



Jackson Township

Newsletter

FALL/WINTER
2022

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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

Jackson Township Road Levy up for Renewal

**NO
NEW
TAXES!**

The Jackson Township road levy is up for RENEWAL this November, meaning NO NEW taxes. Good leadership, dedicated workers and balanced planning has made this possible while dealing with the rising cost of essentials like asphalt, salt and equipment. Jackson's roads are some of the best, if not the best in Stark County. Your Highway Division prides itself in keeping the roads paved, clean and safe through all seasons and puts in the time necessary to do so.

Beyond paving, patching, salting, sweeping and plowing, the highway division provides many other services such as the replacement of curbs, catch basins, culverts and road striping. Some other projects include, the addition of new traffic signals, maintenance of the yard waste site and the major cost is keeping up with deteriorating roads. Roughly 17-19 miles of roads are resurfaced annually and that cost has risen from \$1.4 million in 2021 to nearly \$2 million this year. *(See the chart below)*

The highway division also does its best to keep up with requests directly from residents. Just since January of 2021 the division has taken in over 3,000 work orders from residents, and they have worked tirelessly to fulfill them. Over the past several years,

the employees faced unprecedented challenges dealing with COVID resulting in time off due to illnesses and being shorthanded due to loss of staff. We are very proud of our highway workers as they met the challenges and kept up with the work.

Often our partnerships with the County, State and Federal governments create the ability for the township to obtain additional road funds by using Road Levy dollars as matching funds in combination with funding from other governmental sources. The ability to match Road Levy funds with other governmental funding sources has allowed for the completion of more local projects, and at the same time keeping the cost down for Jackson Township. A few examples of these matching funds projects are the new traffic signals at Frank and Eastlake, Strausser and Frank, Fulton and Amherst, and Perry and Jackson.

We here at the township are keenly aware of the hard earned tax dollars you provide and do our best to use them productively, wisely and efficiently in providing the best services for the least amount of money. We hope this answers any of your questions about the renewal **NO NEW TAXES**, and if you have any other questions or comments please feel free to call. We want you to be as informed as possible when you vote on November 8th.

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BY THE NUMBERS

The total annual cost of the Highway Levy equates to \$44.25 for a home valued at \$100,000.00

Year	Resurfacing	Curbing	Striping	CB Repair/Install
2013	\$893,969.80	\$189,182.96	\$41,524.27	160
2014	\$1,460,545.65	\$142,188.02	\$44,308.54	175
2015	\$1,353,639.93	\$148,797.00	\$49,894.52	236
2016	\$1,257,487.43	\$154,777.50	\$51,326.38	169
2017	\$1,312,121.25	\$183,265.80	\$47,576.99	270
2018	\$1,305,941.80	\$165,905.10	\$41,369.68	225
2019	\$1,497,575.41	\$151,440.90	\$58,616.72	237
2020	\$1,382,406.56	\$147,963.00	\$56,991.09	179
2021	\$1,437,191.65	\$196,208.25	\$51,781.80	208
2022	\$1,974,908.95	\$199,111.95	\$70,953.30	137
Totals	\$13,875,788.43	\$1,678,840.48	\$514,343.29	1996

STARK COUNTY COMMUNITIES

Rank	Community	Total Miles
1	CITY OF CANTON	483.981
2	STARK COUNTY	405.932
3	JACKSON TWP.	207.720
4	CITY OF MASSILLON	202.761
5	PLAIN TWP.	174.080
6	PERRY TWP.	145.710
7	LAKE TWP.	141.210
8	CITY OF ALLIANCE	131.734
9	CANTON TWP.	97.280
10	CITY OF NORTH CANTON	87.580

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The Jackson Township FARMERS MARKET

HOT, HOT, HOT was the theme this summer and we appreciated the residents and visitors who came to support the market.

We are grateful for the dedicated vendors and fortunate to have so many fantastic returning vendors and new vendors this season.

If you are thinking about the 2023 season and want to participate, contact Chylece Head at 330-832-7416 or thead@jacksontwp.com.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the customer survey on our website www.jacksontwp.com. Your input is appreciated and the comments will help us improve next year.



SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER!

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Jackson Township Fire Department News



Tim Berczik, Fire Chief

It's hard to believe that we are entering the last quarter of 2022. Even though it is lingering, hopefully, we are on the downward side of the pandemic. With the weather changes, we have witnessed an uptick with medical responses related to this issue. However, thankfully to the majority of the population being vaccinated, the severity to these cases have lessened; let's hope it stays that way moving forward.

We had an exciting summer; the Community Celebration, the Pro Football Hall of Fame Balloon Classic Festival, Safety Village, and weekly amphitheater concerts helped to keep us busy. Thankfully, we did not have to deal with too many emergencies related to any of these events.

Moving into fall, we observed Fire Prevention Week, this year's theme is 'Fire won't wait. Plan your escape! The Jackson Township Fire Department hosted the annual Open House on October 9. Hopefully you were able to attend and visit with both our police and fire personnel, meet the township's K-9, climb up into a fire truck, spray some water, and see just how we operate. The week ended with Jackson Township hosting the County's Annual Firefighter's Memorial Service.

As the calls for service seem to continually increase, the men and women that protect our community every day, maintain a high level of training in many disciplines mainly focusing on emergency medical care, fire suppression, and prevention. Do not hesitate to call if we can assist you in anyway, even if you simply have a medical or fire related question.

Enjoy the changing seasons, football, and holidays.

