



Jackson Township *Newsletter*

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2016

We make things happen!

A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

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JACKSON TRUSTEES ORGANIZE FOR 2016

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Board for 2016, 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, Todd J. Hawke, President, James N. Walters, Trustee, and John E. Pizzino, Vice President

TRUSTEES AND FISCAL OFFICER WISH LONG TIME TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR MARILYN LYON BEST WISHES IN HER RETIREMENT

Marilyn began her career with Jackson Township in January of 1982 in an administrative position in the Zoning Department and for the Board of Trustees. In 1993, Jackson Township Trustees Randy Gonzalez, John Hoffman, and Alan McClurg appointed Marilyn as the first Township Administrator in Jackson Township's history. She worked in that position until her retirement on December 31, 2015. During her last Trustees meeting on December 22, 2015, the current Board of Trustees praised Marilyn for her level of professionalism



(Left to Right) Trustee John E. Pizzino, Trustee Todd J. Hawke, Retiring Township Administrator Marilyn J. Lyon, Trustee James N. Walters, and Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez

and dedication to Jackson Township and wished her the best in her retirement. Marilyn's immediate plans for retirement are to relax and enjoy life with her husband Jim.

TRUSTEES APPOINT NEW TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Michael B. Vaccaro took over the position of Township Administrator on January 1, 2016. Mr. Vaccaro began his career with the Township on October 31, 2013 as the Law Director and will continue to work in that capacity for the Township. If you would like to contact Mr. Vaccaro you can do so by calling 330-832-7416 or emailing him at mvaccaro@jacksontwp.com.



(Left to right) Retiring Township Administrator Marilyn J. Lyon and New Township Administrator/Law Director Michael B. Vaccaro

FISCAL OFFICER RANDY GONZALEZ SWORN IN BY TRUSTEES

Jackson Township Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez was sworn in to begin his fourth full term. Gonzalez took the oath of office from Jackson Trustee John Pizzino. Holding the family Bible were Gonzalez' grandsons, Lucas and Logan. Randy noted that his son Kody Gonzalez (Father of Lucas and Logan) held the Bible back in 1988 when he was previously sworn in as a Jackson Township Trustee.



(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez was sworn in by Jackson Trustee John Pizzino

Gonzalez was elected in 2001 to fill the unexpired term of Fiscal Officer, and has held the office ever since.



The Gonzalez Family at the swearing in ceremony.

TRUSTEE WALTERS GRATEFUL FOR THIRD TERM

This past November, Trustee James N. Walters was overwhelmingly re-elected to a third term by Jackson voters.

Walters said, "I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our Jackson community as trustee. It is an honor to serve and I will continue to work hard to make Jackson the best place to live, work, play and worship for all our families."



(Left or right) Trustee James N. Walters was sworn-in by Municipal Court Judge, the Honorable C. Roland Centrene.

Trustee Walters and his wife Katy are the parents of daughter Zoë, who is a 7th grader at Jackson Memorial Middle School, and son Nash, a 3rd grader at Sauder Elementary School. Their family is very active throughout our community, schools and church.

Jackson Township Fire Department News

“THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT”



Tracy R. Hogue
Fire Chief

On behalf of the Jackson Township Fire Department, Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Administration we thank you, the voters for supporting the November 2015 fire levy. It is through your support of the fire department that we can continue to answer calls for service, provide fire protection, paramedic transport, building inspections, and public education in this thriving community. As a lifelong resident of this township, I promise that my staff and I will be good stewards with your tax dollars and will continue to provide the best service possible.

To illustrate the significance of a fire department in your community, I would like to share with you the “FIRES IN THE U.S.” statistics from the National Fire Protection Association.

“FIRES IN THE U.S.”

- In 2014, there were 1,298,000 fires reported in the United States. These fires caused 3,275 civilian deaths, 15,775 civilian injuries, and \$11.6 billion in property damage.
 - ✓ 494,000 were structure fires, causing 2,860 civilian deaths, 13,425 civilian injuries, and \$9.8 billion in property damage.
 - ✓ 193,500 were vehicle fires, causing 345 civilian fire deaths, 1,450 civilian fire injuries, and \$1.5 billion in property damage.
 - ✓ 610,500 were outside and other fires, causing 70 civilian fire deaths, 900 civilian fire injuries, and \$237 million in property damage.
- According to the National Fire Protection Agency’s 2014 U.S. Fire Loss Clock a fire department responded to a fire every 24 seconds.
 - ✓ One home structure fire was reported every 86 seconds.
 - ✓ One civilian fire injury was reported every 33 minutes.
 - ✓ One civilian fire death occurred every 2 hours and 41 minutes.
 - ✓ One outside and other fire was reported every 52 seconds.
 - ✓ One highway vehicle fire was reported every 3 minutes 8 seconds.

