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Expansion of Recycling

On August 21, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Jackson Township Recycling Station voted to permanently close the Jackson Township Recycling Station located at 5717 Wales Avenue, N.W. This closure became effective at the conclusion of business on Saturday, August 22, 2020. The Jackson Township Recycling Station had been in operation since 1983. Unfortunately, the Recycling Station business model was no longer financially viable due primarily to the substantial decline in commodity prices for the recycled materials.

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees thanks the Recycling Station staff, members of the Board, and many volunteers for their outstanding community service in providing recycling at the Recycling Station.

Beginning on September 3, 2020, three self-service recycling drop-off locations were established in Jackson Township: 1) South Park (4811 South Park Drive NW); 2) Jackson Memorial Middle School (7355 Mudbrook Street NW); and 3) Strausser Elementary School (8646 Strausser Street NW). More recently a fourth self-service recycling drop-off location was established at the Real HOPE Church located at 7641 Wales Avenue NW, near the intersection of Wales Avenue NW and Strausser Street NW. As with the former Recycling Station, the locations will be operated in conjunction with the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District and the district will be responsible for removal of the recycling material.

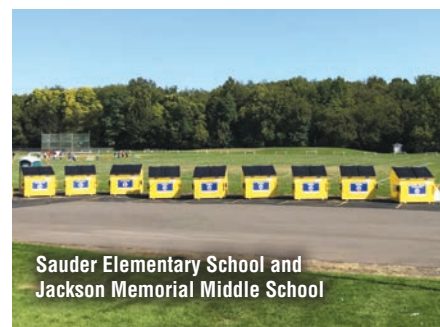
Jackson Township and the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District are planning to add more recycling locations in the near future. Once these locations are confirmed, Jackson Township will immediately publicize this information.

As the additional locations are established, residents will appreciate the convenience of traveling a shorter distance and recycling from dawn to dusk. The bins will be clearly labeled and accept paper, plastic, cardboard, and metal cans. Glass will not be accepted, for safety reasons, as most of the locations are located on school grounds. For additional information about recycling locations and what materials may be recycled, please visit the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District website at www.timetorecycle.org. Please keep in mind that no plastic bags are permitted in these bins. Plastic bags are considered contaminants and will result in much higher disposal rates.

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees appreciates the partnership with the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District and Jackson Local School District. The Board of Trustees will continue to look for opportunities to enhance the recycling program for the residents of Jackson Township.



Jackson
South
Park



Sauder Elementary School and
Jackson Memorial Middle School



Strausser Elementary
School

The New JACKSON COMMUNITY BRANCH *is Open!*

Mary Ellen Icaza, CEO and Executive Director of Stark Library

It's incredible what a community can do when it comes together. The new Jackson Community Branch is a testament to that. From planning and designing to building, this branch was created by the community, for the community.

It seems like yesterday we were saying goodbye to the old Jackson Branch and moving into our temporary location at the Noble Ponds Plaza.

The Jackson community has been with us every step of the way, offering support and feedback as we worked to bring you a library you can be proud of. We're finally at the finish line!

COMMUNITY-INSPIRED: The building you see when you drive down Fulton would not have been possible without the support and feedback from our community members, library patrons, and staff. Every brick and feature was placed with you in mind.

Throughout the project, we sent out calls for community input. In the early stages, we conducted focus groups with community members to learn what features were important to them. In the later stages, we asked the community to submit literary quotes that captured what the library is to the community. When you walk in the doors, you'll be greeted by a variety of quotes picked by your community members. You'll see some of the focus group suggestions in action, including more meeting spaces and access to power outlets almost everywhere!

Our new home is a beautiful blend of the past and the future. Outside you'll notice a touch of the past; the patio is now home to the memorial bricks purchased by the community. The time capsule, which was buried in 1992, has been relocated to the new branch, where it will reside until its opening in 2043.

You may be surprised to learn that Jackson natives designed the building and interior designs and art. The project architect for the new Jackson Community Branch was Jackson High graduate Megan Calnon. The whimsical artwork and design you see featured in the branch were designed by Jackson local (and Marketing and Identity Manager for Stark Library) June Kucalaba. Their familiarity and investment in the community add a personal touch.

FEATURES: The Noble's Pond location was more than just an interim home—it was a test pilot for other technology and features we hoped to roll out system-wide. You'll notice quite a few features to improve access, flexibility, and security made it to our new space.

