



# Jackson Township *Newsletter*

FALL  
2016

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## *A Message from your Jackson Township Officials*

### **FIRE GRANT KEEPS THE FOCUS ON TOWNSHIP SAFETY**

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On September 8, 2016, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees accepted a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG). The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

In 2012 the Jackson Fire Department took the lead as the host agency for seeking the AFG grant for new radio equipment. Federal requirements will require emergency safety services to migrate from existing UHF and VHF systems to 800 MHZ systems. Emergency safety services will be required to move to the new platform by 2018. These new platforms better support safety and rescue services in emergency situations by increasing interoperability with other neighboring emergency agencies. Jackson Fire Department's current UHF radio system is approximately thirty years old.

This was not the first time Jackson Fire Department in conjunction with neighboring communities applied for this grant. In 2012, 2013 and 2014 these attempts were all denied by FEMA for various reasons. Each denial made the departments more determined to gather more needed data, information and develop better narratives to prove to FEMA this radio system was much needed for community safety and communications between public safety agencies.

On August 5, 2016, Jackson Fire Department received official notification that it and the surrounding community departments were awarded

\$695,069.00 of which \$272,850.00 would come directly to the Jackson Township Fire Department for the purchase of mobile radios, portable radios, base stations and mobile repeaters. The receipt of this grant is a significant savings to the Jackson Township Community not only in tax dollars but it also now allows the Jackson Police Department and Jackson Fire Department to be on the same radio platform which increases the overall safety for the Township. Equipment purchase, installation and training is slated for completion by early 2017.

In support of our citizens and first responders, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees recognize the success in obtaining this grant required the Jackson Fire Department, under the direction of Chief Hogue, to work together as a team and with our outside partnerships to ensure our capacity to be prepared to protect and respond to all emergencies. Specifically we would like to thank the following for their support and contribution:

- Senator Sherrod Brown*
- Congressman Jim Renacci*
- Jackson Township Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez*
- Massillon Fire Chief Tom Burgasser*
- Jackson Township Battalion Chief Scott Morton*



Left to right: Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Trustee Todd J. Hawke, Trustee James N. Walters, Fire Chief Tracy Hogue, Trustee John E. Pizzino

# Jackson Township Fire Department News



**Tracy R. Hogue**  
Fire Chief

The Jackson Township Fire Department and its staff want to ensure your holidays are safe for you to enjoy family and friends. For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. From testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations. So keeping fire safety at the top of mind in the kitchen

during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there is a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

- In 2013, Thanksgiving Day was the leading date for home cooking fires with 1,550, 230% above the average number of fires per day.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.
- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated civilian injuries and was the third leading cause of home fire deaths.
- Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in 38% of home Christmas tree fires.
- One-fifth of the decoration fires started in the kitchen. One out of six started in the living room, family room or den.
- The top three days for home candle fires were Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

## CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) CLASSES

*Want to make a difference?  
Want to get involved?*



Did you know that the Jackson Township Fire Department conducts both CPR & First Aid Classes? Both of these courses are in accordance with the American Heart Association

Standards. The cost for each is \$35.00. Whether you are a business looking to train your entire staff or a resident looking to learn the newest life saving standards.

**Contact the Jackson Township Fire Department at 330-834-3950 to register.**

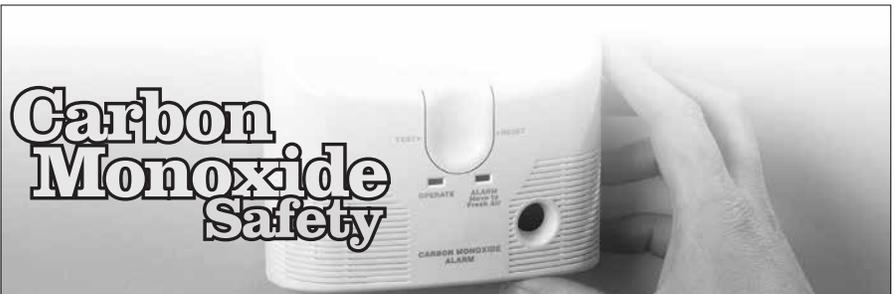
## CARBON MONOXIDE

Along with the increase in fires over the holidays the Jackson Township Fire Department wants to make sure you are educated on the danger of carbon monoxide. Although the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home.

