



# Jackson Township *Newsletter*

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2019

*We make things happen!*

## *A Message from your Jackson Township Officials*

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### JACKSON TRUSTEES ORGANIZE FOR 2019

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Board for 2019, electing Todd J. Hawke as President and John E. Pizzino as Vice President.

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

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

## RENEWAL OF POLICE LEVY

Your Jackson Township Police Department is a full-time, full-service department, which over the years has had to restructure itself to fit the changing needs of our community and to societal demands over the years. The most visible and well recognized division of the police department is the Patrol Division. The Patrol Division consists of full-time officers and part-time officers. The Township is broken into zones in which the patrol officers are assigned to assure no area is too large, and a cruiser is always nearby twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. Over the years, additional zones have been added to accommodate the growth of our community. The patrol officers handle many situations such as patrolling neighborhoods, speed complaints, traffic crashes, domestic cases, and vacation checks to name a few. The main goal of the Patrol Division is protecting you, your family, and your home.

Due to changes in our society, Jackson Township, like many other communities, has had to adapt its structure and preparedness to potential violence in our schools. Just a few short years ago a lot of people would not have thought of having police officers in every school, but today there has to be a higher awareness of school safety. The Jackson Township Police Department working together with the Jackson Township Trustees, Jackson Township Fiscal Officer and the Jackson Local Schools' Administration created the new position of School Safety Officer. Working together, this new position has allowed for a School Safety Officer to be placed in every school, while keeping efficiency, affordability and most of all safety for our Jackson Local Schools at the forefront. School Safety Officers are a separate division within the department and are fully trained and equipped police officers who have been scheduled to meet the school district's needs. The presence of School Safety Officers has been welcomed by parents, teachers, but most of all by our school aged youth.

The Jackson Township Police Department also maintains a Detective Bureau staffed by full-time officers on special assignment to the bureau. The Detective Bureau responds to such matters as investigating burglaries, sex crimes, identity fraud, drugs and assaults in our community. The detectives use information gathered from collaborating law enforcement agencies to address specialized issues at local hotels such as dealing with transient issues like drugs and prostitution. This type of specialized collaboration is the first step in keeping crime from spreading into our neighborhoods and business community.

The Jackson Police Department also helps keep our community safe through non-traditional methods. For instance, the sharing of information and team collaboration with other law enforcement entities has been key to keeping our community safe. By obtaining knowledge of the problems going on around us, and the willingness to help with solutions is critical to the Jackson Township Police Department's mission. The Jackson Township Police Department participates in Stark County Metropolitan Drug Force, FBI Task Force, Countywide SWAT Team, and Regional Emergency Dispatch Center. The availability of these agencies to the department and the information gained through these partnerships is invaluable to our community's safety.

Four years ago, the citizens of Jackson Township had the foresight to approve a modest increase of the police levy. This upcoming election you will see a request for a renewal with **NO NEW TAXES** for the Jackson Township Police Department. The Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Police Chief, and Administration have worked diligently to keep this levy at a RENEWAL and to provide the best of services with the least amount of your tax dollars.



**We hope this article gives you a better insight to your Jackson Township Police Department and the funds used that support it. Thank you for your time.**

## Jackson Township Fire Department News



**Tracy R. Hogue, Fire Chief**

Through the Jackson Township Newsletter, I have attempted to make your home and most importantly your family safer. We have reviewed many topics including home fire safety, vehicle safety, kitchen safety, travel/motel safety, college dorm safety, restaurant safety and public event safety among many other topics.

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. This seems to be a simple task but did you know how important taking care of your washer and clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a washer or clothes dryer fire.

### FACTS & FIGURES:

- From 2010-2014, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 15,970 home fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines each of these years. These fires resulted in 13 deaths, 440 injuries and \$238 million in property damage.
- Clothes dryers accounted for 92% of the fires; washing machines 4%, and washer and dryer combinations accounted for 5%.
- The leading factor contributing to the ignition of home fires involving clothes dryers was failure to clean, accounting for one-third (33%) of dryer fires.
- A mechanical or electrical failure or malfunction was involved in the vast majority of home fires involving washing machines.
- Fires involving clothes dryers usually started with the ignition of something being dried or was a byproduct (such as lint) of drying, while washing machine fires usually involved the ignition of some part of the appliance.