ACCESS:

- Enhanced A/V technology
- Self-check stations
- Powered furniture for device charging

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

- Lower shelving to allow for better sightlines
- Improved ADA compliance
- Security cameras

FLEXIBLE SPACES:

- Spacious open areas with comfortable furniture for reading or just relaxing.
- Dynamic furniture, which can be reconfigured for a variety of needs.
- A multi-purpose room for maker programming and children's events.

Due to COVID-19, some of our high-touch features have delayed their debut. In the future, you'll see:

- Interactive children's tables
- Lockers for 24/7 holds pick up
- Laptop lending
- Meeting and study rooms with A/V technology
- Interactive, touchscreen catalogs

SUSTAINABILITY: We took great care to be environmentally-friendly throughout this whole project. Our new home used locally-sourced and recycled materials when possible, native and drought-tolerant plantings in our landscaping, and high-performance glazing to reduce solar heat gain resulting in energy savings. Some of our other sustainability efforts include:

- Water-efficient plumbing fixtures to reduce water use
- Raised access floor system for flexibility in power & data distribution and reconfiguration
- Raised access floor system for HVAC distribution for energy efficiency
- Commissioning of HVAC system
- Energy-efficient LED lighting

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT: The Jackson Community Branch was part of a broader vision for North Park, including a sports complex and amphitheater to host outdoor concerts and book readings. We worked closely with the Township Trustees to create a seamless community gathering space.

When you look at North Park, you don't just see a library or an amphitheater; you see a collaborative effort to enrich the community.

It truly is a library for the people, by the people. We're so pleased to be a part of your community.



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Jackson Township Fire Department News



Tracy R. Hogue, Fire Chief

During my career at the Jackson Fire Department, eleven of those were spent in charge of fire prevention. Often, people I met in the public would ask me “when and why did fire prevention start”?

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire.

On October 8, 1871, flames sparked in the Chicago barn of Patrick and Catherine O’Leary, igniting a two-day blaze that killed between 200 and 300 people, destroyed 17,450 buildings, left 100,000 homeless and caused an estimated \$200 million (in 1871 dollars; \$3 billion in 2007 dollars) in damages.

Legend has it that a cow kicked over a lantern in the O’Leary barn and started the fire, but other theories hold that humans or even a comet may have been responsible for the event that left four square miles of the Windy City, including its business district, in ruins. Dry weather and an abundance of wooden buildings, streets and sidewalks made Chicago vulnerable to fire. The city averaged two fires per day in 1870; there were 20 fires throughout Chicago the week before the Great Fire of 1871.

In 1997, the Chicago City Council exonerated Mrs. O’Leary and her cow. She turned into a recluse after the fire and died in 1895.

In a normal October without COVID-19, the Jackson Fire Department would be honoring fire prevention week in Jackson Township with an open house of the Safety Center, educational courses inside Jackson Local Schools, along with public education visits to area businesses. Due to this pandemic and social distancing, plus orders from the Ohio Department of Health, most events had to be canceled for 2020. We ask our residents and businesses not to overlook fire prevention this year but read, research, and remind yourself, your families, and employees that fire prevention is honored each October to save lives and property. Make every day a fire safe day!

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 from the History Channel)

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE BACON



Sue Bacon

Sue retired July 31, 2020, in order to spend more time with her grandchildren that live in the Dayton area, as well as, to travel and camp with her husband, John. Sue was hired August 13, 1999 serving as Administrative Assistant primarily to support the Fire Prevention Bureau. Over the years, Sue was very instrumental in establishing the department’s EMS billing program and migrating all personnel to computer-based reporting. Her knowledge and experience will be greatly missed. **The department is in a much better place due to all of her extra work and dedication.**

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Breanan Harper

With the recent retirement of Sue Bacon, the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) hired Breanan Harper to fill the void. As a resident of the Township with kids in the school system, “Brea” brings a fire department administration background that will aid both her and the department during this transition. The primary roles of the position focus on supporting the Fire Prevention Bureau and EMS billing office. **We welcome her into the organization.**

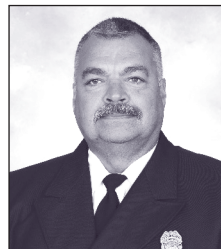
FULL-TIME HIRING



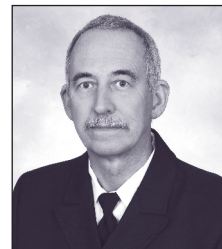
Brett Siglow and Nicholas Batdorff

On September 22, 2020 the Jackson Township Fire Department (JTFD) promoted Nicholas Batdorff and Brett Siglow from part-time firefighter/EMTs to full-time firefighter/paramedic. They were hired to fill the vacancies created with the retirements of David Stull and Larry Walker. **Congratulations to both of these members.**