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

**Please follow the Carbon Monoxide safety sheet below from the National Fire Protection Association.**

*From all of us at the Jackson Township Fire Department and our families... to you, have a safe, joyous and blessed holiday season. Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue*



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- » CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- » Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- » Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- » Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- » Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- » If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- » If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- » If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- » During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- » A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- » Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ① A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ① In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

## PROMOTION

The Jackson Township Fire Department is pleased to have promoted Dave Greegor to Captain. Captain Greegor has been a full-time member of the department since October, 2003. Along with his firefighting and paramedic duties, Captain Greegor has been an active member of the Jackson Firefighters Honor Guard. Captain Greegor's responsibilities now include overseeing the personnel and apparatus assigned to one of the five fire stations that protect Jackson Township.



Left to Right: Deputy Chief Mike Crable, Deputy Chief Tim Berczik, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas A. Ross, Fire Chief Tracy Hogue.

## HIRING

The promotion of Captain Greegor created a vacancy in the full-time firefighter/paramedic ranks. In late August, part-time Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Ross was promoted to fill the full-time opening. After a week of orientation, Tom was assigned to shift duty.

## RETIREMENT

Long-time firefighter/paramedic Todd Osugi retired this summer. The department wants to thank him for all his years of service.

## UNDERSTANDING THE "CHAIN OF SURVIVAL"

If you've ever taken a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class the phrase "Chain of Survival" may have been used in a passing capacity as a means to explain the importance of calling 911 early during any emergency event. Shortly after entering the year of 2016, the Jackson Township community exemplified this concept.



As several Township residents were taking advantage of the pleasant weather and enjoying a walk in the Jackson North Park, they witnessed a fellow walker collapse in the parking lot. Without hesitation, these good Samaritans rushed to provide aid. As they began assessing

the situation, another bystander immediately dialed 911. Implementing the proper CPR technique began the "Chain of Survival" sequence.

A Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) med-unit was on scene within four minutes staffed with paramedic personnel. Initially working with the good Samaritans, care was transferred to the EMS members. Advanced cardiac care followed, as well as the use of a chest compression device that had been purchased last year with State grant monies.



Again, following the "Chain of Survival" method, the patient was quickly transported to a local medical facility for more definitive care. The patient thrived and was able to return home.

Jackson Township is made up of great people; those willing to step in and assist others as needed. Without these good Samaritans initial involvement, the quick response and treatment by the paramedic members, along with the follow-up care, the "Chain of Survival" would have been broken in this incident.

Everyone is encouraged to learn CPR. You never know whose life could be saved! *Deputy Chief Tim Berczik*

# Jackson Township Police Department



**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**  
**Chief Mark Brink**



**Police Chief Mark Brink**

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Jackson Township Police Department would like to take this opportunity to thank “our” community and those that are employed and/or frequent the township. In light of the tragic events involving law enforcement that occurred in Texas and Louisiana this has been a difficult time. We want you to know that the officers of the Jackson Township Police Department take great pride in building partnerships with the community. We also stress the importance of providing quality service to those that call on us for whatever the reason. As of late, our officers have been overwhelmed and humbled with the level of support from the community.

The officers of the Jackson Township Police Department realize we are fortunate to work in such an excellent community that supports our efforts. Please know that your recent support has been noticed and it is very much appreciated!!

## JACKSON POLICE AND JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Since January 2013, our officers have been encouraged to stop in and visit our schools during their daily shifts. Since that time officers have visited our schools 1,400 times. The visits are in addition to our full-time School Resource Officer, Tonya Marketich-Leon. Retired officers Danny Sturia and John Angelo have returned as part-time officers and will be working in our elementary schools. During summer break they will be assigned to the road patrol or the Detective Bureau. We will also have officers assigned to our middle school. So if you see a police car at our schools don't be alarmed. It is an effort to heighten the safety and security within our school buildings. We feel we must do everything possible to keep our children safe and provide a secure environment.

## POLICE SUV CRUISERS

Over the past couple of years, the Jackson Township Police Department has begun to transition from the Ford Crown Victoria to the Ford SUV Interceptor. There are several advantages in the change of vehicles. First and foremost, the SUV's are all wheel drive, which is a huge advantage for us during our typical northeast Ohio winters. Officers have repeatedly complimented the way in which the cruisers handle the hazardous roadways. The new SUV's have a 6-cylinder engine, which provides a savings in the annual gasoline budget. The improved storage permits officers to carry the equipment needed to perform our job in the field, and the officers are able to comfortably drive and operate these vehicles. These vehicles are also being equipped with a divided rear seat, allowing dual transport of prisoners. We tried several other sedans and most officers prefer the Police Interceptor SUV.



