



# Jackson Township Newsletter

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## ARE YOUR ROADS & PARKS WORTH 18 CENTS PER DAY?

The safety of our roads is a top priority. The Trustees have worked to keep your roads clear, maintained, and safe all year round. The Trustees have also worked to maintain a high quality of service in our parks for the safety and enjoyment of our youth, families and older adults. It is our goal to maintain this quality of service.

**Question: What is Issue 29 all about on the November 6 ballot?**  
Because of State cuts in local government revenue sources, the Township Trustees need to seek approval for a levy to restore a major portion of these funding losses. Revenue from the levy will not replace all of the losses from State cuts, but it will keep our Roads safe and our Parks operational.

**Question: Why do we need a levy for Jackson Roads and Parks?**  
Effective 2013, State budget cuts will severely diminish the Township's revenue. The State did not provide alternate sources of revenue to local governments to make up for these losses.

**Question: What specifically will the levy funds pay for?**  
If passed, the levy will pay for our Jackson Roads and Parks.

1. **If Issue 29 passes on November 6, the existing road levy, currently in effect, will be allowed to expire and will not be renewed.**
2. Since their existence in the early 1980's, Jackson Township parks have been paid for by general fund revenue sources such as estate taxes and the local government fund. The State has now eliminated these sources of revenue for townships.

**Question: What will happen to our roads if Issue 29 does not pass?**

1. **Winter snow removal and ice control will be affected.** In 2011, to save money, the Trustees consolidated our parks, road, and maintenance departments into one public works department. As part of that consolidation, park workers were trained to perform snow and ice control in addition to their other duties. With no money to pay our park workers, if the levy fails, snow and ice control services could be significantly delayed or reduced.
2. Since 1978, road levy funds have been used to partner with county, state, and federal government programs to pay for road and intersection improvement projects. If funds are not available for this purpose, then **our road improvements will not go forward**, and we will not be able to keep up with our growing community's considerable infrastructure and transportation needs.

Over the years, these partnerships enabled us to widen Frank Road, Hills & Dales, Portage Street, and Fulton Drive.

Also, we were able to leverage our road funds to obtain state and federal dollars to complete the following intersection improvements:

Fulton/Wales	Arlington/Strausser
Perry/Stuhldreher	Mudbrook/Arlington
Whipple/Portage	Highmill/Lafayette
Portage/Lutz	Strausser/Lutz
Arlington/Portage	Highmill/Portage

**Question: Will the Yard Waste Drop-Off Site be affected?**  
**Our Yard Waste drop-off site on Fulton Road will be eliminated or the hours of operation will be reduced.** If the levy fails, the site will likely be closed on weekends to eliminate labor costs, or the program could be eliminated completely.

**Question: What will happen to our parks if the levy does not pass?**

1. Maintenance and operations of our Jackson Parks, as we know them, will cease. There will not be enough money to pay for the current staff who operate and maintain the parks. Ballfields will not be prepared and maintained for the many sports groups that use our parks. Thousands of students are presently involved in organized youth sports and use our parks year-round. The safety of our ballfields and playgrounds has always been a priority. If the levy does not pass, park user safety will be jeopardized.
2. Our sports teams, residents, and visitors to our parks have come to expect a quality level of service from the Township. However, if the levy fails, funds will no longer be available to provide this level of service. **Funds could be in jeopardy for the four popular park events that have not yet been cut: Community Celebration, Easter Egg Hunt, Haunted Hayride, and Holiday in the Park.** Summer programming in our parks was eliminated in 2012 as a cost-saving measure.

**Question: Doesn't the Stark Parks levy pay for Jackson Parks?**  
**No. None of the funding from the Stark Parks levy is used for Jackson Parks.** If Jackson Township residents approve the Stark Parks levy in November, we will pay about \$1.3 million per year for their levy. However, none of the funding from the Stark Parks levy comes back to Jackson Township Parks.

