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Newsletter

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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

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NEW NASH FAMILY JACKSON AMPHITHEATER REFRESHMENT / RESTROOM BUILDING

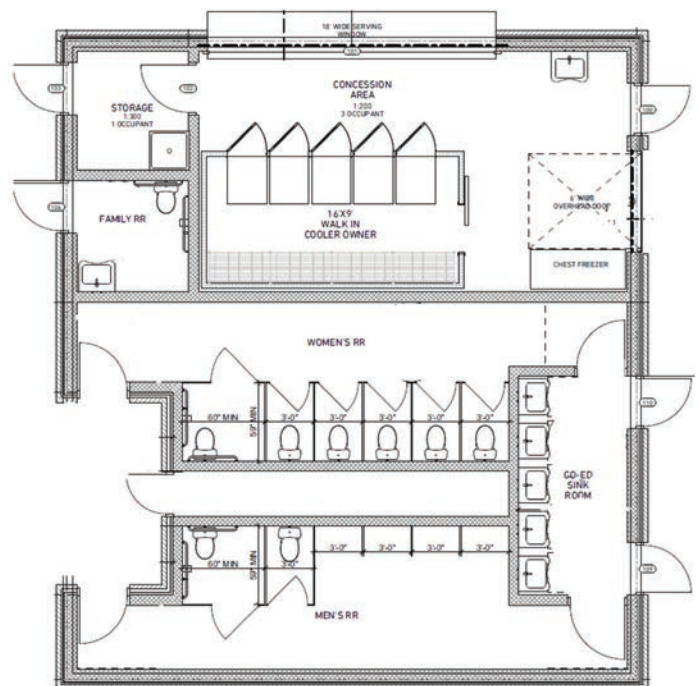


As the third season of the Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater comes to a close, we would like to thank all our residents who have joined us for some amazing shows this past year. During your visit, we are sure you saw the new addition to the grounds that has been under construction. The new refreshment / restroom facility was opened for the final show of this year concert series ZOSO, the Led Zeppelin Tribute Band on September 2.

This new 1450 sq. ft. building houses a full size walk-in beverage cooler and a much needed restroom facility for our patrons. The cooler provides us the ability to bring in additional product in the five door unit that keeps the product at a frosty 37° in the 144 sq. ft. area. The new restrooms provide six women's and six men's facilities, as well as a family bathroom.

By way of saving space, we created a common sink area that is a shared use area that give us the ability to provide additional fixtures within each the women's and men's side.

The project was made possible due to the Township receiving a \$300,000.00 grant from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and all the public support we continue to receive from you!



FULFILL A WISH TAG AND MAKE THIS A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR VETERANS & THEIR DEPENDENTS



The Holiday season is just around the corner and the residents of Jackson Township have the chance to fulfill a Veteran's Wish or their dependents wish.

A "WISH TREE" is set up at the Jackson Township Administration Building at 5735 Wales Avenue NW, Massillon, OH 44646, 8 am to 4:30 pm weekdays. Each year the Veterans Service Commission of Stark County with the collaboration of many community partners and stakeholders, provides holiday joy to Stark County Veterans and their dependents. Any Stark County Veteran can fill out a Wish List of 3 wishes for themselves and their qualifying dependents. This includes our Veterans in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The wishes are put discreetly on Wish Tags and placed on Wish Trees throughout Stark County. The community takes and fulfills the Wish Tags and then returns the wrapped gifts to the Wish Tree Location, where the tags were pulled, or directly to the Veterans Service Commission. This year, the Veterans Winter Wonderland Christmas Party will be held on December 9, so all gifts must be returned by November the 28.

Winter Wonderland is a magical event where Veterans and their dependents can open their gifts, visit with Santa and other veterans, eat great food, listen to music and enjoy the various activities. For many of our Veterans, this is the only Christmas they have, and it is a very touching day. We also visit the Stark County nursing homes and assisted living facilities for the Veterans who are unable to physically attend, although many of them do.

Last year, 364 Veterans and dependents were able to have a beautiful holiday thanks to the very generous support of the Stark County Community. Please join with us this year and our partners as we continue to provide this valuable program to Veterans.

Please help in making their wishes come true!



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Jackson Township Fire Department News

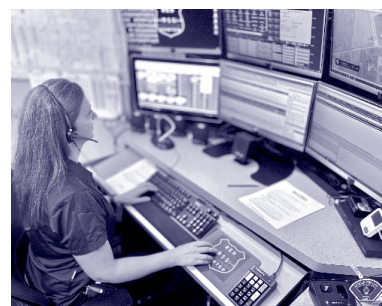


Tim Berczik, Fire Chief



9-1-1: WHAT IS THE LOCATION OF YOUR EMERGENCY?