### DRYERS:

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper airflow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

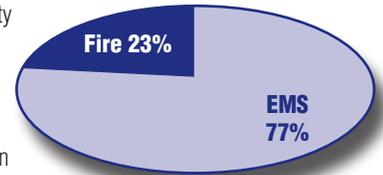
Think of this tip as another tool in your family's fire safety toolbox. Have a safe spring and summer from all of us at the Jackson Fire Department.

**Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue**  
Jackson Township Fire Department  
(Statistics provided by National Fire Protection Association)



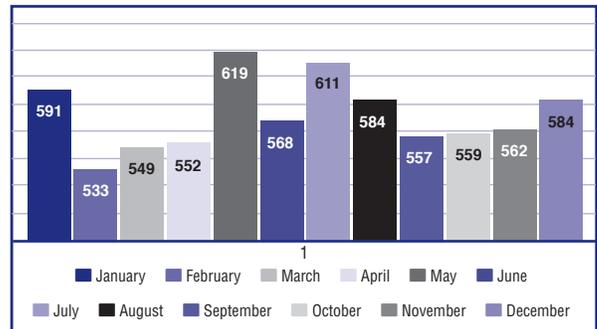
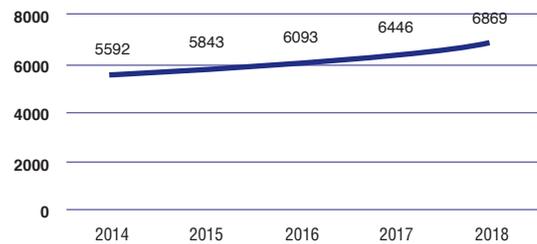
### 2018 FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE ACTIVITY

Just as in years past, response activity increased in the year 2018. With the increase in business, retail, and residential homes, the population in the township fluctuates throughout the day and time of year. The Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) responded to 6,869 calls for service in 2018; 1,596 were fire related and 5,273 were EMS calls. Of the residential structure fire calls, 65% had working smoke detectors that alerted the occupants of the emergency.



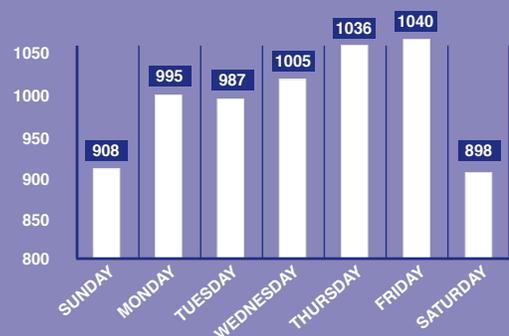
The department noticed an increase of invalid assist, meaning non-injury patient lifts for residents. These patients did not require treatment or transport to an area hospital.

### TOTAL RUN NUMBERS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS



Every month, more than 500 calls for service were handled. The month of May was the busiest, followed by July. The slowest months are February and March. Breaking this down further, Fridays saw the most activity with 1,040 calls, whereas, 898 incidents were on Saturdays.

### RUN VOLUME (PER DAY)



## RETIREMENT TIME – GREG LEOPOLD



The fire department congratulates Captain Greg Leopold on his retirement after more than 30 years of service with our organization. With the opening of Fire Station#4 on Dressler Road, Greg was hired as a full-time firefighter/paramedic on October 28, 1985. He was promoted to Captain on November 7, 1998. As one of the senior line officers, he often covered the duties of the shift battalion chief.

Earlier this year, Greg was awarded the EMS Emergency Care Provider of the Year during Stark County EMS Week. He was nominated by the department because of his caring and positive attitude. As an EMS instructor, Greg has served the department as a continuing educational resource, particularly in cardiac, pediatric and geriatric care, as well as an in-field proctor. His infectious calm and positive demeanor is going to be missed.