We may never eliminate fire and the resulting devastation, but we can minimize the impact it has in our community! Thank you for your continued support!

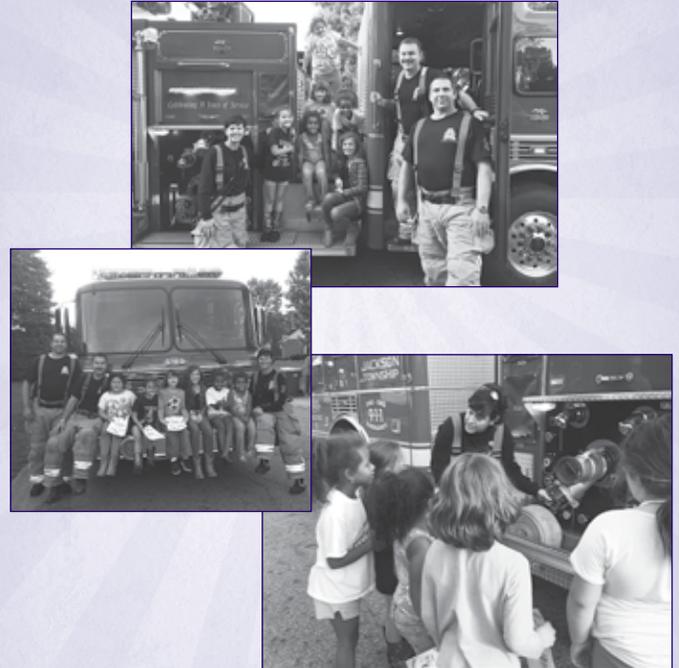
THANK YOU!

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



FIRE ENGINE 5 CREW

Fire Engine 5 crew Captain Harrison, Firefighters Dan Adams and Dawn Shaffer visited with neighborhood children after a call to talk about their jobs as firefighters.



NEW FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER

Patrick O’Donnell, pictured with his family, was sworn in as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic with the Jackson Township Fire Department. Firefighter O’Donnell served as a part-time Firefighter with the department for several years prior to his full-time appointment on December 9, 2015.



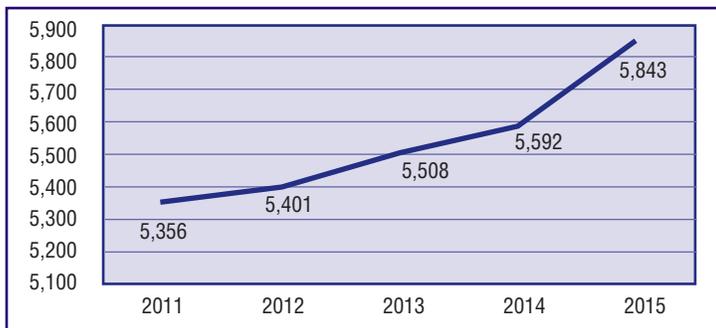
The O’Donnell Family



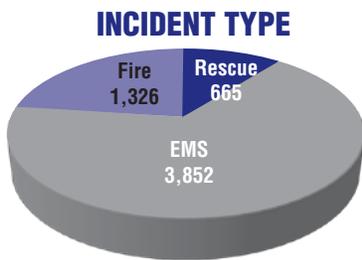
(Left to right) Full-time Firefighter Patrick O’Donnell being sworn in by Trustee James Walters

Congratulations and best wishes for a safe and prosperous career!

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT 2015 CALL VOLUME

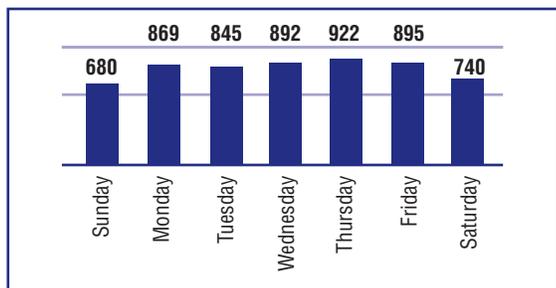


The Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) has seen a continuous increase in calls for service over the years. This year topped out at 5,843 calls. The members of the JTFD are dual-role state certified as both firefighters and paramedics. This allows them to handle a variety of calls from residential house fires and vehicle accidents to severe emergency medical calls. As depicted in the chart, the majority of the calls for service have been medically related. Of these, 433 incidents were cardiac related; 862 sustained a traumatic injury. Of the 1,326 non-EMS/Fire related responses, 98 were confirmed fires; this includes structure, vehicle, and other miscellaneous outdoor types.