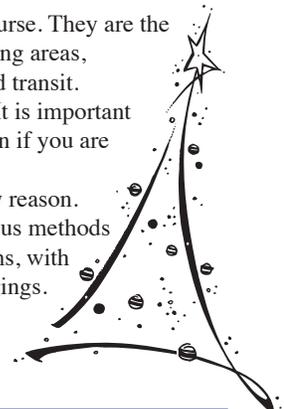
## POLICE EXPLORING PROGRAM

The Jackson Township Police Department has a youth division Exploring Program. The Learning for Life Program has youth members who are interested in law enforcement as a career and is a division of The Boy Scouts of America. Members are between 14 and 15 years of age and starting 9th grade, and ends when they reach the age of 21. During the meetings, the members learn how officers do their jobs by sharing the career of law enforcement. Instruction includes both classroom and hands on training. The members also attend a state law enforcement competition. During this competition, these individuals have the opportunity to display their knowledge in the areas that they have been instructed. The members assist the department with the Community Celebration, HOF events, Safety Village, and Cops 4 Kids. The meetings are held every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Safety Center, 7383 Fulton Dr. N.W., Massillon, Ohio, 44646. This program is open to all communities and not limited to only Jackson Township residents. For more information please contact Officer John Angelo at 330-834-3960.

## HOW TO KEEP FROM BECOMING A HOLIDAY CRIME VICTIM

*The following tips can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.*

- Try to shop during the day, but if you do shop at night, do not do it alone.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible. Consider bringing a security travel pouch instead.
- Always carry your driver's license or identification along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Recognize when you are rushed, distracted and stressed out, and stay alert to what is going on around you.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- If you discover that a credit card is missing, notify the credit card company as soon as possible. Don't assume that you misplaced it and will find it later.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion if you are approached.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con artists may try various methods of distracting you, including working in teams, with the intention of taking your money or belongings.



## NEW HIRES - FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS



Part-time Officer Mary E. Bolgrin was sworn in as a full-time officer on August 23, 2016. Officer Bolgrin has worked as a part-time officer since February 2016.

**Left to right: Full-time Police Officer Mary E. Bolgrin, Police Chief Mark Brink**

Part-time Officer Lucas S. Shanklin was sworn in as a full-time officer on September 13, 2016. Officer Shanklin has worked as a part-time officer since January 2015.

**Left to right: Trustee Todd J. Hawke, Full-time Police Officer Lucas S. Shanklin**



# COMMUNITY STRONG

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



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## PAUL & CAROL DAVID YMCA

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330 830 6275 ymcastark.org

# Jackson Township Public Works Department Jackson Township Highway Division



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

## HIGHWAY VISIBILITY & SAFETY

The ability of drivers to drive safely on all roads is created and assisted by good visibility. Road design engineers develop roads so hills and curves provide proper advance sight distances. Drivers are assisted with good advance signage and clear lane markings. Driveways, intersecting roads, pedestrians, bicycles, etc. must be seen and recognized well in advance of the driver's progress.

Residents can assist with good visibility by not planting or carefully planting and trimming of small bushes, trees, and structures adjacent to driveways, roadways, and intersections. When trees with leaves and bushes continue to grow larger it reduces our ability to see signage, hidden hazards, and other moving obstacles. Parked vehicles can also add to this problem.

Trimming or removal of trees and bushes becomes necessary when the continuous growth of trees and bushes are overlooked. The Highway Division encourages the trimming of your landscape along your personal property and your notifications to the Highway Division of visually blocked signage and trees encroaching on your driving visibility. Your Highway Division further assists by mowing and trimming along the Township public roadways.



## FALL LEAF SEASON



Residents can enter the Jackson Township yard waste debris drop-off area in South Park from Fulton Drive. The fall leaf season is here, and for your safety please be cautious driving through the drop-off area as it becomes very congested during this time of year. Currently the site is open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk through the end of November. The winter season drop-off hours then become 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM until March 31, 2017. Remember to dispose of biodegradable materials only. A remote camera is in place to monitor the operations. Safe maneuvering in this busy area always requires patience and care of drivers.