FIRE/EMS EXCELLENCE

Presidential Medal of Valor, Inspector Ryan Sprunger

Jackson Township Fire Inspector Ryan Sprunger was awarded the Medal of Valor on Monday, May 16, 2022, by President Joe Biden. Sprunger, along with fourteen other recipients from the 2019-2021 class, received this honor for "extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty."

On December 22, 2019, in Dalton, Ohio, Sprunger (also a member of the East Wayne Fire District) had left church and was headed home when he heard a call from his local fire station that two boys had fallen through the ice into a frozen pond. When Sprunger arrived, he found a grandfather and one child in the pond struggling to stay afloat. With a short rope and a small life vest in hand, Sprunger made it to the



Pictured (left to right): President Joe Biden, Inspector Ryan Sprunger, Colleen Sprunger, and Captain Ryan Sullivan



Pictured (left to right): Inspector Ryan Sprunger, and President Joe Biden.

edge of the ice shelf just in time to see them go under the water. He jumped in, and was able to pull them out to the surface. The second child was recovered by a crew arriving at the scene. Sprunger attended to the victims until medical personnel took over.

Pete M. with Station 4:

During June 2022, Pete M. was playing softball when he suddenly went into cardiac arrest. The crew from Station 4: Firefighter McKnight, Firefighter Haas and Firefighter Wackerly, played a big role in saving his life. Pete stopped into Station 4 to update the crew and share his appreciation.



Pictured (left to right): Firefighter Joe McKnight, Firefighter Adam Haas, Pete M. and Firefighter Chad Wackerly

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Cleveland Maidan Association

"The brotherhood and sisterhood of firefighters are very strong," said Jackson Township Fire Chief, Tim Berczik. "Where there is a need for fellow firefighters and emergency responders, we're always going to look out for each other. That's our goal, to help our brethren, even overseas. We collected our gear that was scheduled for disposal, to protect up to 70 responders for emergency and recovery operations."

The Cleveland Maidan Association (CMA) started as a grassroots organization in 2014, aimed at providing financial aid to families of fallen or wounded veterans. Since the most recent Russian invasion, the CMA has focused their efforts on procuring medical and tactical supplies, sending critical humanitarian aid to Ukrainian hospitals and refugee camps. The CMA coordinates with partners and other nonprofits to send supplies to the front lines of the war and to those most affected. With volunteers both in the US and on the ground in Ukraine and Poland, they work to make sure that 100% of all donations and humanitarian aid is delivered to where it is most needed, quickly and effectively.

"When you have that extra support from the world and people that are hundreds and thousands of miles away, it makes a big impact," said Nadiya Petriv, a Ukrainian American who organized the donations. "They [Ukrainians] have the people and volunteers that are ready to work, so we want to make sure that as many people who are willing to help, are able to while not jeopardizing their safety as they're trying to help other people."



Pictured (left to right): (Nadiya's brother), Firefighter Mike Nelligan, Nadiya Petriv, Deputy Chief Kai Rieger, Fire Chief Tim Berczik, Firefighter Corey Korosa, Battalion Chief Seth Rieger, and Firefighter Sarah North

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER TRAINING Boat and Water Rescue Training:

The Jackson Township Fire Department hosted a multi-county, multi-agency water rescue training at Lake Cable. Attendees included fire departments from the City of Massillon, City of Green, Coventry, New Franklin and the Summit County Sheriff's Office. The training provided the opportunity to practice boat and water rescues and recoveries, dive operations,



Pictured (left to right): Firefighter Marc Taylor, Deputy Chief Mike Crable, Firefighter Kristopher Hendershot, Captain Shawn Parsell, Firefighter Jared Baer, Firefighter Luke Ricketts, Green Fire Captain Jason Marzilli, and Green Fire Lieutenant Matt Micozzi



Pictured (left to right): Firefighter Mark Miller, Firefighter Sarah North, and Firefighter Ryan Dustman

witness interviews, location acquisition through triangulation, inter-agency multi-channel communications, sonar and drone usage.

Hot-Air Balloon Operations & Emergency Shutdown:

The Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association visited to refresh the Jackson Township Fire Department with hot air balloon operations and emergency shut down procedures to prepare for the 2022 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Invitational.



Search and Rescue Training:

The City of Green Fire Department hosted a search and rescue training with the Jackson Township Fire Department, utilizing a specialized trailer from the Ohio Fire Academy.



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SEASONAL SAFETY MESSAGE

Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape:

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week to reinforce the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly to ensure that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds.



According to NFPA data, home (the place people feel safest from fire) is actually where they are at greatest risk, with 74% of all U.S. fire deaths occurring in homes. When a home fire does occur, it's more likely to be serious; people are more likely to die in a home fire today than they were in 1980.

Following are key messages behind this year's "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape" theme:

- Make sure your home escape plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety:

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards.

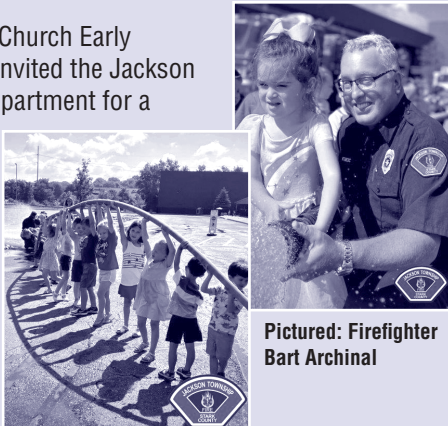
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.