*The Jackson Township Fire Department Congratulates Captain Greg Leopold and thanks him for all of the years of dedicated service to our community.*

## THE 2019 JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY VILLAGE

The 2019 SAFETY VILLAGE Program, for children who reside in Jackson Township and have completed Kindergarten or First Grade during the 2018-2019 school year, will be held at Sauder Elementary School. **Mon. - Thurs., June 10-13, 2019, from 8:45 a.m. to 12 Noon.**

**Safety Lessons/Topics include:** POLICE DAY, FIRE DAY, BUS

& PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, GUN SAFETY, POISONS & DRUGS, ELECTRIC SAFETY AND WATER/POOL SAFETY. **The cost is \$20.00 per child and includes a SAFETY VILLAGE T-shirt, snacks, and supplies.**

Information/Registration forms will be available beginning Monday, May 6 at the Jackson Township Safety Center, located at 7383 Fulton Drive NW. You may also access our forms from the Jackson Township Fire Department Facebook page or the Jackson Township Fire Department page at [www.jacksonstp.com](http://www.jacksonstp.com). Completed registration forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Safety Center. Sorry, no forms will be mailed.

**Registration deadline is May 31 and enrollment is limited to 150 children.**

Safety Village is presented to your children by the Jackson Township Fire and Police Departments, Jackson Local Schools and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.



**QUESTIONS? Contact the Jackson Township Fire Prevention Bureau at 330-834-3951.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT SAFETY VILLAGE!**

## 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 \$40.00 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.**

## WE ARE THERE FOR YOUR SAFETY

On February 9, 2019, over 300 of our finest, smartest, and bravest residents took the



challenge and plummeted into the freezing water of Lake Cable for the annual Polar Bear Plunge. All of this in the name of raising money for their own charity, as well as the Jackson Alumni's Scholarship Program. Members from the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) donned in dry suits were on hand in order to provide for the safety of the participants.

The JTFD can be found several times a year floating around various areas of Lake Cable. As part of our all-hazards approach to safety,



these training sessions are conducted in order to prepare for those few events each year when an ice rescue does occur. For those that participated in this year's Plunge, it was noted that the safety forces on-hand were more comfortable in the water than on land.

Thankfully, with the cooperation of the committee, as well as all of

the participants, there were no issues during this awesome event. Although, the JTFD does not encourage playing on unfamiliar icy bodies of water, getting involved in activities, such the annual Jackson Polar Bear Plunge is encouraged. After all, we are here for your safety.

# Jackson Township Police Department



**Police Chief Mark Brink**

## STARK/MARCS PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM BENEFITS JACKSON TOWNSHIP

On Monday, January 28, the Stark County Commissioners presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the material completion of the new “STARK/MARCS” public safety radio system, paid for with bond funds secured by the early renewal of the county’s public safety sales tax levy, passed by our county voters in May 2017.

The new radio system allows ALL police, fire and EMS services in Stark County to share one integrated radio system. This allows unprecedented “interoperability” between our first responders. This means, for example, a firefighter from our Jackson Township Fire Department will be able to talk directly to a Perry Township fire fighter at a mutual aid call. As another example, a Jackson Township police officer will be able to talk directly to an Ohio State Trooper and a Stark County Deputy during a traffic stop.

Traditionally, public safety agencies in Stark County, as in other locations throughout the nation, have communicated on locally based radio systems, preventing the interoperability so needed to communicate with other agencies in real time. The STARK/MARCS system is connected with the statewide Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) and knows no boundaries within the state of Ohio!

The Stark County Sheriff’s Office, the City of Canton police and fire departments, Minerva police and fire, and North Canton fire department are all operational on the new platform. All police and fire agencies dispatched by the Regional Emergency Dispatch (RED) Center, located in Jackson Township, will also be fully utilizing the new system.

Due to the foresight of Stark County’s public safety officials, the new platform, partnered with the statewide MARCS platform, meets three strategic goals. First, the cost of the platform was significantly reduced by partnering with the state’s MARCS system. Second, the resultant interoperability is second to none. *Finally, and most important, our new radio system will SAVE LIVES.*