**Question: How much will our Jackson Township levy cost?**  
**For the owner of an average home in Jackson Township valued at \$143,000, the estimated cost is \$5.25 per month or approximately 18 cents per day. This amount will keep our Jackson roads safe and in good repair, and our parks operational and in good condition.**

*Thank you for your continued support of our Roads and Parks. We are Jackson Township and together we make things happen.*

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# Celebration

Thank You!

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Thanks to good weather and the support of the residents of Jackson Township, the 2012 Jackson Community Celebration was very successful. Attendance was over 50,000 for the four-day event. Thanks to Massillon Cable TV for their special children's events each day and for their major sponsorship. On Friday night, the 5K Nightglow Run set a record with approximately 1,400 participants. This year's Car Show had many unique vehicles. Saturday morning started with the 3x3 Basketball Tournament and the evening ended with a fantastic fireworks display. 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 the Jackson Township residents and friends who attended and supported this year's Community Celebration.



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JACKSON-BELDEN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# Jackson Township Fire Department News

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Tracy R. Hogue**  
*Fire Chief*

With the end of summer and warm weather, the Jackson Township Fire Department would like you and your family to focus on a new campaign that targets residential fires. This campaign is sponsored by the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association to increase the public's awareness of safety practices in home heating.

The USFA estimates that home cooking causes the most residential fires, but heating appliances cause the most deaths. Each winter, residential building fires create an estimated \$1.7 billion in property loss.

The main causes of fires include placing heaters too close to flammable materials, leaving stoves unattended while cooking, using candles without candleholders or using damaged electrical cords.

These simple facts reviewed with your family and practiced in your home may assist in keeping you from the devastation of a home fire. Please do not hesitate to call for more information, for any of our public education programs, or for a Jackson Safety Center tour.



Have a great, enjoyable and "fire safe" fall and winter, from all of us at the Jackson Township Fire Department.

*Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION



On July 24, 2012, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees promoted Firefighter Gary H. Martin to the position of Fire Department Captain.

**Left to right: Fire Captain Gary H. Martin and Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue**

## MARILYN JONES

Longtime Safety Village Director, Marilyn Jones, passed away on June 22, 2012. Marilyn was instrumental in establishing Safety Village in Jackson Township. After her retirement as an elementary teacher in the Jackson Local School District, she accepted the challenge of starting Safety Village and was the director for many years. Under her leadership, Safety Village thrived and educated many children in our community. She will be missed by all of us!



## PARAMEDIC SERVICE

The Fire Department provides a variety of services not only to the residents but also to the Jackson Township community as a whole. Services include fire suppression, fire inspection & investigation, fire education & prevention, First Aid & CPR training, Technical Rescue, and Emergency Medical Service (EMS), which is the most common service provided to the community. In 2011, EMS response accounted for 72.5 percent of the department's call volume. At the core of our EMS service is the Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic.

Paramedics are a critical link for intervening and mitigating acute illnesses and injuries. Treating acute illness and injury requires paramedics to have a diverse skill set to manage the emergency on an advanced level. The most common advanced skill sets include breathing tube placement, Intra-Venous (IV) access, cardiac monitoring and heart rhythm interpretation, and therapeutic medication administration. A breathing tube allows paramedics to manage a patient's airway if they are unable to maintain spontaneous respirations. Establishing IV access provides paramedics with a direct route for administering therapeutic medication to mitigate or, in some cases, reverse life-threatening conditions.

One significant resource utilized by paramedics is the heart monitor. Heart monitors are essential in helping paramedics identify abnormal heart rhythms that can be life threatening to the patient. The mention of these skills and abilities only scratches the surface of what the Jackson Township Fire Department Paramedics are prepared to handle. Nevertheless, delivery of emergency medical care and advanced skill set proficiency can only be achieved through education and training. Rest assured that your Jackson Township Fire Department Paramedics are educated and trained to respond to any emergency.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS



**Firefighter/Fire Inspector Robert Preece** retired on July 31, 2012 after 33 years with the fire department. Bob started his career in 1979 and was appointed to Fire Prevention in 1981. Bob will enjoy spending time with his family during his retirement.