You may have noticed the drop-off area surface had a major repair this summer. The repair was needed due to heavy machinery operation.

## 2016 CONSTRUCTION SEASON HAS GONE WELL

The Township resurfacing contract was publicly bid at a value of \$1,375,866 and has been completed on 18.77 miles of Township roadway, which included curbing repair and striping of these roads.

Curbing replacement contract was completed on another 2,847 feet of Township roadway at a contracted value of \$79,659.

Striping of the remaining roadways outside of the above resurfacing contract was completed for \$36,921. This brings the Jackson Township striped roadways to 40 miles. Center lines, edge lines, arrows, and stop lines were added to assist with safe driving.

The Stark County Engineer resurfaced Portage Street from Wise Avenue west to Lorraine Avenue complete with striping. Strausser Street was resurfaced from Frank Avenue to Lake O'Springs and from Wales Avenue to Arlington including Revere from High Mill to Lafayette. These roadways are under Stark County Engineer jurisdiction and do not utilize Jackson Township funding. A large storm sewer has connected Hills & Dales road drainage to the outlet at 38th Street NW. This joint project was funded by an OPWC grant with equal funding from Jackson Township, Plain Township, and the Stark County Commissioners.

Jackson Township highway maintenance employees were busy repairing numerous catch basins and poor sections of deteriorating asphalt and also did mowing and trimming.

Signage upkeep, repair and replacement have been ongoing. In 2014 the Township was awarded \$46,085 through ODOT towards Township signage upgrades.

## SNOW PARKING BAN

The snow parking ban will again be in effect for all Jackson Township roadways anytime snow has become or is expected to be 2" deep or more. Notice will again be posted and announced through local media outlets, the Township's website and Facebook page when the snow-parking ban is in effect. Vehicles left in the streets will be towed. Jackson Township sincerely requests your cooperation in vehicle movement to allow proper plowing and salting. If parking for your several vehicles is a problem, now is the time to solve the problem.



## WINTER IS COMING!

All trucks and salting equipment have been inspected and prepared for the upcoming winter season for Township de-icing and plowing responsibilities. The drivers have been retrained for safety and have reviewed their snow routes for efficient and careful management. The road salt stockpile is full and is ready when needed. The cost of salt this year is \$54.87 per ton with the estimated requirement of 7,000 tons for the season on Jackson Township's 203 miles of roadway. The Stark County Engineer and ODOT are responsible for another 104 miles of roadway in Jackson Township.

## CLEAN WATER BENEFITS

**The Federal Clean Water Act is in effect and requires our residents' cooperation. The cost of protecting our watersheds is far less than restoring the downstream damaged waters. There are many benefits of clean water management.**

### HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE

Healthy watersheds and streamside areas provide clean water and habitat for fish, amphibians, birds, and insects, and offer green corridors that connect animal and bird populations to food and water sources. Maintaining healthy watersheds also makes economic sense. Healthy watersheds serve as refuges where people spend money to fish, boat, hike, and pursue other recreation opportunities.

### BETTER RESILIENCE AGAINST STORMS AND FLOODS

Healthy watersheds tend to suffer less damage from floods, fires, and other natural disasters, thereby reducing costs to communities.

### LOWER DRINKING WATER TREATMENT COSTS

Protecting aquifer recharge zones and surface water sources reduces drinking water treatment costs. For every 10 percent increase in forest cover, the chemical and treatment costs decrease by 20 percent according to a survey of 27 different water treatment utilities (Ernst, et. al., 2004).

## 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.

*The theme for 2016 is*  
**"USE THE FORCE TO BATTLE STORM WATER POLLUTION"**

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 battle storm water pollution in 2016. Look for storm water educational information on our website [www.jacksontownship.com](http://www.jacksontownship.com).

Jackson Township was represented by Joni Poindexter, Jackson Township Zoning Inspector, at the 2016 Stark County Home and Garden Show in March. The PIPE Committee had a display booth with information to educate the public on this year's theme "Use the Force to Battle Storm Water Pollution".



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

*“Thank you”  
to the residents  
of Jackson  
Township  
for your  
support of our  
Park System.*

## Parks and Recreation Division

### PARK PROJECTS IN 2016

The park division was busy in 2016 working on many projects to improve the park system. Come out to the North and South Parks to see the new completed projects.