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

**Thank you, Chief Mark Brink**

### JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS HISTORY

OFFENSE	2017	2018	%+/-
Calls for Service	40,134	52,223	30%
Traffic Crash/Property	1,530	1,500	-1%
Traffic Crash/Injury	262	297	13%
Traffic Crash/Fatality	1	0	-100%
Traffic Crash Fatalities	2	0	-100%
Hit Skip/Accident	108	91	15%
Arson	9	4	-55%
Stolen Vehicles	25	21	-16%
Recovered Vehicles	7	9	28%
False Alarm Drops	1,387	1,876	35%
Citations	2,058	2,734	32%
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	151	160	5%
Criminal Mischief	39	34	-12%
Theft	1,034	1,056	2%
OVI	228	332	45%
Homicides	1	1	0%
Juvenile Arrests	173	149	-13%
Aggravated Robbery	2	3	50%
Robbery	27	25	-7%
Aggravated Burglary	7	3	-57%
Burglary	93	118	26%
Breaking & Entering	36	44	22%
Rape	15	24	60%
Other Sex Offenses	51	39	-23%
Public Indecency	9	5	-44%
Domestic Violence	208	187	-10%
Drug & Drug Related	209	420	100%
Kidnapping	1	1	0%
Assaults	100	97	-3%
Shoplifting	443	418	-5%
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	233	260	11%
Residential Alarms	1,315	1,235	-6%
Juvenile Citations	113	93	-17%
Vacation Checks	8,391	8,709	3%
Business Checks	19,457	26,491	36%
Extra Patrols	8,074	10,263	27%
School Visits	387	445	14%

### HIRING OF NEW FULL-TIME OFFICERS

The department would like to congratulate Officers Robert Moderwell and Yuri Vovk for being promoted from part-time to full-time status.

Officer Moderwell came to our department after working at the Summit County Jail and Officer Vovk came to Jackson Township following his employment at the Stark County Jail.



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

***Congratulations, you are both deserving of your full-time jobs!***



Part-Time Officer Cvengros and Police Chief Mark Brink

### HIRING OF NEW PART-TIME OFFICERS

We would like to introduce Michael Cvengros, who was sworn in on January 8, 2019 as a new part-time officer with the Jackson Township Police Department.

***Welcome Officer Cvengros to the Jackson Township community and the Police Department.***

# R E T I R E M E N T S

## OFFICER TERRY TOULSON



**Officer  
Toulson**

Terry Toulson graduated from Canton South High School in 1966. Terry worked at Kroger Grocery Store from 1962 until 1980. In 1968, Terry enlisted in the United States Army until 1970. In September of 1982, he was hired by the Stark County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy. In 1995, Terry was named the Deputy of the Year. He retired in May of 2007 from the Stark County Sheriff's Department. After retiring from The Stark County Sheriff's Department, Terry began working with the Jackson Township Police Department. During Terry's years here, he was involved in multiple high profile cases.

Terry is married to his high school sweetheart Darlene for 49 years. Darlene retired from Diebold where she was employed for 45 years. Terry and Darlene have two daughters. Terra Good married to the late LTC and Commander Jason Good who have two children Ella and Axel. Terra is employed as Director of International Student Affairs at the US Army War College in Pennsylvania. Tami is married to John Paul Neff and has three children Anthony, Abigail and Ava. Tami is employed as Counselor at Strausser Elementary in Jackson Township. Terry's family is extremely important to him. His grandchildren are the light of his life.

***Terry's years of experience and wisdom will be sorely missed by the Jackson Township Police Department.***

## OFFICER DAVID TRUBISKY



**Officer  
Trubisky**

The Jackson Township Police Department would like to announce the retirement of Officer David Trubisky. Officer Trubisky started his career in law enforcement in May of 1988 as a full time dispatcher with the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center. While continuing to work as a dispatcher, Officer Trubisky completed the police academy and was hired as a part time police officer for the Jackson Township Police in January of 1991. Officer Trubisky continued to work both jobs until July of 1993 when he earned a position as a full time officer with the Jackson Township Police Department.

During his 27 years of service as a police officer, Officer Trubisky worked as a patrol officer, field-training officer, school resource officer and as a detective. His fellow officers nicknamed him "Turbo" as an abbreviated name and due to the fact that he is always going in fast-forward. His fellow officers know him as a hard worker who always handles his share of the workload and offers to help others with theirs. Officer Trubisky has never shied away from hard work and is appreciated for that, as well as, his easygoing personality who can get along with anyone.