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENTS



**Firefighter
Larry Walker**



**Firefighter
David Stull**

Firefighter/paramedics Larry Walker and David Stull have both retired as of June 30, 2020. Both of these members were part of the group hired from the former volunteer ranks back on September 11, 1989, in order to open Fire Station 2 with full-time staffing. Currently, the fire department maintains five full-time staffed stations with firefighter/paramedics. **Congratulations to both Larry and Dave, as they served our community for many long years.**

TIRED OF DEALING WITH COVID-19?



Just like everyone else, the Jackson Township Fire Department is dealing with the current COVID-19 pandemic. Every aspect of our lives has been consumed with this issue.

Prior to this year, the daily 20-30 call volume consisted of anything from treating fall victims, cardiac problems, motor vehicle crashes, fire alarms, to structure fires. Normal stuff for firefighter/paramedics to handle! That's what we are expected to do for our community.

Enter a pandemic and everything changes.

Paramedics responding to possible or reported COVID-19 patients are required to don full personal protective equipment (PPE) that includes; an N95 mask, eye protection, and a full gown. The hospital is contacted prior to transporting in order to give them time to prepare an isolation room. Upon arrival, hospital security, also wearing PPE, escorts the patient and crew directly to the assigned treatment room.

For the paramedic crew, this is not the end. As they leave the hospital, the ambulance is out of service; they are considered 'contaminated'. Upon returning to their station, the paramedics that attended to the patient are required to immediately take off their duty uniform and throw it into the washer. After which, they are instructed to take a shower. The remainder of the crew takes the ambulance directly to the Safety Center, where it is disinfected using a Clorox 360 applicator.

At this point, the incident is considered complete and the crew is available for another call for service. In the months March through June, JTFD treated and transported more COVID-19 exposures than all of the other 28 fire departments in Stark County combined. Each paramedic unit has experienced the above procedure several times during every shift.

Thankfully, by being diligent and staying focused on the prescribed details, for the most part, we have kept ourselves safe. This has lessened the chances of spreading the virus or more importantly, taking it home to our families. We also, hope to be back to some sort of normalcy someday soon!

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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Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

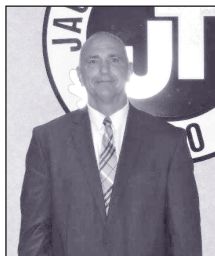
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY CRUISER

You may have noticed a new cruiser patrolling the township recently. Car 9 was purchased to replace old car 9, which was involved in a crash in the summer of 2019 that left it inoperable. Now while car 9 may look similar to the other silver patrol vehicles, it has a hint of green in it. Not the color, but it is a hybrid model of the Ford Explorer. Jackson Township Trustees and police administration elected to get this hybrid to test out the function and ability to save on fuel costs on this new model.

The new hybrid cruiser is not a 100% electric model but instead has a gas engine that cuts off while breaking, sitting idle, and other times such as driving at low speed. The new cruiser has been on the road for a few months now and has shown significant fuel savings. The numbers from Ford show the older cruisers getting 17 miles per gallon versus the hybrid getting 24 miles per gallon which according to Ford calculates to roughly a 343 gallons a year savings. In a real world comparison, we have observed about a 40% improvement in fuel economy as the electric motor is in use while we are stopped completing reports and as we patrol slowly through neighborhoods where the gasoline engine models are using fuel the entire time. This cruiser also features different light bar functions, as well as, sirens that studies have shown are safer for the officers driving them. We have a lot to learn about these new vehicles, but the potential for better safety for our officers, as well as, fuel savings costs are promising!

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

We recently hired a new School Resource Officer who is assigned to work at Jackson High School. Officer John Von Spiegel was sworn in on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Officer Von Spiegel comes to the department with 31 years of experience as a Deputy with the Stark County Sheriff's Office. During his 31 years, he has worked as a patrol deputy and a School Resource Officer. He has also spent 19 years as an investigator for the Sheriff's Office who mainly investigated sexual abuse cases, but has also investigated a variety of other types of crimes. Officer Von Spiegel is looking forward to this next step in his career and we are glad to have him with his vast experience in law enforcement.