**Captain James Cunningham** retired on June 1, 2012 after 24 years with the fire department. Captain Cunningham started his career in 1988 and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2000. Captain Cunningham will enjoy spending time with his family and new grandchild.



**Firefighter Pete Santora** retired in May of 2012 after 39 years with the fire department. Pete started with the fire department as a volunteer in 1973. Pete will enjoy spending time with his family during retirement.



**Fire Inspector Kevin Lanzer** retired on June 30, 2012 after 23 years with the fire department. Kevin started his career in Fire Prevention in 1989. Kevin has accepted the Fire Chief's position for the City of Louisville.

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# Jackson Township Police Services



**David J. Zink**  
Police Chief

Four full-time officers, Jason Gerber, Timothy Rice, Dustin McDannold and Andrew Speight were recently added to our police department. If you have been around the township, I am sure will recognize these officers. They have been with us for several years as part-time officers and are very committed to providing our

residents with a high level of service.

Some questions you may be asking yourself are: how many officers do we have? Why are we hiring? What types of training do officers receive?



**Chief David Zink, Dustin McDannold, Andrew Speight, Jason Gerber, and Tim Rice.**

Do we really need more police officers? What do police officers do on a daily basis?

I will address each of these questions. But, before I do, I want to share a conversation I recently had with a resident whose brother had just passed away. His brother, also a resident, was a father, husband and friend to many in the township.

He said Officer John Angelo, who has been with us for over twenty-five years, should be given an award for his assistance at a medical emergency. He described a scene where the officer responded, assisted with CPR, and provided an AED, all in an effort to render life saving care for his brother. Unfortunately, his efforts were not successful.

I call attention to this scenario because members of our police department render assistance like this on a daily basis. This is not to diminish John's efforts at all, but this behavior is expected from our officers. That's right. I expect that and more from our members. I believe we have one of the best departments in Ohio. I have worked with other agencies throughout our state and am proud to be associated with the members who serve our community on a daily basis. I say this because it is important for our residents to know that they have some of the best-trained, most committed officers anywhere.

How many officers do we have? With the addition of the aforementioned full-time officers, we now have forty-four full-time officers and seven

sworn part-time officers. Your police department serves over forty thousand residents, handling over one hundred calls for service each day.

Why are we hiring? We added officers so we may continue to provide the same level of service to the community as we have in the past. We have a full-time investigative unit that handles serious type investigations. One officer is primarily focused on drug use and trafficking. Recently, he has made several heroin-related drug arrests. This is a drug that is a major problem in our area and is being abused by both young and old.

Should you suspect any drug abuse, I encourage you to call the department at (330) 834-3960 and share the information with a detective or anonymously report by calling (330) 834-3967.

What types of training do officers receive? Officers complete a basic police training academy and must successfully pass a state test. Once they are with us, they must complete our Field Training Program, which is comprised of sixty observed shifts. They are partnered with an experienced officer who trains and evaluates their performance; it is a very comprehensive training model. Additionally, within their first year, they are instructed in the apprehension of impaired drivers, the use of an Asp Baton, Chemical Mace, Taser, CPR, AED, traffic stops and the deployment of Stop Sticks, the use of BAC machine, Live Scan machine, radar, lidar, evidence collection, L3 recording system, both within the car and

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**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**

## PROMOTIONS AND ADDITIONS



**Detective Jason Collins was promoted to the rank of Sergeant**



**Jeff Caughey was sworn in as a part-time Police Officer**



**Joni Poindexter**  
**Zoning Inspector**

### **OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES**

Although we may not want to think about it, winter is just around the corner and some people may consider heating their house with an outdoor wood-burning furnace to save money and energy. An outdoor wood-burning furnace is

defined as any equipment, device or apparatus which is installed, affixed or situated outdoors for the primary purpose of combustion of fuel to produce heat or energy used as a component of a heating system providing heat to a principal residential structure or any other site structure on the residential premises.

An outdoor wood-burning furnace may be permitted within the R-R Rural Residential District on lots that are five (5) acres or greater. An outdoor wood-burning furnace shall not be permitted within any other zoning

district. All wood-burning furnaces, shall meet the following requirements:

- Must be located in the rear yard only.