When in trouble or having an issue, we are all taught from a young age to call 9-1-1. This is our connection to police, fire, or EMS; you call us, we come to help. My question to you is, who are these people that answer the phone? Here in Jackson Township, we are dispatched through the Regional Emergency Dispatch (RED) Center. This agency is responsible for most police and fire agencies on the western side of Stark County.



Megan Lafferty - RED Center

They are our first line of defense. They are the first contact when someone is not having a good day. These telecommunicators (dispatchers) must remain calm and controlled during any event. The dispatcher needs to obtain the exact location of the emergency, the nature of the incident, as well as be able to provide specific guidance to the caller. Although these dispatchers may not be police officers, firefighters, or paramedics, they are an integral component of an emergency process. The dispatch center is staffed 24/7/365 with well-trained and competent staff. The training is long and very in-depth, as it should be, but also extremely rewarding.

If interested and think you have what it takes to 'answer the call' and become the first contact for others in need, consider applying for a telecommunicators' position. More information, along with an online application can be found at www.redcenter.us.

FIRE / EMS EXCELLENCE

Veteran of the Game (USFL)

Firefighter, Josh Bow, had been selected to represent the Jackson Township Fire Department as "The Veteran of the Game" during a USFL game at the Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. He was presented with a folded American Flag by the Veterans Service Commission of Stark County and was accompanied by his family, friends and co-workers.



Firefighter Josh Bow & Firefighter Marc Taylor

Mr. Don Deville Sponsors Fire Investigation Vehicle

Fire Chief, Tim Berczik, accepted a donation from Mr. Don DeVille, for his generous offer to sponsor the build of a Fire Investigation Response Vehicle. The unit is designed to contain all the tools needed to investigate fires and space to conduct interviews. The Jackson Township Fire Department investigates all fires that occur within the township and can also provide support to neighboring areas when requested.



Fire Chief Tim Berczik, and Mr. Don DeVille



Mr. Nick DeVille, Fire Chief Tim Berczik and Mr. Don DeVille

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

Costco Walk-Through

With the grand opening of the Costco Wholesale in Jackson Township, crews were provided access to observe the operational systems that allow the store to function. Walk-throughs are an opportunity for us to pre-plan and increase our incident response awareness.



Mass Casualty Incident Training

In a time where high-tech air-conditioned classrooms are taking over most training divisions in the fire service, we must recognize there are times when this approach simply won't serve our members in the best way possible. Nothing beats realistic hands-on training when the Jackson Township Fire Department prepares for a mass-casualty incident (MCI).

Just as fire service organizations vary in size, equipment and capability, MCIs can vary in scope and require different response models. No single response works for all incident types. The only true way to know if the command officers, company officers and crewmembers are prepared, is through realistic training and drills.



Firefighter Kristopher Hendershot



Fire Captain Ryan Sullivan, and Andrew Bolgiano - Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital.

Seasonal Safety Message

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries? Cooking safety starts with YOU.



Cooking Safety Starts With You

The Jackson Township Fire Department has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association to promote this year's safety campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can

take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to the NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

"Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. "These numbers tell us that there is still much work to do when it comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking."

The Jackson Township Fire Department encourages all residents: "Cooking safety starts with YOU," said Tim Berczik, Fire Chief. "A cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented."

The Jackson Township Fire Department offers these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

1. Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
2. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
3. Have a "kid- and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking safety, visit www.fpw.org. For fire safety fun for kids, visit sparky.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Neighborhood Parade



Jackson A-Shift

Pro-Football HOF Tailgate Party at Mission BBQ



The Jackson Township Fire - Station 4 crew visited the Mission BBQ tailgate party for the induction of the Cleveland Brown's Joe Thomas into the Pro-Football HOF and also got to meet Joe Haden.

Firefighter Chip Vincent, Firefighter Mike Wykoff, Joe Haden and Firefighter Marc Taylor

Faith Family Early Learning Center

Thank you Faith Family Church, Early Learning Center for inviting the Jackson Township Fire Department for water day!



Sparky the Fire Dog

Safety Village

Jackson Local Schools children entering 1st Grade, learned all about fire safety: what to do in the event of a fire, what's hot/what's not, and how to spot a fire hazard. The children were also able to see a fire truck and ambulance.

Bicycle Safety Helmet

The Jackson Township Fire Department partnered with the Stark County Health Department at the Paul & Carol David YMCA of Jackson Township's Community Bike Event. We attended the event to evaluate and adjust the fit of the helmets for those wearing one and to also provide helmets to riders that needed one.



