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Jackson Township

NEWSLETTER



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TRUSTEE JAMES N. WALTERS TOWN HALL MEETING

Trustee James N. Walters will be hosting another town hall meeting this spring.

The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2009 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall, 5735 Wales Avenue NW.

Board of Trustees' regular meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

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.

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Jackson Trustees Organize for 2009

The Jackson Township Trustees have organized the Township Board for 2009, re-electing John E. Pizzino as President and William M. Burger as Vice President.

They also set their meeting schedule and made committee assignments. Expected revenue for 2009 was certified to the Stark County Auditor as \$32,685,745.75.

(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer, and Jackson Township Trustees William M. Burger, Vice President, James N. Walters and John E. Pizzino, President.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP STOPS NORTH CANTON ANNEXATION ATTEMPT

• What property is included in the Canton annexation that we have been reading about?

The railroad tracks from Whipple to Mt. Pleasant and two parcels totaling approximately one-acre of vacant land, NO BUSINESSES OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

• Why is the railroad being annexed?

This is the first step to an agreement with Canton that will protect our borders and create economic development opportunities for the future of both entities.

• Will Canton's annexation stop North Canton's annexation efforts?

Yes, west of the railroad tracks. If the City of Canton is successful in annexing the railroad line it will stop North Canton from annexing land to the west of the railroad tracks. Properties on the east side of the railroad tracks will still be vulnerable to annexation by North Canton.

• Will any of the Township's services change?

No. The Township will continue to provide the same excellent services from our Police, Fire, Highway and other departments.

• Will there be an income tax for Township residents or existing businesses?

No. Income tax will only be collected from future Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDD's) where there is agreement with the property owners

inside the JEDD area. No residential JEDD's are being considered.

• How does an agreement with Canton help Jackson Township?

The Trustees have continually looked for funds that do not come from Jackson residents or their property taxes. The primary goal of the agreement is to market our industrial and commercial areas together with the City of Canton through JEDD's. Cities have some economic development tools available to them that townships do not currently have. The income tax collected in the JEDD's can be used to offset Jackson property tax burdens.

• What will happen if North Canton is successful in their annexation petition to take the Fosnaught property?

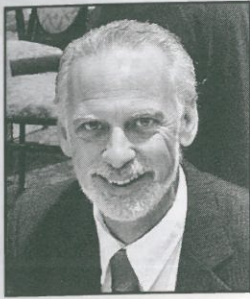
This will be the beginning of hostile annexation attempts to take over Jackson Township's industrial and commercial zones. The loss of such properties would erode the commercial tax base of the Township placing a greater burden on the residential tax base and driving up our property taxes.

• Can North Canton provide adequate services to areas they annex?

North Canton officials have said they may be forced to outsource city services due to the city's current financial struggles. If North Canton is struggling to provide their current services, it is unlikely they could provide services to the Jackson areas they are attempting to annex.

Visit us online at www.jacksontwp.com

Jackson Township Park Hours



David R. Ruwadi
Park/Operations Director

The Jackson Township parks are now operating on our spring/summer hours. North Park is open from 6:00 am to 10:00 p.m. This started on March 1st and runs through November 30, 2009.

SHELTER AND FIELD APPLICATIONS

Shelter and field applications can be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Office, or visit us on line at www.jacksonntp.com. Permits for shelters or fields must be picked up one week prior to the event.

For information on our rules and regulations and general park information visit us at www.jacksonntp.com.

PARK MAINTENANCE STORAGE

Our maintenance storage garage project is near completion. This project was a joint project between the park department and the building trade's class from Jackson High School. Many thanks to the students and staff who made this project a learning experience and a useful facility for our parks.



PARK PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All program 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.jacksonntp.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.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 4, 2009 starting at 11:00 a.m. sharp, in the Jackson North Park located at 7660 Fulton Drive NW. The Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts will again host the event with the help of the Jackson Park Department. Crawlers through 4th grade are invited to attend this annual event. You must arrive early and bring your own basket. Be sure to visit with the Easter bunny.

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PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS

The YMCA is a great place for the family to be together!

Spring Session Classes start April 13
Registration starts the week of March 30.

- Pee Wee T-ball for 4 - 6 year old boys & girls:
Registration starts April 27.
- Summer Childcare: *Registration starts April 1.*
- Healthy Kids Day: *Saturday, April 18, Open to the Community.*
- American Red Cross Babysitting Course:
at the YMCA on Saturday, May 16.
- Many other adult and kids programs are offered.
A family membership is a great gift for the family.

