



Jackson Township *Newsletter*

FALL/WINTER
2013

We make things happen!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR JACKSON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS...

We are presenting the following article from the Highway Division of the Public Works Department for your information.



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THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP ROAD LEVY

The Jackson Township Road Levy expires this year, 2013, and will be on the November ballot as renewal Issue 32 with no new taxes.

This extremely important levy has been the necessary backbone of Jackson Township Highway Division resurfacing and roadway improvements in our ever-growing community and traffic. The significant benefit derived from leveraging the road levy funds in gaining OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) and other grants has been very effective. Over the last ten years \$82,140,000 has gone into Jackson Township Highway projects for traffic improvements with the Jackson share or match being only \$13,938,500, or 17 percent. Your Jackson Township Board of Trustees has been very active and responsible in managing your tax dollars. The reduced operating funds, higher expenses in all operations, and the recognized resident financial constraints demand difficult and sometimes unpleasant decisions. The Trustees and departments are dedicated to strong and judicious financial management.

2013 CONSTRUCTION & HIGHWAY ACTIVITIES Hills & Dales - Woodlawn/Dressler:

Widening to five lanes has taken place during the 2012 and 2013 construction seasons. A large storm sewer was installed and intersection improvement at Woodlawn/Dressler was accomplished in this heavy commercial area.



Hills & Dales

This was a joint project with the Stark County Engineer utilizing an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant and local funding.



Hills & Dales

Frank Avenue Phase II: Widening to four lanes from Bob O'Link to Applegrove and tapering back to two lanes just south of Strausser was well underway by midsummer. The project will improve the intersection at Huckleberry and the intersection and traffic signal operations at Applegrove. This is also a joint project with the Stark County Engineer, which has received an OPWC grant and local money. Completion is expected in the late spring or early summer of 2014.

Resurfacing: 12.93 miles of Jackson Township resurfacing was accomplished to maintain the allotment community high standards. Once again, grinding street surfaces and curb and catch basin repair, prior to resurfacing, has increased the road levy expenditure. The numerous allotments built in the 1990's and early 2000's are increasing the requirement for new surface and road levy funding.



Frank Avenue



Frank Avenue

Curbing Replacement: 8,085 feet of deteriorated curbing was replaced in our sixth consecutive year of curbing improvement. This work precedes resurfacing and has been a beneficial use of the road levy funds.

Road Restriping: Road levy funding also provided for restriping of 40 miles of Jackson Township busy roadways in 2013. Bright new centerlines and edge lines, stop bars, and turn arrows make driving safer both day and night.

DRAINAGE, MOWING, SWEEPING, SIGN MAINTENANCE, PATCHING, SNOW & ICE CONTROL

These year-round maintenance efforts have kept our reduced road crew busy. Nature's growth and destruction, normal wear and tear, accidents, and vandalism never take a vacation.

New Equipment: Two new 2014 dump trucks equipped with plows and salt spreaders have replaced the two oldest plow trucks. The newest technology of salt distribution control and salt treatment is now in use for economic and maximum operational effectiveness of these very expensive winter safety applications.

Snow & Ice Control: Winter operations in the Highway Division are always the most difficult. Long hours starting in the middle of the night, difficult weather driving conditions, and continuous driver concentration required to miss mailboxes and place snow where it does not offend, are sometimes challenging for our drivers. Stakes will once again be placed in the difficult roadway locations to help our drivers avoid problems with your home frontage.



Tracy R. Hogue
Fire Chief

With the weather the country and the State of Ohio have been experiencing and Jackson Township being the victim of an actual tornado April 28, 2002, the Jackson Fire Department wants to insure that our residents are educated in "Emergency Preparedness".

Most disasters are natural disasters, the result of some force of nature, such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and floods. Some natural disasters can be predicted, such as hurricanes and severe winter storms, while others, such as tornadoes and earthquakes, happen with little or no warning.

Some disasters are the cause of human actions, intentional or unintentional. A disaster plan will help with safety, security, and comfort.

