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A Message from your Jackson Township Officials

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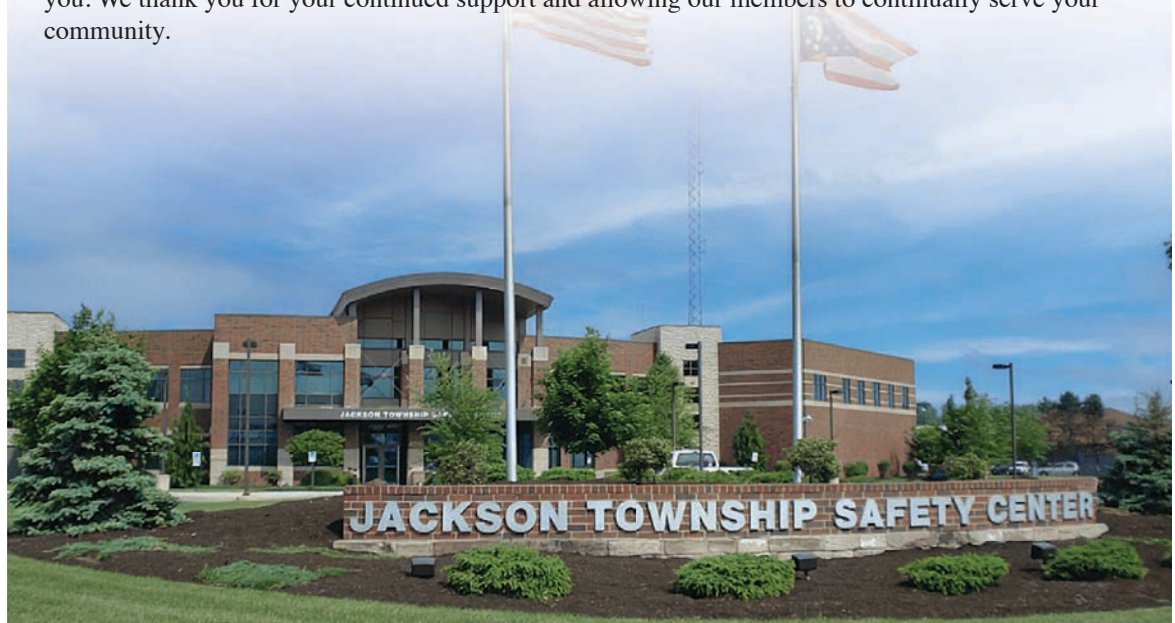
In May of 2020, the Jackson Township Community supported a levy for the fire department.

Your approval generated dollars for your fire department to continue providing the service you have come to expect and support. The levy on the ballot Tuesday, May 6th, is a renewal levy, which means NO NEW taxes to you. What you paid for the last four years will be what you will continue to pay if the renewal levy is approved. The recent reevaluations completed by the County Auditor will have NO impact on what you pay towards the fire levy.



When the levy was put before the voters, it was intended to last the department for 10 years. The Township and the Fire Department has worked diligently to live within its means and that is the reason we are asking for only a renewal of the current levy. The Fire Department responds out of five fire stations, strategically placed throughout the 36 square miles that make up the township. The primary funding source for the Fire Department is levy money. Without this, we cannot continue to operate at the same service level you have become accustomed.

A true benefit of township government is that you, the voter, ultimately decide what our Jackson Township Fire Department will look like going forward. Hopefully, this information will assist you. We thank you for your continued support and allowing our members to continually serve your community.



TOWNSHIP OMNIBUS LEGISLATION

**On December 19, 2024, the Ohio General Assembly passed
H.B. 315, and was signed into law by Governor DeWine.**

Many of the provisions take effect

April 2, 2025.

HB 315 was more than 400 pages, with numerous amendments. Many of the amendments had nothing to do with township law. Of the 400 plus pages of text only 17 township-specific law changes designed to provide townships flexibility to operate more effectively or provide parity to how other local governments operate.

HB 315 included 17 township related provisions:

- Alters Township Public Notice Requirements
- New Community Authority Board Changes
- Permits Townships to Create a Preservation Commission
- Alters How Zoning Citations Are Issued & Enforced
- Eliminates Marks and Brands Book
- Creates Township License Plate
- Clarifies General Fund Money May Be Used for Roads
- Specifies Reasons to Declare an Emergency
- Reinstates Indigent Burial Reimbursement Funding
- Removes Approval of Fire Specifications
- Eliminates Ballot Requirement to Fix Township Halls
- Establishes a Community Host Fee
- Alters AED Placement Requirements
- Alternatives for Subdivision Regulations
- Extends Tax Increment Financing Districts
- Provides Funding to Modernize Zoning Regulations/Processes
- Body Camera Public Record

Some of the items include the ability to utilize the township's website for public notice requirements, eliminating a requirement to go to the ballot if repairs to fix the township hall exceed \$75,000, and clarifying that general fund monies may be used for road repairs. Since townships are statutory governments and can only do what the Ohio Revised Code permits or inherently implies, omnibus bills like HB 315 help townships better serve the 35 percent of Ohioans residing in townships.

Of those 17 township-specific law changes, please note that in a large number of instances, townships will no longer be required as of April 2, 2025, to publish certain legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Instead, the new law permits townships to solely publish legal notices on a township's website.