Community Outreach and Education

Touch-a-Truck:

The Faith Family Church Early Learning Center invited the Jackson Township Fire Department for a touch-a-truck. We enjoyed being able to see the joy on the children's faces as they played in the water!



Pictured: Firefighter Bart Archinal

Station Tour:

Canton Country Day School visited the Jackson Township Fire Department at the Safety Center. It was great to guide them on a tour and answer their questions!



Pictured: Firefighter Adam Gladysz

Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC):



More than 300 kids of all ages, families and program supporters, enjoyed the 2022 Fire Truck Day presented by the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC). Held at Portage Lakes State Park, this year's event featured trucks from 22 departments in Summit and Stark counties.

ACBC holds an annual summer camp for young burn survivors who have been treated at Akron Children's Hospital burn center. Located at the Camp Y-Noah, they enjoy fun activities while the burn center staff and ACBC board members look after their safety and medical needs. Camp activities include swimming, field trips and Fire Truck Day.

ACBC raises money to help burn survivors and their families by funding educational and support programs, and paying for non-medical items or services that aren't covered by insurance. Aluminum can collection sites include each of the Jackson Township Fire stations.

Jackson Township Safety Village:

There were 150 Jackson Township children that attended the 2022 Jackson Township Safety Village to learn how to stay safe and make good decisions. We couldn't keep this program going without all the support from our community partners and local businesses.

Pictured: Inspector Denny Tan



Pictured: Firefighter Adam Gladysz

Retirement/Promotion

Retirement:

Congratulations to Sherry Funk, on her retirement! She has retired after almost 36 years with the Jackson Township Fire Department. Sherry is excited for the next chapter of her life and plans to spend more time with her husband and dogs. She is also looking forward to gardening, not getting up early and staying up late to watch her shows and movies. We wish you many healthy, happy years! **Thank you for your service!**

Pictured: Sherry Funk



Pictured: Fire Chief Tim Berczik, and Sherry Funk



Promotion:

Brea Harper has been promoted as the Fire Chief's Administrative Assistant. Brea and her husband Steve have resided here in Jackson Township for several years with their three awesome children and beloved pets. They enjoy spending time together traveling, hiking and sometimes just relaxing while watching movies.



Pictured: Brea Harper



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Police Chief Mark Brink

FBI CLEVELAND DIVISION WARNS ABOUT INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS FRAUD SCHEMES

With today's strain on personal finances and households looking for ways to augment their income, criminals are preying on trusting eager individuals to believe in the promise of short-term financial growth and a quick return on their investment.

However, business and investment fraud criminals are ruthless; their targets are borderless and ageless, and their victims range from those living paycheck-to-paycheck to very wealthy and well-off individuals. Young adults and elderly people alike, no one is immune.

What is an investment or business fraud?

Investment or business fraud schemes will try to lure you in with the promise of low-or no-risk investments. Scammers often ask for cash upfront in exchange for guaranteed future returns. There is no such thing as a guaranteed return on investment. If they tell you that, be aware...it's a scam.

The FBI wants you to learn what to look out for, how to protect yourself and your family, and what to do if you are a victim.

What to look out for – some of the more common schemes:

- Advance fee schemes ask you to invest upfront money for a larger return later, such as a loan, contract, or gift.
- Nigerian Letter or 419 schemes ask someone to share in a percentage of millions of dollars that the author - a self-proclaimed government official - is trying to transfer illegally out of Nigeria.
- Ponzi schemes use current investors' money to pay previous investors. They inevitably collapse.
- Pyramid schemes ask you to bring in new investors to make a profit or recoup your investment.
- Telemarketing fraud schemes try to steal your money over the phone, whether by telling you won a prize, are in legal trouble, or some other approach.

How to Protect Yourself

Just because someone says it is a legitimate investment doesn't always mean so. Learn how to research an investment before you transfer any money or anything of value to another person.

- Do your homework and thoroughly research any investment opportunity independently of what any salesperson provides you.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it is.
- Never rush into an investment opportunity. If you are rushed or told not to discuss it with others, you are being scammed.
- **There is no such thing as a guaranteed return.**

What to Do If You Are a Victim

Some people may be embarrassed to report they have become a victim. The FBI reminds people that by coming forward, their information may provide critical information that ultimately can lead to eliminating criminal networks. Crime reports are used for investigative and intelligence purposes. Rapid reporting can also help support the recovery of lost funds. Visit IC3.gov for more information, including tips and information about current crime trends.

- Contact the FBI online at tips.fbi.gov.
- File a report with the FTC at reportfraud.ftc.gov.
- Reach out to your local FBI office - FBI Cleveland - 216-522-1400
- Report internet-enabled fraud schemes to ic3.gov.

The FBI invites businesses and organizations to learn more, visit FBI.gov or schedule a guest speaker for your next event. Visit - [Cleveland FBI Speaker/Presenter Request Form](#) or call 216-522-1400.



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



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NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Jackson Township Police Department recently hired two School Resource Officers to fill the two vacant positions. We would like to introduce Officer Jason Greenfield as the SRO for Jackson Memorial Middle School and Officer William Adams as the Jackson High School SRO.

Officer Jason Greenfield has been in law enforcement for 27 years and recently retired from the City of Massillon Police Department where he served for 25 years. Officer Greenfield is married with three children and enjoys coaching football and spending time with family.



Officer Jason Greenfield



Officer Bill Adams

Officer Bill Adams has over 33 years of law enforcement experience from the Air Force, to the Canton City Police Department where he was involved in many different divisions including 14 years on the Canton SWAT team. In his free time, Officer Adams enjoys golfing, camping, attending sporting events, and spending time with friends and family.