In the Schools, his students called him O.T. for Officer Trubisky. Even though he is no longer serving as a school resource officer, the rest of us still hear of him being referred to as O.T. by many former students who stop us to ask how he is and to speak of the positive interactions they had with him and for the kindness he showed to them and others.

Officer Trubisky, your retirement is well deserved and you will be missed by those of us who will continue to serve this great community. You have represented yourself and this agency in a very positive light and we would do well to find more officers like you to fill the shoes you have left here.

***Congratulations on your accomplishments  
and enjoy your well-deserved  
retirement?***

# JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY

## *Celebration*

**JUNE 26 THRU JUNE 29, 2019**

*We are looking for sponsors for the 2019  
Jackson Community Celebration*

### **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE**

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

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

# Jackson Township Public Works Department Jackson Township Highway Division



**Ralph E. Boger**  
Public Works Director

## 2019 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- Contracts for resurfacing, curbing replacement, and striping will be publicly bid and in place this spring. Resurfacing will take place on approximately 16 miles of roadway with a budget of \$1,500,000.
- Five-thousand feet of curbing will be replaced at a budgeted allowance of \$150,000.
- \$55,000 has been budgeted for striping of the 40 miles of the main Township jurisdiction roadways. To aid in safe driving, effective and visible striping is necessary. This work will take place later this summer.
- The extension of Strip Avenue to Applegrove is underway and should be completed in early summer.
- The Township is constructing a new street in Keck Park for future business use.

## NEW EQUIPMENT



A new 2018 Case backhoe was purchased to replace our 1998 backhoe.

## STREETS SCHEDULED TO BE RESURFACED IN 2019

ROAD	FROM	TO	ROAD	FROM	TO
ASTROJET	PORTVIEW	WEST END	IRONS	ROLLING GREEN	WEST END
ASTROJET	PORTVIEW	EAST END	ISLAND	ISLAND DR NORTH	SOUTH ISLAND
ATHENS	PAULDING	SOUTH CDS	ISLAND	WEST BLVD	ISLAND DR NORTH
BLAKNEY	ROLLING GREEN	EAST END	ISLAND NORTH	ISLAND DR	ISLAND DR
BOB O'LINK	FRANK	WREN	LAKEMERE	ISLAND DR	CDS
BOB WHITE	FRANK	WREN	LILLY'S LANE	ISLAND NORTH	EAST END
BRICKER	STRAUSSER	PAULDING	LORRAINE	NORTH CURB	GLORINE
BRICKER	PAULDING	PAULDING	LORRAINE	GLORINE	PORTAGE
CARDINAL	HUCKLEBERRY	MEADOWLARK	LUTZ	MT. PLEASANT	STRAUSSER
CARDINAL HILL	FAWN	LAKE O'SPRINGS	LUTZ	STRAUSSER	PORTAGE
CARDINAL HILL	SEEL	SANDPIPER	MEADOWLARK	WREN	CARDINAL
CHANNEL	OAK	N.E. END	MEIGS	BRICKER	NORTH END
CLUB HOUSE	ROLLING GREEN	WEST CDS	OAK	ISLAND DR	CHANNEL
EAST BLVD.	FULTON	OVERLOOK	OAK	CHANNEL	CDS
EAST BLVD.	OVERLOOK	STUBER	ORIOLE	HUCKLEBERRY	BOB WHITE
EAST BLVD.	STUBER	VILLA PODOVA	PAULDING	LUTZ	EAST CDS
EAST BLVD.	VILLA PODOVA	WEST BLVD.	PINE CREEK	LAKE O'SPRINGS	REDFORD
FAWN	STRAUSSER	SOUTH END	PORT JACKSON	SHUFFEL	CURB SECTION
FAYETTE	SHADYVIEW	PAULDING	PORTVIEW	STRAUSSER	ASTROJET
FREEDOM AVE	SHUFFEL	450 SOUTH SHUFFEL	PORTVIEW	ASTROJET	CUL DE SAC
FREEDOM AVE	450' SOUTH OF SHUFFEL	500' N. APPLGROVE	RAVINE	CARDINAL HILL	HILLFIELD
FREEDOM AVE	500' NORTH APPLGROVE	APPLGROVE	RAVINE	HIIFIELD	STRAUSSER
FREEDOM AVE	APPLGROVE	400' SOUTH APPLGROVE	REDFORD	NORTH CDS	SANDPIPER
FREEDOM AVE	400' SOUTH APPLGROVE	480' N. PORTAGE	REDFORD	SANDPIPER	SW CDS
FREEDOM AVE	480' NORTH PORTAGE	PORTAGE	REX	EAST END	WEST END
GLORINE	WEST END	HARVEY	ROLLING GREEN	STRAUSSER	SOUTH CDS
GLORINE	HARVEY	WALES	RON CIRCLE	ATHENS	CDS
HARDIN	STRAUSSER	SHADYVIEW	SANDPIPER	STRAUSSER	NORTH CDS
HARVEY	GLORINE	GLORINE	SANDPIPER	STRAUSSER	SOUTH END
HARVEY	GLORINE	PORTAGE	SATELLITE CIR.	ASTROJET	SOUTH END
HILLFIELD	FAWN	RAVINE	SEEL	HILLFIELD	SOUTH END
HILLFIELD	RAVINE	WEST END	SHADYRIDGE	PAULDING	SHADYBROOK
HILLWAY	STRAUSSER	SOUTH END	SHADYVIEW	WEST END	BRICKER
HOLMES	ISLAND NORTH	SOUTH END	SHADYVIEW	BRICKER	PAULDING
HUCKLEBERRY	LAKE O'SPRINGS	WALES	SHELBY	ATHENS	LUTZ
			SOUTH ISLAND	EAST END	SOUTH END
			WACKERILY	EVERHARD	HILLS & DALES
			WEST BLVD	LAKE O'SPRINGS	EAST BLVD
			WHIPPOORWILL	FRANK	WREN
			WREN	HUCKLEBERRY	WHIPPOORWILL