The School Resource Officers are a great attribute to Jackson Township as they serve as a liaison between the schools and the police department. Along with ensuring the safety of the students, SRO's are responsible for handling everything from criminal incidents to helping students get into their lockers and finding their way to classes. It has become evident that many of the students have built relationships with the officers and have come to trust the officers in times of the students' needs. The SRO's look forward to being back to school with your students and are ready to assist where they can.

We are also welcoming back five School Resource Officers who will be returning to the same schools they worked at last year. Those officers are as follows:

Ptl. Steve Altieri - Jackson Memorial Middle School

Ptl. John Angelo - Strausser Elementary

Ptl. Greg Beiter - Amherst Elementary

Ptl. Melissa Kosco - Lake Cable Elementary

Ptl. Chad Lebold - Sauder Elementary

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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*

LEGAL CORNER

As residents of Jackson Township, you have access to a yard waste drop-off site where you can dispose of the leaves, grass clippings and small branches that can clutter our lawns from time to time. Most of you know that once you collect those unwanted items from your property, you can haul them over to the township drop-off site located in the South Park. Most of the time, the transportation of the unwanted yard debris goes without issues. But there are times when people lose part of the load they are carrying and it ends up on the road. This can cause traffic safety issues for the rest of the motoring public and requires further maintenance on behalf of the township to clean up the debris left behind. This has become a notable problem on the roadways surrounding the yard waste drop-off site; and, in light of this regular occurrence, please keep the following law in mind when hauling anything.

Ohio Revised Code section 4513.31 Securing Loads on Vehicles: Section (A) states: No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is so constructed, loaded, or covered as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that sand or other substance may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway.

OFFICER William Grimmatt

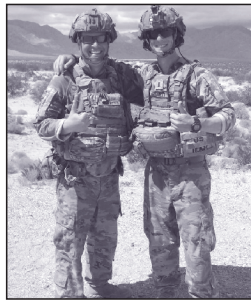
Returns Home from
Ohio Army National Guard Duty
in the Middle East

Jackson Township Police Department's own Officer William Grimmatt recently returned home from an overseas deployment to the Middle East with the Ohio Army National Guard. Officer Grimmatt is a 1st Lieutenant with Charlie Company, 1-145th Armor Regiment as an Infantry Platoon Leader. Officer Grimmatt and his platoon of 40 soldiers, who are from all over Ohio, have been training very diligently since March of 2019, and have spent the last 9 months in the Middle East.

Officer Grimmatt's battalion was tasked to support Operation Spartan Shield in the country of Kuwait. There, they served to maintain a US military posture in the Middle East sufficient to strengthen defense relationships and build partner capacity, as well as, provide a timely response for the whole Middle East region. Officer Grimmatt and his Infantry platoon were specifically selected to go into Iraq and run missions in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, where they spent five months in northern Iraq working with US and Coalition Forces, as well as Special Forces. At any time, Officer Grimmatt was leading his own operation, as well as, managing his platoon in four different locations across two countries.

Officer Grimmatt and his platoon returned to Kuwait in the spring and finished the deployment with the rest of the unit, conducting training and maintaining readiness. Officer Grimmatt and his platoon all returned to the United States in late summer healthy and unscathed.

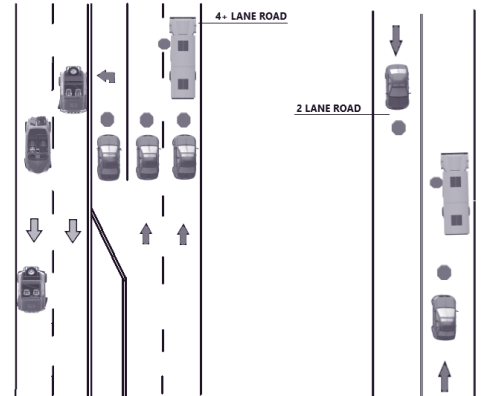
Officer Grimmatt has been at Jackson Township Police Department since 2015 and was previously a police officer at Lawrence Township Police Department since 2013. His army career dates back to 2010, immediately following high school. Officer Grimmatt is excited to be back and serving you on the streets of Jackson Township.



Staff Sergeant Kyle Walter, left, and 1st Lieutenant William Grimmatt (from Jackson Township Police), right, smile after completing the management of a grueling Squad Live-Fire Exercise for the 145th Armored Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas on September 16, 2019, prior to deploying to the Middle East.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

With school back in session, please remember to use extra caution when approaching school buses that are receiving or discharging children. Whenever the roadway is divided into four or more lanes, the traffic traveling the opposite direction does not need to stop, however, the traffic traveling the same direction is required to stop for a school bus with red flashing lights. On a two-lane road, vehicles traveling in either direction are required to stop.