Nicole Dorsey - Stark County Health Department

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Keep Seniors Driving Safely Event

The Stark County Safe Communities Coalition held a “Keep Seniors Driving” safety event to educate senior citizens of Stark County on safe driving practices.



Left to right:
Mike Gallina - Aultman,
Police Lieutenant
Jason Collins,
Fire Captain Ryan
Sullivan, Stark County
Sheriff George Maier



Jackson Township Police Youth Program

A youth summer program for students entering the 6th and 7th grade is provided by the Jackson Police Department. The two-week summer program is designed to help students make wise, healthy, and appropriate choices. Jackson High School counselors and area professionals, along with Jackson Township Police Officers teach the curriculum. The program has guest speakers, numerous field trips, and provides students with knowledge of not only drugs and alcohol, but also internet safety, bullying, sexting and appropriate cell phone use, public speaking, healthy eating, exercise, and giving back to our community. The Jackson Township Fire Department was invited to cool them off after the hot week.



Firefighter Andrew Kendrick

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic



Left to right:
Fire Department employees
Brea Harper, Brea Knight,
and Rachel Gue



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Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

ENSURING SAFETY: OHIO'S STRANGULATION LAW PUTS PERPETRATORS ON NOTICE

We're here to shed light on an important development in our state's legal landscape—the introduction of Ohio's new strangulation law. Geared towards bolstering safety for victims of domestic violence and addressing a grave threat often overlooked, this law represents a significant step forward in protecting our communities.

Understanding the Law: Strangulation, a form of non-fatal domestic violence, has far-reaching physical and psychological effects on victims. The new law now recognizes strangulation as a distinct crime, carrying severe penalties for perpetrators. This not only acknowledges the seriousness of the act but also paves the way for a more comprehensive approach to addressing intimate partner violence.

A Lethal Sign: Studies have shown that instances of strangulation often precede fatal acts of domestic violence. By taking decisive action against strangulation, Ohio's legal framework sends a strong message that such behavior will not be tolerated, potentially deterring acts of violence.

Collaboration and Education: The implementation of this law has been the result of collaborative efforts involving lawmakers, law enforcement agencies, and domestic violence advocates. In addition to legal measures, the initiative also includes educational components to raise awareness among both the general public and law enforcement personnel about the dangerous implications of strangulation.

Empowering Victims: Ohio's new strangulation law not only holds offenders accountable but also empowers victims. Recognizing the unique trauma associated with this form of abuse, the law allows victims to pursue protective orders and other legal remedies that can ensure their safety and well-being.

This new chapter in Ohio's legal framework underscores the importance of prioritizing safety and protection for all residents. By recognizing the devastating impact of strangulation and responding with meaningful legislation, we move closer to creating a safer and more just society for everyone.

Stay informed, stay safe, and continue to stand up against all forms of violence.



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

FROM ROOKIE TO RETIREMENT: K9 OFFICER RUGER'S PAW-SOME JOURNEY

Back on October 9, 2016, K9 Officer Ruger officially joined the Jackson Township Police Department. Fast forward to this fall, and our four-legged hero is hanging up his badge and retiring to live his best life with his brother Blaze and Officer Tim Rice's family.

Whether you've seen him strutting his stuff at community events or heard his barks on late-night patrol, K9 Officer Ruger has pretty much become a local celebrity. This pup has been on the case, helping out Jackson Township officers and lending a paw to neighboring agencies with everything from tracking down subjects to sniffing out narcotics.

As Officer Ruger enters retirement, it's clear that the next K9 recruit will have some big paws to fill! Ruger, buddy, it's time for endless belly rubs and gourmet steak dinners – you've definitely earned it. Your wagging tail and brave heart have made Jackson Township a safer and friendlier place.

Enjoy your retirement!



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RETIREMENT

After 38 years of service, Lt. Richard Mitchell is retiring from the Jackson Township Police Department. Lt. Mitchell started as a part time patrol officer on June 1, 1985 and was promoted to full time patrol officer on March 1, 1987. During his career, Lt. Mitchell worked his way through the ranks and has also worked as a Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant and Administrative Lieutenant. Lt. Mitchell was also the team commander for the multi-jurisdictional S.W.A.T. team.

Please join us as we wish him the best as he starts the next chapter of his life. Congratulations Lt. Mitchell, enjoy your retirement!

