

Jackson Township Mewsletter

FALL 2019

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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

Strip Avenue Extension OFFICIALLY OPENED FOR TRAFFIC ON JULY 11



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After years of planning, motorist have a new road to travel to reach The Strip and into Belden Village shopping areas. On July 11, 2019, Jackson Township officially opened the extension of Strip Avenue. The extension was constructed to join Applegrove Street to Portage Street. Prior to the construction of the extension, Strip Avenue ended at Eagle Circle. This new road will help with the flow of traffic coming from the east and is expected to reduce the load of traffic on Portage Street, Frank Avenue and Whipple Avenue. In addition to the improvements in the flow of traffic, the extension of Strip Avenue will improve the potential for further economic development in the area. Any increase in the establishment of new businesses will help to relieve the tax burden on our homeowners.

The Jackson Township Trustees would like to thank the different groups involved with completing the project including Stark County Engineer; MS Consultants, which did the design work; Aqua Ohio Water, which put in the water line; Wenger Excavating, which was the contractor; Scott Fitzpatrick, who donated the right of way for the road; and Municipal Company, which was the project manager.

Jackson North Park Outdoor Amphitheater

If you have driven past north park in the past few months you have seen significant construction in progress. This spring.



construction on the amphitheater began. Jackson Township elected officials had visions of building this type of outdoor building for many years. Fiscal Officer/ Economic Development Director, Randy Gonzalez, worked with State Representative Kirk Schuring who helped the township secure two grants for \$1.5 million from the State of Ohio. This outdoor space will bring the community together by offering a new venue for many of the special events held in North Park. The amphitheater itself is an 8,700 square foot structure of which 6,110 square feet is covered by the roof. The lawn seating area will comprise approximately 25,202 square feet, which can comfortably seat 1,600 attendees on blankets. If the weather cooperates the projected completion date for the amphitheater will be the spring of 2020.

Jackson Branch Library

Immediately to the south of the amphitheater site, progress continues on the Stark County District Library's new branch in Jackson Township. The new branch, will feature convenient access to technology and power, self-checkouts, a tailored collection of books and resources, and flexible meeting spaces, will be located on the northeast corner of Fulton Drive and Community Parkway and will be an integral part of the larger North Park renewal and amphitheater project. This location will provide convenient access for visitors via a new Parkway from Fulton Drive as well as from Community Parkway. If the weather cooperates the project should be done in the spring of 2020.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jackson Township Fire Department News



Tracy R. Hogue, Fire Chief

As I continue with my series of newsletter articles to educate you on fire safety, I would like to stress the importance of candle safety. With the holidays quickly approaching, the use of candles will increase. Lighted candles are used in religious services, in places of worship, and in

your home. Whether you are using one candle or more, make sure you take a few moments to learn about using candles safely.

CANDLE SAFETY

Candles should be placed in a sturdy candle holder. Handheld candles should not be passed from one person to another at any time. When lighting candles at a candle lighting service, have the person with the unlit candle dip their candle into the flame of the lit candle.

Lit candles should not be placed in windows where a blind or curtain could catch fire. Candles placed on, or near tables, altars, or shrines, must be watched by an adult. If a candle must burn continuously, be sure it is enclosed in a glass container and placed in a sink, on a metal tray, or in a deep basin filled with water.

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

Matches and lighters should be stored out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet. Places of worship should be equipped with a fire detection and sprinkler system. A home should have smoke alarms on every level, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound. Test all smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old. Plan and practice a home fire escape drill that includes two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.

CHILDREN & CANDLES

Candles should be kept out of the reach of children and pets. Young children should never hold a lit candle. Consider providing battery-operated candles for children. A parent should decide when a child is mature enough to light a candle with adult supervision.

From all of us at the Jackson Fire Department, have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Fire Chief Tracy R. Hogue

Jackson Township Fire Department

*(Information on candle safety is from the National Fire Protection Association)



FACTS

December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. Three of every five home candle fires happen when a candle is placed too close to something that can burn.