## CUSTOM EQUIPMENT FABRICATION

During this past winter, Highway Division employee Rick Holla utilized some very special talent to design and assemble two very useful pieces of steel equipment.

A lightweight extra-long trailer was fabricated by Rick to haul drainage pipe.

Rick also assembled a large box container to fit on a truck bed to catch leaves and wood chipping debris during roadside cleanup. Thank you Rick.



## HISTORY ALONG JACKSON ROADS

As we drive the roadways in Jackson Township we pass markers of the past activities and ownerships. We also pass homes with attractive custom ornaments and decorations. Perhaps the oldest is the boulder with a stainless steel plate marking Indian Territory on the south side of Erie and 200 feet east of Smithview.



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## HISTORY ALONG JACKSON ROADS *continued*

A stone with a plaque marks the George Washington Bicentennial 1732 – 1932, and was placed by the Canal Fulton Farm Womens' Club at the corner of Lafayette (SR236) and Butterbridge.



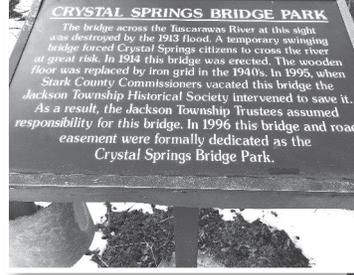
Two original farm lane entry pillars that were located north of Portage at Meadowlands records the owners from 1776 through 1943. The developer nicely located these stones on the northwest corner.

Throughout the Township special interesting tree sculptures have been artistically carved from departed large trees.



## CRYSTAL SPRINGS PARK BRIDGE

A new walking surface was installed on Crystal Springs Bridge making it easier for pedestrians and pets to cross.



**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 26th through Saturday, June 29th

# Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



*Joni Poindexter  
Zoning Inspector*

## RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONS TO YOUR PROPERTY

It's that time of year again where residents are starting construction projects on their property. When planning your projects, remember to obtain any needed approvals and permits before you begin. Zoning permits are required for most types of exterior residential construction or alterations with the exception of home repairs that do not involve structural changes. Failure to obtain the proper zoning permits can result in penalty fees in addition to the zoning permit fee. Some of the most common uses that require permits include the following:

**Fences:** A permit is required for a new or replacement fence. A permit is not required for the repairing of an existing fence.

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

**Other Accessory Structures:** Other accessory structures that require a zoning permit include, but not limited to, temporary carports, swimming pools, hot tubs, pergola's and arbors, gazebo's, temporary storage pods or containers,

outdoor wood burning furnace, outdoor fireplace, decks, and satellite dishes greater than 25 inches in diameter or 491 square inches.