The department remained extremely busy and consistent throughout the year. Thursdays appear to have been the busiest day of the week. Consistent with past years, Sunday had the least amount of calls for assistance.

The JTFD is made up of highly motivated and dedicated firefighter/paramedics. They remain on-duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week protecting the citizens of Jackson Township.



JACKSON FIRE EXPO 2016



On January 16 and 17, 2016 firefighters representing multiple fire departments from all around the state of Ohio gathered for a two-day educational event held at Jackson High School. For the past twenty-one years, Jackson Township Firefighters have been leading the way in educating themselves, as well as other members of the fire service by hosting and providing this annual event.

This year's program brought two nationally known speakers that spoke on Fire & EMS Response to an Active Shooter Event and Modern Fire Attack Approach to Newer Construction. State required continuing education credit for

the 285 firefighter and EMS personnel attending this two-day training seminar was provided through Affinity Medical Center and the Stark County Medical Control Board. Also in attendance were forty vendors specifically focused on equipment and services associated to emergency services.

- Deputy Chief Tim Berczik



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.



Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

MOST SUICIDAL INDIVIDUALS GIVE WARNING SIGNS OR SIGNALS OF THEIR INTENTIONS.

The best way to prevent suicide is to recognize these warning signs and know how to respond if you spot them. Take any suicidal talk or behavior seriously. It's not just a warning sign that the person is thinking about suicide, it's a cry for help.

Below is an article from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County that could help you identify someone that is in need of help.

Suicide Prevention in Stark County

By Allison Rohlf, MSSA, LSW, OCPA

In 2014, 57 people in Stark County died by suicide, with six being in Jackson Township. This number dropped from 2013, when Stark County experienced an all-time high of 62 deaths by suicide. Although this is a grim statistic, suicide is preventable and all residents can help reduce this number, reduce social stigma and ultimately save lives.

enough rest, exercising regularly and developing a support system of people to talk with. It's also important to develop coping skills to help when feeling stressed. Some of these may include journaling, listening to or playing music, playing a sport, talking and laughing with friends, reading, and meditation or breathing exercises.

Remember, there is no one cause or event that causes a person to feel suicidal. There are often multiple stressors that make a person feel out of control, trapped or unable to change. The more that our community can be informed about suicide prevention, the more likely we will impact those around us.

If you need assistance, for yourself or someone else, call 9-1-1 in an emergency. You can also contact the Stark County Crisis Center Hotline at 330-452-6000 or the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for help and advice. Through a contract between the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County and the national Crisis Text Line, young people (ages 12-25) can text 4hope to 741-741 and have a text conversation with a trained volunteer.

If you have any questions, or are interested in getting involved in the community to address this issue in Stark County, please contact Allison Rohlf at 330-455-6644 or visit StarkMHRsb.org

Knowing the warning signs of suicide can be an essential piece in preventing suicide:

- Someone talking or writing about suicide
- Giving away belongings
- Withdrawing from loved ones and activities
- Feeling hopeless, helpless or worthless
- Changes in mood, eating or sleeping habits
- Increased use of alcohol or other drugs
- Seeking ways to suicide

Know that some people may be at a higher risk of suicide:

- Someone who has attempted suicide before
- If they have lost someone close to them by suicide
- Experienced a recent loss or change
- Problems at work or school
- Untreated mental health, such as depression or bipolar disorder
- Problems with alcohol or other drugs

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The first step is simple: talk and listen. Have conversations with your family, friends and young people in your lives. Talk about suicide and ask if they have ever thought about harming themselves or taking their life. If they say yes, it can be a scary thing, but remember to stay calm and not be judgmental as you listen. The fact they chose to be honest with you shows they trust you and may want help.

It's a common myth that asking someone about suicide will make them think about it. This could not be further from the truth. Asking shows someone you care and allows them to get help. Take any threats or statements of suicide seriously, and ask for help if you aren't sure what to do. Encourage them that help is available and that mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of.

There are also preventative steps to help manage stress, which can positively impact mental health. Encourage eating healthy, getting



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





(Left to right) Police Officer William Grimmert and Chief Mark Brink

NEW HIRE - FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

On Tuesday, October 27, 2015 Jackson Township Trustees appointed William W. Grimmert to the position of full time Patrol Officer for the Jackson Township Police Department.