Historically, Ohio law required townships to publish in a newspaper of general circulation for publically bid projects (e.g. paving projects), zoning changes and other public hearings. The new law will permit Jackson Township to post these legal notices directly on the www.jacksontwp.com website to be in compliance with Ohio law. Residents and vendors are strongly urged to routinely check our website. On the home page of jacksontwp.com in the white banner at the top of the home page you find "legal notices". Select on "legal notices", and the site will display all notices of upcoming deadlines related to zoning hearings, or projects out to bid, and other related notices.



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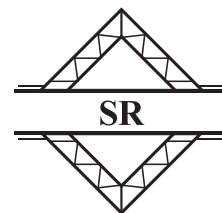


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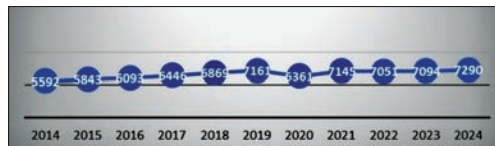


Tim Berczik, Fire Chief

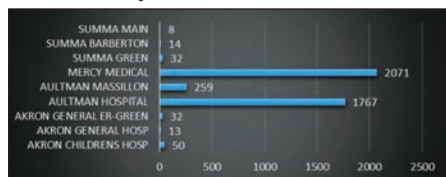
CHIEF'S MESSAGE

As we all know, Jackson Township has drastically changed over the years. As a 1983 graduate of Jackson Local Schools and an 8-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, I have been fortunate to serve as a 31-year career member of the Jackson Township Fire Department. I'm proud to say the fire department has become a significant part of the community.

In 1994, along with eight other members, I was hired to increase full-time staffing due to the rising calls for service within the township. That year, we handled 2,601 incidents, including 1,535 emergency medical service (EMS) related calls, 58 vehicle crashes, 121 fire incidents, and a host of other community concerns. In 2024, your fire department handled 7,290 calls for service. In comparison, this is a 9.7% increase from 2023, where we saw 7,094 calls for service.

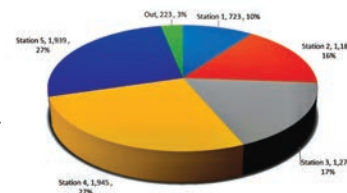


The 36 square miles that make up Jackson Township are protected by five fire stations staffed 24/7 with full-time, state-certified firefighter/paramedics. Our stations are strategically placed within the four corners of our district, with the Safety Center positioned almost directly in the center.



As in all communities, many calls were EMS in nature. Our five advanced life support (ALS) ambulances are very well known at both Aultman and Cleveland Clinic-Mercy hospitals, as well as several of the Akron facilities.

The eastern and southern portions of our township, which encompass Belden Village and businesses



along Whipple Avenue, are protected by our Station-4 and Station-5 units generated just over 50% of our call volume. The rest of the township still remained active as well.

Many special events were also covered during the year, including the Amphitheater Concert Series, the Jackson Township Community Celebration, and the Annual Balloon Classic hosted at Kent State University-Stark Campus. All-in-all, it was a very busy year for your Jackson Township Fire Department.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER TRAINING:



Vehicle Extrication



Fireworks Continuing Education

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION:

Another Act of Kindness:



Pictured: C-Shift with Another Act of Kindness (Firefighters: Marc Taylor, Ervin Yoder, Steve Rabatin, and Battalion Chief Matt Casper)

Shop with the Jackson Township Safety Forces:

Pictured: 2024 Shop with the Safety Forces



Cold-weather-training care-package donation:

Pictured: Captain Adam Silla, firefighters Kris Hendershot and Josh Bow



CPR: Class cost increased to \$60

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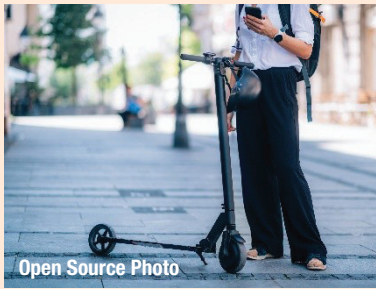
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SEASONAL SAFETY MESSAGE



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April showers bring May flowers, but also increased fire risks. As we welcome warmer weather, remember to check your smoke alarms, keep outdoor grilling areas safe, and avoid burning debris on windy days. Stay safe this spring by preventing

fire hazards both inside and outside your home.

The popularity of electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. Lithium-ion batteries are usually the source of power for both, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, those batteries can catch on fire or explode. Whether you use e-bikes or e-scooters as your main way of getting around, or just for fun, there are important safety tips to keep in mind when charging or storing these devices.

The Problem

- Damaged or defective batteries can overheat, catch fire, or explode.
- Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.



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Safety Tips

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.
- Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, and change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.