- Must be setback 200 ft. from all property lines.
- No outdoor wood-burning furnace shall be utilized as a waste incinerator.
- Fuels are limited to seasoned hardwood, corncobs or wood chips.
- Must comply with Stark County Building Department regulations (building, mechanical, electrical, heating) and Ohio EPA Air Pollution Control Division regulations.
- Fire Department approval of furnace location.
- Minimum stack height shall be 20 ft. from the ground at unit base.

No person shall cause, allow or maintain the use of an outdoor wood-burning furnace without a valid zoning permit.

### **RIPARIAN AREAS**

Riparian setbacks control land use activities and new development within certain distances of streams, rivers and creeks. Setting development back maintains the ability of riparian areas to control flooding, limit stream bank erosion, protect habitat, purify ground water, and reduce water pollution.

Riparian setbacks protect structures and reduce property damage and threats to watershed residents while contributing to the scenic beauty and semi-rural character of Jackson Township.

Riparian setbacks on designated watercourses are established as follows:

1. A minimum of 50 feet on each side of the Tuscarawas River.
2. A minimum of 25 feet on each side of the Mudbrook Creek, Nimitila Creek and Ohio Erie Canal.

### **ABANDONED SWIMMING POOLS:**

A swimming pool shall be considered abandoned when the use has ceased and the pool is not maintained on a continued basis.

1. Above ground residential or commercial swimming pools, which have been abandoned for more than twenty-four months, shall be removed from the property.
2. In-ground residential or commercial swimming pools, which have been abandoned for more than twenty-four months, shall be filled-in.

*The Zoning updates to Riparian Areas and Abandoned Swimming Pools were effective June 21, 2012.*

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# Jackson Township Public Works Department



*Ralph E. Boger*  
*Public Works Director*

## **HIGHWAY DIVISION**

### **TOWNSHIP YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF**

The fall leaf season is here, and for your safety be cautious during the heaviest drop-off traffic of the year. Please respect the prohibited material requirements. The fall/winter drop-off hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning November 1 through March 31, 2013.

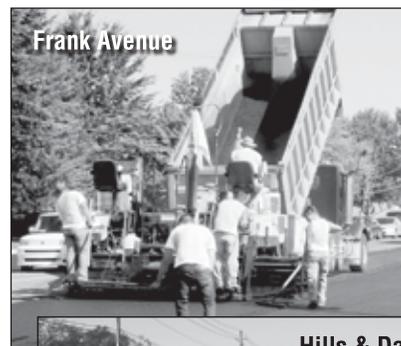
## **Winter Season Considerations**

Driving safety is the responsibility of us all. The Highway Department is ready with the salt material, highly maintained modern salt control truck equipment, and well-trained snow route drivers. Please use care in placing your trash containers, parking off the streets, and driving sensibly on all occasions. Mailbox installations must be strong enough to handle the impact of heavy wet snow.



## **CONSTRUCTION SEASON 2012**

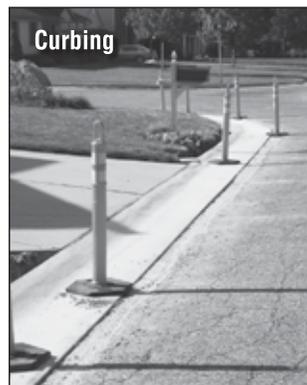
**Frank Avenue** from Mega Street, through the Portage Street intersection, to Bob O'Link Street was widened and improved to better accommodate the continuously growing commercial and university traffic. This is Phase One of the Frank Avenue improvement, which will continue north to the Akron/Canton Airport in future construction.



**Hills & Dales** improvement from Whipple west through the Dressler-Woodlawn intersection began with a large storm sewer installation and will continue the five-lane widening improvement into 2013.