Regardless of the type of disaster, there are things you can do to prepare. Contact your local Red Cross chapter, visit the FEMA website, or Ready.gov to make sure you are aware of the potential for natural disasters in your community. After you have identified the types of disasters that could strike where you live, create a family disaster plan that can apply to any type of disaster – natural, unintentional, or intentional.

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT

Disaster can occur suddenly and without warning. They can be frightening for adults, but they are traumatic for children if they don't know what to do when these events occur. Children depend on daily routines. When an emergency disturbs their routine, children can become nervous. In an emergency, they'll look to parents or other adults to help.

How parents react to an emergency gives children an indication on how to act. They see their parents' fear as proof that the danger is real. A parent's response during this time may have a long-term impact. Including children in the family's recovery plans will help them feel that their life will return to normal.

Families should prepare an emergency supplies kit and develop a plan. Practice your plan so that everyone will remember what to do in an emergency. Everyone in the home, including children, should play a part in the family's response and recovery efforts. Remember: make the plan simple so everyone can remember the details.

Have your children create their personal pack. Have them include things like their favorite book or stuffed animal. These familiar things will help keep them comfortable during an emergency:

- Change of clothes
- Favorite toy
- Blanket & Books
- Paper, pencils and crayons

We hope all our residents have a fantastic, "safe" Thanksgiving and Holiday Season from all of the employees at the Jackson Fire Department.

Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue



EMERGENCY SUPPLY LIST

- Water - one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation - store 3-day supply
- Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods - at least a 3-day supply
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-prescription medication
- Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Water and pet food if you have pets
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Aluminum foil
- A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- A complete change of clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes stored in a waterproof container.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items
- Soap
- Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers.
- Passport, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies

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 to 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 FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



The Jackson Township Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau, in addition to conducting inspections in businesses throughout the Township, also provides training and information on fire safety.

Over the summer, fire extinguisher training was completed at several medical facilities, which included “hands-on” demonstrations of proper use of a fire extinguisher. In addition, a Life Safety In-Service Day was held for 125 employees of a local health center.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is required to stand-by for all fireworks demonstrations – in addition to the annual July 4th fireworks, they also oversaw the Community Celebration and the Jackson Belden FoodFest and Fireworks.

They also participated in the Relay for Life and attended Ohio Pools Customer Appreciation Day and Buehler’s “Touch a Truck” Day.

Car seat inspections/installations are held on the first Monday of each month; a total of 33 car seats were installed between June and August.



The Fire Prevention Bureau members also attend Continuing Education Classes that are required to maintain their certifications. These include the annual Ohio Arson School and monthly Fire Data Exchange Association meetings as well as participating in trainings held in other jurisdictions.

**Fire safety classes are available for Township businesses.
For more information, contact the
Fire Prevention Bureau at 330-834-3951.**



COACHING GOOD SPORTS

SIGN UP & SCORE GOALS

GREAT Programming for Kids

Financial Assistance Available

- Swim lessons
- Indoor Soccer
- Floor Hockey
- Indoor Volleyball
- Before & After School Child Care

Enjoy a variety of Group Exercise classes with your Membership

David Y of Jackson Twp.

7389 Caritas Circle NW

(Just off Wales Rd. across from Buehler's)

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Jackson Township Police Department

WINTER DRIVING

Driving in bad weather is not something you accomplish by passing your driver's exam; it requires learning. Learning and experience. I have seen a number of accidents that appear to have been caused by inexperienced drivers. When road conditions are hazardous, it is best to stay off the roads whenever possible.

The Ohio Department of Transportation has advised us that they will not salt some of the state routes as they have in the past because of the increased price of salt.

It is my belief that during non-peak hours, some state routes may not get the attention they have in the past, which means more difficult driving conditions. If you must drive, please observe the following driving tips.



Major Mark Brink

SAFE WINTER TRAVEL

Winder conditions call for different driving tactics. Ice and snow, take it slow – slower speed, slower acceleration, slower steering, and slower breaking. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination safely. It's not worth putting yourself and others in a

dangerous situation just to save time.