Call for more information at 330-830-6275 or go to www.ymcastark.org.

The Paul and Carol David Jackson Township YMCA is located at 7389 Caritas Circle Northwest, just south of the Wales and Fulton intersection.

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Annual Fishing Derby

The annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Ages 15 and under are invited to attend this event. Registration is required and must be received no later than April 24, 2009. Children should bring their own "poles n' 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 Big Fish Contest. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Adults are welcome to fish after the event.

Registration is required at the Park Department in the Jackson Township Administration Building.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Country Line Dancing

Wednesdays, June 3 through August 26

(This program will not be held Wednesday, June 17 due to the Community Celebration)

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. • North Park Pavilion

Enjoy country line dancing in the North Park Pavilion every Wednesday this summer. Instructor Maryann Ziegler will lead the group in various forms of country line dancing, including reggaes, cha-cha, and much more! *This activity is open to everyone. No registration is required.*

Fishing Fundamentals

Tuesdays, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21, and August 4

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. • North Park Pond

Bring your poles and enjoy your summer days at the ol' fishin' hole! Join us at the pond in the Jackson North Park on selected dates from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Enjoy the morning learning some basic fundamentals of fishing and fish identification.

Don't forget to bring your own bait. *This program is free for everyone, but registration is required at the Park Department in the Jackson Township Administration Building.*



JACKSON PARK SEASONAL POSITIONS

The Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the following Summer Seasonal Positions:

- Program Assistants
- Maintenance Workers

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department
5735 Wales Avenue NW
Massillon, Ohio 44646
(330) 832-2845
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Tiny Tracks

Wednesdays, June 10 through August 12

Session I: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Session II: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(This program will not be held Wednesday June 17, due to the Community Celebration)

This program explores new activities and themes each week, offering a fun, hands-on experience for ages 3-5. Each session will meet at the Jackson North Park pavilion. Participants may sign up for as many sessions as they desire. *The program is free, but registration is required at the Park Department in the Jackson Township Administration Building.*



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JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

June 17 through June 20, 2009

Jackson Township North Park
7660 Fulton Drive N.W.

Bring your family & friends out to enjoy one of Jackson Township's largest celebrations. Attractions over the four-day event include great food, a 5K 'Night Glow' run, 1-Mile Health Walk, car show and free entertainment each night.

In a continued effort to provide quality entertainment to the residents of Jackson Township, we have again obtained Bates Amusements to provide rides for the Jackson Township Community Celebration.

There will be a spectacular fireworks show on Saturday, June 20 with the rain date of Sunday, June 21.

For additional information, please contact the Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Department at **(330) 832-2845** or visit our website www.jacksontwp.com.

Jackson Fire Department had another *Busy Year!*



Ted R. Heck
Fire Chief

2008 was another busy year for the Jackson Township Fire Department. The department responded to 4,957 calls for assistance. This, again, is the most alarms that the fire department has ever responded to. The majority of these calls were for paramedic help, which includes heart attacks, diabetic emergencies, strokes and auto accidents.

Chief Heck reported that two township residents lost their lives to fire in 2008. This was the first loss of life due to a fire since the year 2000.

Tracy Hogue, the Captain in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau, reported that the bureau presented 61 adult and children's programs. The programs included Safety Village, Safe Kids Day at Jackson North Park, Fire Prevention Week, and the bureau also reached the preschools and daycare centers.



Fire prevention is a very important part of the fire department. They are also responsible for the inspections of all public buildings, the investigation for the cause of fires, plus they issue fireworks permits and are required to standby during their discharge.

2007 2008

	2007	2008
Auto Accidents	394	356
CO Alarms	73	72
Emergencies	3,329	3,572
False Alarms	324	321
Grass Fires	16	14
Hazardous Materials	78	70
Miscellaneous	377	458
Structure Fires	58	73
Vehicle Fires	13	21
TOTAL CALLS	4,656	4,957

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees presented a group of firefighters with commendations for their fire rescue work in 2008.



(Left to right) Gregory Leopold, Fire Captain; Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer; William Burger, Trustee; Thomas Ross, Firefighter/Paramedic; John Pizzino, Trustee; Gary Harrison, Firefighter; James Walters, Trustee; James Anderson, Firefighter/EMT; and Ted Heck, Fire Chief.