See Ohio Revised Code 4511.75 and diagram for further details.

Jackson Police *Welcomes New Officers*

FULL-TIME OFFICER LUKE WISEMAN

On August 11, 2020, Officer Luke Wiseman was sworn in as a full-time officer. Officer Wiseman started with the Jackson Township Police Department in May of 2019 as a part-time patrol officer. Officer Wiseman also worked as the School Resource Officer for Jackson High School for the 2019-2020 school year where he received many accolades from school administration, who stated that Officer Wiseman was a true asset to the school. Once school was out for the year, Officer Wiseman went back to the patrol division where he had been working on a part-time basis. Officer Wiseman has demonstrated his willingness to work anytime he has been requested to and has done an excellent job, which made him an excellent choice for this full-time position. Please help us welcome Patrolman Luke Wiseman to the full-time ranks.

Congratulations Officer Wiseman!

PART-TIME OFFICER EVAN BETZ AND OFFICER RAYETTA KANTERS

Evan Betz and Rayetta Kanters were both sworn in on August 11, 2020. Evan Betz is a graduate of Kent State University where he studied criminal justice and psychology. After graduating from Kent State University, he attended the Kent State University Police Academy, which he completed early this year. Evan comes from a law enforcement family, and he is excited to start his career serving the residents of Jackson Township.

Rayetta Kanters has 25 years of experience working with the State Highway Patrol. During her time there, she worked in the uniformed patrol division and also worked as a plain-clothes investigator where she was assigned to handle criminal activity that occurred on state owned, leased or rented properties. She also worked part-time as a task force officer with the Canton FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force. Officer Kanters will be assigned to the Jackson Police Detective Bureau on a part-time basis where she will continue to use the skills and knowledge she obtained to investigate crimes here in Jackson Township.

*Congratulations and welcome to the
Jackson Township Police Department!*



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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IN 2020



Rich Rohn
Public Works Director

As the summer construction season fades into fall, many improvements and repairs have been accomplished to the Jackson Township transportation system and resident services. Township growth along with nature and normal wear and tear demand constant attention.

- The 2020 resurfacing contract of \$1,370,106 is complete on 17 miles of the aging asphalt under Jackson jurisdiction, as well as 2.26 miles of repairs. Resurfacing is carefully paced and 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.
- Deteriorated curbing and catch basin repairs have been an ongoing effort with a public contract of \$147,963 and Highway Division labor efforts. This year 3,999 feet of curbing and many catch basins saw attention.
- Yearly striping of roadways attempts to maintain bright and visible traffic assistance. Jackson striped 48 miles of major roadway at a contract price of \$44,396.
- The intersection improvement with ODOT SR-241 and Keck Park Circle is scheduled for completion later this year as alternate plans are being reviewed.
- The Jackson Township Amphitheater is nearing completion in North Park and the current Parking lot expansion is nearing completion, as well.
- The new 40-acre Park (formerly known as Tam O'Shanter) is currently in the design phase, which will offer a multi-tiered sports complex within the community.
- The difficult and busy intersection at Amherst Avenue and Fulton Drive is expected to see a new traffic signal in full operation by year's end.
- The joint Jackson Ave / Perry Drive project with the Stark County Engineers is also expected to be completed by year's end.

PUBLIC HIGHWAY NOTICES

Your drive approach is considered your private entry to your home and must be maintained by the homeowner on the public right-of-way. However, the Township will provide a replacement culvert for free. This will need to be installed by a licensed contractor at your cost, as the Township does not provide this service. Please call our office and a representative from our Highway Division will review and schedule a delivery.

Leaf falling 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.

Jackson Township Yard Debris Drop-Off

The much appreciated and convenient central yard waste drop-off located in South Park from Fulton Drive has received extensive new control. The heavy "resident only" usage requires a coded pass card for entry obtainable thru the Township. This drop-off is an expensive and high maintenance operation with costly debris removal. Thank you for assisting and accepting this much-needed control.