HIRES/RETIRES/PROMOTIONS

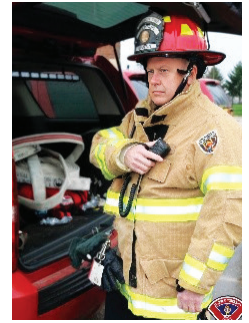
Retirements:



Firefighter
Mike Wykoff
28 service years



Battalion
Chief Mike Peel
32 service years



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Chief Gary Martin
35 service years

Promotions:



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Jackson Township Police Department



Police Chief Mark Brink

RECOGNIZING FRAUDS AND SCAMS

The Jackson Township Police Department would like to remind you that frauds and scams are a very prevalent threat to society and are regularly hitting residents here in Jackson Township. Please be careful to avoid becoming a fraud victim. Here are

some common frauds that residents are reporting to us:

Lottery Scams: Typically we see a resident who received notice that they won the lottery in another country. The victim is told they need to send in a sum of money to pay the taxes before the money can be released and sent to them. Sometimes there is a fee for the handling and delivery of the money. In the cases we've investigated, the victims have told us that they have never played the lottery in that country. It's important to remember that people don't win money in lotteries that they don't play. If someone does play and win a legitimate lottery,

there are not fees you pay to get the money. Taxes will be paid on lottery winnings, but they are taken out before the prize money gets to you and you won't have to send in money to receive money. This is similar to the Publishers Clearing House scam.

Phishing Scams: This is where a scammer uses email to ask for your personal information such as your social security number, bank account numbers or credit card numbers. They then use your information to make purchases or withdraw money from your accounts.

Investment Scams: There are many different investment scams. Scammers will pretend to be someone from a company you trust such as the utility company, tech support or even a governmental agency. Often times they use threatening language, which may scare you into rushing payment to them so that you are not left without something that you don't want to lose.

QR Code Scams: Some scammers will send letters to you at your home. They will sometimes include a photo of your home along with your address, which they can get on the internet. The scammer will try to convince you that they have some sensitive information or photos of you that they were able to get from your computer. They may try to convince you that they were able to turn your computer's camera on to obtain some of this sensitive information. They then tell you to scan the QR code they

included. If you scan the QR code, it will take you to another website that directs you to give your personal information. The scammer will then try to get you to send some type of currency to them or they will use your personal information to get access to your accounts.

Often times, we or friends and family members have a difficult time convincing the victim that they are being scammed. Here are a few simple tips to help you know if you are being scammed and to avoid being victimized:

- Keep your personal or banking information personal. Don't give it out in response to a phone, email, or mail request.
- When the offers sound too good to be true, it probably is.
- Investigate the company that the person says they are from and make sure they are a legitimate company with a confirmed physical business location.

There are many more frauds that we did not list here. We would suggest you research what the common scams are and how to avoid them. The FBI has some very helpful information about frauds and scams at the following link. We encourage you to take time to familiarize yourselves with the common frauds so you can avoid being a victim.

<https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/scams-and-safety/common-frauds-and-scams>



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**

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES in Jackson Township

Access to quality mental health services is vital to the well-being of our community. Jackson Township is fortunate to have a variety of resources available to residents who may be facing mental health challenges or crises.

For immediate assistance, residents can access crisis hotlines that are available 24/7. The Crisis Hotline at 330-452-6000 and the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 988 provide confidential support and connect individuals with professional counselors who are trained to assist during times of need. Coleman Crisis Center, which operates the local Crisis Hotline, is located on 13th Street NW in Canton and is in the process of building a new Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center at that location. Once completed, this facility will enhance access to immediate mental health care, providing critical services to those in crisis or seeking support for behavioral health needs. You can visit Coleman's website at <https://www.colemanservices.org/starkcrisis/> for updates on this much-anticipated addition to the local area.

Jackson Township Police Officers undergo Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) as part of our department's commitment to offering the highest level of service possible. This specialized training equips our officers with the tools and knowledge needed to recognize and respond effectively to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. By prioritizing de-escalation and understanding, CIT helps ensure compassionate and appropriate responses in challenging situations. Jackson Township residents are encouraged to seek help when needed and know that assistance is just a phone call away. Our Police Department is committed to connecting our community to mental health resources which are readily available to those in need. Together, we can create a supportive and understanding environment for all.

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NEW FACES AT JTPD

Officers Edward "Mason" Tournoux, Ryan Scott, Matthew Hicks and Ariana West were recently sworn in as Patrol Officers. Congratulations and Welcome to Jackson Township!



Mason Tournoux



Ryan Scott



Ariana West



Matthew Hicks

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A MESSAGE FROM STARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DIVISION

Drainage Desk: What is a Sinkhole??

Written by Isabelle Bruder, Drainage Specialist
Stark Soil & Water Conservation District



A common type of drainage call we receive is about sinkholes. While these typically are not "true" sinkholes in the geological sense, they are depressions that form in the ground due to burst sewer lines, abandoned mines, buried and rotting debris, unremoved tree stumps, or buried rocks from construction. Water leaking from a pipe or filtering through the ground eats away at loose layers of soil, creating an underground void. When these voids become large enough, the soil and grass will collapse to form unnatural holes that we commonly refer to as sinkholes. If you notice a sinkhole in your yard, take caution around the area and do not enter the sinkhole as this can lead to serious injuries. In most situations, these can be repaired by the homeowner, but it is recommended that a professional determine the extent and cause of it. Here at Stark Soil & Water, we can pull up existing sewer pipes and mines maps as well as visit your property to help determine the cause of the sinkhole. Since we are not professional geologists though, we cannot give recommendations on how to fill the holes - true sinkhole or not. To fill the sinkholes, we can provide you with a list of professionals to contact that know how to do it correctly and safely.