(Left to right) Officer Ricky Seifer, Jr. and Officer Danny Sturia

POLICE RETIREMENTS

Officer Ricky Seifer, Jr. retired following 27 years of service and Officer Danny Sturia retired after 31 years of service to the residents of Jackson Township. We would like to thank Officers Sturia and Seifer for their dedication to residents of Jackson Township and all those who visit the Township. You both were an asset to the Township and your retirement will leave a void. We wish you well in your retirement years. *Congratulations!*

CONGRATULATIONS TO POLICE OFFICER TIM RICE

Officer Rice was honored for his work in traffic enforcement in 2015.

An Award of Achievement was presented to Officer Rice for his commitment to traffic safety. The Award was presented at the Stark County Law Enforcement Awards and Retirement Banquet on February 26, 2016.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. CRIME STATISTICS HISTORY

OFFENSE	2014	2015	%+/-
Calls for Service	32,628	33,719	3%
Traffic Crash/Property	1,785	1,768	-1%
Traffic Crash/Injury	209	215	3%
Traffic Crash/Fatality	2	3	50%
Traffic Crash Fatalities	2	3	50%
Hit Skip/Accident	84	72	-14%
Arson	3	4	33%
Stolen Vehicles	10	17	70%
Recovered Vehicles	6	7	17%
False Alarm Drops	1,356	1,362	0%
Citations	2,162	2,145	-1%
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	158	111	-30%
Criminal Mischief	79	61	-23%
Theft	1,189	1,050	-12%
OVI	164	161	-2%
Homicides	0	0	0%
Juvenile Arrests	283	211	-25%
Aggravated Robbery	4	7	75%
Robbery	23	27	17%
Aggravated Burglary	5	4	-20%
Burglary	98	90	-8%
Breaking & Entering	58	56	-3%
Rape	3	7	133%
Other Sex Offenses	35	32	-9%
Public Indecency	5	7	40%
Domestic Violence	140	172	23%
Drug & Drug Related	175	145	-17%
Kidnapping	3	0	-300%
Assaults	93	92	-1%
Shoplifting	542	509	-6%
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	220	263	20%
Residential Alarms	889	950	7%
Juvenile Citations	105	91	-13%
Vacation Checks	7,479	5,926	-21%
Business Checks	5,957	6,738	13%
Extra Patrols	4,802	6,598	37%
School Visits	230	254	10%

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.





Ralph E. Boger
Public Works Director

Jackson Township Public Works Department Jackson Township Highway Division

STREET SIGNAGE

The Highway Division erects and maintains the traffic control and street identification signage. The value of these signs must not be underestimated. Jackson Township is legally obligated

to use proper and standard signage per the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCO).

The stop sign establishes the control at less busy and quiet intersections as well as serious higher speed intersections with dense traffic. A missing or damaged stop sign must be replaced or repaired on a 24/7 basis. Any citizen observing a stop sign problem should report it as soon as possible. Loss of life, injury, and property damage can be the very next event at that intersection.

The street identification sign, if missing or damaged can also create serious problems. Police and fire departments depend on street signs for a speedy response. Weather and darkness combined with missing or poor street identification can seriously delay an emergency response.

The Highway Division welcomes all notifications of damaged or missing signage. Contact the Highway Division at 330-832-4016, or email rboger@jacksontwp.com or call the non-emergency number for the Jackson Township Police at 330-832-1553.

TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, AND STATE HIGHWAY INTERACTION

Jackson Township has grown from a farming community to a large bustling commercial center surrounded by housing communities, schools, churches and recreational areas. The 203 miles of Township roadways provide our local residents and businesses a transportation connection with Stark County and State of Ohio arteries, highways, and the Federal interstate system. Jackson Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer communicate and cooperate daily with county and state officials to improve the transportation system in support of our commercial and residential communities. This involves a collaborative effort in such areas as joint design, right-of-way purchase, construction, and in seeking grant opportunities. Our daily highway transportation goal is to keep residents safe by keeping up with the Township road maintenance and growth.

YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF SITE

Beginning April 1, the yard waste debris drop-off site located in South Park will be open dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Thank you for your patience and for observing safe driving practices in the drop-off area. Remember only approved yard waste is permitted. The Township recognizes the yard debris drop-off area is a valuable tool in keeping the Township clean and beautiful.



2015 JACKSON TOWNSHIP PROGRESS AND PROJECT REVIEW

Resurfacing of 20.4 miles of aging allotment roadways got off to an early start in 2015. The publicly bid contract was \$1,288,866.

Curbing replacement of 5,432 feet with a contracted value of \$146,644 in 2015 has continued for seven consecutive years on the deteriorating curbing areas of the Township. This improvement requires patience of residents as repair of driveway entrances make them temporarily unusable.

