



As you turn your focus to the holiday season, please take time to give to those who are less fortunate. Jackson Twp Firefighters are collecting new, unwrapped, and suitable toys for children ages 0-12 years. Toys will be distributed to families that register to receive and live within our service area.

To receive toys, parents/guardians must register between 12/02/24 and 12/13/2024.

For more information:

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Preparing for Growth

Anywhere you go throughout our community you see construction activity underway. The company that makes orange barrels has been working overtime. This growth brings new opportunities and challenges. Jackson Township is meeting tomorrow's challenges today.

One investment is at our Road Department with the construction of a 10,000 square foot maintenance building. The current building, built in the 1950's has served the community well but is facing a number of issues from space, door height, and structural integrity. The Township is planning to demolish the old building and begin construction by the end of this year. The additional space will allow for the fire department fire engine maintenance activities to relocate into this building freeing up space at Station 202 on Hoover Road. The new building will also allow our Road Department to house the large vehicles and equipment needed to serve the Township.

Another unique investment at the Township is a new Fire Training facility. Jackson Township partnered with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) through a lease on approximately three acres on Young Road. The facility consists of two buildings. A single story building simulating a single family home and a four-story building that will provide a variety of training scenarios. This training site will provide the needed diverse training to ensure our first responders are prepared for any emergency that might occur.



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Jackson Township Board of Trustees are taking proactive steps to ensure the Township is prepared to meet the growing needs of our community. We look forward to completing construction on the training facility this year and the maintenance building by mid-next year.

Fall Yard Care

As the leaves and temperatures begin to fall, so will the rain and snow. It is important to make sure your storm drains are clear of debris to allow for the water to get away. Leaves left lying in street gutters impede the flow of rainwater to the nearest storm drain, creating puddles where mosquitoes can breed. When the leaves are blown by wind or carried by rainwater to the storm drain, they clog the catch basin and form an impenetrable mat on the grate. This causes street flooding and the extra expense of calling out city or township employees to clean it. When leaves travel through the storm water system to the nearest stream, they contribute to oxygen depletion as they decompose.



What should you do with leaves? Please check with Grove City, Urbancrest and Jackson Township websites regarding curbside collection. If the community uses vacuum trucks, keep the leaf piles out of the street. If you have curbside yard waste recycling, put leaves in trash cans marked "yard waste" or in the paper bags sold for this purpose. Plastic bags will not be picked up. Leaves can be shredded and spread on garden beds or mixed with green, high-nitrogen materials in composting.

Composting

A healthy compost pile consists of two-thirds carbon (brown) materials and one-third nitrogen (green) materials. Most of us have plenty of green, nitrogen-rich materials throughout the year for our compost, but struggle with finding the carbon-based materials. Finally, autumn offers plenty of leaves! Deciduous leaves are the best—evergreen leaves and needles are compostable but decompose slowly. Shredding leaves will provide more surface area for bacteria and microbes to work quickly.

Your leaves can be composted with the addition of nitrogen. Freshly cut grass clippings are ideal "activators," and can be added in thin layers to prevent matting. If you have too many leaves but not enough nitrogen, consider composting them with a layer of soil between each foot of leaves. In about 4-6 months, you'll have leaf compost that's a great amendment and conditioner (but somewhat lower in nutrients).

Shane Farnsworth
Zoning Administrator

Jackson Township Road Crew are mowing their way into the Fall Season

The crew will be spending all their time mowing, berming, picking up leaves, fixing or replacing signs, maintaining roadways, and fixing and improving roadway drainage. They maintain two parks, six cemeteries, four fire stations, administration building, and all Township right of ways.

Leaf Pickup – Leaves will be picked up daily. The crew can usually get through the entire route twice a week, sometimes daily depending on the amount of residence that have leaves out. Please be sure to put your leaves as close as possible to the road as our leaf vac hose is only so long. This helps the crew be more efficient and able to get through the route quicker to help other residence. The last day for leaf pickup will be Friday, December 13th, 2024.

Snow season is quickly approaching. Please be sure to drive slowly or even pull over when plow trucks are passing. Please be sure that no vehicles are blocking the turnaround areas at the dead-end roads, as this causes issues for plow drivers getting turned around in a safe manner.

Did you know:

The crew dumped 53 dump truck loads of leaves in 2023, which is approximately 130 tons to Comtil.

Please be on the lookout and drive slow when approaching construction zones, orange signs, and flashing lights as men are working daily throughout the Township. Per Ohio Construction Zone Accident Lawyers. There were 4,796 crashes in Ohio work zones in 2021. 35% of these work zone accidents occurred with workers present, resulting in 1,759 injuries and 29 deaths in just 1 year.

Tony Mowery
Road Superintendent



Fire Chief's Corner

As the leaves change and temperatures drop, the risk of having a fire in or near your home increases. Colder weather also increases the risk of house fires for several reasons. As your Fire Chief, I want to remind everyone of critical fire safety tips to help keep your family and home safe this season.



Heating Safety

As the weather cools, many of us start using space heaters, fireplaces, or wood stoves. Make sure your heating equipment is in good condition before use. Always keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable, and never leave them unattended. If you use a fireplace or wood stove, have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually to prevent dangerous creosote buildup.

Use Space Heaters Safely

DO: Plug your space heater directly into the wall outlet.

DO: Keep your space heater at a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from kids, pets and flammable items.

DO: Buy a unit with an automatic shutoff in case the unit tips over, or you forget to shut it off.

DON'T: Use an extension cord to plug in your space heater. It can cause the heater to overheat, and can be a tripping hazard.

DON'T: Place your space heater near curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.

DON'T: Leave your space heater unattended. Always unplug it before you leave the house or go to bed.

Kitchen Safety

With the fall season comes an increase in cooking, especially during holiday gatherings. Never leave cooking food unattended, and always keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Keep flammable items like dish towels and paper towels away from the stove. If a grease fire occurs, never use water—cover the pan with a lid and turn off the heat.

Outdoor Fire Safety

Autumn is a great time for outdoor fire pits, but it's important to follow safety rules. Always use a fire pit in an open area away from trees, homes, and other structures. Never leave a fire pit unattended, and ensure it is completely extinguished before going inside. Use only seasoned wood to reduce the risk of sparks.



Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

This is also a great time of year to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace the batteries and test each device to ensure they are working properly. Every level of your home should have a working smoke alarm, and each bedroom should have one as well.

BE FIRE SAFE THIS FALL

TEST SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH

By following these simple steps, you can help protect your home and loved ones this fall. On behalf of the Jackson Township Fire Department, thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to us. Stay safe, and enjoy the season!

Randy Little
Fire Chief