## ZONING STATISTICS FOR 2018

New Residential	81
Residential Alterations and Additions	209
New Commercial	5
Commercial Alterations and Additions	109

## ZONING RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATES

The Zoning Resolution Book as well as permit fees can be found on the Zoning Department page of our website.

The Jackson Township Trustees recently approved text amendment to the zoning resolution book. Some of these changes included, but not limited to, Skill Base Amusement Machines, Congregate Living Developments in the B-3 District, Commercial Trash Containers

in residential districts, expiration of zoning certificates, updating and revamping the signage regulations and re-wording other regulations for clarification purposes.

## THE 2019 JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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

### ZONING COMMISSION

James Conley  
John Weston  
David Thiel  
Chylece Head  
Matthew Sutter  
Justin Gantz-Alternate  
Matthew Williams-Alternate

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets the 2nd and/or 4th Thursday of the month as needed. The Zoning Commission meets the 3rd Thursday of the month as needed. Schedules are posted on our website and the Zoning Department Facebook page.

## MANY TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION ALSO REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT

Township residents should contact the Stark County Building Department at 330-451-1770 for information on building permits. Those properties that have septic systems should contact the Stark County Health Department at 330-493-9904 prior to construction or obtaining a zoning permit to ensure the proposed location will not interfere with the septic system.

## ZONING APPLICATIONS

Zoning Applications can be found on the zoning department page of our website at [www.jacksontwp.com](http://www.jacksontwp.com). Applications can be filled out online but they cannot be submitted directly from the website at this time. Applications that require a site plan or construction plans drawn to scale can be printed and mailed or dropped off at the zoning office with all other required information. Fence or home occupation applications that do not require plans, that must be to scale, can be saved as a PDF and submitted via email along with a site plan to [pprimack@jacksontwp.com](mailto:pprimack@jacksontwp.com). Simple applications such as a temporary sign application can be saved as a PDF and submitted via email to Pat Primack to be processed.

Once an application is processed, you will receive a phone call informing you that the permit is ready for pickup and the cost of the permit. Please feel free to call the zoning office at 330-832-8023 if you have questions.



# Parks and Recreation Division

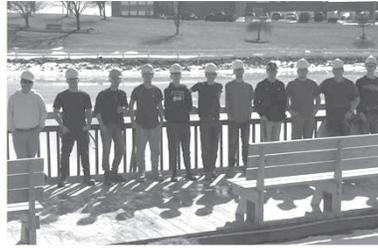


*David R. Ruwadi  
Park Maintenance  
& Grounds Foreman*

## **NORTH PARK DECK REPLACEMENT**

On your next trip to the North Park, you will notice that our deck had a makeover! During the fall and winter months, the Construction Technology Class from Jackson High School installed new decking. Under the direction of Mr. Brian Clevenger, the students learned new skills, techniques, and worked in various weather conditions to complete the project.

*A Huge  
Thank  
You to all  
involved!*



**Construction Technology Class**



**Ariel photo of new North Park deck**

## **NEW NORTH PARK PLAYGROUND**

By the time you read this, our North Park playground will have been upgraded with a complete makeover. In 2018, the Township received a matching grant for \$83,969.24 and the construction of the playground started in early spring of 2019. A grant from ODNR and funding from Jackson Township built the original playground in 1991. In 2002, Crossroads, a group of township moms, upgraded the playground. This playground has something for all and is accessible. *Enjoy!*

## **JACKSON PARKS AND PARK HOURS**



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

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

## **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.jacksontownship.com](http://www.jacksontownship.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.

## **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](http://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.



# 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 - Recap

The Easter Bunny hopped through the Jackson North Park for the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

A Big thank you to the Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts who co-sponsored the event in cooperation with Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Farmers Market	Thursdays, July 11 - October 3, 2019
Community Celebration	June 26 - June 29, 2019
Haunted Hayride	October 19, 2019
Holiday in the Park	December 7, 2019
Santa's Mailbox	December 1 - 15, 2019

## 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.**

**May 31 - Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation**

**July 19 - Small Foot**

**August 9 - Incredibles 2**

*Stay tuned to [www.jacksonstp.com](http://www.jacksonstp.com) and the Township's Facebook page for more details.*

## JACKSON PARKS FISHING DERBY

This year our annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 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.