As you can see, both officers have had long and successful careers in law enforcement, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Jackson Township Police Department. We are confident they will be a great fit for Jackson Local Schools and are glad to welcome them to our department and the Jackson Township Community.

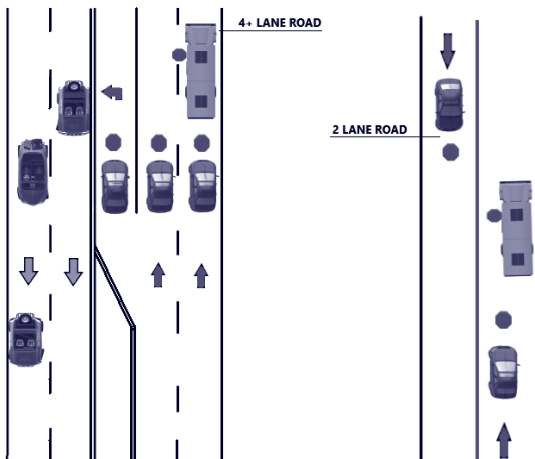
*Please join me in welcoming
Officers Greenfield and Adams to Jackson Township!*

Elementary School SRO's by school:

Amherst Elementary School - SRO Beiter
Lake Cable Elementary School - SRO Kosco
Sauder Elementary School - SRO Lebold
Strausser Elementary School - SRO Cochran

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School is back in session, and with that comes the need 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 travelling the opposite direction does not need to stop, however, the traffic travelling the same direction is required to stop for a school bus with red flashing lights. On a road with three or less lanes, vehicles travelling in either direction are required to stop. See Ohio Revised Code 4511.75 and the below diagram for further details.



SNOW PARKING BAN

With winter approaching and the snow and ice that is to be expected along with it, please keep in mind that Jackson Township does have a Snow Parking Ban (Resolution No. 14-024). The purpose of the Snow Parking Ban is to allow our Highway Division to more effectively clear snow and ice from the roads so that they are safer for travel. The Snow Parking Ban goes into effect when there is accumulation or an expectation of snow accumulation to a depth of two or more inches.

During a Snow Parking Ban, vehicles are not permitted to be parked on residential streets to allow township road crews enough room to maneuver the salt/plow trucks safely. If a vehicle is parked in violation of the Snow Parking Ban, the owner can be issued a citation with a minimum fine of \$50.00 and the vehicle may be towed from the roadway.

Please do your part to help us keep the roads clear this year by following the guidelines in this Resolution. The Snow Parking Ban Resolution 14-024 can be found on the Township web site for further information.

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Rich Rohn
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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IN 2022

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.

Many of the contracted services we are able to accomplish are coming to an end or have been completed. These include the yearly pavement resurfacing, curbing replacement and road striping contracts.

- The 2022 resurfacing contract of \$1,984,012 is set to begin on 15.06 miles of the aging asphalt under Jackson jurisdiction, as well as one mile of repairs. Resurfacing is carefully paced and completed to assure a continuously smooth and safe roadway for all 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 \$199,111 and Highway Division labor efforts. This year 4,892 feet of curbing and many catch basins saw attention.
- Yearly striping of roadways attempt to maintain bright and visible traffic assistance. A contract was awarded during the July 12, 2022 Trustees' Meeting to JD Striping Services, Inc. for \$ 61,849.80.
- **State Route 687 (Fulton Drive):** This project is in its final stages and awaiting the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) approval. As part of this project, residents in this area have seen an alteration in both Yost Street NW and Armandale Avenue NW.

- **Fulton Tunnel:** This joint project between Stark Parks, Jackson Local Schools and the Township is moving toward completion. The contractor, Stanley Miller Construction, was able to complete the installation of the box culverts to allow for the opening of Fulton Drive prior to the first day of school on August 16. Work is continuing on both the north and south side of Fulton with items such as retaining wall installation and the movement of the sanitary line.
- **Schuring Park:** As the Township prepares for this project to be placed out for bid, minor work has begun. The Township was able to save money by allowing the additional dirt being removed from the Fulton Tunnel project to be placed on the park site. The engineering estimate stated that the site was going to be short +/- 15,000 cubic yards of soil. By moving the dirt to the park, this prevented us from both purchasing and hauling in of fill for the site. A big thank you to our Highway staff for assisting in this project.

THE DIVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Central Maintenance

- Our Central Maintenance Division has been working diligently on the upkeep of all our Township assets. From our vehicle maintenance staff ensuring all preventative maintenance is being completed for our Fire, Police and Highway vehicles, to our building maintenance staff ensuring all buildings are functioning each day.
- Some of the projects completed in 2022 were new roofs being placed on the Safety Center and Township Hall, and overseeing the repairs that are continuing due to the tornado that went through North Park, our Public Works Complex and Fisher Park. This included new roofs for multiple dugouts and pavilions in North, South and Fisher parks, a roof on our salt storage facility and large truck garage, and fencing and backstops in both North and Fisher Park.

Highway

- Our Highway Division continues to complete work within our roadways. From installation of new culverts under the roads, to resetting catch basins, and installation of new curbing within our allotments.
- One thing we would like to stress with our residents is the importance of keeping leaves and debris away from the storm

systems. This could be anything from catch basins to roadside ditches and drive culverts. This will prevent water from flowing during large rain events or even snow melts.