The 2015 Striping Contract was awarded in the amount of \$49,218. The contract provided for new striping on 40 miles of Township roadways. Striping consisted of new edge lines, centerlines, and intersection markings. Drivers rely on visible striping for guidance both day and night, and especially during bad weather conditions.

The final design for the widening of Fulton Drive from Foxboro Avenue east to Brunnerdale is underway. The project also includes traffic signal improvements at the Brunnerdale intersection. The project is intended to eliminate the current traffic congestion and backups, and will be the final link in a multi-lane road to handle traffic from "Downtown Jackson" to the Hall of Fame and I-77.

STREETS SCHEDULED TO BE RESURFACED IN 2016

ROAD	FROM	TO	ROAD	FROM	TO
18TH	MILES	TO NEW PAVEMENT	GRANITE	PALMER	E. END
19TH	WHIPPLE	W. END	HIGBEE	CURB	TO MUNSON
22ND	WHIPPLE	W. END	HUCKLEBERRY	NANCY CIRCLE	LAKE O'SPRINGS
ARLINGTON	S. OF MUDBROOK 2 LANE	N. OR PORTAGE 2 LANE	INWOOD	HILLS & DALES	W. END
ARLINGTON	S. OF MUDBROOK 2 LANE	N. OR PORTAGE 2 LANE	IRVINE CIR.	GRANITE	S. END
ARLINGTON	S. OF MUDBROOK 2 LANE	N. OR PORTAGE 2 LANE	KENTVIEW	N. CURB SECTION	ECHOVALE
ARLINGTON	S. OF MUDBROOK 3 LANE	N. OF PORTAGE 3 LANE	KILKENNY	KILLEEN	N. END
ARLINGTON	S. OF MUDBROOK 3 LANE	N. OF PORTAGE 3 LANE	KILLEEN	ARLINGTON	E. END
ASHFORD	CINDERFORD	BLACKTHORNE	LONGFORD	KILLEEN	N. END
BLACKTHORNE	ASHFORD	E. END	MILES	MOHR	18TH
BLUE HERON	RED FOX	W. END	MOHR	WOODLAWN	MILES
BRAMSHAW	EDMUND	S. END	MUDBROOK	S.E. OF ARLINGTON 2 LANE	W. OF ARLINGTON 2 LANE
BROOKE HOLLOW	SPARROW RIDGE	W. ALLOTMENT	MUDBROOK	S.E. OF ARLINGTON 2 LANE	W. OF ARLINGTON 2 LANE
CARLEW	LAKE O'SPRINGS	COMMANCHE	MUDBROOK	S.E. OF ARLINGTON 3 LANE	W. OF ARLINGTON 3 LANE
CHAMPAIGN	HOCKING	RUBY RIDGE	MUNSON	DRESSLER	WHIPPLE
CHEMONT	LAKE O'SPRINGS	W. END	PONTIAC CIR.	CARLEW	E. END
CHERRYWOOD	WILDRIDGE	S. END	RAVENWOOD	PORTAGE	N. END
CINDERFORD	EVERHARD	E. END	RAVENWOOD	CHEMONT	RONALD
COBRA	FRANK	KENTVIEW	RAVENWOOD	PORTAGE	RONALD
COMMANCHE	CARLEW	CHIPPEWA	RED FOX	BEATTY	N. OF BROOKE HOLLOW
CONCORD	WALES	AMHERST	ROHRDALE	ERIE	N. END
CONDOR	RED FOX	W. END	RONALD	RAVENWOOD	W. END
CONSTANCE CIR.	YOUNGDALE	W. END	ROSE MARIE	FAIRFAX	S. END
CRICKET CIR.	WILDRIDGE	W. END	RUBY RIDGE	E. END	W. END
DROMOLAND	KILLEEN	N. END	SKYLANE	WILLOWDALE	E. END
EAGLE CIR.	STRIP	SUNSET STRIP	SPARROW RIDGE	BROOKE HOLLOW	GLENDEVAN
EAGLE CIR.	EAGLE CIR.	N.W. END	ST. EDMUND	BLACKTHORNE	N. END
EASTGATE	EAST BLVD.	ECHODELL	STRIP	PORTAGE	3 LANES
ECHOVALE	ECHODELL	KENTVIEW	STRIP	N. END	3 LANES
ECHOVALLEY	ECHODELL	FRANK	SUNSET STRIP	PORTAGE	N. CURB END
EXECUTIVE	MUNSON	E. END	SUNSET STRIP	APPLEGROVE	TO CURB END
FAIRFAX	LAKE O'SPRINGS	E. END	TIMBERCREST	INWOOD	E. END
FERNWOOD	YOUNGDALE	W. CURB END	VILLA PADOVA	EAST BLVD.	ECHODELL
FORTUNA	RUBY RIDGE	S. END	WILDRIDGE	INWOOD	W. END
FORTY CORNERS	ERIE	RAILROAD	WILLOW RUN	YOUNGDALE	E. END
FORTY CORNERS	RAILROAD	W. TWP. LINE	WILLOWDALE LAKE	WALES	N. TWP. LINE
GLENDEVAN	SPARROW RIDGE	WALES	YOUNGDALE	RONALD	S. END