GROWING WITH THE COMMUNITY



Look around, Jackson Township continues to grow. With this comes the responsibility to protect those that live, work, and shop within the community. The Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) is charged with public safety education and fire code enforcement for nearly 3,000 commercial occupancies. In order to accomplish this, two additional State of Ohio certified Life Safety Inspectors have been

added. With the appointment of Inspectors Dennyson Tan and Ryan Sprunger, the FPB is currently staffed with five career inspectors and one part-time plans examiner.



Adding Staff

The business model practiced by the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) utilizes career firefighter/paramedics to protect the citizens of our community. Part-time firefighter/ EMTs are used to augment staffing, as well as provide a pool of candidates when needed for career vacancies.

In July, J. Amstutz, J. Baer, N. Batdorff, C. DeVitis, K. Hendershot, and R. Richards were sworn-in as new part-time members. All six are certified to the firefighter II and EMT levels in the State of Ohio. After completing department specific training, they will be available to fill open shifts out of the Safety Center.



(left to right – Jared Baer, Rory Richards, Clark DeVitis, Kristopher Hendershot, Nicholas Batdorff, and Joshua Amstutz)

OPEN HOUSE 2019

Across the country, Fire Prevention Week is observed the first week of October.

On October 6th, the Jackson Township Fire and Police Departments hosted the annual Open House. Children of all ages stopped by in order to climb on the fire trucks, sit in a police car, and simply hangout with those that protect and serve the community.

Items such as the thermal imager were demonstrated; this device aids firefighters during fire incidents for searching for victims, as well as fire extension. Younger firefighters were able to get their hands on an actual firehose and spray water. Having the ability to sit in an ambulance hopefully creates a better bond with the firefighter/paramedics and the community.

Both the Fire and Police Department members are proud of what they do and thank the community for their support. This annual Open House continues to be a popular, well attended event.







CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) CLASSES



Want to make a difference? Want to get involved?

Did you know that the Jackson Township Fire Department conducts CPR classes? All classes are in accordance with the American Heart Association Standards and are held at the Jackson Township Safety Center. The cost is \$40 per

person. Whether you are a business looking to train your staff or a resident looking to learn the newest lifesaving standards, we can help.

Please contact the Jackson Township Fire Department at 330-834-3950 for details and registration.



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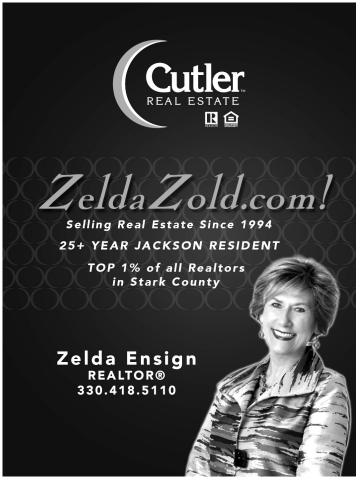
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Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

RETIREMENT OF OFFICER JOHN CRANE

The Jackson Township Police Department would like to announce the retirement of Officer John Crane. Officer Crane started his career with the Jackson Township Police department as a Police Explorer and later was hired as a Community Service Officer. On July 18, 1995, Officer Crane was hired as a part-time patrol officer where he worked until he gained full-time employment with the Perry Township Police Department in January of 1998. Officer Crane worked with Perry Police Department for about 10 years before he was rehired on July 8, 2006 as a full-time officer for the Jackson Township Police Department. Officer Crane continued his full-time career with the Jackson Township Police Department until his retirement on July 3, 2019.



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

Thank you, Chief Mark Brink

During his career, Officer Crane worked as a uniformed patrol officer, plain cloths detective, SWAT Officer, K9 handler, negotiator, DARE officer, School Resource Officer and a field-training officer. Officer Crane was fortunate enough to work as a detective with the Stark County Metropolitan Drug Unit for about 5 years where he investigated a variety of high profile crimes ranging from drug investigations to murder for hire cases.