Parks

- Our Park & Recreation Division has had their hands full with all the events that have taken place in our parks this past summer. From baseball and softball tournaments, to the Amphitheater shows, to the Food Truck and Farmers Market events that took place every Wednesday. As we finish up with one sporting season, the staff is adjusting for the next.

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Yard Debris Drop-Off



Our heavily used resident drop-off area in South Park on Fulton Drive has continued to be the largest in Stark County.

Jackson Township loads out this material almost daily to provide room for the vehicles and trailers that are backing up and dumping material. Kurtz Bros. provides the debris removal trucking operations. Check the website for up to date hours of the yard debris drop-off site, as they fluctuate through the year.

Fall leaves are upon us as the busiest and most crowded drop-off time of the year. We ask that residents carefully secure their loads while in transit to the drop-off site. The highway crews routinely retrieve loose debris droppings from the roadways. Also, residents are requested to back up as close as possible to the debris pile when unloading to preserve the open area for vehicle maneuvering. *Please exercise extreme caution when driving and backing in this area.*

SNOW BANS - Please be prepared!

Our Highway Division asks that all residents assist us with the clearing of snow and ice as the winter season nears by removing all vehicles parked on the streets during events of 2 inches or more. The best way to monitor an active snow ban is by checking our website (www.jacksontwp.com) or Facebook Pages (**Jackson Township Board of Trustees** or **Jackson Township Public Works Department**).

Another way to receive these alerts is by signing up for **Nixle Alerts**. This can be done through the Township website or by texting your zip code to **888777** on your mobile device.

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Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department



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CITIZEN PORTAL FOR ZONING APPLICATIONS

Jackson Township is now accepting zoning applications electronically by clicking on the citizen's portal link, <https://jacksontwp.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/jacksontwp> which can be found on the Zoning Department page

of our website. Utilizing the citizen's portal link to submit an application makes the process more efficient by processing permits in a timely manner, saving time, eliminating paperwork, and the applicant can avoid a trip to the zoning office. **Everyone is encouraged to submit all applications electronically.**

Process for utilizing the citizen's portal to submit an application:

- Go to the Zoning Department page of our website at www.jacksontwp.com.
- Click on the link <https://jacksontwp.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/jacksontwp>.

- Find the application that pertains to the type of permit that is required. Please make sure when applying for a permit that you put your name, address, phone number and email address in the applicant information field so we are able to contact you.
- Fill in all required fields as well as other fields that pertain to what you are requesting. Fields shown with an asterisk (*) are required and must be completed in order to submit the application.
- Upload all required documents that pertain to the permit application. Required documentation depends on the type of permit you are requesting. Some examples of required documentation include but are not limited to; a site plan showing the property and any existing structures on the property, as well as the location, size and setbacks of any new structure to be built from the property lines and other structures, construction plans, house numbering slip, sewer or septic slip, Stark County Regional Planning approval letter, etc.
- Review the application to make sure it is complete and all required documentation is uploaded.
- Electronically sign the application and click the submit button.
- If the application does not submit, it is because a required field is not properly completed.
- If documents are too large to be uploaded, such as large commercial construction plans, they can be submitted to our office on a flash drive.

Once the application is submitted, it will come directly to the Zoning Department for processing. If the permit application complies with the zoning regulations, it will be processed. Once processed, our office will call or email you with the cost of the permit.

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.

Applications are available at the Jackson Township Administration Office or on our website at www.jacksontwp.com/employment-opportunities. The deadline for submitting application is Friday, November 11, 2022.

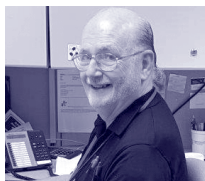
New Assistant Zoning Inspector



Next time you call or stop into the Zoning Department, you will meet the new Assistant Zoning Inspector, Courtney Barson. Courtney began her employment with Jackson Township in January of this year as the front desk Receptionist and was promoted to the zoning position in August.

Zoning Investigator

We are delighted to announce the return of Cliff Meidlein as the Zoning Investigator. Cliff has returned to the Zoning Department and will be doing zoning investigations.



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ZONING COMPLAINTS

Zoning complaints can also be submitted through the citizen's portal link on our website by clicking the icon on the zoning complaint form. This form is utilized for zoning complaints only. Please do not use this form for weed complaints as weed complaints are handled by a different department.

NOXIOUS WEED COMPLAINTS

All noxious weed complaints must be submitted in writing and emailed to msmith@jacksontwp.com or mailed to Mary Smith, Jackson Township Legal Department, 5735 Wales Avenue NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Per the weed legislation, weed complaints are only accepted April 15 through October 31.



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Fall Stormwater

MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



As the leaves begin to change color around the Township, we are asking residents to practice good fall stormwater management practices. Here are a few tips to help you do so:

- Sweep up grass clippings and fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks and streets, and rake, mulch or compost yard waste. Don't forget to sweep along the curb. Remove leaves from your gutters, ditches and driveways, sidewalks and streets.
- Fall is the best season to fertilize your lawn and control common weeds. Weed and feed responsibly by using fertilizers and pesticides only as needed and always follow product instructions carefully. Be phosphorus conscious!
- Consider using alternative lawn-care techniques in addition to, or even instead of, pesticides. Try these: pulling weeds by hand (counts as a workout), or spot-treating weedy areas instead of your entire yard.
- Fall is a perfect time for planting trees and shrubs. Be sure to plant species native to Ohio.
- Prune your trees, shrubs, and perennials. Fall is the best time to prune trees and other plants in your yard. Pruning allows them to jump-start their growth and utilize more stormwater.
- Clear leaves and debris from gutters. After cleaning your gutters, install a rain barrel at the end of your downspout to reduce the amount of stormwater running off of your property.
- Resist the urge to let Fido fend for himself when the weather turns colder, and keep on scooping poop. Pet waste contains phosphorus, nitrogen and harmful bacteria.
- During routine fall tune-ups, check your car and lawn equipment for leaks. A good rainstorm can send gasoline and oil drips from automobiles, lawnmowers and power equipment into waterways.
- Please try to keep your storm drains near your property clear of trash and debris. Since they flow directly into local waterways, it is important that only water enters storm drains.