- Drive with your headlights on.
- Drive for conditions. Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It won't help you stop any faster.
- Winter road conditions often result in longer stopping distances. Drivers should allow additional room between their vehicles and others.
- Slow down when approaching intersections, off ramps, bridges or shady spots. These all have the potential to develop black ice that makes driving hazardous.
- Avoid abrupt actions while steering, braking or accelerating to lessen the chances of losing control of the vehicle.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra time to react.
- Trucks take longer to stop. Don't cut in front of them.
- Avoid using cruise control or overdrive. Don't let your car make a bad decision for you.
- Stopping on snow and ice without skidding requires extra time and distance. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Either way, give yourself plenty of room to stop. Source: www.wedot.wa.gov/winter.

Major Mark Brink

**Jackson Township's
Halloween Trick or Treat**
will be held on
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013
From 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



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

BELDEN VILLAGE RETAIL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

On the second Wednesday of every month a retail association meeting is held with loss prevention and asset protection officers from stores in the Belden Village area. The purpose of these meetings is to exchange information about known shoplifters who target stores in the Belden Village area. There is also information about retail fraud discussed at these meetings. The information shared at these meetings has led to the identification and prosecution of unknown theft suspects.

Safe Shopping Tips:

1. Be aware of your purse or wallet at all times.
2. Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
3. Try to park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores, and people.
4. Make sure you have your key out as you approach your door.
5. Keep all valuables stored in your vehicle out of sight.
6. Always lock the doors on your vehicle and roll the windows all the way up.
7. Walk purposefully and be aware of your surroundings.

Contact Sergeant Steve Johnson at 330-834-3960 for more information.

Sergeant Steve Johnson

Be a Good Neighbor

Holidays always seem to bring an increase in crime. Be a good neighbor and help keep an eye on our community. You can help prevent and solve crime by being alert and observant. Be aware of what and who belongs in your neighborhood. When you observe suspicious activity or see something that is out of the norm, report it.

Major Mark Brink

Group Buying Power Works for Electricity Too

JACKSON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Thanks to governmental aggregation, residents and small businesses in Jackson Township have access to a beneficial electric program that provides savings every month on their electric bills.

The aggregation program provides participants with guaranteed savings on their electric bills through a percent savings off the utility's generation rate. This means that regardless of the rate your utility would charge you for electric generation, the price you pay through the Jackson Township aggregation program will always be lower. To find out the amount of your discount, please call 1-866-636-3749. Have a recent copy of your electric bill handy.

Governmental aggregation, which was passed by Jackson Township voters in 2010, allows community leaders to form aggregated buying groups to purchase electric generation on behalf of their citizens. By bringing citizens together, the aggregation gains group buying power and typically can negotiate a better price with the supplier than each aggregation group member could have negotiated individually.

Jackson Township selected Akron-based FirstEnergy Solutions, one of the nation's largest electric generation suppliers, to serve the residents and small businesses in the community served by Ohio Edison and AEP Ohio.

Your local electric utility will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to homes and businesses, and will continue to read your meter, maintain poles and wires, and restore power after an outage.

Below is PUCO's apples-to-apples comparison page: <http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/index.cfm/apples-to-apples/>

If you have any questions about the electric aggregation program, please feel free to contact FIRST ENERGY SOLUTIONS AT 1-866-636-3749.

Ohio Edison Billing Company
 Bill Based On: Estimated Meter Reading, eBR
 Billing Period: Mar 26 to Apr 25, 2013 for 31 days
 Bill For: [Redacted]

April 26, 2013
 Account Number: [Redacted]
 Amount Due: \$85.80
 Due Date: May 10, 2013

To report an emergency or an outage, call 24 hours a day 1-888-544-4877. For Customer Service, call 1-800-633-4766. For Payment Options, call 1-800-686-3421. Pay your bill online at www.firstenergycorp.com
 Bill issued by: Ohio Edison, PO Box 3637, Akron OH 44309-3637