The broad knowledge of criminal investigations that Officer Crane takes with him will be missed, as will his infectious laughter and easygoing personality. Officer Crane has a natural ability to get along with anyone and always brings out the humor in situations. Officer Crane will be missed by those of us here at the Jackson Township Police Department and those from other area departments who had the privilege of working hand in hand with Officer Crane on many cases.

Congratulations on your retirement John and stay in touch.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Winter is right around the corner and with it comes some hazardous driving conditions. With that in mind, here are a few tips to help you be prepared for the snow and ice covered roads.

- Try not to take unnecessary trips in an effort to avoid the slippery roads if possible.
- Have a cold weather kit in your vehicle. The kit should include items such as extra food and water, warm clothing, blankets, medications, a flashlight, a battery jump box, etc.
- Most of the crashes that occur on slippery roads are due to drivers who are going too fast for the road conditions. Drive slower and take your time accelerating and decelerating, leaving more distance between you and other vehicles.
- Make sure your car is ready for the winter with good tires and a
 proper maintenance check. Keeping at least a half a tank of gas
 to assure that you can keep your car running to keep you warm
 should you get stuck.
- Slow down and give the snowplows plenty of room as they work to clear the roadways.

*This is not an all-inclusive list and other tips can be found on-line.

Please take your time driving this winter and be safe.

NEW CLERICAL EMPLOYEE



The Jackson Township Police
Department would like to introduce
Kristen Bachman. Kristen was hired to
work in the clerical department at the
Safety Center. Kristen came to us with
over 16 years of experience in fastpaced customer service/administrative
settings. She also graduated from
Buckeye Career Center with a

certification in legal office support and marketing management. Kristen's attention to detail and kind personality are real attributes to the police department and Jackson Township. We are pleased to have her on board and we wish her the best of luck as she continues her career here.

HIRING OF NEW FULL-TIME OFFICERS

The department would like to congratulate Officers Nathaniel Tate, Ryan Sanderbeck, and Jacob McGrath for being promoted from part-time status to full-time on July 9, 2019.

Left to right: Officer Nathaniel Tate, Officer Ryan Sanderbeck, Officer Jacob McGrath



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Jackson Police Department will continue to staff each of the district's six schools with a School Resource Officer also known as an SRO. The SRO's are police officers who are assigned to the school for the duration of the school year. Each SRO is assigned to a specific school for the entire school year to help assure continuity in their daily functions as they get to know the staff and students. The SRO who is assigned to the school is responsible for the safety and welfare of students while on school grounds; monitoring personnel and/or visitors; communicating information in response to inquiries; and drug prevention as well as the laws of the State of Ohio.

The following is a list of the officers and the school where they are assigned:

Officer Altieri	Jackson Middle School
Officer Angelo	Strausser Elementary School
Officer Beiter	Amherst Elementary School
Officer Kosco	. Lake Cable Elementary School
Officer Lebold	. Sauder Elementary School



Officer Altieri Jackson Middle School



Officer Angelo Strausser Elementary



Officer Beiter **Amherst Elementary**



Officer Kosco Lake Cable Elementary



Officer Lebold Sauder Elementary

JACKSON MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

SRO INTRODUCTION

On August 13, 2019, Steve Altieri was hired as School Resource Officer (SRO) and will be assigned to the Jackson Memorial Middle School. Steve has been in law enforcement for approximately 38 years, and has served as a Deputy for the Stark County Sheriff's Office and an officer for North Canton Police Department. During his tenure with those agencies, he had the opportunity to serve as an SRO.



(Left to right Officer Steve Altieri and Chief Mark Brink)

Steve is married and has three children. Steve enjoys spending time with his family or on the lake fishing. Please take an opportunity to introduce yourself to Steve when you see him.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Every year our local law enforcement and community agencies and restaurants come together for one purpose - to help make a stronger and safer community. Jackson Police Department, Stark County Sheriff's Office Safe Communities, Stark County Prosecutor's Office, and Target work together with local community agencies, other law enforcement partners, fire departments, restaurants, and businesses to provide a night of fun, family-friendly activities. All 50 States, U.S. Territories, and military bases worldwide participate in this annual event.

