. Understanding seasonal pond cycles and methods to decrease nutrient runoff can assist homeowners improve visual appeal and reduce long term costs. Proper pond management can also reduce noxious odors, minimize unwanted vegetation, and reduce sedimentation.

- **When:** Tuesday March 20, 2018, 6-8 pm
- **Where:** USDA Service Center Conference Room
2650 Richville Dr. SE, Massillon, OH 44646

TESTING LAWN AND GARDEN SOIL *Test your own soil*

Learn how to test your personal soil, interpret the results, and develop a management plan for your lawns and gardens. Soil samples will be tested

for composition, pH, and essential nutrients. Results will then be used to calculate nutrient amendments.

To collect a soil sample: remove ground cover, dig a 4 inch hole with a hand trowel, take a slice of soil (from the side of the hole, from ground level to the 4 inch depth), and place the soil in a baggie. Repeat collecting soil slices until you have accumulated 1 to 2 cups of soil in the baggie. If you would like to take home your composition test, for more precise results, bring an empty, clear, glass jar to the workshop. Class size is limited to ensure participants receive one-on-one assistance.

- **When:** Wednesday April 25, 2018, 6-8 pm
- **Where:** Diamond Community Room – at Diamond Soccer Complex
2782 Diamond St. NE, Canton, OH 44721

GREEN CLEANING *Make-and-Take*

Explore simple, safe, and cost efficient alternatives to conventional cleaners. During this hands-on workshop, multiple eco-friendly household cleaners will be produced using natural ingredients, vinegar, and essential oils. Participants will create and take home product samples, as well as recipes for additional household cleansers. Create a clean home that is safe for your family, pets, and local watersheds!

- **When:** Wednesday May 9, 2018, 9-11 am
- **Where:** Lake Township Road Department
1499 Midway, Uniontown, OH 44685



JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY

Celebration

JUNE 27 THRU JUNE 30, 2018

*We are looking for sponsors for the 2018
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*

What to do with all of the poo?

Reducing pet wastes from infiltrating into surface water will help in preventing bacteria pollution in our watersheds. The information below can help everyone do their part and **“JOIN THE TEAM, WE’RE ALL DOWNSTREAM”**.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE AVERAGE DOG EXCRETES THREE-FOURTHS OF A POUND OF WASTE PER DAY - OR 274 POUNDS OF WASTE PER YEAR

- Seventy-eight million dogs live in the United States. While not all dog owners throw away their dog’s poop, roughly 10 million tons of dog waste ends up in landfills every year. This is the equivalent of 267,500 tractor-trailers fully loaded with dog poop.

DOG POOP IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANT

- Picking up your dog’s waste is not just a common courtesy, it is a health imperative. Picking up after your dog helps reduce the likelihood of its fecal bacteria ending up in an increasingly contaminated water supply. Considering dog feces are common carriers of nasty things like heartworms, whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, parvovirus, giardia, salmonella, and E. coli, it is important to curb your dog!

USING A BIODEGRADABLE DOGGIE BAG IS NOT ENOUGH

- We as humans tend to forget that when something is thrown into the trash, it is not gone. The same is true for the bags you use to pick up your dog’s waste — they do not disappear just because you have tossed them.
- “Upcycling” old grocery-store bags is a common practice, or you can spend a little extra money on biodegradable bags for “better” removal. Either way, the bag and the poop travel to a landfill, which is not conducive for breaking down any type of plastic (biodegradable or not). This means we have millions of tons of dog waste wrapped in plastic bags sitting and rotting in our landfills for decades on end.

THE BEST REMOVAL METHOD FOR DOG POOP IS TO FLUSH IT

- Humans use toilets every day. So why don’t we flush animal waste down the toilet, too? Perhaps we do not consider the toilet a viable receptacle for our dog’s waste because toilets are not outside. We also might overlook toilets because the idea of removing your dog’s waste from a bag and putting it into the toilet bowl adds an extra step to waste disposal. However, it may be time to reconsider the toilet. After all, even the EPA suggests flushing dog poop is by far the most ecologically friendly removal method. In addition, there are several water-soluble bags on the market, which you can safely flush, so there is nothing stopping you!

(Source of information, Dogster Magazine)



PIPE COMMITTEE

Jackson Township is a member of the Stark County Public Involvement and Public Education “PIPE” Committee

The PIPE Committee coordinates the yearly theme that is used for public involvement/participation of storm water management through educational programs for residents and school age children.

2018 THEME

“Tackle Pollution, Root and Cheer to Keep our Stormwater Clear”

The mascot for the PIPE Committee is Clawd the Crayfish. We encourage everyone to **“JOIN THE TEAM, WE’RE ALL DOWNSTREAM”** and team up with Clawd and 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.jacksonstp.com.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

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

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



JACKSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMORY LANE PROGRAM

Take a trip down **“Memory Lane,”** a new, informal discussion group sponsored by the Jackson Township Historical Society. The conversations will be held the second Thursday of each month, April through October, at 7 p.m. at the historic one-room schoolhouse, Jackson Center School (7756 Fulton NW, next to the high school).

Everyone is welcome to attend these conversations, which will focus on a topic of interest in the township and beyond. No reservations are required; just bring your stories, pictures, or memorabilia to share or come to enjoy the memories of others.