PERSONNEL

Anthony Davide and Brian Brady have been hired to fill open positions in the Highway Division. Jason Stevens transferred from the Parks Division to the Highway Division.



Anthony Davide



Brian Brady



Jason Stevens

NEW EQUIPMENT



A modern bucket truck has arrived to service the Township banners, high post

lighting, and dangerous overhanging trees blocking visibility and encroaching on the roadways.

Additionally, two new snowplow trucks with the latest computer controlled salt spreading equipment were placed into service this winter. These replaced the two oldest plow trucks in the Township's fleet. Placement of these two new snowplows into service will lessen expensive repairs and down time in the effort to provide open and safe roads in the winter.

WINTER SEASON TURNING TO SPRING

The past winter season required 17 call outs of the Public Works' employees at all hours of the day, night, weekends, and holidays. They dutifully and carefully distributed 3,000 tons of salt and plowed the 203 miles of Township roads. The Snow Emergency/Snow Parking Ban remained effectively in operation allowing efficient and safe snow removal and deicing services.

PERSONNEL

Zach Bergmann, a highly experienced mechanic, has been hired to fill an open position in the Central Maintenance Division.



Zach Bergmann

5th Annual Field of Honor/Field of Heroes

REMEMBER * HONOR * HEAL

A large field of American flags, some on tall poles, set against a dark background.

Save THE Date

Memorial Day Weekend
May 27-30, 2016

Jackson Township Safety Center

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

BE A SPONSOR • VOLUNTEER • BUY A FLAG

visit www.jacksonrotaryfoundation.com
Like us at [facebook.com/jacksonrotaryflags](https://www.facebook.com/jacksonrotaryflags)
email : jacksonrotaryflags@gmail.com

Rotary 
Rotary Club of Jackson Township

SAFETY VILLAGE

The 2016 Jackson Township Safety Village will be held from June 6 through June 10, 2016 at Sauder Elementary School located at 7503 Mudbrook Street NW.

Jackson Local School District children & St. Michael's Elementary School children that have completed Kindergarten or First Grade during the 2015 – 2016 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 25, 2016 and returned by Friday, May 27, 2016. (Sorry, no forms will be mailed.)

The cost for Safety Village is \$20.00 per child, and it is limited to 150 children.

Jackson Safety Village is a cooperative effort between the Jackson Township Fire & Police Departments and the Jackson Local Schools.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Over the years, the Jackson Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) has participated in the growth of our community.

For those not familiar with the Jackson Township Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), the CIC was formed by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees to advance, encourage and promote the industrial, economic and commercial development of the Township.

Working with the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce and the Township Trustees, we strive to unite residents and businesses in meeting our community's

present and future needs. Because the health of the economy is of such vital concern to Jackson Township, we are continually concentrating our efforts on strengthening that economy, not only for today, but for years to come. We appreciate the continuing interest of township residents and businesses in bringing new levels of support for our community.

The CIC welcomes the public to attend our regularly scheduled monthly meetings to meet our board members and/or share your ideas with the board members. If we can be of service please contact us through Michelle Moore, Jackson Township Receptionist/Secretary at 330-832-7416/330-832-5936 (fax).

Steven M. Meeks, *President, CIC*

CIC BOARD MEMBERS:

- Steven Meeks:** CIC President
- Cindy Hartzell:** CIC Vice-President
- Todd Hawke:** Jackson Township Board of Trustee
- Tracy Hogue:** Jackson Township Fire Chief
- Ray Hexamer:** Massillon Development Foundation
- Sal Miraglia:** President-Steel, The Timken Company - Retired
- Rafael Rodriguez:** Canton CIC
- Justin Hardesty:** Owner, Yellowstone Partners
- Dane Mayle:** Assurances Services Partner, Bruner Cox
- Michelle Moore:** CIC Secretary & Treasurer

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.jacksonowp.com to download an application.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

JUNE 29 - JULY 2, 2016

We are looking for sponsors for the 2016 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 LIONS CLUB DEDICATES FOUNTAIN

Thanks to the Jackson Lions Club there is a new drinking fountain in the Jackson North Park. Not just any drinking fountain, but a lion's head shaped drinking fountain. This donation was made in honor of the Township's bicentennial year. A dedication ceremony was held on October 13, 2015 with Township officials and members from the Jackson Lions Club. This fountain will be used for many years by the children that visit the park.