CARDIO PULMONARY RESUSCITATION CLASSES

CPR classes are available through your fire department. There is a minimum of ten people per class and a fee of \$25.00. To schedule a class or check the availability of one, contact the Jackson Township Fire Department at 330-834-3950. You can also call to be placed on a waiting list to be part of a class as the fire department accumulates enough participants to fill a class.



JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY VILLAGE

June 15 thru June 19, 2009
Sauder Elementary School
8:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Must be in Kindergarten or 1st grade for the 2008-2009 school year.

Registration/Information forms can be picked up at the Jackson Safety Center after April 20, and the forms must be turned in before May 20.

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Harley L. Neftzer
Police Chief

It was a busy year for the Jackson Township Police

In 2008, the Jackson Township Police Department handled 28,616 calls for service. Our total calls for service were pretty consistent with 2007, however we did experience a large increase in thefts from vehicles and shoplifting cases. Although the majority of these cases are committed by non-residents, we all need to be attentive to our surroundings and ensure valuables are out of sight, purses are always attended, and unattended vehicles are always locked. It's surprising how many of these offenses involve unlocked vehicles. So please help us by being attentive and reporting any unusual activity so it can be investigated by our personnel. One other area of concern that I feel compelled to discuss is Fatal Traffic Crashes. Ten people have lost their lives on Jackson Township roads since 2005. One is too many. I have asked our patrol commander to develop strategies to reduce this number. You can help us by always wearing your seatbelt, voluntarily complying with speed limits and by never drinking and driving. We will be stressing these traffic safety issues throughout 2009 with both enforcement and education.

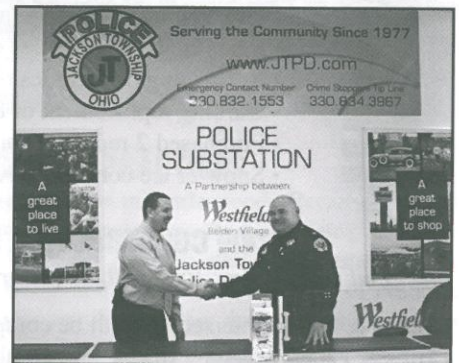
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

We conduct at least twelve neighborhood meetings a year with residents and our business community to encourage dialogue and discuss areas of mutual concern. We think it's important to hear from our residents and business leaders so we know we are meeting your expectations. Our notifications are usually by mail and will indicate when and where these meetings will be held. Please do not be alarmed by these notices. Usually, these meetings are just informative and an opportunity to exchange dialogue. If something major is going on in your area we will communicate that information to you clearly with suggestions to keep you safe. Thank you for your attendance at these meetings. We enjoy an excellent relationship with our residents and business leaders, which will keep our community safe.

WESTFIELD MALL SUBSTATION

One example of an excellent relationship is the one we share with Westfield Mall. We communicate regularly with the mall and their security to ensure our guests are safe when shopping. We have conducted joint training drills and discussed emergency planning. In fact, the Westfield Mall at Belden Village was recently recognized as being one of the five safest in Northeast Ohio. This is a goal we've had for several years, so I applaud Katrina Barton and her staff for such a great accomplishment. The recently

opened police sub-station at Westfield is a continuation of our relationship. We do not have the resources to staff the sub-station full time. However, we will assign officers for special events, during their normal mall checks, and for educational initiatives. The sub-station is in the food court. Please stop by and visit with us when you see us there.



Scott Hajba, Security Director for Westfield Mall and Jackson Police Major David Zink worked together to open the police sub-station at the Westfield Mall.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP CRIME STATISTICS COMPARISON 2006 through 2008

OFFENSE	2006	2007	2008
Calls for Service	28,429	28,694	28,616
Accident/ Property	1683	1891	1650
Accident/ Injury	192	201	180
Accident/Fatal	4	1	3
Number Killed	4	1	3
Hit Skip/Accident	92	59	62
Arson	4	4	6
Stolen Vehicles	69	74	60
Recovered Vehicles	8	5	4
False Alarm Drops	1389	1463	1834
Citations	2287	2515	2486
Vandalism	305	237	236
Criminal Mischief	199	342	139
Theft	1035	1027	1265
OVI	271	243	189
Homicides	0	0	0
Juvenile Arrests	103	323	304
Aggravated Robbery	8	10	11
Robbery	19	34	26
Aggravated Burglary	3	2	5
Burglary	88	95	79
Breaking & Entering	102	93	99
Rape	7	12	10
Other Sex Offenses	15	22	18
Public Indecency	11	8	6
Domestic Violence	111	129	102
Drug & Drug Related	104	62	156
Kidnapping	1	2	1
Assaults	141	134	132
Shoplifting	194	174	394
Forgery/Fraud/ID Theft	115	129	160
Residential Alarms			790
Juvenile Citations			151