This is a free event. All registration forms must be received no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2019. 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](http://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 22, 29, and August 5, 12**. 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.



## JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARK SURVEY

WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARK?

PLEASE RATE YOUR TOP THREE

*(1 being most important and 3 the least important)*

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Bocce Ball Courts \_\_\_\_\_

Pickleball Courts \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Cornhole Boards \_\_\_\_\_

Ice Skating Rink \_\_\_\_\_

Disc Golf \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other activities you would like to see:

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### **PARK IMPROVEMENTS:**

Lighted Tennis Courts \_\_\_\_\_

Lighted softball/baseball Fields \_\_\_\_\_

Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Restrooms \_\_\_\_\_

Please list other improvements you would like to see:

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PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED SURVEY TO:

Jackson Township Board of Trustees  
5735 Wales Avenue NW  
Massillon, OH 44646

## JACKSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEY

PLEASE REVIEW THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT AND RATE THOSE YOU FEEL TO BE MOST IMPORTANT.

PLEASE RATE

*(1 being most important and 7 the least important)*

### **SERVICES:**

Detective Bureau \_\_\_\_\_

Illegal Drug interdiction/investigation \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Patrols \_\_\_\_\_

Prescription Drug Take Back Box \_\_\_\_\_

School Safety/School Safety Officers \_\_\_\_\_

Speed/Traffic Enforcement \_\_\_\_\_

Vacation Checks/ Business Checks \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

**THE YARD DEBRIS WASTE SITE OPENED ON MARCH 29, 2019. THE HOURS OF OPERATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Monday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Yard Debris Waste Site Opens For The Season

The site is for residents only! Commercial contractors and non-residents are prohibited from using the site. The same rules and regulations remain in effect as adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 24, 2018. Likewise, the site will be monitored by law enforcement for compliance with the rules and regulations.

### **RULES OF OPERATIONS:**

- Use of site for RESIDENTS only. Be prepared to show proof of residency.
- No commercial lawn and /or commercial tree service may use the site.
- No tree or plant branches larger than two (2') inches in diameter, and longer than four (4') feet.
- No cut trees, logs, stumps, dirt, or stones.
- No construction materials, no treated wood.

### **INSTALLATION OF GATES AND A KEY CARD SYSTEM**

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Township had previously approved the installation of a gated entry system controlled by a key card for the site. However, the installation of the equipment is still ongoing. The goal is to fit the site with a gated entrance and exit, in which entrance to the site will be controlled by a key card issued to residential households in the unincorporated area of Jackson Township. The Jackson Township Administration is working on developing an on-line website link, which will allow residents to register to obtain a key card to access the site. The Board of Trustees established a nominal annual fee for the key card as follows:

**On-line registration: \$10.00**

**In-person registration: \$20.00**

Key cards will have to be picked up in person at the Jackson Township Administration Building during normal hours of operation.

As we transition to the new key card system, we ask residents to monitor the Township's website and Facebook page for additional announcements regarding the registration process.

**ONCE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE IS READY, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE TO RESIDENTS TO BEGIN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.**

*Thank you for your cooperation.*



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## Postal Customer

### TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY...

[www.jacksontwp.com](http://www.jacksontwp.com)

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#### FISCAL OFFICER/

**Economic Development Director**                      330-832-5886  
Randy Gonzalez                      rgonzalez@jacksontwp.com

#### TOWNSHIP HALL:                      5735 WALES AVE. N.W.

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330-834-3950 • thogue@jacksontwp.com

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: 7383 FULTON DRIVE N.W.**  
330-834-3960 • mbrink@jacksontwp.com

Fire, Police or Medical Emergency 911

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Canton Office 222 Market Ave. N.W. 330-456-7253  
[www.cantonchamber.org](http://www.cantonchamber.org)

**PAUL & CAROL DAVID YMCA, JACKSON TWP.**  
7389 Caritas Circle N.W. 330-830-6275

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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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House Number Placement:  Vertical  Horizontal