At this year's event, we unfortunately experienced some stormy weather. Despite this weather, we were able to hold most of the activities that were planned. From the very beginning, our community showed up ready to participate in all of the activities prepared for them. We gathered together and our enforcement and safety personnel mingled with those in attendance. Food vendors were on hand with activities and lots of wonderful food to share. We had businesses and community agencies with activities, handouts, costume characters, and education. Our K-9 officers brought out their incredible dogs to showcase all that they can do. Attendees viewed vehicles, displays, and interacted with the beautiful horses that make up the Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit.

In 2020, we are excited to bring all these activities back with a possibility for added activities. We look forward to next year and continuing to foster positive relations and community connectedness. We hope you will join us in our efforts to make our community safer and stronger!

> The 2020 event will be held on August 4 from 5pm to 8pm at the Target Plaza.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Jackson Township Public Works Department Jackson Township Highway Division



Ralph E. Boger Public Works Director

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IN 2019

As the summer construction season fades into fall, many improvements and repairs have been accomplished to the Jackson Township transportation system and resident services.

The 2019 resurfacing contract of \$1,519,794 is complete on 17 miles of aging asphalt under Jackson Township jurisdiction. Resurfacing is carefully paced and

JACKSON TOWNSHIP GROWTH ALONG WITH NATURE AND NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR DEMAND CONSTANT ATTENTION.

completed to assure a continuously smooth and safe roadway for all the Township roads as the asphalt ages and deteriorates from weather, traffic, and assorted damages.

- This year 3,865 feet of deteriorated curbing and catch basins were repaired through a contracted value of \$149,480 along with Highway Division labor efforts.
- Forty miles of striping on township roadways has been completed at a contracted value of \$61,037. The new road striping assists with safe driving during both day and night time driving.
- Township Hall, north park parking areas, and the south park west parking area along Fulton Drive have been resurfaced and restriped at the cost of \$149,595.
- The Township has completed and opened Strip Avenue to traffic north and south from Eagle Circle to Applegrove Street. The extension of Strip Avenue is expected to assist traffic south and north into and out of the commercial area of Belden Village and the Strip.
- Keck Park Circle has been contracted and construction has begun for completion late this fall. The intersection improvement with ODOT SR-241 and Keck Park Circle will follow for completion in late spring. This new roadway is to serve a large new business area.
- Jackson Township Amphitheater is nearing completion in North Park for the enjoyable outdoor
 activities of the community. It will be accompanied by the new library facility on the south side
 next to Fulton Drive.
- The new Tam O'Shanter commercial and park area is under study and design. Traffic improvements to accompany this already busy area are being included.
- The difficult and busy intersection at Amherst Avenue and Fulton Drive is expected to see a traffic signal by the end of this year.

PUBLIC HIGHWAY NOTICES

The Jackson public allotment roadways are generally 50 feet wide which includes the traveling road surface, berm areas, and drainage areas. The Highway Division is responsible for the repair and maintenance of this public area including the traffic control signage and striping.

This right-of-way is specifically under public agency traffic control and is <u>not</u> to be used for private signs such as garage sales, lost pet signs, and other miscellaneous resident uses.

Your drive approach is considered your private entry to your home and must be maintained by the homeowner on the public right-ofway.

Leaf season is here again! Leaves are not to be raked or blown into the drainage area in front of your residence. Drainage must be kept open and functional to prevent flooding.

Snow covered roads and driveways are soon to arrive. Driveway snow is not to be pushed into the roadways. Parking is restricted on public roadways to allow safe and efficient plowing and ice removal.

SNOW PARKING BAN

The snow parking ban will be in effect for all Jackson Township roadways anytime snow has become or is expected to be 2" deep or more. Notice will be posted and announced through local media outlets and on the Township's website and Facebook page when the snow-parking ban is in effect.