PROMOTIONS

Please join us in congratulating Jason Coppock and Dustin McDannold on their promotions. Sgt. Coppock was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he will be working as the Administrative Lieutenant. Detective McDannold was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he will be assigned to the patrol division as a road supervisor. Both these officers have shown a strong ability in every task they have been given as well as a sincere dedication to serving the Jackson Township Community. We are confident that these men will continue to serve with excellence and we look forward to their continuing efforts to help keep Jackson Township Safe.

Congratulations Lt. Coppock and Sgt. McDannold!

FATAL CRASH INVESTIGATION

On Sunday, September 11, 2022 at approximately 11:03 pm, officers from the Jackson Township Police Department responded to the 7500 block of Strausser Street NW in reference to a two vehicle crash. Upon arrival, officers discovered that a westbound Chevy Silverado, driven by Jacob Muiter (27) had traveled left of center and struck an eastbound Toyota Rav4, driven by John Pappas (53). Kristine Pappas, John's wife, was also a passenger in the vehicle along with their six-year-old family bulldog Cookie. John Pappas was deceased upon the arrival of Police. Kristine Pappas was found to be injured and was transported to the hospital. Cookie also died as a result of the crash. Jacob Muiter had minor injuries but refused treatment by Jackson medics and later took himself for treatment of his minor injuries.

As a follow-up to our previous article about how we respond to and investigate these serious crashes, we would like to address a few community concerns that arose. A number of people posted comments on social media about the crash and the investigation which were not accurate. Those comments were misleading and spread false information to people who then posted their opinions which were based on the false rumors which were going around. We would advise people not to believe everything they see in the comments about the investigation unless the statements are posted directly by the Police Department.

An example of some misinformation which was put on social media was from a post that indicated that the Police Department did not conduct field sobriety testing, a breath test was not administered on scene, and the intoxicated driver was "let go" and not arrested. In this particular case, field sobriety testing was conducted on scene that night. Jacob Muiter was subsequently transported to the Police Department where a urine sample was collected and sent to the crime lab for testing in accordance with State law. The chemical tests in the State of Ohio are Breath, Blood or Urine. A urine sample is often preferred as it is easily obtainable at the police station and it will show what the person's blood alcohol content was as well as the level of various drugs in a person's body. A breath test would just show the alcohol concentration of the subject and will not provide information about drugs. Jacob Muiter was released that night, pending further investigation and results from the crime lab which can take weeks to get.

The reason a driver in a fatal crash is not immediately taken to jail is purposefully done for several reasons. It takes several weeks to months to receive lab results from the samples that are sent to the crime lab, depending on the type of testing being done. During this time, several search warrants were obtained and served which enabled us to receive the Electronic Data Recorder which was downloaded to give us information about the vehicles speed and braking among other things. The search warrant also enabled us to complete a vehicle inspection which lead to us finding a loaded firearm which was being illegally transported. During this time frame, a crash reconstruction was also being completed. These are complex and detailed investigations that should not be rushed. Once the entire investigation is completed, it is

presented to the Stark County Grand Jury who hears the case evidence and decides if they will indict or no bill the suspect. In this case, the Grand Jury indicted the suspect on the charges and a court date was set.

The results of the testing at the crime lab proved that Jacob Muiter's blood alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit. We were also able to determine that he was driving at double the speed limit. That information along with further evidence which we found as the result of this investigation, lead to Jacob Muiter choosing not to take the case to a jury for a trial and instead he chose to plead guilty. He was sentenced to 10-13 years in prison.

On the surface, people may question why the person is not taken to jail immediately following the crash and why there is a delay in the filing of criminal charges. When dealing with serious cases like this, it would be unfair to the victim's family to rush an investigation and file charges without having all the evidence. The BAC results and speed determinations are facts that were not available on the night of the crash. In addition, through the investigation and coordination with The Ohio Investigative Unit, we were able to determine where Mr. Muiter was prior to this crash which assisted us in a timeline as well as his behaviors prior to the crash. This method has been tested and proven to be more successful in court which is why the majority of the agencies in Stark County handle fatal crashes in this same manner. It should be noted that throughout the investigative process, we maintain contact with the victim's family to keep them apprised of the investigation and the prosecution.

The Police Department has investigators who receive specific training for these types of crashes. These investigators work with specific prosecutors who also specialize in the investigation and prosecution of these types of incidents to help assure a better outcome for the victims and their families. We strive to provide the most thorough investigation possible in order to result in successful prosecution.