#### SOUTH PARK

- Completed the white vinyl fence
- New steel roof on pavilion “B” in South Park

#### NORTH PARK

- Repaved the green multipurpose path
- New roof on the restrooms and main pavilion
- Water line extension
- Tennis courts repaired/resurfaced/restriped



Michael Jay Danner  
Memorial Gazebo



North Park Gazebo



South Park



North Park

### PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Beginning January 3, 2017, you can turn in your pavilion application forms or submit them electronically through our website to reserve any of the four Jackson Township park pavilions. Reservations will not be taken over the phone and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

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

### JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

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

#### JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS:

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

Beginning December 1 through February 28, North Park will be open sunrise to 8:00 p.m.

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

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



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

### RECAP ON SUMMER PARK PROGRAMS

#### GARDENING WITH ZEST

This summer’s program provided the community with education that focused on six different gardening topics. The program was an approved continuing education program for accredited Stark County Master Gardener Volunteers. We had over one-hundred people in attendance for the programs that were offered through a collaborative effort of the Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division and the Ohio State University Extension Stark County Master Gardener Volunteer Program. Thanks for your support of this program and see you next year.



#### MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Parks and Recreation Division hosted two Movies in North Park this summer. In June, we worked with ArtsinStark, Arts Council to host a Mini-Fest with live music from the Dean James Band, had art-making activities, genius challenges, and a visit from the Jackson Polar Bear “History Herd.” The July movie included food trucks that served up their delicious and creative cuisine, games and Touch-A-Truck activities to keep families busy until the movie started. We were very disappointed to have to cancel the August movie due to inclement weather. Look for Movies In The Park events to return next year.

#### CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASSES

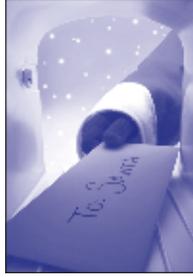
Area preschoolers were very busy this summer enjoying exercising, singing and doing creative movements with Barb Craven, owner of the Craven Dance Studio.



## UPCOMING PARK PROGRAMS

### SANTA'S MAILBOX ON DISPLAY IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

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



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

### HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in North Park on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus! North Park is located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School.

This **FREE** holiday event is sponsored by Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division, Jackson Girl Scouts Service Unit, and Crosspoint United Methodist Church.

**For additional information regarding "Holiday in the Park", please call the Jackson Township Parks at (330) 832-2845, or visit the parks web page at [www.jacksontwp.com](http://www.jacksontwp.com).**

## THANK YOU FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The continued support of the residents and local businesses of Jackson Township contributed to a very successful 2016 Community Celebration. This year's attendance was over 60,000 for the four-day event. Thanks to MCTV for their major sponsorship. Over 1,800 participated in the 5K Nightglow Run and the car show had ninety-three participants.

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

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



## SAVE *the* DATE

Next year's Jackson Township Community Celebration is scheduled for June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, 2017.

### MISSION BBQ PRESENTS CHECKS TO THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY FORCES

The Jackson Township Police and Fire Departments would like to thank Mission BBQ for their fundraiser evenings prior to the restaurant's official grand opening. Both evenings were attended by firefighters and law enforcement personnel to support each other's events.

Thank you again to the Mission BBQ management and employees for their ongoing support of our safety forces and welcome to the Jackson Township community.



*"Thank you" Mission BBQ*



# Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



*Joni Poindexter  
Zoning Inspector*

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

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

The Zoning Commission considers and makes recommendations to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees in connection with any request to rezone property (map amendment), or any request to change the zoning resolution (text amendment).

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) acts upon appeals from a decision or determination of the zoning inspector, considers applications for variances and the granting of conditional use permits.

The Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals are comprised of five regular members that are appointed for a staggering five-year term and two alternates that are appointed for a one-year term. The alternates are required to attend all meetings; however, only participate in the absence of a regular member.

## **CERTIFICATE OF PERMITTED USE FOR BUSINESS USES**

All businesses in the township are required to obtain a Certificate of Permitted Use in order to operate a business in Jackson Township. It is important to ensure that all businesses obtain this permit prior to opening. Not only does it permit the business to operate at a specific location, but also gives the safety services all the important contact information in case of an emergency.