Jackson Township sincerely requests your cooperation in moving vehicles to allow proper plowing and salting. If parking for your several vehicles is a problem, now is the time to solve the problem.



Retirement: Ready or not. Ready is better.

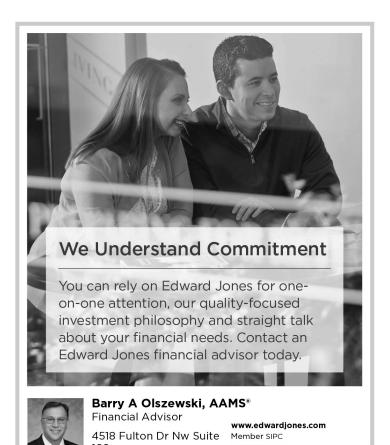


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The Jackson Township Fire, Police, Public Works, and Zoning Departments have joined the Jackson Township Board of Trustees with Facebook

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pages. These pages have very useful information about all departments.

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



CLEAN STORM WATER STARTS AT HOME

- Choose environmentally friendly household products.
- Contact the Solid Waste District for procedures and locations to dispose of household hazardous wastes.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- Inspect and pump your septic system every 2-3 years.
- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.

IT'S NOT HARD TO HAVE A HEALTHY YARD

- Don't guess....soil test.
- Fertilize sparingly and caringly.
- Mow it high, and let it lie.
- Plant right for your site. Go Native!
- Compost leaves instead of bagging or throwing them in the street or stream.
- Water lawn deeply and infrequently.
- Leave a vegetated area by your stream edge.

STORM WATER: SLOW IT DOWN, SPREAD IT OUT, SOAK IT IN

- Keep your water on site.
- Install a rain barrel. Collect water coming off your roof to be used in your yard or garden.
- Plant a rain garden. Capture and filter storm water run off from rooftops and driveways by planting an attractive, landscaped area with native plants.
- Install a filter strip. Use flowers, grasses, trees or shrubs to filter water flowing across your yard.

STEER CLEAR OF POLLUTANTS

- Use a car wash or wash your car on the lawn to keep soapy water out of storm drains, ditches and waterways.
- Check your vehicles and equipment for leaks and spills. Clean up spills with absorbent materials.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids.



20NING DEPARTMENT

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News

Joni Poindexter Zonina Inspector

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

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

The Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals are comprised of five regular members that are appointed for a staggering five year term. Two alternates may be appointed to serve a one year term. The alternates are required to attend all meetings; however, they will only participate and vote at a hearing in the absence of a regular member. All members are required to view the property in question that is coming before the board prior to the hearing.

The Zoning Commission (ZC) considers and makes a recommendation to the Jackson Township Board of Trustees in connection with any request to rezone property (map amendment), or any request to change the zoning resolution (text amendment). Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month as needed.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) acts upon appeals from a decision or determination of the zoning inspector, considers applications for variances and the granting of conditional use permits. Meetings are normally held on the second and/or fourth Thursday of the month as needed.

ZONING REGULATIONS

Text amendments to the zoning resolution book are routinely initiated to keep up with the changing times and also for clarification purposes if a conflict is found in the resolution. Most recent changes took effect on August 8, 2019. One of those changes included rewording language that addresses the square footage when determining the maximum permitted square footage for accessory buildings. Decks, patios and porches with a roof counts toward the permitted maximum square footage. The maximum permitted

square footage of all accessory buildings for lots or parcels of one acre or less is 1,200 sq. ft. The maximum permitted square footage of accessory buildings for lots or parcels over one acre is 3,000 sq. ft. or 3% of the lot or parcel, whichever is greater.

Another change was to clarify that commercial trash containers or dumpsters on any lot or parcel utilized for a single family dwelling is limited to a maximum of ninety (90) days while work is actively taking place on the property for the rehabilitation or preparing for the sale of a dwelling or structure located on the property. This was modified to address all lots or parcels that are utilized for a single family dwelling as opposed to single family dwelling lots in specific zoning districts. Commercial trash containers or dumpsters are not permitted to be utilized on any single family lot for the purpose of a trash receptacle on a continued basis.