Parks and Recreation Division



*Michael Danner
Parks Superintendent*

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL DANNER, OUR NEW PARKS SUPERINTENDENT

Mike has spent the last 19 years working within our Park & Recreation Division and most recently as our Parks Foreman. He brings a great deal of experience into this position with the knowledge of our park system.

WELCOME MICHAEL (MICK) RYAN AS OUR NEW RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT

Mick has worked in recreation for nearly 20 years and has a degree in Sports Science and Wellness Education. His previous recreation positions have been as the Sports and Recreation Director at the North Canton YMCA, the Adult and Youth Sports Supervisor for Canton Parks and Recreation, and his most recent role as Recreation Superintendent for Canton Parks and Recreation.



*Michael (Mick) Ryan
Recreational
Superintendent*

Mick takes pride in the programs he has developed, ran, and watched grow. Mick stated, "I look forward to collaborating with local organizations and groups to continue to help our community thrive within our parks and recreation department, where your children and mine will continue to play and make memories for years to come".

He and his family are proud Jackson Township residents which include wife, Erin, and 4 fantastic daughters, Colleen (11), Mary Claire (8), Evelyn (5), and Catherine (2). They are active in various sports and love playing at the parks with their friends.

He enjoys family time spent within the community and throughout our local parks. Mick and his wife enjoy spending time together taking walks with their girls, playing sports, and staying active. He's looking forward to connecting with the community through various events and programs for all ages and all abilities, as well as being very excited to learn more about our community of Jackson Township as he starts his new role with Parks and Recreation.

"THANK YOU" for a GREAT Community Celebration

Thanks to the support of Jackson Township residents and local businesses, the 2022 Jackson Community Celebration was a huge success! Attendance for the four-day event was over 55,000. Thank you to all of the sponsors for this year's event. On Friday night, the 5K Nightglow Run had approximately 1,000 participants and this year's car show had over 80 unique vehicles.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, the Jackson Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, 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 Celebration.

SAVE THE DATE!!

**Next year's Community Celebration is
scheduled for June 21 through 24, 2023**



North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. now through November 30. Beginning December 1 through February 28, North Park will be open sunrise to 8:00 p.m.

When visiting any of our other parks, such as South Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Edward & Mary Zink Park, Joseph Fisher Park, Nelson M. Keck Park, Strausser School Fields, and Stuhldreher Street Fields, the hours of operation are dawn to dusk.

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

Pets are permitted in all of our parks **EXCEPT** North Park. While on any other park grounds, lots, streets, drives or any other park facilities, all pets shall be controlled by a leash connected with a person or fixed object. Also, please remember to clean up after your pet!

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Beginning January 3, 2023, you can begin reserving pavilions in any of the four Jackson Township Parks by submitting your application on line at www.jacksonstp.com. You will receive a confirmation by email once your application is approved. Applications can also be submitted in person. No reservations will be taken over the phone and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications that are submitted in person get priority over the ones submitted electronically. Please remember to pick up your permit approximately one week prior to your reservation. There is no charge for Township residents, business owners, and non-profit organizations. There is a \$10 per hour fee for non-residents and for-profit organizations and companies.

UPCOMING PARK PROGRAMS

ANNUAL HAUNTED HAYRIDE

The Annual Haunted Hayride will take place on...

Saturday, October 22, 2022
from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

in the Jackson South Park. Hayride wagons donated by local farmers will be driving the visitors through many scary scenes that are located throughout the South Park. The scenes are provided by volunteers and Park employees.

Come have a spooky good time!!

If you or a group would be interested in becoming a volunteer for our Haunted Hayride, please contact the Park Division at 330-832-2641 or email Chylece Head at chead@jacksontwp.com.

Please note that the yard debris waste site will close at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2022 for the Haunted Hayride.

SKATING RINK DATES & HOURS OF OPERATION

Skating rink opens Saturday, November 12, 2022

Free skate beginning November 12, 2022 - Sunrise to 8:00 p.m.

Free skate rental available beginning November 17, 2022



Thursdays
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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Noon to 5:00 pm

SANTA'S MAILBOX



Jackson Township Parks are making preparations for the "Santa's Mailbox" program this holiday season. Santa's Mailbox will be located in front of the entrance to the Jackson

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

Children can drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox addressed to the North Pole between December 1 and December 16. All letters received by 2:00 p.m. on December 16 will receive a response from Santa himself. It is very important that children remember to include their names and addresses on their letters. Letters must be dropped off personally.

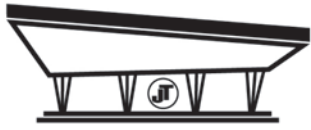


Letters sent through the mail will not receive a response.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in the Dave Ruwadi Pavilion in the North Park on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting at 6:45 pm. Children will enjoy a surprise visit from the guest of honor himself.... Santa Claus! Jackson North Park is located on Fulton Drive across from Jackson High School.