**Resurfacing** The Jackson Township Highway Department contracted for the resurfacing of over 12 miles of distressed pavement. The increasingly expensive petroleum based asphalt, grinding, and leveling of existing asphalt, curb repairs, increasing labor, and trucking expenses are severely challenging the Township Road Levy funding.



**Lake O'Springs and Brunnerdale** are receiving resurfacing improvement from Hills & Dales Road to Shuffel Drive on the north. This four and one-half mile project is a joint project with the Stark County Engineer utilizing a welcome grant of \$150,000 from the Ohio Public Works Commission and local Jackson Township and Stark County Engineer funding.

**Curbing** A sixth year of contracted curb replacement was accomplished on 10,429 feet, nearly two miles, of deteriorated curbing. Much of this curbing work was required prior to resurfacing work for 2012 and 2013.

**Striping** Jackson Township striped 40 miles of the 200 miles of Jackson jurisdiction roadways. The County and State add another 100 miles of striping for your driving assistance and safety in the heavily traveled Township.

# Clean Water EDUCATION



Polluted storm water runoff is a leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40 percent of surveyed U.S. water bodies which do not meet water quality standards. Over land or via storm sewer systems, polluted runoff is discharged, often untreated, directly into local water bodies. When left uncontrolled, this water pollution can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and aquatic life habitats, a loss in aesthetic value, and threats to public health due to contaminated food, drinking water supplies, and recreational waterways.

Mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act, the NPDES Storm Water Program is a comprehensive two-phased national program for addressing the non-agricultural sources of storm water discharges, which adversely affect the quality of our nation's waters. The program uses the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting mechanism to require the implementation of controls designed to prevent harmful pollutants from being washed by storm water runoff into local water bodies.

The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination minimum control measure is one of six measures the operator of a Phase II regulated small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is required to include in its storm water management program to meet the conditions of its NPDES permit.

**What is "Illicit Discharge"?** Federal regulations define an illicit discharge as "any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of storm water..." with some exceptions. These exceptions include discharges from NPDES-permitted industrial sources and discharges from firefighting activities. Illicit discharges are considered "illicit" because MS4s are not designed to accept, process, or discharge such non-storm water wastes.

## SOURCES OF ILLICIT DISCHARGES:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Car wash wastewaters
- Radiator flushing disposal
- Spills from roadway accidents
- Effluent from septic tanks
- Improper oil disposal
- Laundry wastewaters
- Improper disposal of auto and household toxins

## MODERN EQUIPMENT

The Highway Department took delivery of a new "mini" backhoe. This machine is more maneuverable, faster, and more efficient on our daily work requirements. It replaces a 1988 rubber tired backhoe.

A skid steer loader was also added to the equipment. This small and very versatile machine uses many specialized attachments to aid in sweeping, asphalt cutting and grinding, as well as snow and ice winter service.

## RECYCLING BUILDING ADDITION

The Federal Clean Water Act and the continuously busy recycling station required a sheltered area for storage and operations. The project will be completed this fall in time for winter.



## PAUL & CAROL DAVID JACKSON TOWNSHIP YMCA PROGRAMS

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

### PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL INCLUDE:

- Swim lessons
- Adult Health and Wellness classes
- Karate lessons
- Before & After School Childcare
- Youth activities
- 4 to 6 year old indoor soccer
- Senior programs, and so much more!

**Many other adult and kids programs are offered.**

**A "Family Membership" is a great gift for the family.**

Call for more information on membership, programs and pricing at 330-830-6275 or go to [www.ymcastark.org](http://www.ymcastark.org).

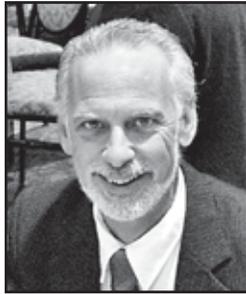
**Financial assistance is available.**

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



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# Parks and Recreation Division



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

## JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

Jackson Township residents have eight parks with approximately 240 acres, including:

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

### WALKING TRACK:

For your walking pleasure, the red walking track in the North Park is marked with yellow hash marks at every one-tenth of a mile. The outside loop of the track is 1+ mile.