VACATION CHECKS

Take advantage of our vacation checks. When you plan to go on vacation, make arrangements for your mail and papers to be picked up. If you contact us, we will get some information and drive by your residence throughout the day to make sure everything is okay. This is a free service for our residents that we are proud to provide. Also, please keep garage doors and service doors closed and locked. Often we will find open doors during our overnight patrols. Although we'll call you to close the door, the bad guys will not! Help us to take away these opportunities to become a victim of crime. In 2008, your Jackson Township Police Department performed 3,757 vacation checks to keep our residents' homes safe.

We have a number of educational programs coming out soon for our youth. Watch for flyers on "Safety Village," "PRIDE," and "Hooked on Fishing--Not on Drugs." If you have any questions regarding our year to date statistics or if we can be of any assistance, please contact The Jackson Township Police Department at www.jtpd.com or phone (330) 834-3960.

INCREASE IN PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

We have seen an increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic around the area of the High School and Middle School. We have also seen similar increases between the schools and the YMCA, Foxboro Plaza, Buehler's Plaza and North Park. We would ask for your assistance and your patience when traversing these areas, especially before and after school. As this area continues to be developed, we anticipate only more pedestrian traffic in the vicinity. So please assist us in keeping this area safe.

Some additional safety things to consider are:

- When you are backing out of your driveway, check the sidewalk in addition to the roadway to avoid pedestrians who might be crossing.
- If you are a pedestrian, do not assume because you can see a vehicle they can see you. Wear reflective clothing, walk facing traffic if no sidewalk is available, and don't take risks by crossing in front of traffic.



Ralph E. Boger
Highway Superintendent

2008 was a good year for Highway Progress in Jackson

STREET CURBS AND DRAINAGE DITCHES

The falling of leaves in the fall creates much work for all of us. The raking, blowing, and/or placing leaves and grass from our yards into roadside ditches and curbing drainage areas is bad practice and is detrimental to the proper function of our drainage systems.

Jackson Township now maintains 200 miles of township jurisdiction roadway. When it rains, water going to both sides of roads entering underground piping makes our drainage responsibilities immense. The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) laws for clean water, now several years old, charges all of us with the responsibility of keeping these local waterways clean. Preventing polluting leaves from entering these drainage areas where they eventually wash downstream to the next waterway is a great way for citizens to help.

2008 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT REVIEW

2008 was a very good year of progress for Jackson Township infrastructure improvement, which was made possible with your tax dollars.

- Wales & Fulton intersection improvement is about 75% complete. \$6.1 Million
The coming streetscape and this intersection is funded largely with State and Federal funding.
- Resurfacing of 13 miles of roadway is complete. \$645,754
- Re-striping of 40 miles of roadway is complete. \$42,823
- Curbing replacement of 8,076 feet is complete. \$201,192
- Purchased 2 replacement mowing tractors with equipment. \$121,728
- Snow & ice control – 11,000 tons of salt in the 2007 - 2008 season. \$393,580

2009 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The good news is that 2009 will mirror or exceed 2008.

- Wales & Fulton intersection will be complete with streetscape (Funding as stated above).
- Hills & Dales widening from Brunnerdale to Massillon will be well underway (Federal, State, and local funding).
- High Mill & Lafayette intersection improvement will also be underway (Ohio Public Works Commission grant and local funding).
- A storm sewer across Springlake Road into Lake O'Springs will be complete.
- Resurfacing will recondition about 13 miles of township roadway.
- Re-striping will again take place on 40 miles of township roadway.
- Curbing will be replaced on over 6,000 feet of deterioration.
- Two new trucks with ice and snowplow equipment will be purchased to replace two older trucks.
- Snow & ice control - 2008 & 2009 season - salt price is up 35%.
We experienced rather severe winter conditions matching salt usage of last season.