For more information, visit the JTHS website (<http://jacksontwphistory.org>), see the schedule on Facebook (facebook.com/jacksontwphistory), or e-mail Jackson.historical@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

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| April 12: | What Do You Like Best about Living in Jackson Township? |
| May 10: | Restaurants in Jackson Township, Past and Present |
| June 14: | Favorite Summertime Activity, including Your Favorite Place to Swim |
| July 12: | Street Names Old and New in Jackson Township |
| August 9: | Favorite Teachers |
| September 13: | Sports Greats and Memorable Sports Moments |
| October 11: | Childhood Memories of Halloween |

MEMORY LANE

THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP ROAD LEVY *continued*

Your Jackson Township Board of Trustees has been very active and responsible in managing your tax dollars. The reduced operating funds from state sources, higher expenses in all operations, and costs associated with continue growth demand difficult and sometimes unpleasant decisions. For these reasons, the Jackson Road Levy will appear on the May ballot as a renewal of the existing 3 mill levy with an increase of 1 mill for a total of 4 mills. The effective rate of the 4 mills is 1.702.

By adding an additional 1 mill, this will allow the Township to address other projects such as drainage, catch basin replacement, curb replacement and other infrastructure improvements (i.e. intersections and joint projects). Likewise, the Township will be able to maintain its current level of service in responding to snow and ice control.

The Trustees and Highway Division are dedicated to strong and judicious financial management. Significant benefit has been derived from leveraging the road levy funds in gaining OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) and other grant funding. Over the last decade, \$82,140,000 has gone into Jackson Township Highway projects for traffic improvements with the Jackson share or match being only \$13,938,500, or 17 percent. We are committed to partnering and exploring methods, which guarantee the best use of tax dollars.

2018 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

Contracts for resurfacing, curbing replacement, and striping will be publicly bid and will be in place this spring.

Resurfacing will take place on approximately fifteen miles of roadway with a budget of \$1,300,000. A joint resurfacing of University Drive with the Stark County Engineer using an OPWC grant is scheduled for late summer.

The curbing replacement project will affect 5,000 feet and has a budget allowance of \$150,000.

Striping will take place later in the summer on forty miles of the main Township jurisdiction roadways. Effective and visible striping is a necessary aid to safe driving. \$55,000 is the available budget for this work.

The extension of Strip Avenue to Applegrove is under design and has no start date as yet.

The widening and improvement of Fulton Drive west of Brunnerdale is now scheduled for 2019 and is awaiting funding.

The Township will construct a new street in Keck Park for future industrial use.

2018 STORM WATER PROJECTS

- Brighton Circle/Thackeray Avenue second phase storm sewer replacement, joint project with the Stark County Engineers
- East Boulevard/Villa Padova storm sewer replacement
- Fulton Drive West of Amherst Avenue storm sewer enlargement
- Jackson Avenue/Knight Street new storm sewer, joint project with Stark County Engineers

Due to the aging storm water infrastructure in the Township, we have entered into an agreement with Stark County Regional Planning to complete a storm water easement mapping project to prepare an inventory of storm water easements and to create storm water easements where needed.

JACKSON'S "NEW" LIBRARY *continued*

placed near the intersection to make it more visible, and the building will overlook the North Park pond.

The Library Board has selected HBM Architects to design the new building. The architects are nationally recognized with a focus on library planning. HBM, headquartered in Cleveland, specializes in designing library buildings, and has built libraries throughout Ohio and in 15 other states. The lead project architect is Megan Calnon, a Jackson Township High School graduate.

"We're excited to move forward with the new Jackson Township Library project. We'll be combining the feedback from the community, HBM's expertise and our experience gained from the innovations incubated at the temporary storefront to create a permanent home that fully serves the needs of the Jackson Community," said Jean Duncan McFarren, Interim Executive Director for Stark County District Library.

In December, The Library Board hired Derek Gordon (formerly of Canton Parks and Recreation) as the Owner's Representative for Capital Projects. Gordon's position is responsible for the management of new construction and renovation projects, including collaborating with architects, engineers, and vendors. Given his familiarity with park settings, the building location of the new Jackson Library Branch in North Park serves as an excellent starting point for Gordon's first project with the library, which is in the planning stage. "We're looking forward to having a very collaborative project," Gordon told the Jackson Trustees.

The bricks purchased by supporters of the original library have been secured by the Jackson Township Parks Division, and will be used in the construction of the new Jackson Library.

The new amphitheater will be placed in the back on Community Parkway, and will allow for a "bowl effect" because the property slopes down. In between the amphitheater's stage and the new library, will be space used for parking and other activities. Renderings of the amphitheater depict a covered structure with a large stage. A building with changing rooms and other amenities will be at the rear and separated from the stage by a wall. The basketball courts and the skate park will be moved to space in the North Park's northwest corner. Jackson Township Trustees expect the amphitheater to see a lot of use outside of regular events.

Randy Gonzalez, Jackson Township Fiscal Officer said "I am very excited to have the new Jackson Library being built as part of the reconfiguration of Jackson North Park along with the proposed amphitheater. With State of Ohio funding assistance through Representative Kirk Schuring and the cooperative efforts of Jackson Schools, Stark County District Library and Stark Parks, Jackson Township will provide an area in our parks for all ages and for the entire Jackson Township community to enjoy, utilize and to take pride in".

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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 jacksonstp.com, or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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