A common question with sinkholes is determining who is responsible for the repair. According to Ohio's drainage law, if the cause of the sinkhole, such as a burst sewer pipe, lies on a private property, then the owner of the said property is responsible. This holds true even if the problem such as a pipe or buried debris was not installed by the property owner. At Stark Soil & Water, we can look at your property and research any existing county storm sewer pipe lines or abandoned mines to help determine the cause of the sinkhole. We can then direct you to professional geologists and contractors that can help you fill in the hole and reduce the risk of sinkholes on your property.

If you're curious about true sinkholes, these occur from natural landforms called karst. These landforms consist of carbonate bedrock that dissolve due to water from bedrock fractures or streams. As the bedrock dissolves, the surface materials above begin to erode and collapse, creating sinkholes. While there are thousands of these in the state of Ohio, they only exist in about 2% of the central and western portions of the state, making it extremely unlikely that residents of Stark County will ever see a true sinkhole. We won't get caught up in terminology though. If you see a hole in your yard that shouldn't be there don't hesitate to give us a call and get it checked out. "True" sinkhole or not, they can be dangerous, and our goal is to help you find the right solution.

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Jackson Township Public Works Dept. - Highway Division



Rich Rohn
Public Works Director

WILL WINTER EVER END?!

We all know Spring is right around the corner, yet most of us have asked this question constantly over the past few months. Our staff members within the Public Works Department have been asking this question too, but have been proud to put in many hours ensuring safe travels along our Township roadways this winter.

During the 2024-2025 season, our Highway, Parks & Central Maintenance staff were dispatched a total of 32 times, spreading approximately 5,000 tons of salt during snow and ice events. While many communities had to reduce this essential function due to salt shortages, our township carried on due to the great fortune of having two storage facilities to pull from. Additionally, we were able to join a new group for our salt purchases that reduced the price by roughly 33% per ton this year.

Along with keeping our roadways clear, the divisions are responsible for keeping our Safety Center lots, four outlying Fire Stations and Township Hall parking lots clear. The Parks staff does an amazing job of ensuring the

North Park walking path and sidewalks along Wales Ave. are clear after each storm event as well as the lots within all of our Parks during this time frame.

PROJECTS IN 2025

Highway Division

- The contracts for resurfacing, curb replacement, and striping will be placed out for bid this spring. Below are the 2025 budgeted amounts for each project:
 - ✓ Resurfacing - \$2.3 million
 - ✓ Curbing - \$300,000
 - ✓ Striping - \$150,000
- Mt. Pleasant / Arlington Roundabout (Joint project w/ City of Green)
- Design phase for Mudbrook / Arlington Roundabout

Park & Recreation Divisions

- North Park Playground Upgrade
- Pickleball Lighting
- Tennis Court Lighting
- Completion of Schuring Park paving project
- Reconstruct steps at North Park (Courtland Ave Access)
- Ball Field Renovations – Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant (\$250,000.00)

Central Maintenance Division

- Installation of new HVAC Chiller at Safety Center
- Window Replacement at Safety Center
- Updates to Public Works' Maintenance/Highway Facility

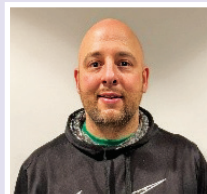
YARD WASTE & DEBRIS HOURS

The yard waste site is open for the 2025 season and will operate seven days a week from dusk to dawn. However, it will be closed for removal of yard waste on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 3:00 pm. We appreciate your continued help with ensuring only the approved items are placed within the area.

STREETS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE RESURFACED

| STREET | FROM | TO |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| JACKSON | NEW PVMT | PERRY TWP. |
| LAFAYETTE | SR 236 | LAWRENCE TWP. |
| LAFAYETTE | TURN LANE | |
| EAST LAKE | FRANK | WOODMOOR |
| AYERS STREET | WOODMOOR | LAKE CABLE |
| LAKE CABLE | EAST BLVD | AYERS |
| WOODMOOR | EAST BLVD | AYERS |
| BREEZEMONT | LAKE CABLE | EAST LAKE |
| CHERRY BLOSSOM | EAST LAKE | S. CDS |
| FOXCHASE | FULTON | MILITIA HILL |
| MILITIA HILL | FOXCHASE | W. CDS |
| GRAYSTONE | FOXCHASE | W. CDS |
| BROWNSTONE | MILITIA HILL | S. CDS |
| FLAGSTONE | ARMISTICE | W. CDS |
| STOCKBRIDGE | FOXCHASE | W. CDS |
| ARMISTICE | PONTEBERRY | STOCKBRIDGE |
| CORRINE | ARMISTICE | AMBLEWOOD |
| AMBLEWOOD | W. CDS | E. CDS |
| GARTH | CORRINE | S. CDS |
| KILDARE | CORRINE | S. CDS |
| GOVERNORS | FULTON | N. CDS |
| METRO CIR | DRESSLER | E. END |
| HOSSLER | SHUFFEL | NEW PVMT |
| EMMETT BOYD | HOSSLER | EAST CDS |
| MT. PLEASANT | PITTSBURG RD | LAKE TWP LIMITS |
| LORRAINE | PORTAGE | S. END |
| CELINA | WALES | DALE |
| ROB | LORRAINE | W. END |
| ROGER | ROB | S. END |
| KLINGSTON | LORRAINE | DALE |
| DALE | PORTAGE | CELINA |
| ANSWICK | N. CDS | S. CDS |
| FOXCHASE | FULTON | SCARBOROUGH |
| CHILLINGSWORTH | FOXCHASE | FOXCHASE |
| SCARBOROUGH | NOBLES POND | ABBAY CHURCH |
| ASHFORD GLEN | SCARBOROUGH | N. CDS |
| ABBAY CHURCH | SCARBOROUGH | S. END |
| CHATSWORTH | NOBLES POND | ABBAY CHURCH |
| KNIGHTSBRIDGE | FOXCHASE | N. CDS |
| KENNEBUCK | KONEN | KNIGHTSBRIDGE |
| DOWNINGS GATE | KENNEBUCK | N. CDS |
| THORNWOOD | WALES | N.E CDS |
| WESTON | THORNWOOD | ASHBURN |