Messages	Account Summary	Amount Due
To avoid a 1.50% Late Payment Charge being added to your bill, please pay the Amount Due by the Due Date.	Previous Balance	82.79
Your current PRICE TO COMPARE for generation and transmission from Ohio Edison is listed below. For you to save, a supplier's price must be lower. To obtain an "Apples to Apples" comparison of available competitive electric supplier offers, visit the PUCO web site at www.PUCO.ohio.gov . Residential Service - 09803116795, 6.65 cents per KWH.	Payments/Adjustments	-82.79
Your next meter reading is scheduled to occur on or about May 23, 2013.	Balance at Billing on Apr 26, 2013	0.00
Spring's warm weather often produces thunderstorms, which can cause power outages. If your power goes out, call 1-888-LIGHTS (1-888-544-4877). For your safety, please treat all downed wires as live and dangerous. For more information on preparing for outages, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/storms .	Ohio Edison	45.82
	FirstEnergy Solutions Corp - Consumption	39.98
	Total Current Charges	85.80
	Amount Due by May 10, 2013	85.80
	Usage Information for Meter Number [Redacted]	
	Apr 25, 2013 KWH Reading (Estimate)	25,813
	Mar 26, 2013 KWH Reading (Actual)	25,110
	KWH used	703
	Charges From Ohio Edison	
	Customer Number [Redacted]	
	Rate: Residential Service CE-RS	
	Customer Charge	4.00
	Distribution Related Component	30.93
	Cost Recovery Charges	10.89
	Current Consumption Bill Charges	45.82
	Charges From FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.	
	341 White Pond Drive Bldg B3, Akron Oh 44320-1119	
	Customer Service: 1-888-254-6359	
	Account Number [Redacted] Rate: SE0-0980	
	Basic Charge 703 KWH @ 0.056871 per KWH	39.98
	Total FirstEnergy Solutions Corp Charges	\$ 39.98
	Detail Payment and Adjustment Information	
	03/27/13 Payment	-82.79
	Account Balances by Company	
	Previous Balance	82.79
	Payments/Adjustments	-82.79
	Current Charges	85.80
	Amount Due	85.80
	Ohio Edison	45.82
	FirstEnergy Solutions Corp	39.98
	Total	85.80

SAVINGS SUMMARY

Resident who does NOT participate in the aggregation program:
 703 KWH (monthly usage) x \$0.0605 = \$42.53

Resident who DOES participate in the aggregation program:
 703 KWH (monthly usage) x \$0.056871 = \$39.98

Monthly Savings through the Aggregation Program: \$2.55



JACKSON TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET

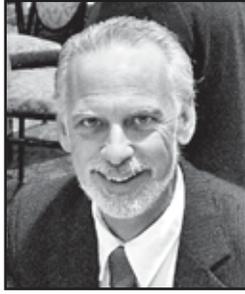
Jackson Township made "Healthy Things Happen" again this summer with the fourth annual Jackson Township Farmers Market. The Farmers Market had a steady stream of customers shopping on Thursdays between 3:00 and 6:30 pm. Vendors sold a large variety of home grown fruits and vegetables, delicious homemade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

WE APPRECIATE OUR RESIDENTS' SUPPORT OF OUR FARMERS MARKET. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU NEXT YEAR.

Parks and Recreation Division



David R. Ruwadi
Park Mgr. & Programming Supervisor

JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

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

Jackson Township Parks:

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

North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. until 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.

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.



DO NOT LEAVE PETS UNATTENDED - PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET.

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.

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Beginning January 2, 2014, you can turn in your pavilion application forms to reserve any of the four Jackson Township park pavilions. Reservations will not be taken over the phone and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. You must pick up your permit approximately one week prior to your reservation. For pavilion availability, you may contact the Jackson Township Parks at 330-832-2845 or view open dates on the park web page at www.jacksontownship.com. For Jackson Township residents, business owners, and non-profit organizations, there is no charge to use the pavilions. The charge is \$10 per hour for non-residents and for-profit organizations and companies.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in the Jackson North Park on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus! Jackson North Park is located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School.

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

SANTA'S MAILBOX ON DISPLAY IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Jackson Township Parks are 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.