The zoning resolution book can be found on the zoning department page of our website at www.jacksontwp.com.

ZONING PERMITS

The Zoning Department may receive as many as twenty-five to thirty applications per week during the peak construction months. When submitting a zoning permit application please ensure all required items are submitted with the application in a legible manner and the application is filled out properly. The zoning department strives to issue permits in a timely manner; however, failure to submit the required information or inaccurate, illegible information may delay the permit processing.

An aerial view of your property printed from the Stark County Auditor's website may be utilized as a site plan for residential additions, such as adding an accessory structure or building, pool, deck or addition to the home by drawing the proposed addition on the aerial view and showing the lot dimensions and setbacks from property lines and other structures. To obtain an aerial view of your property go to www.StarkCountyOhio.gov and click on Real Estate Search.

PROPER DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOL WATER

DO NOT ALLOW POOL WATER TO DISCHARGE TO A SEPTIC SYSTEM. WATERWAY. OR INTO A STORM SEWER

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. 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.

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 thiosulfate, which is available at pool stores. 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.



PARKS & RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Division



David R. Ruwadi Park Maintenance & Grounds Foreman

Thank you!

TO THE RESIDENTS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARK SYSTEM.

In 2019 we did some updates to our park system. New playground equipment was installed in the north park. Parking lots were paved at north and south park. The restrooms at both parks received a new floor coating. The special events like the Movie in the Park nights,

the Farmers Market and Creative Movements were all well attended and had a successful year.

We are very excited with the progress of the Amphitheater building. We are looking forward to planning more events in 2020.

JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION & WINTER HOURS

Jackson Township residents have seven parks with approximately 240 acres.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET!

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS

- 1. North Park
- 2. South Park
- 3. Joseph E. Fisher
- 4. Edward and Mary Zink
- 5. Stuhldreher Street Fields
- 6. Strausser Elementary Park
- 7. Crystal Springs Bridge Park

7660 Fulton Road 4811 South Park Drive 5891 Lake O'Springs Avenue 38th Street and Michael Drive Stuhldreher and Hills and Dales

8646 Strausser Street

4400 block of Erie Avenue

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

When visiting any of our other parks, such as South Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Edward & Mary Zink Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Strausser Elementary Park, 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 to a person or fixed object. Do not leave pets unattended.

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

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

"THANK YOU" FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

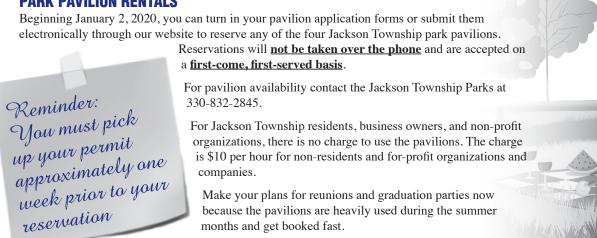
The continued support of the residents and local businesses of Jackson Township contributed to a very successful 2019 Community Celebration. This year's attendance was over 65,000 for the fourday event. Approximately 1,100 participated in the 5K NightGlow Run and the car show had some very unique vehicles.

"A BIG THANK YOU" to all the volunteers, the Jackson Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer/Economic Development Director, Township employees, and the many generous sponsors who supported the event.

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

SAVE THE DATE:

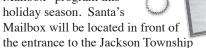
2020 Community Celebration is scheduled for June 24, 25, 26, 27, 2020.



Upcoming Park Programs

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

Jackson Township is making preparations for the "Santa's Mailbox" program this



Administration Building, 5735 Wales Avenue NW, at the corner of Mudbrook Street and Wales Avenue.