| STREET | FROM | TO |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| ASHBURN | WESTON | SHENADOAH |
| GRAYSON | ASHURN | S. CDS |
| SHENADOAH | N. END | S. CDS |
| CULPEPPER | THORNWOOD | MEADOWSWEET |
| SORRENTO | THORNWOOD | HARBOR |
| MAPLERIDGE | SORRENTO | W. CDS |
| THORNBRIAR | SORRENTO | MARGATE |
| ROCKSIDE | THORNBRIAR | N. CDS |
| FOXVIEW | HARBOR | N. CDS |
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| OLD CHURCH | MUDBROOK | GREAT COURT |
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| EDMUND | GREAT COURT | E. CDS |
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| BLUE THISTLE | HUNTERS CHASE | S. CDS |
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| WILLOWLANE | HUNTERS GREEN | HUNTERS CHASE |



PERSONNEL HIRES

TIM WOHLHETER
Park Crew Leader

PERMITS

The Highway Division continues to work with contractors, utility companies, and residents alike on any work that will take place with the road right of way. This allows our staff to better understand what work is taking place along your properties. The types of projects that require permits include road opening, right of way, culvert replacements, new driveways, infrastructure, and more. We ask that if work is planned to be performed in the Township right of way, please call our office to see if a permit is needed.

STORMWATER ARTICLE

As we approach the rainy season, we ask our residents for some assistance with keeping the storm systems within the Township free of leaves and debris. Our Highway staff monitors certain problematic areas within the township, but we are unable to see everything. By cleaning off catch basins or keeping debris outside of the roadways/open ditches, water can flow properly and reduce the chances of backing up or even flooding. If problems are noticed, please reach out to our office for assistance, as well.

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Parks and Recreation Division



Michael Danner
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HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

We would like to remind the residents of a few things this season. The Park Rules and Regulations have once again been updated and are now available on the Jackson Township website www.jacksontpw.com. The parks are very busy during the spring sports season, so please drive slowly through and around the parks. Watch for pedestrians crossing the roadway. To all the walkers and runners, please utilize the tracks and stay off the roads. If you exercise during early morning and late night, please wear high-visibility clothing to protect yourself and to notify drivers of your presence. **NO DOGS** are

allowed in North Park! Dogs are allowed in all other Jackson Parks on a leash.

Jackson Township's Parks Division is seeking seasonal workers for the upcoming season. Please contact the parks division, at 330-832-2641.

PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All program registration forms and program flyers can be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Building and on the Township website. For your convenience, registration forms can be dropped off after hours at our Evening Drop Off box, located next to the main entrance at the Jackson Township Administration Building.



JACKSON PARKS & PARK HOURS

We are now operating on our spring and summer hours. The North Park is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., through the month of November. South Park, Joseph E. Fisher Park, Edward and Mary Zink Park, Crystal Springs Bridge Park, Stuhldreher Street Fields, and Strausser Elementary Park are open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

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

Remember to control your pet with a leash and clean up after your pet.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING

In addition to offering facilities for sports organizations and the general public, Jackson Township Parks and Recreation Division hosts several special events annually.

2025 Community Celebration

**The 2025 Community Celebration will be held
June 18 through 21, 2025.**

*Along with games, food, rides, inflatables, fireworks and so much more,
the free Community Celebration concerts are set!*

**Mark your calendar to be at the North Park for all of the festivities,
including six free concerts on the Nash Family
Jackson Amphitheater stage:**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 p.m. ~ New Wave Nation

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 p.m. ~ That 80's Band

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 p.m. ~ Vinyl Arcade • 8:30 p.m. ~ Disco Inferno

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

6:00 p.m. ~ Follow The Sun • 8:30 p.m. ~ Trailer Park Ninjas



Fishing Derby:

On Saturday, May 3 Jackson Township Parks and Recreation will be hosting the annual Fishing Derby from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Jackson North Park pond. Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Fishing Derby is for ages 15 and under. Children should bring their own fishing pole and bait. The Township will be stocking the pond with many fish to be caught for this event and prizes will also be awarded! All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The pond will reopen to adults and the general public for fishing starting at 10:00 a.m. This is a free event but registration is required. All registration forms must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2. The registration forms may be obtained at the Jackson Township Administration Building or by visiting our website.