North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. now through November 30. 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 School Fields, and Stuhldreher Street Fields, the hours of operation are dawn to dusk.

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. Do not leave pets unattended - please remember to clean up after your pet.

## SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Beginning January 2, 2013, you can turn in your shelter application forms to reserve any of the four Jackson Township Park shelters. Reservations will not be taken over the phone. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once your application is received, your date and time will be held. You must pick up your permit approximately one week prior to your reservation. For shelter availability, you can contact the Jackson Township Park at 330-832-2845. If you are a resident or business owner in Jackson Township, there is no charge to use the shelters.

## HAUNTED HAYRIDE

Our annual Haunted Hayride will take place on Saturday, October 20, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in the Jackson South Park. The hayride wagons will be donated by three different farmers in our township to take people throughout the many scary scenes in the South Park. Volunteers and park employees will provide these scary scenes. If you or a group would be interested in being part of the event this year, contact the Jackson Township Parks at 330-832-2845 or email [druwadi@jacksontwp.com](mailto:druwadi@jacksontwp.com).

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help make this a huge success. A

**Jackson Township's  
Halloween Trick or Treat  
will be held on  
Sunday, October 28, 2012  
from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

big "Thank You" to our sponsors, Leppo Rents-Bobcat of Canton, and Buehler's Fresh Foods.

## SANTA'S MAILBOX

The Jackson Township Park 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. Children must 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

Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jackson North Park.

The Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts, Crosspoint United Methodist Church, and Jackson Parks put on a great display of lights for the event. Come out and enjoy caroling, food, and gathering with family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will also be in attendance, so bring your camera!

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).



**Chuck Gandee**  
**Recycling Station Manager**

## Jackson Recycling is ready for Fall & Winter

It has been a long, hot, and dry summer, and cooler evenings are now with us. It is time to recycle all the old plants from our gardens. Please use the drop off area west of the Jackson High School. These materials will be turned into mulch for future use.

The Recycling Station's hours of operation are as follows: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday. The phone number is 330-833-7365 and email address is recycle@sssnet.com. The facility is available for tours, and the Station Manager is available to speak at group functions. We are now on Facebook and you can find us at Surbanite.com. Watch for future specials and announcements.

While we are on updates, by now you have seen the addition to our building. Future Ohio EPA requirements require open top containers to be covered to avoid storm water run-off. And in our continuing role as good neighbors, we wanted to clean up the area around the building to blend in more with the other buildings in our neighborhood.

Now, after five great years, it is with sadness that I announce my retirement as the Recycling Station Manager effective January 30, 2013. I would like to thank the people of Jackson Township, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, and the Jackson Township Recycling Board for your support, encouragement and wise counsel that you have provided me over the years. It has been a pleasure to serve and I will truly miss the work. Your support has provided jobs and opportunities for so many, as well as a place for young people to give back through community service.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Most rechargeable batteries can be recharged up to a thousand times and that manufacturing recycled goods uses up to 95 percent less energy than raw materials.

*Continue to support your Recycling Station. Your planet's future depends on it.*

*Chuck Gandee*  
*Jackson Recycling Station Manager*  
**330-833-7365 • Email: recycle@sssnet.com**

## Jackson Township Farmers Market



Jackson Township made "Healthy Things Happen" again this summer with the third annual Jackson Township Farmers Market. The Farmers Market had a steady stream of customers shopping on Thursdays between 3:00 and 6:30 pm. Vendors sold a large variety of home grown fruits and vegetables, delicious homemade baked goods, local honey, syrup, freezer beef and pork, and beautiful flowers.

We are looking for your input on the Jackson Township Farmers Market. Please take a few minutes to

fill out the customer survey on our website [www.jacksontownship.com](http://www.jacksontownship.com).



*We appreciate our residents' support of our Farmers Market.*  
*We hope to see all of you next year.*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS *Continued from page 3*

### CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) CLASSES



**Want to make a difference? Want to get involved?** Did you know that the 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.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES *Continued from page 4*

in-house for interviews, firearms, and they are trained to respond to active shooter situations called QAUD Training. As you can see, a lot is expected of our personnel and I can say, without hesitation, when one of our officers responds to your home for anything, a professional law enforcement officer is responding.