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.jacksontownship.com.

Children can drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox addressed to the North Pole between December 1 and December 16. All letters received by 2:00 p.m. on December 16 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.

Haunted Hayride

The annual Haunted Hayride was held on Saturday October 19, 2013 in the Jackson Township South Park. Hayride wagons drove the brave visitors through many scary scenes that were located throughout the South Park. The scenes were provided by volunteers and park employees. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a huge success.

If you would be interested in volunteering for next year's Haunted Hayride, please contact the Park Division at 330-832-2641 or email druwadi@jacksontownship.com.

Thank you to our sponsors, Leppu Rents - Bobcat of Canton, and Buehler's Fresh Foods.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT CELEBRATION!



Thanks to the support of Jackson Township residents and local businesses, the 2013 Jackson Community Celebration was a huge success. Attendance was over 55,000 for the four-day event. Thanks to MCTV 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 2,000 participants. This year's Car Show had many unique vehicles.

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

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

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Next year's Community Celebration is scheduled for June 25 through 28, 2014.

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 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.jacksontpw.com to download an application.



Ralph E. Boger
Public Works Director

Jackson Township Highway Division

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste. Products such as

paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides contain potentially hazardous ingredients that require special care when you dispose of them.

When determining how to dispose of household hazardous waste, **READ THE LABEL**. Some hazardous materials indicate proper disposal techniques on their labels. If disposal directions are not present on the label of a material known to be hazardous, the label will indicate contents, solubility, or corrosive/reactive potential through the warnings or cautions on the container.

ALWAYS ATTEMPT TO USE ALL OF ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.

If you have more than you require, maybe a neighbor is in need. Although the complete use of a product is wise, give leftover products to others only if the material is in its original container with the label intact. Any "precautionary" information that may have accompanied the container should be provided to the new owner. A wise purchase of only the amount you will require will reduce the hazardous waste you generate.

DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DOWN THE DRAIN.

Do not dump anything hazardous down a sink, floor drain, or toilet. This also includes letting hazardous materials run down the storm sewer system (draining an automobile's oil into the gutter system or excessive water runoff from a pesticide treated yard).

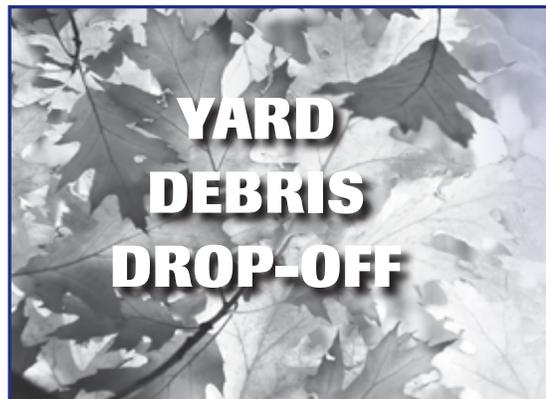
RECYCLE WHENEVER POSSIBLE (BATTERIES, OIL, ETC.).

DO NOT MIX HAZARDOUS WASTES.

Never combine leftover household hazardous wastes into one container. Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated household hazardous waste might become un-recyclable.

There are many hazards associated with the improper disposal of household hazardous wastes. Improper disposal of household hazardous wastes can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the trash. Certain types of household hazardous waste have the potential to cause physical injury to sanitation workers, contaminate septic tanks or wastewater treatment systems (if poured down drains or toilets), and present hazards to children and pets if left around the house. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to human health.

To avoid the potential risks associated with household hazardous wastes, it is important that people always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances in their homes.



YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

OPEN MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY – DAWN TO DUSK

Our highly regarded resident drop-off area in South Park on Fulton Drive has continued to be the largest in Stark County. Jackson Township loads out this material nearly daily to provide room for the many backing and dumping vehicles and trailers. The Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne Joint Solid Waste District provides the debris removal trucking operations.