Creative Movement:

Join Barb Craven, former owner of Craven Dance Studio, for some fun this summer at the David Ruwadi North Park pavilion as she leads the program, Creative Movement. This free program is designed for preschool aged girls and boys ages 3-5 years old. Children will enjoy exercising, singing, dancing, and creative movement through music. No registration is required. This event will be held July 16th, 23rd, 30th and August 8th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Jackson Township Car Show:

The Car Show will take place in the Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater parking lot on Friday, July 18. There will be many categories and the winner of each category will receive a 1st Place plaque. Every registered participant will receive a digital photograph with their vehicle and car show banner upon entry of the car show. Registration information will be available on our website and the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Facebook page. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A DJ will be on site for everyone's enjoyment and to announce the winners of each car show category. We hope to see the parking lot filled once again with car, truck, and motorcycle enthusiasts.

PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMMING

JACKSON TOWNSHIP SYNTHETIC ICE SKATING RINK

We were proud to offer a unique experience for visitors at North Park with the 80 ft. x 100 ft. synthetic ice skating rink this season. The rink was open to the public free of charge during regular park hours and free skate rentals were provided Thursdays through Sundays from November through February.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Be on the lookout for more information regarding other exciting annual and new upcoming events.

- Haunted Hayride: Sat., Oct. 18
- Holiday in the Park: Sat., Dec. 13
- Santa's Mailbox: Dec. 1 through 15
- Youth Sports Clinics
- Youth Rugby
- Pickleball Tournaments

AND MUCH MORE!

FACILITY RESERVATION INFORMATION NEW FOR 2025

All sports and events will require a permit. Applying for a permit is convenient and easy. To reserve a park pavilion, athletic field, tennis court, or pickleball court please visit our website at www.jacksontownship.com and select 'Field, Court & Event Reservations' under the Parks and Recreation Division. In February, the Township implemented a new scheduling program, RecDesk, for anything park related. The new program will have a public calendar that displays "Everything" happening in the Jackson Township parks and Jackson Local Schools owned fields that the parks division maintains. The program operates like purchasing products on-line. You create an account, reserve a location, add it to your cart, and then check out.

For Jackson Township Parks Rules and Regulation information please visit our website to view the updated packet approved by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees.

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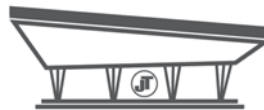
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NASH FAMILY JACKSON AMPHITHEATER Spring 2025

The 2025 season of concerts, events and fun at the Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater is almost here! We look forward to seeing our friends and making new ones this concert season.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame returns as the 2025 Summer Concert Series Presenting Sponsor

The Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater is thrilled to have the Pro Football Hall of Fame back as the 2025 Summer Concert Series Presenting Sponsor. Visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame tent during the concert series for special giveaways, announcements, and more.

The 2025 Summer Concert Series schedule has been released

The 2025 Summer Concert Series, presented by the Pro Football Hall of Fame, has been released. Both season passes and individual concert tickets are available for purchase! Many shows will sell out so get your tickets now! Visit our website at www.jacksonamphitheater.com for concert and venue information and much more.

Concert Sponsorships are now available

Businesses that partner with the Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater enjoy a highly visible, high-quality, customizable investment with the potential for both outstanding customer and employee experiences. Support of the Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater has a multitude of benefits and advantages. Contact Amphitheater Coordinator, Chylece Head, at 234.258.5003 or by email at thead@jacksontownship.com to arrange an appointment to discuss getting your brand and message in front of our audience of residents, non-residents and other high-quality businesses.

2025 CONCERTS AT THE NASH FAMILY JACKSON AMPHITHEATER

FRI MAY 16 Overboard: The Love Boat Band 70s + MORE [FREE]
 FRI MAY 23 Night Fever BEE GEES TRIBUTE [TICKET REQ]
 FRI MAY 30 Hotel California THE ORIGINAL EAGLES TRIBUTE [TICKET REQ]
 SAT JUN 07 American Ride TOBY KEITH TRIBUTE [TICKET REQ]
 WED JUN 18 NEW WAVE NATION [FREE - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION]
 THUR JUN 19 THAT 80s BAND [FREE - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION]
 FRI JUN 20 VINYL ARCADE [FREE - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION]
 FRI JUN 20 DISCO INFERNO [FREE - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION]
 SAT JUN 21 FOLLOW THE SUN [FREE - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION]
 SAT JUN 21 TRAILER PARK NINJAS [FREE - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION]
 WED JUN 25 Canton Concert Band TRADITIONAL BAND MUSIC [FREE]
 SAT JUN 28 KennyLIVE THE CHESNEY EXPERIENCE [TICKET REQ]
 THU JUL 3 Boaterhead YACHT ROCK [FREE]
 FRI JUL 11 ESC4P3 JOURNEY TRIBUTE BAND [TICKET REQ]
 SAT JUL 19 New World Men RUSH TRIBUTE BAND [TICKET REQ]
 THU AUG 7 Wheels Up CLASSIC ROCK + MUCH MORE [FREE]
 SAT AUG 16 Queen Flash QUEEN TRIBUTE BAND [TICKET REQ]
 SAT AUG 23 Satisfaction INTERNATIONAL ROLLING STONES SHOW [TICKET REQ]
 SAT AUG 30 Living on a Bad Name BON JOVI TRIBUTE [TICKET REQ]
 SAT SEP 06 Dark Side of the Moon PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE [TICKET REQ]