Do we really need more police officers? It is recommended that law enforcement agencies have more than two officers per one thousand of the population they serve. Taking into consideration the number of township residents, workers and visitors being served on a daily basis by our police department, the number of forty-four full-time officers is a very conservative one.

Finally, what do police officers do on daily basis? They enforce traffic laws, check homes and businesses, and respond to calls for service for anything from a property dispute to an armed robbery and more. They follow up on complicated financial cases and investigate drug cases.

In closing, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in visiting our safety center to see the equipment we use and/or meet the officers that serve our township.

## ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS *Continued from page 5*

### FENCES

Fences located in the side and rear yard shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet. Fences in the front yard shall not exceed a height of four (4) feet; however, where a fence is constructed along a side property line that runs parallel to a rear property line of an adjoining property, that portion of fencing along the side property line extending into the front yard area is permitted to be the maximum height permitted for a side yard.

### NONCONFORMING SIGNS

All legally nonconforming signs may be replaced, rebuilt or restored at the same location, height, and square footage of signage in existence at the time this resolution takes effect upon obtaining a zoning permit as long as the sign has not been discontinued for a period of two (2) years or more.

Always check with the zoning department before starting a project to ensure the use or structure complies with the zoning regulations.

The zoning resolution book, maps, and zoning applications can be found on our website at [www.jacksontpw.com](http://www.jacksontpw.com) under the zoning department page.

## COME JOIN US!

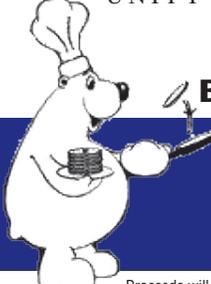
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012**

Unity in the Community Pancake Breakfast

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST & HEALTH FAIR**

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UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, October 20 • 8am-12pm  
Jackson High School Commons  
ALL TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR  
\$5 per person • Age 3 & under FREE  
Senior Citizens buy one, get one FREE

Proceeds will go to Jackson Local Families in need and to Jackson Local Schools.

## 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 *Field of HONOR - Field of HEROES*

During the Memorial Day weekend, the area around the Jackson Township Safety Center was ablaze in red, white and blue.



*Photo provided through the courtesy of Eric Welshenbaugh*

The Field of Honor – Field of Heroes presented 911 American flags in a spectacular display along Wales and Fulton Roads.

The display was a joint effort of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, the Rotary Club of Jackson Township, the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce, the Jackson Township fire and police departments, public works department, park division, Jackson Local Schools, and over forty community volunteers.

The Field of Honor – Field of Heroes was an opportunity for Jackson Township community members to honor their personal heroes, living or deceased, by purchasing a \$30 flag to fly during the Memorial Day weekend. At the end of the celebration, those who purchased flags were able to pick up their flags as a personal keepsake. Each flag had a blue card with the honoree's name and donor's name.

Many types of heroes were honored, including veterans, current members of the military, police officers, teachers, firefighters, coaches, medical professionals, family members and friends.

The patriotic display began on the Friday before Memorial Day with volunteers retiring an older flag and hanging a new flag donated by the Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Jackson. CPT Daniel Mueller, the deployed husband of Hillary Mueller of North Canton, who works with the Wounded Warrior program in Stark County, flew the new flag in Afghanistan. She sent the flag to her husband, who flew it on Easter and then returned it to the citizens of Jackson Township, along with the official certificate of being flown in Afghanistan.

Over forty volunteers then erected the 3 ft. by 5 ft. flags on the 8 ft. flag poles. On Memorial Day, a local Boy Scout troop and other volunteers took the flags down, folded each flag, and then gave the flag and the blue card to those who purchased the flag in honor and/or memory of their hero.



*With such a great success this year, the Field of Honor – Field of Heroes will be presented again next year in 2013 during the Memorial Day weekend.*

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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](http://jacksontwp.com), or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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