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:

Zoning applications as well as permit fees can be found on the zoning department page of our website at www.jacksontwp.com.

Detached accessory buildings: A permit is required for all accessory buildings, including storage sheds that are greater than 32 sq. ft. Accessory buildings 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 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 are not limited to, temporary carports, swimming pools, hot tubs, pergolas and arbors, gazebos, temporary storage pods, outdoor wood burning furnace, outdoor fireplace, decks, and satellite dishes greater than 25 inches in diameter or 491 square inches.

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.

RESIDENTIAL GARAGE SALE SIGNS

A permit is not required for a residential garage sale sign. However, garage sale signs shall not be posted on any utility poles and shall be a minimum of 10 ft. from the edge of pavement or curb, or 5 ft. from the road right of way. Garage sale signs must be removed upon the conclusion of the sale.

Any temporary sign that is in violation of the zoning resolution is subject to removal by the township and disposed of at the township's discretion.

TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR BUSINESS USE

A temporary sign is a sign not designed for long-term use and is not permanently mounted including, but not limited to, handheld or individually carried signs. One temporary sign per business may be displayed at any one time with a temporary sign permit. Temporary sign permits shall be issued in 15-day increments. A maximum of four permits may be issued between January 1 and November 16. An additional three permits for 15 days each may be issued between November 17 and December 31 to help businesses during the holiday season. Temporary signs that are located on a building shall not be placed on the roof of any building, except those signs which appear to be a continuation of the face of the building or a mansard roof, so long as the sign does not extend above the upper edge of the mansard roof line. Temporary signs must be a minimum of 10 ft. from the edge of pavement or curb, or 5 ft. out of the road right of way.

SAVE *the* DATE

Jackson Township Community Celebration
in the North Park.

ENJOY FUN, FOOD, FIREWORKS!

Wednesday, June 29th through Saturday, July 2nd

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS:

(left to right) Ed McDonnell, Leon Vitale, Charles Rohr, Richard Lutz, Daniel Creighton, Jared Singer. Absent was Patrick Snyder



ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

(left to right) Scott Sandrock, James Conley, David Thiel, Fredrick Monsell, John Weston, Chylece Head, and Larry Everhard.

The Board of Appeals meets the second and/or fourth Thursday of the month as needed. The Zoning Commission meets the third Thursday of the month as needed.

Schedules are posted on our website and the Zoning Department Facebook page.

Zoning Stats for 2015

New Residential	114
Residential Alterations & Additions	224
New Commercial	12
Commercial Alterations & Additions	129



David R. Ruwadi
Park Maintenance
& Grounds Foreman

Parks and Recreation Division

2015 - 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 60,000 children and adults attended special events and recreation programs offered through the Jackson Township Parks. An estimated 23,000 children and adults visited the Parks through youth sports programs, schools, churches and organizations for a total estimated visitor count of 83,500. 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.



Township Park & Recreation Division, Jackson Girl Scouts Service Unit, Buehler's Fresh Foods, and Crosspoint United Methodist Church.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK RE-CAP

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony was held in the Jackson Township North Park on December 12, 2015, with over 650 people enjoying the light displays, refreshments, caroling, Jackson School for the Arts Dance Program and the community tree lighting. The children enjoyed a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself... Santa Claus! This free holiday event was sponsored by the Jackson



2016 PROJECTS FOR THE PARKS DIVISION

The park division will be busy in 2016 working on many projects to improve the park system.

South Park

- Completion of the white vinyl fence
- New steel roof on pavilion "B"

North Park

- Repaving the green multipurpose path
- New deck on the boardwalk
- New roof on the restrooms and main pavilion
- Putting in a water line extension
- Tennis courts repaired/resurfaced/restriped

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.

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 insure it will be ready for your use.

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

Applications can be found on our web page at www.jacksontpw.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.

Remember you must pick up your permit before your event.

BIKING SAFETY IS A Family Affair

(Article courtesy of the Stark County Bike Club)



Spring and the bike-riding season are not far away. Whether you and your family ride in the neighborhood, on the trail, or on the open road, here are some safety tips to think about.