We hope this information will help others understand the processes that takes place during these difficult investigations. As mentioned earlier, with so many people having the ability to access and post comments on social media, there is a lot of misinformation that gets posted and some of that information is believed by other readers to be accurate when it is not accurate. We urge you to consider that your comments can and do have an effect on the loved ones who are left to pick up the pieces, and who are trying to deal with the tragedy they are enduring. For the sake of the family and friends, we ask you to please refrain from posting comments about the investigation or people involved unless you have factual proof of your comment and are familiar with the process of these investigations. Putting misleading information out about the people involved or the investigation can be very hurtful to people who are already dealing with what is likely the worst time of their lives. Finally, please understand that if you choose to drink and drive and you cause injury or death to another person, you will face serious consequences. Please, don't drink and drive! There are so many other ways to safely get where you need to go.

We would like to say thank you to the Pappas family for agreeing to allow us to write this article.

FOUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS HIRED

The Jackson Township Police Department has hired four new officers who will all go through the field-training program before working on their own as solo operators.

Aundreea Genovese comes to us with five years of experience working for the Summit County Sheriff's office where she worked for three years as a civilian employee and then two years as a Deputy Sheriff.

Haley Hiller earned her Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from The Kent State University prior to completing the police academy at Stark State College where she also earned an enhancement in public safety. Haley has worked for the Stark County Sheriff's Office where she worked in the jail, courthouse, felony probation, road patrol and as a school resource officer. Haley also has experience working for the Dover Police Department prior to joining the Jackson Township Police Department.

Nolan Ritchie spent the last five years working as a Deputy for the Summit County Sheriff's Office. During his time there, he was a member of the Summit County SWAT Team and earned two Life Saving Awards as well as the Sheriff's Accommodation Award.

Parker Crim is new to law enforcement having recently graduated the police academy. Parker grew up in Carrollton, Ohio where he played football from third grade until he graduated. After graduation, Parker joined The United States Marine Corps and served four years. During his time in the USMC, he deployed to Japan and Australia.



Aundreea Genovese



Haley Hiller



Nolan Ritchie



Parker Crim

Please welcome these new officers to Jackson Township!

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NEW FISCAL OFFICE EMPLOYEE



We are pleased to introduce Shandi Shaffer as the newest addition to the Fiscal Office as the Accounts Payable Clerk. Shandi has years of valuable accounting experience.

We are thankful to have Shandi as part of our team!

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 \$50 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.

Jackson Township Public Works Dept. - Highway Division



Rich Rohn
Public Works Director

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IN 2023

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 2023 resurfacing contract of \$2,025,842.91 has been completed. 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 \$224,401.20 and Highway Division labor efforts. This year 4,374 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 May 9, 2023 Trustees Meeting to A & A Safety, Inc. for \$73,999.69.

- **Schuring Park:** Phase 1 of Schuring Park is coming to an end as seeding took place at the end of September. A big THANK YOU to Beaver Excavating for all the hard work and time they put into this park for our residents as well. The Township will be reviewing our next steps towards the completion of this park that will provide seven regulation sized and four youth sized soccer / lacrosse fields.
- **Amphitheater Concessions /Restrooms:** The building was opened for the final concert of the 2023 season on September 2.
- **Keck Park Road / SR241 (Wales Ave.) Intersection:** The traffic plan was implemented on August 28 and work will begin shortly to complete this project.
- **Jackson Amphitheater - LED Screen:** Bid specs were completed and project was placed out to bid on September 18, 2023
- **Jackson Safety Center - HVAC Upgrade:** Engineered drawings were completed and project will be placed out to bid this fall.
- **Community Parkway Lighting Upgrade:** Engineered drawings were completed and project is planned to be placed out to bid this fall.
- **Fulton Tunnel Project:** As the project was completed this year, a few things remain that will be completed by the Township. First, a path will be constructed to connect the new path into North Park's path just south of the pond. Then we will be adding trees to replace the ones removed during the construction.
- **Baseball / Softball Field Renovations:** We are looking to renovate 3 fields this year. This is in large part due to the current field mix we use not being available. The fields were rated by the Parks Division and will be replaced on a basis of condition. We are looking to start within both North Park and Fisher Park this season and hopefully continue this process during the next few seasons.

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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 2023 were upgrades to drainage and parking lots at our outlying fire stations, both interior and exterior updates at the Safety Center, a new generator was installed at fire station #3 and both preventative and basic maintenance was completed throughout all Township owned buildings.

Highway

- Our Highway Division have and continues to complete work within our roadways. From installation of new culverts under the roads, to resetting of catch basins, to 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 Parks & Recreation Division have had their hands full with all the events that have taken place in our parks this past summer. From working around the clock during the Community Celebration, to the preparation of our sports fields, to the upkeep of the many park amenities throughout our park system.