The hours of operation are as follows:

Monday	8:00 a.m. - Dusk	Friday	8:00 a.m. - Dusk
Tuesday	3:00 p.m. - Dusk	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - Dusk
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. - Dusk	Sunday	8:00 a.m. - Dusk
Thursday	8:00 a.m. - Dusk		

NEW SALT STORAGE BUILDING

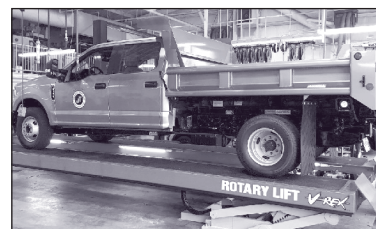
The Highway Division has purchased a new salt/material storage building to be placed at the rear of the current yard waste site. The township was able to purchase this structure as a result of having a mild winter that required a low amount of salt to be used. As part of Stark County's Co-Operative Purchasing for rock salt, the township is one of 26 entities within this agreement. Every two years, an agreement is put in place to ensure we are able to purchase the required amount of rock salt to ensure our residents are safe throughout the winter months.

However, as this past season only required our Highway Division to plow a total of 24 times and use just over 1,900 tons, a shortage in purchased salt occurred. Although this saved on overtime costs, the township is still required to purchase 80% of the contracted amount of 8,000 tons/year. As a result, we needed to purchase the remainder of the 80% (6,400 tons), which resulted in around 4,500 tons.

After filling our current building, which holds +/- 5,000 tons, we had 2,290 tons that was not able to be stored. The contract allows for storage if undeliverable by the end of the contract (July 31, 2020), but would result in a \$15.00/ton "storage fee". Upon review of the situation, we were able to purchase this building at a savings of around \$5,600.00.

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

The Highway Division purchased a new F350 Patch Truck and the Central Maintenance Division purchased a new Rotary Lift.



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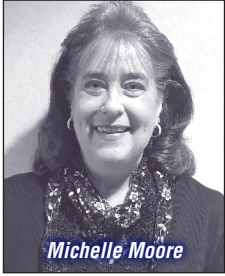
PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT



RETIREMENT

The Township would like to thank Mrs. Patricia Hippler for all the amazing work she accomplished in her 22 years as the Administrative Assistant within the Public Works Department. Mrs. Hippler spent many hours each day speaking and responding to our residents due to concerns within the Highway Division. Along with a welcoming voice, she provided the Highway Division an endless amount of knowledge and dedication throughout her years.

Patricia, we will all miss you!



PROMOTION

The Public Works Department would like to congratulate Michelle Moore on her promotion to the Administrative Assistant in the Public Works Department. Michelle was most recently in the Clerical Assistant position for the past 8 months within the department, but has been with the Township for over 13 years as the Front Desk Receptionist.

Welcome Mrs. Moore!



NEW HIRE

The Public Works Department would like to welcome Cody Chase within the Highway Division as a laborer.

Welcome Cody!



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The Jackson Township Fire, Police, Public Works, and Zoning Departments have joined the Jackson Township Board of Trustees with Facebook pages. These pages have very useful information about all departments.

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SNOW PARKING BAN

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.

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. Vehicles left in the streets will be towed.

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Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department News



Joni Poindexter
Zoning 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 November. 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.

HOLIDAY SIGNS

With the holidays just around the corner it is understandable that businesses want to advertise their holiday specials. All commercial signage that is located outside of a building or structure requires a permit. One temporary sign conveying a commercial message is permitted per business, per street frontage for a period of 15 consecutive days up to seven times per year. Signs must be located a minimum of 10 ft. from the edge of pavement or road right of way and shall not

obstruct the view of traffic.

Applications can be found on the zoning department page at www.jacksontownship.com.



The temporary sign fee is \$30.00 per permit.

PROPER DISCHARGE OF SWIMMING POOL WATER

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 discharging of chlorinated swimming pool water directly into a waterway or into a storm sewer is prohibited. Always drain your pool water in an approved manner.

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, swimming pool water must be de-chlorinated before being discharged. 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 (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.

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OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES

With winter creeping upon us, people are looking for alternative ways to save energy when heating their home such as an outdoor wood burning furnace. 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 is permitted within the R-R Rural Residential District on lots that are five (5) acres or greater and must comply with 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, and 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.

A permit is required for an outdoor wood burning furnace.

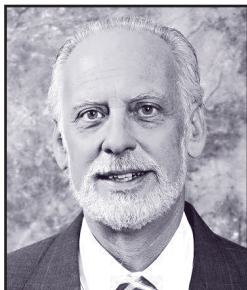
New Zoning Investigator

The Zoning Department is happy to announce the addition of Chad Cline to our staff as the Zoning Investigator. He will be training with Cliff Meidlein who will be retiring next May. His background and experience of over 20 years working in the public sector will be an asset to the Zoning Department.