Make sure your bike or family's bikes are ready mechanically to ride. Safety begins with well maintained equipment, which includes good tires that are properly inflated, and brakes in good working order. A well-oiled chain is important as well. Get the kids involved too with a good check over before the riding season begins. If not a do-it-yourselfer, there are excellent local bike shops with qualified bike mechanics that can assist you.

Next, the most important piece of equipment is a helmet that fits and is "US CPSC" certified. Don't just put a helmet on the children, put one on yourself also. Set the example!

Whether riding a bike in the neighborhood or on the open road observe all the laws and rules of the road. The Ohio Share the Road slogan means that cyclists and motorists alike should have mutual respect for each other, as simple as riding on the right side of the road and being fully aware of automobiles, trucks and other bike riders.

Finally, if you and your family love bike riding, then ride with others, and enjoy the outdoors and bike trails by joining the Stark County Bike Club which offers hundreds of rides all year long. Go to their website www.bikescbc.com for more information.

Good and safe riding in 2016.

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:

HOOKED ON FISHING DAY

The Hooked on Fishing Day will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 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.

This is a free event. All registration forms must be received no later than noon on Friday, May 6, 2016. Registration forms and flyers may be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Building. Program information and forms may also be found on our website, www.jacksontwp.com. 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 18, 25, and August 1, 8**. All sessions will begin at 12:00 p.m. and will be approximately 45 minutes in length. Enjoy the summer with your preschooler in the park while they enjoy exercising, singing and creative movements with music. The program is for children ages 3 to 5 years old. This is a free program and registration is not required.

NEW SOUTH PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

When you visit the South Park this spring you will notice that the 30-year old playground structure has been replaced with a new playground structure for the kids



Park employees completing the installation of the new playground equipment.

to enjoy. This new structure was made possible through a playground grant from GameTime and park budgeted dollars. *Come out and enjoy the new playground.*

NEW DUGOUTS

Last fall, the Jackson High School's Building Trades Class under the direction of Mr. Brian Clevenger, erected new dugouts on Field 13 in the North Park. The Jackson Parks have had a long time relationship with the Building Trades classes; in 1983 they constructed the first pavilion in the South Park. In 2016, the pavilion will receive a face-lift to include renovations and new metal roof.



Jackson Local School's Building Trades Class

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Community Celebration	June 29 - July 2, 2016
Haunted Hayride	October 15, 2016
Holiday in the Park	December 10, 2016
Santa's Mailbox	December 1 - 15, 2016

THIS YEAR THE JACKSON PARKS WILL BE THE SITE OF THREE LARGE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS.

So come out and enjoy the tournaments and the sport of baseball.

Jackson Baseball Association - Spring Bash Tournament
April 8 through 10, 2016

Nations Baseball State Tournament: 12U
June 16 & 17, 2016

Jackson Baseball Association - Gary Bowen Tournament
June 22 through June 26, 2016



MOVIE IN THE PARK

Last year's Movie in the Park was such a HUGE success that another one is being planned this summer. Please stay tuned for more information on this fun event.

THE FARMERS MARKET WILL RETURN TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP THIS SUMMER

Back by popular demand, the Farmers Market will return for the 7th year. The Jackson Township North Park will be buzzing with Farmers Market vendors again this summer. If you did not have a chance to visit our Farmers Market last year, come and join us this year beginning Thursday, June 9.

The Jackson Township Parks will be hosting the weekly Farmers Market on Thursdays from **3:00 pm to 6:00 pm** from June 9 through October 6.



North Park is located on Fulton Drive NW across from Jackson High School. The market will provide a place for local growers to sell fresh and healthy foods and to bring neighbors together in the Jackson community.

We are always looking for unique vendors, so 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.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

The Blue Star Memorial in the Jackson North Park is a permanent reminder to all who visit the park of the sacrifices that were made by the men and women of our Armed Forces who have defended the United States of America. Thank you to the Afternoon Garden Club.

(Left to right): David Ruwadi, Park Maintenance & Grounds Foreman, Fiscal Officer Randy Gonzalez, Linda Lawrence, Afternoon Garden Club, Todd Hawke, Trustee, and John Pizzino, Trustee.



Gardening With Zest



Due to popular demand, the Gardening with Zest program is back again this summer. This educational series will be held at the Jackson Township Branch Library, 7487 Fulton Drive N.W., on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 p.m. and the program is free.

- **May 25:** How landscaping improves the value of your property
- **June 22:** Attractively adding vegetables into your landscape
- **July 27:** Container Gardening 101
- **August 24:** Water features and ponds for smart people
- **September 28:** Perennial Care
- **October 26:** Holiday horticulture and decorating for the holidays



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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 Association. On-line registration forms are available under the Fire Department's program section at jacksontwp.com, or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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