VISIT WWW.JACKSONAMPHITHEATER.COM FOR ALL BAND, VENUE AND CONCERT INFORMATION



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2025 Events at The Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater

MOVIES IN THE AMPHITHEATER 2025

SATURDAY, MAY 31 @ 6:30PM

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- Friday 6/13 @ 10:00am
- Friday 7/25 @ 3:00pm
- Friday 8/8 @ 1:00pm

Location: Nash Family Jackson Amphitheater

Questions? Contact Amphitheater Coordinator Chylece Head
chead@jacksontwp.com | 234.258.5003

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FREE CONCERTS

SUMMER of 2025

Overboard - Love Boat Band
Friday, May 16th • 7:00 pm

The Canton Concert Band
Wednesday, June 25th • 7:00 pm

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Thursday, July 3rd • 7:00 pm

Wheels Up
Thursday, August 7th • 7:00 pm

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Zoning Inspector

AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING RESOLUTION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2025 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- On a residential lot the parking and storing of any motor vehicle, including RV's, camping trailers, utility trailer, boat or boat trailer must be parked on a hard surface. None of the above will be permitted to be parked on any grass area of a property. Exception: Lake front parcels are permitted to park boats in the back yard area on a non-hard surface.
- On a residential property that is greater than five acres the maximum building footprint of all accessory buildings or structures has been increased not to exceed 5,000 sq. ft.
- On residential lots fences may not exceed 4 ft. within 20 ft. of the front road right of way line, except those that are located between the side walls of the dwelling and the side property line. Previously the regulation was 4 ft. within 25 ft. of the front road right of way line.
- Barbed/razor wire and electric fences are not permitted for a resident use, except as utilized for the containment of agricultural animals.
- For corner of double frontage lots, the street in which the property is addressed to shall be considered the property frontage for zoning purposes. This regulations excludes those properties that have already been developed in which the secondary street has been considered the frontage when built.

A fence permit is now required for commercial properties, except those that are temporary in nature such as for festivals and seasonal sales.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS FOR 2025

Edward McDonnell
Patrick Snyder
Jared Singer
Debbie Busby
Randy Alexander
Steven Gosney-Alternate
Alex McArthur-Alternate

The Board of Appeals reviews requests for variances, conditional use permits and appeals of the decision of the zoning inspector.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR 2025

Rich Cosgrove
Justin Gantz
David Calveski
Dustin Wiggins
Erin Domenico
Joshua Taylor-Alternate

The Zoning Commission reviews requests for the rezoning of property (map amendment) and text amendments to the zoning resolution. The Zoning Commission is a recommending board. At the conclusion of a hearing, amendments are forwarded to the Jackson Township Trustees who make the final decision of approval, denial or a modification to the amendment.

Board members for the Board of Appeals and Zoning Commission are appointed by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees. Each board consist of five regular members who are appointed to a five year staggered term and may consist up to two alternates who are appointed for a one year term.

PERMITS STATS FOR 2024

The Zoning Department processed a total of 1039 applications including:

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| Commercial alteration and additions | 78 |
| New Commercial Construction | 7 |
| Commercial Parking Lot Permits | 4 |
| Residential alteration and additions | 265 |
| New Single Family Dwelling | 91 |

All permits are accepted and processed electronically through the citizens portal link <https://jacksontwp.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/jacksontwp> which can be found on the Zoning Department page of our website at jacksontwp.com.

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Economic Development



Courtney Barson,
Economic Development
Director

At the December 10th Trustee Meeting the Jackson Township Trustees approved a Mixed Use Campus District into the Zoning Regulations.

The Mixed Use Campus District aims to integrate multiple land uses, such as commercial, residential, entertainment, and recreation, within a single development. Key goals include:

- Promoting pedestrian connectivity.
- Encouraging innovation and flexibility in design.
- Fostering new development and redevelopment of underutilized or vacant properties.
- Supporting cohesive, mixed-use projects that combine diverse uses innovatively.



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The following definitions apply to the Mixed Use Campus District:

1. Mixed Use Residential/Commercial District

A district combining residential and commercial uses within single-story or multi-story buildings. Requirements include:

- ✓ A minimum of 25% of building space dedicated to residential use and a minimum of 25% of building space dedicated to commercial use.
- ✓ Percentages calculated based on the total building square footage within the planned unit development.

Permitted Residential Types:

- ✓ **Attached Single Family Dwelling:** Individual attached units separated by a shared wall, with separate ground-floor entrances. Maximum: 6 units per building.
- ✓ **Multi-Family Dwelling:** Multi-unit residential buildings allowing densities up to 10 units per acre within the district.

2. Mixed Use Residential/Commercial Building:

Buildings combining residential (minimum 25%) and commercial (minimum 25%) uses in single-story or multi-story formats.