TOWNSHIP DEBRIS DROP-OFF


The Township maintains a public drop-off site, open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week, for proper disposal of leaves and yard waste. In the fall Jackson Township will also pick up your bagged leaves in paper bags if you need assistance. This spring the drop-off site welcomes your winter yard debris and grass clippings.

Summer hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. begin April 1st, and continue through October 31st. The highly successful drop-off area is just west of the high school on Fulton Drive in the South Park.

We again remind our residents that we can accept only biodegradable yard waste. Please deposit **no** demolition materials, treated wood, stones or dirt, and finally no plastics or junk. A container is provided for your old plastic bags, which were used to carry the grass and leaves.

Please exercise extreme caution in this busy area of moving and backing vehicles and trailers.




Aquadale Veterinary
Clinic

Aquadale Veterinary Clinic would like to introduce the newest addition to our staff:

Dr. Todd Lightell

13467 Lincoln Street, NW
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Dr. Kimberly Takacs
Dr. Tara Foldenauer

JACKSON TRUSTEES HONOR HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE

On Tuesday, November 18, 2008, Jackson Township highway employee Jerry Valentine played a vital role in the rescue of Christine Habony from her burning home at 7682 Oakdale Street NW.

While performing his normal job of plowing snow for the Jackson Township Highway Department, he came upon the house on Oakdale Street Northwest and saw heavy smoke coming from the home. After pounding on the windows and receiving no response, he notified the Jackson Township Fire Department dispatcher. The Fire Department successfully removed and revived the resident.

Sadly, Christine Habony subsequently passed away from her injuries.

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees presented a Commendation to Jackson Township Highway Department employee Jerry Valentine for his act of heroism, going above and beyond his duties to assist in the rescue of Christine Habony.



(Left to Right) Randy Gonzalez, Fiscal Officer; William Burger, Trustee; Jerry Valentine, Highway Department Labor Specialist; John Pizzino, Trustee; Ralph Boger, Highway Superintendent; and James Walters, Trustee.

Jerry Valentine has worked for the Jackson Township Highway Department for 33 years. His action to stop and become involved at the fire scene and to quickly notify the fire department was the proper thing to do.

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CLEAN WATER SUGGESTED PRACTICES

Storm water is often overlooked and misunderstood. Because the storm sewer outlets directly into streams and rivers, the water being discharged is essentially untreated. Whatever is in the streets and gutters washes directly into our creeks, rivers, and lakes, and is a source of pollution. There are several things you can do to ensure that there is only rain in the storm drain.

Keep leaves, litter, and debris out of the street, gutter, and storm drains. The debris clogs storm sewers, which increases the risk of flooding. Grass clippings should either be left on your lawn or bagged. Keeping the grass clippings on your lawn all summer is equal to one application of fertilizer per year, and the less fertilizer applied to your lawn translates into a reduction of fertilizer runoff reaching our water sources.

Don't over water your lawn. Over watering your lawn can do more harm than good. Excess watering promotes runoff, which transports grass clippings, leaves, fertilizer and other "pollutants" from lawns, sidewalks, and driveways, ultimately carrying them into the water system.

Try removing weeds by hand or use a handheld tool to assist you. Do not use toxic pesticides, motor oil, gasoline, or kerosene on your lawn to remove weeds. Spot treat weeds and only apply herbicides when needed.

Never discharge chlorinated water into the storm sewer system. Properly discharge chlorinated water from swimming pools through your sanitary sewer system so the water can be treated prior to re-entering the natural water system, or allow the water to de-chlorinate before discharging.

Avoid washing your car on impervious surfaces. It is best to use a commercial wash where the excess water goes down the sanitary sewer to be treated. However, if you choose to wash your car at home, choose an impervious surface like grass or a gravel drive.



Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News

ZONING DEPARTMENT



Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector

It's that time of year again when many township residents will be undertaking home improvement projects. Prior to construction, zoning permits are required for most types of exterior residential construction alterations and additions; however, home repairs that do not involve structural changes do not require a permit.