Amphitheater

- Our Summer Concert Series has come to an end and planning is taking place to name the acts that will be performing in next year's series. Our full-time and seasonal staffs did an amazing job this year working to keep the Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater one of the most enjoyable venues to watch as show.

SNOW BANS Please Be Prepared

Our Highway Division requests all residents to assist us with the clearing of snow and ice as winter nears by removing all vehicles parked within streets during events of 2 inches or more. The best way to monitor if a ban is active is by checking either our website (www.jacksontownship.com) or on one of our 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.

NEW HIRES

THE HIGHWAY DIVISION HIRED LABOR SPECIALIST



Jamason Rohaley

THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION HIRED MECHANIC



Luke Jones

PERMITS – HIGHWAY DIVISION

Please call the Public Works Department if you are planning any work within the Township road right-of-way.

PARKING WITHIN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY REGULATIONS

The Highway Division is currently working on regulations that will help the Township to better restrict what is being placed within the roadways. This includes such items as dumpsters, moving PODS, broken down vehicles, trailers and recreation vehicles.

YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

Our highly 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 nearly daily to provide room for the many backing and dumping vehicles and trailers. Kurtz Bros. provides the debris removal tracking operations.



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

*Please exercise extreme caution when driving
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Parks and Recreation Division



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Michael (Mick) Ryan
Recreational
Superintendent

PARKS AND RECREATION ATHLETICS, PARKS AND PROJECTS

The Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division had a busy summer and into fall season like usual. In efforts to provide quality experiences and memories for the youth, families, and residents in the community, the parks and recreation staff showed great effort with prepping fields, mowing, lining, routine maintenance, etc... for the many athletic and recreation playing fields/surfaces. Baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, and football were just some of the activities that you may have seen daily using Jackson Parks. Thank you to all of the local organizations, residents, families, and friends who use the beautiful parks in Jackson Township.

Some of the 2023 parks projects are winding down for the season. The purchase and installation of the pickleball court wind screens are complete. Five thousand was invested in windscreens, spare nets and spare parts for the courts. We also replaced all the nets on the portable pickleball/tennis courts. The amphitheater concession/restroom project is operational and 95% complete. It will be ready to go for the 2024 season. The installation of three new drinking fountain and bottle filler stations was completed the first week of September at North Park tennis courts, and the David Ruwadi Pavilion. South Park fields 6 & 7 water lines were repaired and also received a new fountain. We are planning to have three baseball/softball fields renovated this fall, Fisher Park fields 1 & 5 and North Park field 13. Kirk Schuring Park is coming along nicely! It's starting to look like a park instead of dirt piles. The progress that has been accomplished is amazing.

Stay tuned for 2024!!

CAR SHOW

The 2023 Jackson Township Car Show was a huge success! With over 120 cars and participants and seven different category awards, the car show was action packed. The Matt Corey Band played a free concert for everyone to enjoy in the amphitheater!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE 2023 CAR SHOW SPONSORS:

- Loby's Grill
- Black Horse Motors
- The UPS Store of Foxboro Square
- Sloan Product
- Sarchione Automotive Group
- Skipco Auto Auction
- Ohio Head & Neck Surgeons

*Were all instrumental in the success of the event.
We can't wait to see everyone at the Car Show in 2024!*

PICKLEBALL, PICKLEBALL, AND MORE PICKLEBALL

The North Park Pickball Courts have been a very popular destination for beginners and advanced players alike. New windscreens, an information kiosk, and an open play format using the paddle rack system has been added on site.

It was an exciting first season of multiple township leagues, clinics, and tournaments on the courts. Please keep an eye out for more programming to take part in.



See you on the courts!!

The Jackson Township FARMERS MARKET

Thank you to all returning and new vendors who participated in the 2023 Jackson Township Farmers Market.

It was a fun filled summer seeing the community come together and enjoy the great produce, baked goods, food, and various products being sold by the many vendors. See you all next summer at the 2024 Farmers Market.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE 2023 FARMERS MARKET VENDORS:

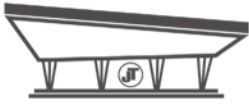
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UPCOMING PARK PROGRAMS

THE NASH FAMILY



JACKSON AMPHITHEATER

SUMMER 2023 AT THE NASH FAMILY AMPHITHEATER

The 2023 Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater Summer Concert Series, presented by the Pro Football Hall of Fame, was a great success! Concertgoers to the last concert of the season were able to purchase beverages from the new concession building which will be in full use for the 2024 season. Several lucky Season Pass holders received prizes this year, a benefit to season pass holders we wish to expand in 2024. Thank you to presenting sponsor the Pro Football Hall of Fame, as well as sponsors iHeart Radio, Arts in Stark, Visit Canton, the Stark Federal Credit Union, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Costco for their generous support of the 2023 Summer Concert Series.