JACKSON AMPHITHEATER



WHAT A SUMMER WE'VE HAD! SUMMER OF 2022 AT THE JACKSON AMPHITHEATER WAS FULL OF FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FOOD, AND MUSIC.

We appreciate the support of 2022 Jackson Amphitheater Weekend Concert Series presenting sponsor the Pro Football Hall of Fame and supporting sponsor Mears Nissan. This year's concert series featured some of the best, most talented tribute bands from the USA and Canada playing music across a wide variety of genres.

We started our 2022 season with U2 cover band Without U2, followed by ELO tribute band Into the Blue who played with members of the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Symphony for an outstanding evening of musical talent! Dave Matthews Band cover band Trippin Billies came from Chicago to rock our stage to a big, enthusiastic crowd. Tom Petty tribute band King's Highway entertained a huge crowd with all of our favorite Tom Petty hits and we enjoyed Bee Gees cover band Night Fever who played all of our Bee Gees favorites! A huge crowd danced the night away to Prince Tribute band The Prince Project and then we rocked out to The Vindys, a 2021 fan favorite. After the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival break, the outstanding Elton Rohn dazzled a full house with his tribute to Elton John. Chris Higbee was rained out but returned to fiddle his way to being a crowd favorite, and we closed out the Weekend Concert Series to E5C4P3, the Journey tribute band.

We kept our Community Celebration on the grounds of the Amphitheater for 2022 and added more concerts to the schedule to keep the celebration going! Meijer became a new sponsor and we appreciate their support along with the support of all of our Community Celebration sponsors for the 2022 season. Bates Amusements returned with their rides, games and attractions and our food vendors showed up with all of the best fair foods in the area! Local non-profits raised much-needed funds with fun games and attractions, too.

New in 2022, the Amphitheater featured six concerts in the four days of the Community Celebration. Bands played to huge crowds and the weather, though hot, cooperated so that everyone could enjoy all the Celebration had to offer! Fans enjoyed seeing and hearing New Wave Nation, Eric Brooke's tribute to Michael Stanley, the always popular La Flavour, 2021 fan favorite Queen Flash, Whiskey Loco and Ultimate Aldean to round out the final of the four days of concerts.

Twenty six Jackson Township-based non-profits were given an opportunity to work the concerts to raise funds for their respective non-profit... funds that are required to be used in Jackson Township for the benefit of our community.

We moved our Farmer's Market, all day food trucks and free weekday concerts to Wednesdays for 2022 and the community support was fantastic! Our food trucks did a great job providing a variety of lunch and dinner menu options. We had a total of 11 free weekday concerts on Wednesdays from May through August featuring all different types of musical genres! The 13th year of the Jackson Farmer's Market was well-attended and in full swing from July 6th through September 28th and featured produce, baked goods, honey, candles, hot sauce, along with extended hours from 3pm to 7pm. Amphitheater Wednesdays will continue in 2023 and we hope you'll join us for all of the wonderful things we plan to improve and offer in 2023 to make Amphitheater Wednesdays a must-do on your to-do list.

Our Kid Stuff free programs were very popular this year. Outback Ray appeared three times with his Amazing Animals including SpongeBob the Python and a bunch of other cool animals. Mad Science was presented five times at the Amphitheater in partnership with the Jackson YMCA through a generous grant provided by AEP. Barb Craven with Craven Dance Studio returned for four sessions this year with her popular Creative Movement class for 3 to 5 year olds. Gordon the Magician even made an appearance at the Amphitheater with his magic act and corny jokes loved by kids of all ages! We even had two very popular and well-attended movies in the Amphitheater, featuring Disney favorites Encanto and Sing 2.

Thank you for your support in 2022. We are eager to put together a 2023 schedule of events for the whole family that you will enjoy all summer, right in our back yard. We will see you in 2023!

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OHIO FENCE PROJECT HELPS BRING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

(This article appeared in Fencing Magazine)

When representatives of Jackson Twp, just outside of Canton, OH needed someone to install ornamental fence and screening around their new municipal amphitheater, they certainly had a contractor in mind, and they didn't have to look far. Located just 10 minutes south of the project is an almost 50 year-old, family-owned fence company. "Southway Fence has done several projects in our community" said Michael Danner who is the Park Superintendent for the township. "In fact, several members of their management team are local residents and have been aware of the project since before we broke ground." The obvious goal for the project was to come as close as possible to the vision of the design firm, SoL Harris/Day Architecture, while keeping within budget during times of rising prices and supply chain issues.

Southway's co-owner, Pete Williams Sr. contacted his supplier, Ultra Aluminum Manufacturing, and went about the process of pricing out what would turn out to be a very unique job. "I worked with Ultra's Technical Sales Representative, Chad Agacinski to put together bid numbers. We do hundreds of ornamental aluminum jobs per year, so that part was simple, however the key to the project was the louvered privacy fence that would surround the entire seating & gathering spaces of the complex. We didn't have experience with Ultra's louvered product, so Chad helped to do some value-engineering before submittals and ultimately, we were fortunate enough to be awarded the project."

Ultra Eclipse Air™ is a heavy-duty horizontal louvered screening that provides both privacy and air flow. Panels are custom-made and fully welded for easy installation and are available in 4 textured powder coat colors.