Children can drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox addressed to the North Pole between December 1 and December 15. All letters received by December 15 will receive a response from Santa himself. It is very important that children remember to include their names and

addresses on their letters. Letters must be dropped off personally. Letters sent through the mail will not receive a response.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in North Park on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, dancers, caroling, the community tree lighting and gathering of friends and family. The Jackson Parks and

Recreation Division will have a great display of lights for the event. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself...Santa Claus!

North Park is located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School. This FREE holiday event is sponsored by Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division, Jackson Neighborhood Girl Scouts, and Crosspoint United Methodist Church.

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

THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP **FARMERS MARKET**

WOW! Another great year for the Jackson Farmers Market. This year the market had to be moved due to the construction of the amphitheater. If you attended the market you know the customers were pleased with the temporary location because there was a steady stream of shoppers. This year we had some new vendors and they were very happy with the turnout each week.

Next year the farmers market will be even better. We are very excited that the location of the market will be at the new amphitheater and will be visible from Fulton Drive.

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

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



Please take a few minutes to fill out the customer survey on our website www.jacksontwp.com.

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

NEW **ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**



We are pleased to introduce Samantha Kapper who has recently joined the Jackson Township Administration Department as the Administrative Personnel Assistant. Samantha graduated from Kent State University in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies with concentration in Criminal Justice and Human Resources. She has over nine years' experience with the City of Green where she worked in both the Human Resources and Service Departments.

We are glad to have Samantha as part of our Administration Department Team!

JACKSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

If you are looking for a great way to market your business, you should consider advertising in the Jackson Township Newsletter. The Township newsletter is published three to four times a year with a circulation of approximately 22,000 Jackson Township homes and businesses.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

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

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any advertisement for publication. Only retail ads will be accepted.

Please contact Mary Reno at 330-832-7416 for more information or visit our website at: www.jacksontwp.com to download an application.



Lake Cable \$\pi\$ 2:00 \$\pi\$ Saturday, February 8

Get Freezin' for a Reason

Cold cash for your: Troop · Church · Club · School · Team · Charity

Register at: jacksonpolarbearplunge.org

When you register to jump, you will be emailed a personal link to share with family and friends who can make secure online donations that are split 50/50 between your charity and the Jackson Local Schools Foundation

Presented by the Jackson Local Schools Foundation to support its Classroom Grants Program and to offer everyone an easy, no-cost way to raise funds for their cause



The JLSF has awarded 28 grants since 2017, encouraging Jackson students and teachers to dream big

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Jackson Township Fiscal Officer News



Randy Gonzalez Fiscal Officer

PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE FISCAL OFFICE

The Township Fiscal Office had some changes in July when Debbie Kerr the Chief Assistant Fiscal Officer retired after serving more then 32 years with Jackson Township. Debbie went from ledgers and hand written entries to state of the art automated data, financial and payroll systems. She also went through years of clean audits with the State. Please join us in wishing her the very best in her retirement.

Michelle Caldwell who previously served the Trustees Administration as the Administrative Human Resources Coordinator for the past 11 years was hired by the Fiscal

Officer and promoted to Chief Assistant Fiscal Officer. Along with her fiscal duties Michelle will become more involved in assisting the Fiscal Officer/Economic Development Director, Randy Gonzalez with both business retention and new development.

The Fiscal Office/Officer also oversees the basic accounting of the Township, Investments, Payroll, Accounts Payable, keeping meeting minutes, acquiring grants and assist with budgeting, establishment of capital funds, lobbying for legislation, labor negotiation and the health insurance committee.

Michelle is a welcomed asset to our fiscal office and most importantly the citizens of our community.

We congratulate her on her promotion.