Parks and Recreation Division

NEW PICKLE BALL NETS ARE IN PLACE



David R. Ruwadi
Parks & Recreation
Superintendent

Jackson Township's Parks Division has taken delivery and installed new pickle ball nets within the Tennis Courts of North Park. Each of the 2 most eastern tennis courts have been striped to accommodate these additions. Each net is equipped with lockable wheels to allow for easy placement.

Please enjoy while visiting our Parks!!

Have you ever heard of Pickleball?

Perhaps this is the first time you have heard of it. Or maybe you have seen your local tennis courts overrun with dozens of people at all hours of the day not playing tennis. Or it could be that you are already a part of the ever-increasing number of Pickleball addicts. As any Pickleball player will attest, once you've tried it you are hooked!

Pickleball is a fun and exciting sport that combines elements of Badminton, Tennis and Ping Pong. It is played on a court the size of a Badminton court, with a low net similar to Tennis, and with what looks like an oversized ping pong paddle and a whiffle ball.

Pickleball is actually the fastest growing sport in the United States. Due to high demand, many cities are reconfiguring their tennis courts into Pickleball courts. Many schools open their doors after hours for Pickleball leagues to have a place to play in the winter.

People have created courts in parking lots just to have the opportunity to play! However,

Pickleball is not just growing here, it is expanding across the entire globe. This competitive paddle sport is picking up speed for a number of reasons. It is known for its ease of learning and appeal to all ages. Anyone can play this sport! Whether they are looking for a fun game, a healthy exercise, or intense competition, Pickleball has the ability to fulfill all of these desires. Pickleball players are known for their strong communal focus. Also, very little equipment is needed to play the game. How many more reasons do you need?

The main objective of Pickleball is to hit the ball back and forth over a net. It really is that simple. Anyone can jump in and play competitively even without lessons. Pickleballers are known for their desire to teach others about the game. If you stop by a tournament, ask someone to explain the game as you watch a match. Or you can head over to your local Pickleball courts and ask to join a game. Players love explaining the game to beginners!

Anyone can play Pickleball! Pickleball has grown in leaps and bounds in recent years. It first began to grow rapidly in senior communities. Schools now implement Pickleball in physical education classes and after school programs. Pickleball levels the playing field between age groups and athletic backgrounds. Grandparents and their grandchildren can play together competitively!

The sport is not about power or speed exclusively. It is a sport of strategy and patience. The majority of the game is played close to the net, which means less time running around and longer rallies! The court is smaller than tennis; so many people are gravitating to Pickleball because of the lower physical strain. It is a competitive, yet fun way to stay healthy.



HISTORY: The origin of Pickleball is rather unique and includes a full-blown debate as to the beginnings of its name. It was originally created by a group of friends, over fifty years ago, who wanted to play badminton, but did not have all of the proper equipment. So they improvised with the equipment they had and ended up creating a sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping pong. It is played on a badminton size court, but with a lower net similar to tennis. You hit a whiffle-type ball over the net with paddles that look like oversized ping pong paddles.

Pickleball? Why on earth would anyone name a serious sport Pickleball? This is the most hotly debated issue in Pickleball. One side says it is named after one of the founder's dogs, Pickles. He kept running off with the ball in between plays, so everyone called it Pickles' ball.

EQUIPMENT: As long as you have a hard surface, you can play Pickleball anywhere. It has been played on gym floors, concrete, asphalt, tennis courts, and carpet. Some people even set up courts in their neighborhood streets! The net is 34 inches in height. The only equipment that is truly necessary to play Pickleball is a paddle and Pickleball. They look just like whiffle balls. Originally, paddles were made of plywood. A necessary skill at the high levels of Pickleball play is quick hands. The heavy wooden paddle slowed reaction time, so a new type of paddle was created while keeping to the traditional shape of the wooden paddles. Most paddles, currently, have a polymer honeycomb core with either a fiberglass or graphite surface.

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Beginning January 4, 2021, you can turn in your pavilion application forms or submit them electronically through our website 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.** Reservations are subject to Ohio's Health Department Orders. For pavilion availability contact the Jackson Township Parks at 330-832-2845.

REMINDER

You must pick up your permit approximately one week prior to your reservation.

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.

Make your plans for reunions and graduation parties now because the pavilions are heavily used during the summer months and get booked fast.

JACKSON PARKS INFORMATION AND WINTER HOURS

Jackson Township residents have seven parks with approximately 240 acres.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS

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



**PLEASE
REMEMBER
TO CLEAN UP
AFTER YOUR
PET.**

Pets are permitted in all parks **EXCEPT** the North Park.