Fall leaves are upon us as the busiest and most crowded drop-off time of the year. Residents should carefully secure their loads in transit. The highway crews routinely must retrieve these loose droppings from the roadways. Also, residents are requested to back up as close as possible to the debris pile when unloading to preserve the open area for vehicle maneuvering.

Please exercise extreme driving and backing caution in this area.

2013 Safety Village



Marilyn Jones

Safety Village was started many years ago by Marilyn Jones, a retired Jackson Local School elementary teacher. Under her leadership, Safety Village has thrived and educated many children in our community. Unfortunately, Marilyn passed away last year, June 22nd; that happened to be the last day of Safety Village in 2012.

This year, the Jackson Township Police and Fire Departments, in conjunction with Jackson Local Schools, held the annual Safety Village program from June 10th through June 14th at Sauder Elementary School.



The program included lessons from the Police and Fire Departments on home safety, stranger danger, gun safety and seatbelt safety. The children were visited by Freddie the Fire Truck; they sang fire prevention songs; explored both a fire engine and an ambulance. One of the highlights was having a fully geared-up firefighter carrying tools wandering around during snack time. Additional programs included school bus safety, bicycle safety, water safety, pedestrian safety, railroad safety, drugs, poisons, and weather safety.



Those attending were Jackson Local School District and St. Michael's Elementary School children that had completed Kindergarten or First Grade during the 2012 - 2013 school years. This year's class consisted of 148 students. The Jackson Township Police and Fire Departments are looking forward to working with the Jackson Local Schools as we prepare for next year's Safety Village.

FRIENDS OF JACKSON COMMUNITY PARKS

We would like to thank our Jackson youth organizations, businesses and the many people who use the parks for their support of the park levy this past May. You all were a big help in getting it passed. Thank you also for your donations.

There are many areas in the parks that need upgraded and repaired. The playgrounds and walking track are in need of repair. Some of the maintenance equipment is old and needs to be replaced. In the next few months we will prioritize the park projects that we would like to accomplish over the next five years. We welcome your ideas, suggestions and comments.

The Friends of Jackson Community Parks will hold meetings on November 13 and December 11, 2013 at the Jackson Township Administration Building. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Please come and help us improve our Jackson Community Parks.

The Friends of Jackson Community Parks will continue to look for grants and funds to help finish the skate park and repair/replace playground equipment and other park improvement projects. We would appreciate any donation large or small. We still continue to collect used cell phones. The phones can be dropped off at the Jackson Township Administration Building or Buehler's Fresh Foods.

Thanks,
Steve Rohr & Steve Studer

NEAL FITZGERALD
JACKSON TOWNSHIP LAW DIRECTOR
JANUARY 3, 1984 ~ JULY 8, 2013



Neal Fitzgerald served as Law Director for Jackson Township for 29 years until his untimely death on July 8, 2013.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Akron, School of Law, Neal served as assistant prosecuting attorney for the Stark County Prosecutor's office until taking the position of law director for Jackson Township on January 3, 1984. Neal was active as an advisor and liaison for various government agencies. His knowledge of Township government was extensive and invaluable.

Neal will be missed by all who knew him.

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



*Joni Poindexter
Zoning Inspector*

ZONING BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES

Two zoning boards that are vital to effective implementation of township zoning are the zoning commission and the board of zoning appeals. The establishment of a zoning commission and a board of appeals is a requirement of the Ohio Revised Code for administration of a township zoning resolution. Both boards are comprised of five regular members and an alternate that are appointed by the township trustees. All board members must be township residents. Regular members are appointed for staggered five-year terms. Alternates are appointed for one year. Applications to serve on the zoning boards are solicited annually in the month of November and appointments or reappointments are made only after all applicants have been interviewed by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees. All board meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas are available on our website at www.jacksontwp.com.

making its decision. A majority vote of the Township Trustees is required to deny or modify the zoning commission's recommendation.

The Zoning Commission meets the third Thursday of the month as needed.