**SIGNS** With the holidays just around the corner it is understandable that businesses want to advertise their holiday specials. All signage located on the outside of a building or structure requires a permit. Between January 1 and November 16 businesses are permitted to obtain four temporary sign permits for 15 days each. Between November 17 and December 31 businesses are permitted to obtain three temporary sign permits for 15 days each. Only one temporary sign is permitted per permit and only one permit may be obtained at a time. Signs must be located a minimum of 5 ft. from any road right-of-way and shall not obstruct the view of traffic. The application can be found on the zoning department page at [www.jacksonowp.com](http://www.jacksonowp.com).

## **New Businesses Coming to the Township**

**Starbucks/Blaze Pizza**  
5125 Dressler Road NW

**The Human Bean**  
4301 Whipple Avenue NW

**Bubba's 33**  
4721 Dressler Road NW

**Employers Health**  
4771 Fulton Drive NW



The Jackson Township Fire, Police, Public Works, and Zoning Departments have joined the Jackson Township Board of Trustees with Facebook pages. These pages have very useful information about all departments.

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



## Jackson Township Recycling Station

### “THANK YOU’S” ARE IN ORDER



**Steve DeJane**  
*Recycling Station Manager*

We, at the Jackson Township Recycle Station, want to show our appreciation in a multitude of ways! First and foremost, we would like to thank Jackson Township residents, as well as the surrounding communities that donate their recyclables here at the station. Secondly, we would like to express our appreciation to the Jackson Township Trustees for extending our property and building lease, and to the voluntary Board of Directors for overseeing operations and making valuable decisions to maintain operations.

A “special thank you” to Mark Dickerhoof, of D&H Plumbing and Brad Cioca, of Cioca Electric, Inc., for donating the time and labor to repair our aluminum can crusher. Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Solid Waste District granted approval for a new cardboard crusher. This is an outstanding upgrade to our facility, improving safety and reducing energy costs. Buehler’s Fresh Foods of Nobles Pond has been an excellent community supporter and we appreciate their cooperative efforts with the July 2016 E-Waste Recycling Drive. Over 13,000 lbs. of TV’s and electronic consumer waste (anything with a plug) were donated by the community in about 5 hours.

In early spring 2016, the voluntary Board of Directors discussed, reviewed and approved a “GoFundMe” donation account set up by Melanie Essig, volunteer for advertising, grants and marketing. The funds donated to our “GoFundMe” page will be used to support costs not covered by grants. **The link to the account is:**  
<https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/jacksontwprecycle>.

We greatly appreciate any donations to help support valuable environmental efforts within the Jackson Township community.

***Just a friendly reminder, our hours are:***

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 am to 5 pm,  
and Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm.  
We are closed on Wednesday and Sunday.**

We look forward to our supporters visiting our Facebook page listed under Jackson Township Recycle Station. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/JacksonTwpRecycling>.

We are at 206 “Likes” and growing! If you have any questions about our donation list or other areas of concern, don’t hesitate to call us at 330.833.7365.

Have a safe and fantastic fall and winter! Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Steve DeJane, *Jackson Recycling Station Manager*  
330-833-7365

Email: [recycle@sssnet.com](mailto:recycle@sssnet.com)



## THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET

Even though this year’s summer weather was hot and humid, it did not stop the steady stream of customers shopping during the seventh year of the Jackson Township Farmers Market. We had a record number of vendors who brought a variety of items to choose from. This year’s market was the most successful season yet. We had vendors selling large varieties of home grown fruits and vegetables, hydroponic lettuce, herbs, delicious homemade baked goods, local honey, maple syrup, grass fed beef, pastured pork & poultry, bee products, natural body products, and beautiful flowers.

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



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

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





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**THE DAVID YMCA HAS A CONFERENCE ROOM AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE.**

**See the below guidelines and reservation information.**

1. Free to any Jackson Township community group up to 40 people.
2. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance and booked no more than 2 months in advance.
3. The Room is available for Jackson Twp. community group meetings (not parties).
4. The Room must be left in the condition it is found.
5. The Y reserves the right to cancel or limit a group meeting if these conditions are not met or that the Y Code of Conduct is not followed.
6. Non-members attending scheduled meetings are limited to use of the conference room only.
7. The availability of the conference room will be reassessed in December 2016 and procedures will be adjusted as needed.
8. Terms of agreement must be signed in person at Y Front Desk by a responsible party before meeting commences.
9. Reservations are subject to room availability.