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.

SANTA'S MAILBOX ON DISPLAY IN JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Jackson Township 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.



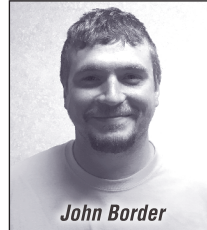
Children can drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox addressed to the North Pole between December 1 and December 15. All letters received by December 15 will receive a response from Santa himself. **It is very important that children remember to include their names and addresses on their letters.** Letters must be dropped off personally. Letters sent through the mail will not receive a response.

SAVE THE DATE

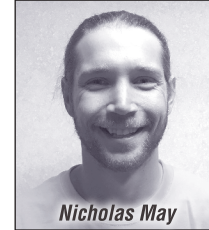
2021 Jackson Community Celebrations scheduled for June 23, 24, 25, 26, 2021.

PERSONNEL

The Board of Trustees authorized the hiring of two new employees in August 2020 and John Border and Nicholas May were hired as Crew



John Border



Nicholas May

Leaders. These two employees will be the future of the Parks and Recreation Division. Congratulations and welcome to the Parks and Recreation Division.

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- 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.



New Administration Department Personnel



We would like to welcome Karla Lindesmith to the Jackson Township Administration Department as the Receptionist/Secretary. She brings a vast range of knowledge and experience to her new role at the Township Administration Department and looks forward to assisting everyone and making a difference in the Jackson community. Karla and her husband, Jeff, have resided in Jackson Township for the past 13 years and are the proud parents of two sons, Beau and Zachary. *We are glad to have Karla as part of our Administration Department Team!*

Don't let politics drive your investments.



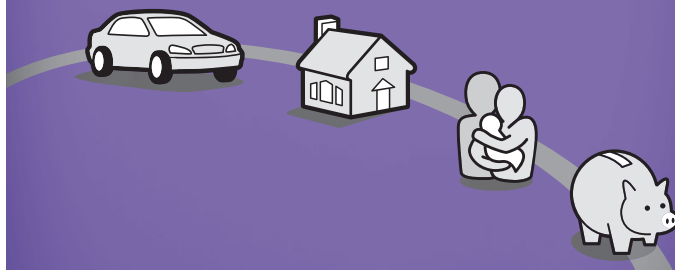
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The Jackson Township FARMERS MARKET

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to see all
of you next
summer.*

With the many COVID-19 challenges this year, we were very thankful the Farmers Market was able to continue this season.

Jackson Township residents' support of our Farmers Market was outstanding this year and we THANK YOU!!! We are looking forward to the 2021 market season. The new Jackson Amphitheater will be the location of the Farmers Market, and we hope to make things bigger and better.

Next year's season will be here before we know it, so if you are a vendor and interested in attending the 2021 market, contact Mary Reno at 330-832-7416.

Thank you to our fantastic vendors. This year was a HOT one and without your dedication each week we could not have provided this wonderful weekly event to our residents.

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

We appreciate your input on the Jackson Township Farmers Market. The comments will help us improve next year.



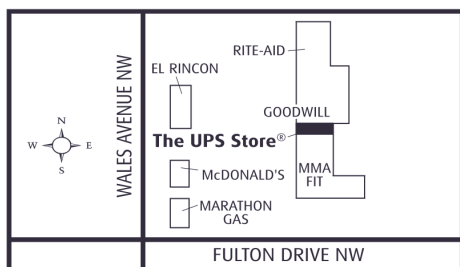
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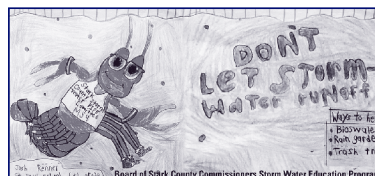
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION "PIPE" COMMITTEE

STORMWATER EDUCATION BILLBOARD CONTEST

As part of the Stormwater Education Program, middle and high school students had the opportunity to enter a Billboard Contest. There were only 21 entries this year because of COVID-19. Thank you to St. Paul's School for still participating. The four winning entries had their original artwork displayed on actual billboards throughout Stark County.

This year's theme is "Don't Let Stormwater Runoff" and the general message is "ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!"

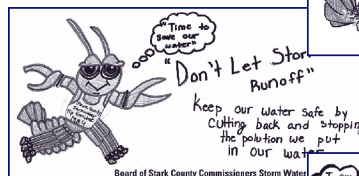
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