SOME OF THE ACCESSORY USES THAT REQUIRE PERMITS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Accessory Building, use or structure	Yard in which use or building permitted	Minimum distance in feet from structure to:				Maximum Height of Structures (in ft)
		Rear Lot Line	Side Lot Line	Street R-O-W Line	From Principal Building	
1. Detached Accessory Building 120 sq. ft. or less (a)	Rear and Side	5	5	25	15	15
2. Detached Accessory Building >120 sq. ft. (a)	Rear and Side	15	10	25	15(c)	18
3. Temporary Storage Pod (unit)	Rear and Side	15	10	25	5	10
4. Swimming Pool, Private (a)	Rear and Side	15	10	25	15 or attached by decking surface	N/A
5. Satellite Dishes >25" in diameter or 491 square inches (a)	Rear or Side	5	5	25	May be attached	Not located on rooftops
6. Farm Markets	Front, side or rear	15	10	25	15	18
7. Temporary buildings/trailers and uses	Front, side or rear	10	10	25	20	18
8. Fences (a)	Front, side or rear	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	(b)
9. Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace	See 401.12 J for outdoor wood burning furnace requirements					
10. Freestanding Wind Energy Conversion System	See Section 401.12K for WECS requirements					
11. Hot Tubs (a)	Rear and Side	15	10	25	N/A	N/A
12. Pergola or Arbor	Rear and Side	15	10	25	N/A	18

Notes to Schedule 401.11:

- (a) See also Section 401.12.
- (b) Depends on location. See Section 401.12F.
- (c) 15 ft. from all adjacent buildings.

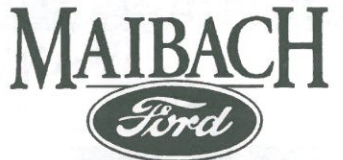
PORCHES AND DECKS: Setbacks from property lines are the same as the principal structure.

SWIMMING POOLS: No pool shall be filled with water until the appropriate means of preventing uncontrolled access from the street or adjacent properties has been completed.

Many types of construction projects also require a building permit. For information, residents should contact the Stark County Building Department at 330-451-1770.

SOME USES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE PERMITS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Fences, patios, and sidewalks: Fences may not be located closer than 5 ft. to any road right of way. Fences within the front yard may not exceed 4 ft in height. The front yard is considered to be any yard area from the front corner of house forward. Fences must not obstruct the view of motorists. Fences in the rear or side yard may not exceed 8 ft. in height and there is no setback requirement.



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	2007	2008
New Single-Family	96	56
2-Family/Multi-Family	0	2/21
Residential Alterations	225	187
New Commercial	12	10
Commercial Alterations	150	131

Parking of vehicles

Boats, trailers and RV's are permitted to be parked in the rear or side yard in a residential district; however, any vehicles that are in a wrecked, inoperable, dismantled or abandoned condition or without legally displayed license plates, are prohibited from being parked in a residential district unless parked or stored in a completely enclosed building.

Between January 1st and December 31, 2008 the zoning and planning department conducted 613 investigations, including zoning violations, nuisances, and weed complaints.

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New Jobs Come to Jackson Township

New jobs have come to Jackson Township. An insurance company that specializes in life and supplemental health insurance products has opened a regional office at 4942 Higbee Avenue Northwest, Suite G, in Jackson Township.

Liberty National Life Insurance Company, an Alabama-based company, held a Job Fair in January to find people for the 100 plus positions it planned to fill. The Job Fair was a huge success with over 1,000 people attending, who came to learn about the opportunities that Liberty National offers.

“Liberty National has concentrated in the South”, said branch manager Mike Rohrer, a Canton native and a 1998 GlenOak High School graduate. Rohrer said he was excited to be able to bring these good jobs back to this area.

The commission-based jobs pay up to \$80,000. No experience or college degree is necessary, and Liberty National will train candidates for the new office.



To schedule interviews at the new Liberty National Life Insurance Company Jackson Township office, phone 330-493-3576.

CIC Elects Ruthanne Wilkof President



**JACKSON TOWNSHIP
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Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Ruthanne Wilkof has been elected president of Jackson Township's Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for 2009. She replaces C. Todd Locke, who will continue to serve on the CIC Board of Directors.

Wilkof said, "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. Great opportunities are on the horizon."

"Mutual cooperation leads to mutual success. We appreciate the continuing interest of Jackson Township residents and businesses in bringing new levels of support for our community. We will do our best to keep you informed of our efforts to meet the diversified needs and interests of our community."