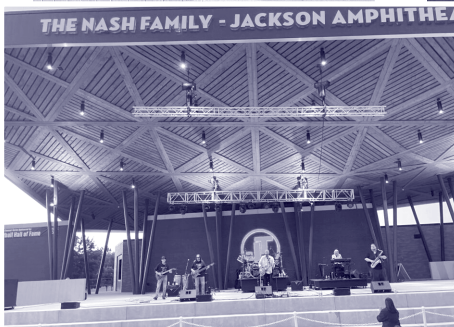
Concertgoers also enjoyed nine free concerts and a car show this season in addition to our ticketed concerts. Free weekday shows in May, July and August were incredibly popular, and the six concerts over the four-day Community Celebration in June rounded out a spectacular season of concerts.

The Inaugural 2023 Oktoberfest on September 30 is sure to be an annual favorite event! Traditional polka and brass band fun was had by all with games, contests, including the traditional Oktoberfest food and beer. Stay tuned for news for 2024's Oktoberfest festivities!

Altogether, over 40,000 dedicated concertgoers attended all of this summer's concerts. Businesses interested in a 2024 sponsorship should get in touch with Chylece Head, Amphitheater Coordinator, to secure a prime sponsorship for the upcoming concert season.

The 2024 Summer Concert Series planning and scheduling is already underway! Stay in the know of the latest concert and Amphitheater news and updates by checking our website and signing up for email updates. Visit www.jacksonamphitheater.com for the latest news and our newsletter sign up.

~ We'll see you in 2024! ~



A special thank you goes to the Jackson Township employees from all the different departments that help make the events at the amphitheater a safe and fun place to spend a summer evening.

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 15. All letters received by 2:00 p.m., on December 15 will receive a response from Santa himself. It is very important that children remember to include their names and addresses on their letters.

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



HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

The Annual Holiday in the Park and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in the David Ruwadi Pavilion in the North Park on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, caroling, and the community tree lighting at 6:45 p.m. 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.



Please note that the yard debris-waste site will close at 6:00 p.m. on
Saturday, October 21, 2023 for the Haunted Hayride.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Skating Rink Dates & Hours of Operation

Skating rink opens Saturday, November 11, 2023

Free skate beginning November 11, 2023 - Sunrise to 8:00 p.m.

Skate rental NOT available. Skate rental beginning November 16, 2023

Thursdays.....4 pm to 8 pm

Fridays.....4 pm to 8 pm

Saturdays.....Noon to 8 pm

Sundays.....Noon to 5 pm



“THANK YOU”

for a GREAT Community Celebration

Thanks to the support of Jackson Township residents and local businesses, the 2023 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. The free concerts throughout the events were well attended.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, the Jackson Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Jackson 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 19 through June 22, 2024.

Jackson Township Zoning & Planning Department



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. New appointments or reappointments are made after applicants have been interviewed by the Board of Trustees. All applicants must be a resident of Jackson Township.

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

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

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

ZONING PERMITS

When utilizing the citizens portal link to apply for a zoning permit it is important to fill out the application correctly. The applicant must fill in their name, address, email address and phone number. If this information is not provided we have no way of notifying the applicant regarding any questions we may have or to notify the applicant that the permit is ready

for pickup therefore it delays the permit being issued.

A site plan must be submitted with most zoning applications. The correct setbacks from property lines and other structures must be shown on the site plan as well as all property lines and the size of the structure to be added to the property.

Setbacks from property lines for residential uses can be found in the zoning resolution book Chapter IV, Sect. 401.6 for principal uses. Height restrictions for principal uses can be found in Sect. 401.8. Setbacks, height and supplemental regulations for residential accessory structures can be found in Sect. 401.11 and 401.12.

Our office relies on the applicant to accurately state where the structure will be located on the property. The zoning department personnel are not surveyors. If you are not sure where your property lines are located, it is best to obtain a survey to ensure the structure in which you want to build will comply with the zoning regulations to avoid issues in the future. Upon issuing the zoning permit, the zoning investigator will conduct an inspection to ensure the structure is located in compliance with the issued permit and required setbacks. It is best to have your property lines marked until the inspection is complete.

PROPERTY LINE DISPUTES

Property line disputes are a civil matter. If you have a property line dispute with your neighbor you are encouraged to hire a surveyor to have your property surveyed to determine exactly where your property lines are located. It is especially encouraged if you are contemplating putting a fence on the property line, as residential fences are permitted to go up to and on the property line when adjacent to another residential property. Therefore, you want to ensure when the fence is installed that it is not encroaching on your neighbor's property to avoid any issues in the future.