**CONTACTS FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:**

**Debbie Sharkey (Membership Director), [dsharkey@ymcastark.org](mailto:dsharkey@ymcastark.org)**  
**Jasmine Johnson, (Associate Membership Director), [jjohnson@ymcastark.org](mailto:jjohnson@ymcastark.org)**  
**Phone: 330-830-6275**

**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 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**

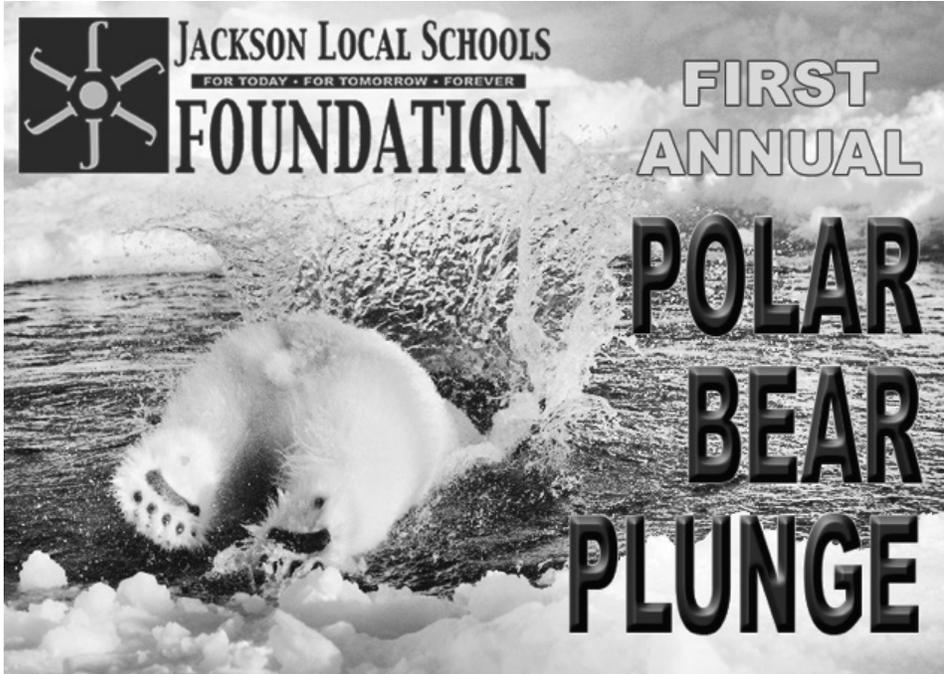
Business Card size:	\$ 150.00
One fourth (1/4) page:	\$ 250.00
One half (1/2) page:	\$ 500.00
Full page:	\$1,000.00

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

# GET FREEZIN' FOR A GOOD REASON

The Jackson Local Schools (JLS) Foundation is sponsoring an exciting fundraising event. All individuals or teams (school, business, athletic, social, civic, church, etc.) are invited to participate. Simply choose one or more jumper for your group and collect pledges to split 50/50 between your charity and the JLS Foundation. On February 11, 2017, the daring jumpers will leap into the icy waters of Lake Cable. Applications available soon.



## ~ DETAILS: ~

- Jumpers will not only receive recognition, but also a personal souvenir marking their daring endeavor.
- Too afraid to jump but want to contribute? Our “chicken” will jump for you.
- The Jackson Fire Department will have a water rescue team in place for jumpers’ safety.
- Jumpers are encouraged to wear silly costumes for the jump.
- Consider volunteering to work on the Polar Bear Plunge committee. Call 330-830-8075. We guarantee it will be great fun.

**NOTE: All JLS Foundation funds are used to enhance educational opportunities for the students of Jackson Local Schools.**

# HALLOWEEN

## TRICK OR TREAT

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP'S

Halloween  
Trick or Treat  
will be held on:

Sunday,  
October 30, 2016

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



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330-834-3950 • thogue@jacksontwp.com

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330-834-3960 • mbrink@jacksontwp.com

Fire, Police or Medical Emergency 911

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Jackson Office 5735 Wales Rd. N.W. 330-833-4400  
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[www.cantonchamber.org](http://www.cantonchamber.org)

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7389 Caritas Circle N.W. 330-830-6275

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

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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

*Disclaimer: Advertisements published in the Jackson Township Newsletter in no way constitute an endorsement of a product or service by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees. For information about advertising opportunities, please contact Mary Reno at 330-832-7416.*

### 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

House Number: \_\_\_\_\_

House Number Placement:  Vertical  Horizontal