Installation began in the middle of winter as did the challenges. With Southway's veteran crews, weather wasn't the issue, but rather the discovery of private utilities that were not marked by 811 services. This meant there would be constant adjustments to the fence line as well as a requirement to adjust sizes on the custom louvered panels throughout the manufacturing process. "Fortunately for us, Pete clearly communicated his needs and gave us plenty of time to make adjustments," said Agacinski. "Despite the changes, the project went very smoothly from our perspective, and we credit our customer for that"

Unlike typical ornamental fence using a "progressive" install, Eclipse Air™ posts are set first, then panels are screwed onto posts using heavy-duty, stainless Tek screws. The project included everything from elevation changes requiring "stepping" of the louvered panels to a radiused section and multiple gates. "Once we dealt with the issues underground, the actual installation of the panels was very simple and went off without a hitch" said Williams Sr. "This facility is a gathering place for our entire community and I'm proud of the fact that we played a big part in its construction"

Ben Jodoin from Ultra Aluminum Mfg. stated: "I've had the pleasure of knowing the folks from Southway Fence for a very long time. In fact, they're one of our oldest customers and it's strong partnerships like theirs that help make us successful. We've done many great projects with them over the years, but this one is special since it's really the centerpiece of the community. It's a job we're particularly proud of and we're thrilled that our friends at Southway invited us to be a part of it!"

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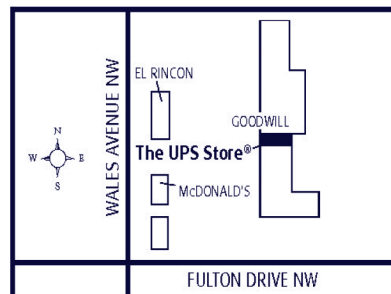


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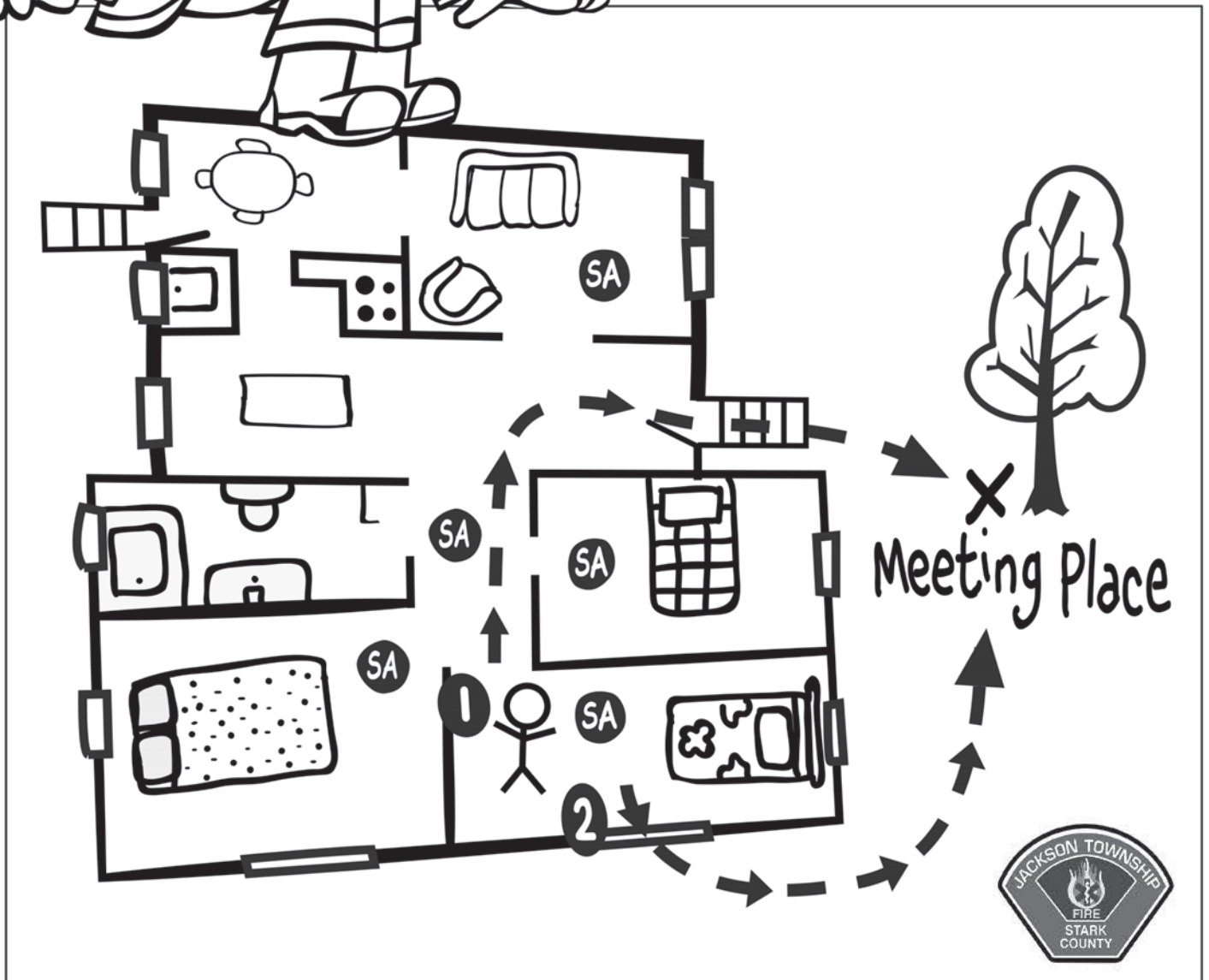
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Seconds count in emergencies. To aid safety personnel in finding your home, residents are encouraged to purchase a 911 House Numbering Sign made of blue metal background and large white reflective numbers. Signs are \$15 for pickup at Station 2, or \$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