EASEMENTS AND DEED RESTRICTIONS

The township has no authority to enforce deed restrictions on a property. If a property owner comes to the township to request a zoning permit, as long as the structure is in compliance with the zoning regulations a permit will be issued. If the structure is not permitted per a deed restriction it would be the responsibility of the home owners association to enforce it.

DRAIN YOUR POOL IN AN APPROVED MANNER

With the ending of the swimming season, pool owners need to be careful of how and where they discharge their pool water when closing the pool for the season. The discharge of chlorinated swimming pool water directly into a waterway or into a storm sewer is prohibited.

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



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Jackson Township Historical Society (JTHS)

DID YOU KNOW JACKSON TOWNSHIP HAS A HISTORICAL SOCIETY (JTHS)?

Here is some information:

- The Historical Society is located at 7756 Fulton Drive in the one-room schoolhouse next to Jackson High School.
- The schoolhouse was moved in 2000 from its original location on Wales Road and was known as Jackson Center School.
- The schoolhouse was in use from about 1860-1930.
- The Historical Society began in 1980.
- JTHS is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization and everyone volunteers their time and volunteers are very much needed.
- The schoolhouse is open the 1st Sunday of the month from April-December or by appointment.
- Programs and member meetings are held throughout the year.
- JTHS is NOT funded by tax dollars, or the township.
- JTHS relies on memberships and donations to preserve the one room schoolhouse and the donated artifacts. Visit the website for more information or to donate.
- The Society sponsors “McGuffey Kid’s Club” for any child grade K-6. Membership is \$5 a year, and programs are open to all children not just members.
- JTHS collects artifacts from Jackson Township, and life in the township, including families, schools, churches, businesses, and social organizations to name a few.
- JTHS collects photographs, memorabilia, documents, family genealogies, allotment newsletters, sports memorabilia, clothes and so much more.

For more information about the programs, donating, becoming a member, or volunteering, please contact
Jackson.Historical@gmail.com or visit their website or their Facebook pages.

<http://www.jacksontwphistory.org> • <https://www.facebook.com/jacksontwphistory> • <https://www.facebook.com/McGuffeyJTJS>

Join Us For The Remaining Programs:

McGuffey Kids’ Club – Gourd Bird Houses

October 22 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

McGuffey Kids Club Program: Native Americans

November 12 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

History of the Fire Department by Chief Berczik

October 26 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Open House

December 3 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Open House- Life in the Township 1921-1950

November 5 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

McGuffey Kids’ Program: Celebrate the Holidays

December 10 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Antique Fair & Appraisals

November 10 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 11 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.





A MESSAGE FROM STARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Only Rain Down the Drain



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE STORM WATER ENTERING OUR STORM DRAINS IS UNTREATED BEFORE IT REACHES OUR

WATERWAYS? Storm water is the flow of water after a precipitation event. As storm water travels, it crosses roads, parking lots, and other hard surfaces. These hard surfaces are known as impermeable surfaces and do not allow storm water to soak in. Storm water flows across impermeable surfaces on the way to the storm drain, picking up pollutants. Once polluted storm water enters the storm drain, it will travel through the storm sewer system and eventually reach our local waterways

such as rivers, lakes, and streams. These waterways accept incoming storm water, along with all of the pollutants carried by the water. It is important for all of us to take steps to minimize storm water pollution.

Common storm water pollutants include sediment, bacteria, excess nutrients, trash, debris, auto fluids, and road salt. Be a good storm water steward by soil testing before fertilizer application and only disturb soil if absolutely necessary. Have your septic system and sewer lines inspected to minimize leaks, and pick up your pet's waste to reduce bacteria pollution. Ensure your trash is secured and lawn waste is disposed of properly. Maintain and inspect your vehicle to avoid leaking, and properly apply road salt to reduce the impacts on our storm water. Work to keep the storm drains clear of debris in your neighborhood, and reach out to our office if you would like other ideas about minimizing storm water pollution. We can all work together to protect our storm water and water quality by making sure only rain travels down the drain.

*Article written by: Adrienne Bock
Outreach Technician, Stark Soil & Water Conservation District*

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Maria's artwork caught the eyes of the judges, earning her one of the four top spots. Her creativity delivers a powerful message about the importance of keeping our waterways clean and free from waste.



Look for the billboards located throughout in Stark County.

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It is the mission of Jackson Township local government to provide for and promote the general health, safety, and welfare of Township residents and businesses by:

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