In order to take advantage of a **Mixed Use Campus District**, there is a minimum parcel size of 1 acre and a delineation made for parcels of 1 to 9.99 acres and parcels of 10 or more acres. The main difference is that the 10 acres plus parcel allows for individual retail and/or residential buildings within the campus if all other specifics of each building type are met. Please see review Chapter 416 of the Zoning Regulations for full details.



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Jackson Township HISTORICAL SOCIETY (JTHS)

As we begin to prepare for America's 250th celebrations, it is helpful to start by looking back to see how far we have come.



Looking Back: Jackson Township 100 Years Ago

As we enter 2025, it is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the events and developments that shaped Jackson Township a century ago. The year 1925 was one of the significant change and progress for our community, set against the backdrop of a rapidly evolving nation.

Agricultural Roots and Innovations

In 1925, Jackson Township was still deeply rooted in its agricultural heritage. Farms dotted the landscape, producing corn, wheat, and dairy products that sustained the local economy. Farmers were beginning to adopt modern machinery, such as tractors and threshing machines, which significantly increased productivity. These innovations signaled the gradual shift from traditional methods to a more mechanized way of farming.

The Jackson Township Agricultural Fair, a highlight of the year, brought the community together to showcase livestock, produce, and home crafts. The event fostered a sense of camaraderie and friendly competition among neighbors. It also provided a platform to discuss and demonstrate the latest farming techniques, reflecting the township's commitment to progress.

Education and Community Life

Education was a cornerstone of life in 1925. The township's one-room schoolhouses remained central to early education, with teachers often living in the communities they served. Lessons were focused on reading, writing, arithmetic, and moral values, preparing children for both farm work and the responsibilities of adulthood.

Events

Open House: Families and Farms

May 4: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. • June 1: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Memory Lane: Farms and barns part 2

May 8: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

McGuffey Kid's Club: Toys and Games (registration required)

May 12: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn to Quilt By Choosing the Right Materials

May 18: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Program: See how Jackson as changed by using maps

May 20: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Yard, Craft, and Antique sale on the lawn of the schoolhouse (registration required if you would like to rent a space)

May 31: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Program: The beginning of Jackson Township by looking at Plain Township

June 5: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tractor Show- Free admission June 21: TBA

JTHS Events are held at the one room schoolhouse-Jackson Center School \$5 admission or free to members (\$15 a year for an Individual)

For more information and to see future programs visit:

<https://jacksontwpistory.org> & <https://www.facebook.com/jacksontwpistory>

Churches continued to serve as vital community hubs, offering not only spiritual guidance but also a space for social gatherings. Potluck dinners, picnics, and holiday celebrations were often organized by local congregations, providing residents with moments of joy and togetherness amidst their hard-working lives.

Infrastructure and Modernization

By 1925, Jackson Township was seeing gradual improvements in infrastructure. Roads, though still largely unpaved, were being upgraded to accommodate the increasing presence of automobiles. The township's first gas stations began to appear, catering to this new mode of transportation and signaling a shift in how people traveled and conducted business. Electricity was making its way into more homes, transforming daily life. While not yet widespread, its introduction marked the beginning of a new era of convenience and innovation. Community leaders and residents worked together to petition for further advancements in utilities and public services, setting the stage for future development.

Reflections on 1925

One hundred years ago, Jackson Township was a community in transition. While maintaining its agricultural roots and close-knit spirit, the township embraced the innovations and opportunities of the 20th century. The progress of 1925 laid the foundation for the vibrant and thriving community we enjoy today.

As we celebrate this centennial milestone, let us honor the resilience and forward-thinking spirit of those who came before us. Their dedication to progress and community continues to inspire us to build a brighter future for the generations to come.

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- planning for the long-range development and improvement of the township; and
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The hours of Safety Village are from 8:45 a.m. until noon daily.

Fire & Police lessons include:

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Additional lessons taught throughout the week include:

Personal Hygiene, Wildlife Safety, Bus & Railroad Safety, Water/Pool Safety, and Boat Safety.

The lessons are a combination of classroom and hands-on, giving the children an opportunity to see fire and police equipment up-close and to ask questions. If you are interested in enrolling your child, information and registration forms are available at the Jackson Township Safety Center located at 7383 Fulton Drive NW.

Forms may be picked up beginning Tuesday, April 1, 2025 and returned by Friday, May 23, 2025 or until full.
(Sorry, no forms will be mailed.)



**The cost for
Safety Village
is \$30.00
per child, and it
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*Jackson Safety Village is a cooperative effort between
the Jackson Township Fire & Police Departments and the
Jackson Local Schools.*

JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY

Celebration Sponsorships

Consider being a sponsor for the

2025 Jackson Community Celebration

which will be held June 18 through June 21, 2025.
These packages are a great way to promote your business.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

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| The Nash Family Amphitheater | |
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| Inflatables (4) | \$ 1,250 |
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*For additional information, please contact the
Jackson Township Parks & Recreation Division at (330) 832-2845.*



JACKSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING POLICY

If you are looking for a great way to market your business, you should consider advertising in the Jackson Township Newsletter. The Township newsletter is published three to four times a year with a circulation of approximately 23,000 Jackson Township homes and businesses.

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2025 THEME

**"Put Your Trash Where It Goes,
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JACKSON TOWNSHIP STATION 2
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Name: _____
Phone: _____
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Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
House Number: _____
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