ZONING COMMISSION

The function of the zoning commission is to consider and make a recommendation to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees in connection with any request to rezone property from one zoning classification to another zoning classification (map amendment), or any request to change the zoning resolution (text amendments). The zoning commission or the Board of Trustees may also initiate a map amendment or text amendment. A recommendation from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to approve, deny, or modify the request must be considered by the zoning commission at a public hearing prior to

NEW BUSINESS PROPOSED IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

The Hyatt Hotel will be coming to Jackson Township and will be located at northwest corner of Whipple and Everhard Road. The 67,980 sq. ft. building, which has a valuation of \$6,300,000, will have 105 rooms and an indoor swimming pool.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The purpose of the Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is to act upon appeals from a decision or determination of the zoning inspector, to consider applications for variances, and the granting of conditional use permits. The board may also grant approval to allow an expansion of a non-conforming use over 25 percent, and a change from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use.

The Board of Zoning Appeals usually meets on the second and/or fourth Thursday of the month depending on the number of hearings scheduled.

PROPER DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOL WATER

Drain Your Pool in an Approved Manner: When swimming season is over, pool owners need to be careful of how and where they discharge swimming pool water when they lower the level of their pool. The discharge of chlorinated swimming pool water directly into a waterway or into a storm sewer is prohibited.

The storm sewer system (which includes ditches and pipes) was designed to handle runoff from rain and snow only. The water is not treated before it is discharged into area creeks and rivers. If the water contains chlorine, it can be very toxic to fish and other aquatic plants and animals. Therefore, residential swimming pool water must be dechlorinated before being discharged. *Do not allow pool water to discharge to a septic system.*

Dechlorinate Pool Water Before Discharging: Reduce the chlorine in the pool water to undetectable levels before draining it. The simplest method is to stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and wait. Sunlight will naturally dissipate the chlorine within a few days. It can also be reduced by adding a chemical called sodium thio-sulfate, which is available at pool stores (always follow the directions). Monitor the chlorine level with a swimming pool chlorine test kit. When there is no longer any detectable chlorine in your swimming pool it is safe to discharge the water. When discharging the water, allow it to flow over a grassy area at a slow rate to allow for some filtration of the water.

Saltwater Swimming Pools: The recent increase in popularity of saltwater swimming pools has caused many to examine the best method for discharging this type of water. At this time, it is still undecided. The bottom line is that some smaller water bodies can be more severely affected due to the higher salinity of the discharge water. Please exercise caution.

RECYCLING STATION

Jackson Township Recycling Station

Now Taking All Plastics #1 through #7



Steve DeJane
Recycling Station Manager

Fall is here and the leaves are falling. You can take all of your yard waste and garden waste to South Park. Their hours are dawn until dusk everyday!

We are able to take all #1 through #7 plastics now. We hope this makes things easier for our customers.

Christmas is coming, so remember we can take your old electronics, wrapping paper and styrofoam.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed Wednesday and Sunday

Happy Holidays from the Jackson Township Recycling Staff!

Steve DeJane, Jackson Recycling Station Manager
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JACKSON TOWNSHIP SAFETY FORCES OPEN HOUSE



On Sunday, October 6, the Jackson Township Safety Forces hosted an annual Open House in celebration of Fire Prevention Week. Approximately 500 residents toured the Safety Center viewing displays from both the police and fire departments.



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 FIREFIGHTERS' REUNION

The Jackson Firefighters' reunion was held on August 20, 2013 at the Lake Cable pavilion. This reunion marked the 23rd year that Jackson Fire Department members from past and present gathered for fellowship and to reminisce at the annual barbeque dinner. Drawing members from as far away as Florida, the reunion provided a great opportunity for past members to see how the fire department has evolved, and for present members to learn about the department's history which began in 1952.



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911 HOUSE NUMBERING

Seconds count in emergencies. To aid safety personnel in finding your home, residents are encouraged to purchase a 911 House Numbering Sign made of blue metal background and large white reflective numbers.



A \$15 fee is required with proceeds benefiting the Jackson Township Safety Forces Associations. On-line registration forms are available under the Fire Department's program section at jacksontwp.com, or send this form to: Jackson Firefighter's Association, 8500 Traphagen N.W., Massillon, OH 44646

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