Wilkof also stated that anyone who has any questions, or needs CIC assistance, should contact her through Michelle Moore, Jackson Township Receptionist/Secretary at 330-832-7416 / 330-832-5936 (fax)



*Ruthanne Wilkof
President, CIC*

2009 CIC BOARD MEMBERS:

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Mike Thompson: Mike Thompson, Attorney-at-Law – CIC Vice President

James N. Walters: Jackson Township Trustee

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Michelle Moore: CIC Secretary & Treasurer

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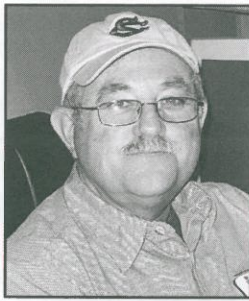
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WOW!!! WHAT A YEAR LAST YEAR! Thank you Jackson residents and those from surrounding areas. You made our recycling program a success last year. After all was said and done, you recycled over 1,998 tons of material, which made 2008 a very good year.

Thanks to a grant from the Solid Waste District, we were able to purchase and replace some of our old equipment. This enabled

us to handle the larger volume of materials that came to your recycling facility. In December we had over 7,756 cars pass through the recycling center.

For your information we now have a large paper shredder, which has been kept quite busy. For all those small businesses that have a desire to dispose of old documents, we are more than glad to do it for you as a service to the community. You are invited to stay with the material while it is shredded. For more information call the recycling center at 330-833-7365.

Just a reminder that our hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. We are closed on the major Holidays.

Thanks for making 2008 so successful, and for using your Jackson Township Community Recycling Station.

Chuck Gandee, Station Manager
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SOME TIDBITS FROM THE "DID YOU KNOW CORNER":

- If we recycled every plastic bottle we use, we would keep 2 billion tons of plastic out of landfills. That equals the weight of about 285,714,285 African elephants.
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water. Every year, enough paper is thrown away to make a 12-foot wall from New York to California.

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Need money to continue your education after high school? The Canton Student Loan Foundation can help!

The Canton Student Loan Foundation was established in 1922 and provides low-interest student loans to graduates or soon-to-be graduates of Stark County high schools. Stark County residents who graduated from A Better Chance (ABC) or GED Program are also eligible. We especially encourage students with annual family incomes of \$35,000 or less to apply for a loan this year due to the receipt of a generous grant from the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton which provides additional funds for loans to these students.

To be eligible for a loan, students must have at least a 2.0 grade-point average, be pursuing an undergraduate course of study, and be attending school on a full-time basis. Students may borrow up to \$3,000 per academic year until the maximum of \$12,000 has been borrowed.

To receive an application, contact the Canton Student Loan Foundation at (330) 493-0020 or info@cantonstudentloan.org. Applications may be downloaded from our website at www.cantonstudentloan.org. Loan applications are due in the Foundation's office by June 1, 2009.

For more information, please contact Kimberly Leggett, Executive Director at (330) 493-0020.

Friends of Jackson Community Parks

A 501(c) (3) Tax Exempt Corporation

A concerned group of Jackson Township citizens interested in helping promote, maintain, and encourage growth of the Jackson Township park system has set up a 501(c) (3) Tax Exempt Corporation, Friends of Jackson Community Parks. This group feels that our parks are the community's most valued and accessible resource. We are dedicated to advocate, educate and seek support for our park system.

The need for additional funding for these and other park projects has never been greater. We have no levy to draw from for operation and maintenance.

Stark Parks Levy DOES NOT benefit Jackson Parks.

Our goal is to solicit memberships from individuals, families, local youth sports programs, and corporate organizations. There will also be an opportunity for individuals, families, local youth sports programs, and corporate organizations to become sponsors of park activities and park improvements.

Another objective is to work to obtain foundation and government grants to improve the park facilities, equipment, and to continue park maintenance. Donations of property for the Jackson Township park system to help preserve open space and create new parks will also be considered.

It is our goal to provide the above monies to the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township for park improvements. ORC Sections 9.20, 503.01, 505.10 and 511.11 authorize the Board of Trustees to receive gifts or bequests for park improvements.

Some examples of projects with which we want to assist:

1. Completion of the Jackson Township Skate Park
2. Adding and replacing playground equipment in the South Park
3. Tennis court lighting
4. Restroom with picnic pavilion at the Basketball/ Skate Park
5. Replacing outdated maintenance equipment

Call or email Steve Rohr to become involved, find out more, or to discuss a donation.

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

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