(LEFT TO RIGHT – Fiscal Officer/Economic Development Director Randy Gonzalez and Chief Assistant Fiscal Officer Michelle Caldwell)

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Keck Park

If you travel north on Wales Avenue you may have wondered what is being built on the former location of Keck Park. Jackson Township owns approximately thirty acres of land just before the New Hope Church. The front nine acres were the former location of Keck Park. Years later the Trustees acquired twenty acres abutting the nine acres. In 2018, the Board of Trustees decided to repurpose the land for development. Currently, a 62,200 sq. ft. building is under construction and will be the headquarters for The Schroer Group. The Schroer Group operates a number of businesses in the Township and throughout Ohio and neighboring states. Approximately 250 jobs will be housed within the new headquarters. A new road called Keck Park Circle is under construction to extend into the property and end in a cul-de-sac. This road will allow for access to the remaining undeveloped property. The construction of this new road will result in intersection improvements at its connection to Wales Avenue. This project is scheduled for completion by July of next year.



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.



P.R.I.D.E.

POLICE • RE-ENFORCING • IMPORTANT • DECISIONS • EDUCATION STUDENT SUMMER PROGRAM

The Jackson Township Police Department sponsors the P.R.I.D.E. summer program for students going into the 6th and 7th grade. The two-week summer program is designed to help students make wise, healthy, and appropriate choices. High school counselors and area professionals along with Jackson Township Police Officers teach the curriculum. The program has guest speakers, numerous field trips, and provides students with knowledge of not only drugs and alcohol, but also internet safety, bullying, sexting and appropriate cell phone use, public speaking, healthy eating, exercise, and giving back to our community.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRIDE PROGRAM ARE:

- To empower, through education, the young people of Jackson Township
 with the information they need to make correct and positive decisions
 about drugs, gangs, peer pressure, bullying, cell phone use, and other
 issues confronting them in today's society.
- To provide the young people of Jackson Township an additional resource they can rely on when making these decisions - a police employee they know personally.



• To improve the image of the Jackson Township Police Department in the eyes of students and the community as a whole.



You can go to www.jacksontwp.com and click on the "Yard Waste Site Information" icon on the right side of your screen. Please review the updated information regarding the site and follow the onscreen instructions to register. A credit card and email address is required to complete registration. Only one card per household. Once you have successfully registered, cards will be available for pick up two business days after registration. Key cards can be picked up in person at the Jackson Township Administration Building between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Residents who do not have access to a computer, may use a computer terminal at the Jackson Township Administration Office to register. This service is available between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A credit card and email address are necessary to register on-line when using this terminal. You can also use cash to register at Township Hall. On-line or in-person registration \$10.00.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 12, 2020:

Hours of operation are as follows:

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Monday	8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Friday	8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to Dusk
Sunday	8:00 a.m. to Dusk

The yard waste drop-off site is for residents only. Commercial contractors or non-residents are prohibited from using the site.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS INSTITUTED THE FOLLOWING RULES IN REGARD TO THE USE OF THE SITE:

- No commercial lawn and/or commercial tree service may use the site.
- No tree or plant branches larger than two (2") inches in diameter, and longer than four (4') feet.
- No cut trees
- No logs
- No stumps
- No construction materials, no treated wood
- No dirt, no stones

SITE WILL CLOSE ON JANUARY 13, 2020 FOR THE SEASON.

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Postal Customer





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PAUL & CAROL DAVID YMCA, JACKSON TWP.

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

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

JACKSON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP. 5735 Wales Ave. N.W. 330-832-7416

JACKSON TOWNSHIP RECYCLING STATION

5717 Wales Ave. N.W. 330-833-7365

JACKSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

(Branch of the Stark County District Library) 330-833-1010 7186 Fulton Dr. N.W. jackson@starklibrary.org

JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS

7602 Fulton Dr. N.W. 330-830-8000

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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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. Signs are \$15 for pickup at Station 2, or \$20 to be shipped anywhere in the continental United



States, with proceeds benefiting the Jackson Township Safety Forces Associations. On-line registration is available under the Fire Department section at jacksontwp.com or send this form to:

JACKSON TOWNSHIP STATION 2 8500 Traphagen St. NW, Massillon, OH 44646

Name:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Address:		
City:		
State: Zip:		
House Number:		
House Number Placement: ☐ Vertical ☐ Horizontal		
☐ Pickup at Station 2 ☐ Ship to address above		