



Spring 2024 News & Updates

Township News

Our community is experiencing historic growth with the announcement of Honda and Intel in Central Ohio. These along with a number of other investment projects are motivating people to move to our area. Jackson Township is working diligently to meet the growing needs through hiring and investment. In 2023, we hired 12 new full-time firefighters. In the first quarter of 2024 with the help of a 3 million dollar FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, we hired additional new firefighters. This makes Jackson Township the largest suburban fire department in central Ohio.

Emergencies continue to increase by 8% each year and this impacts the integrity of our emergency apparatus equipment. Through frugal finance management and collaborating with vendors Jackson Township acquired 3 new pieces of fire equipment in 2023. A Pierce heavy rescue engine, a Pierce 100-foot ladder truck, and a Sutphen heavy rescue engine, in addition 2 EMS medics are also on order. One medic vehicle is scheduled to be delivered this year and the second in 2025. The second medic is a result of the partnership with Grove City as part of the Beulah Park development. We appreciate our partnership with Grove City to continue to serve our community.

These vehicle investments ensure our residents are being served by modern vehicles with current equipment and training. We take great pride in our training regimen. In fact, a training exercise occurs every workday to ensure our firefighters are ready for any emergency.

Infrastructure is a high priority for Jackson Township. That includes roads, ditches, storm drains, catch basins, right-of-way, parks and cemeteries. Maintaining safe and functioning infrastructure ensures our community can safely get to work, school, shopping and restaurants. In 2023, the Township resurfaced 5.5 miles of roads and plan to resurface another 3 miles of roads in 2024. The road resurfacing projects is scheduled to begin late this summer. A complete list of roads scheduled for resurfacing

are available on our website. Prior to resurfacing, our Road Department will be inspecting all drainage infrastructure and removing or replacing as needed.

This year you will see construction at the Jackson Township Road Department. To meet the growing needs of our community, the existing road maintenance building, built in the 1950's will be replaced with a larger, modern facility to not only serve the Township Road Department but also relocate the fire apparatus maintenance to this facility. Fire trucks are a special piece of equipment and maintenance requires special equipment and certification. This new building will provide the space needed to keep our fleet ready and in service.

Jackson Township thanks you for your continued support as we rise to meet the ever-changing challenges and opportunities of our growing community.



The new Pierce Heavy Rescue Engine, pictured above, went into service at Station 204 on November 8, 2023.

Preventing Stormwater Pollution

Easy Tips for Protecting Local Streams

What We Can Do...

...Around the House

Treat oil-based paint, thinners, solvents and polishes as household hazardous waste. Latex paint is waterbased, so rinse brushes in a sink. Allow extra latex paint to dry and throw the paint can in the trash.

Decide if and when you need heavy-duty cleaning power. Some household cleaners are difficult for wastewater treatment plants to remove. Phosphates in some dishwasher soaps and the anti-bacterial ingredient triclosan are examples.

Store all chemicals in a dry place protected from the rain. Household hazardous waste must be properly disposed of to prevent pollution. For collection dates and locations call (614) 871-5100 or visit www.swaco.org.

...In the Garage

Wash your car on grass or gravel, or use commercial car washes. Commercial washes are required to recycle water and send it to a wastewater treatment plant. Water from washing your car carries soap, dirt, and grease down the storm drain to the nearest stream.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean parking areas. Use kitty litter to soak up auto leaks or chemical spills, then sweep up and double bag before putting it in the trash.

Recycle used oil. Advance Auto Parts, AutoZone, Napa, and Jiffy Lube will accept the amount from one oil change if it's put in a container with a lid.

Maintain your aerator or septic system. Put aside a monthly "fee" so that the pumping that is necessary every three to five years will be covered. For more information, or questions, contact Franklin County Public Health:

(614) 525-3160 www.myfcph.org/environmental-health

...In the Yard

Plant grass or ground cover in areas of bare soil. Rain can carry large amounts of soil to a storm drain or stream even on gentle slopes. Eroded soil is the major pollutant in Ohio's rivers.

Remove grass clippings and leaves from street gutters and storm drains. Don't toss clippings down a stream bank or in a ditch. As organic material decomposes in streams, it decreases the oxygen necessary for aquatic life.

Utilize fertilizers and pesticides responsibly, or consider alternatives. When using pesticides and fertilizers, read the labels and do your research to ensure proper application and timing. Apply chemicals in dry weather and water sparingly to keep them in your yard. Sweep from sidewalks and driveways back into the yard.

Bag pet waste and throw it in the trash. It contains nitrogen, phosphorous, and harmful bacteria and parasites which pollute our streams. Never hose it down a storm drain.

Direct downspouts to a rain barrel or a rain garden instead of toward driveways, streets, or storm drains. For information on backyard conservation, visit www.franklinswcd.org.

Plant native trees, shrubs, and perennials. Trees soak up hundreds of gallons of rainwater and native plants support pollinators and other wildlife. Native plants are also better adapted to our climate and require fewer fertilizers and pesticides.

Shane Farnsworth
Jackson Township Zoning Administrator

Jackson Township Road Crew is Plowing their way into the Spring Season

The crew will be spending all their time mowing, landscaping, tree trimming, brush pick up, fixing or replacing signs, berming and maintaining roadways, painting fire hydrants, fixing and improving roadway drainage, maintaining two parks, six cemeteries, four fire stations, administration building, and all township right of ways.

Brush Pick-Up will be the last full week of every month. Please stack and pile brush as neatly as possible with branches no bigger than 6 to 8 inches in diameter. Call the administration office when your brush is ready for pickup to help the crew be more efficient.

The crew will also be out periodically trimming back trees throughout the township that are hanging over roadways to ensure safety of any passing vehicles. On the list is Berry Hill Subdivision, Emersonia Subdivision, Hibbs Rd., Seeds Rd., Anglebrook and Mayfair.

The road crew will be utilizing the new berm box this year. The new berm box is a lot more efficient and will help with laying limestone on the berms. The berms play a crucial role in helping maintain the longevity and safety of our roadways.

Please be on the lookout and drive slowly when approaching construction zones, orange signs, flashing lights as men are working daily throughout the township.

Tony Mowery
Road Superintendent

Jackson Township Residential Seasonal Cleanup



BULK TRASH DISPOSAL

April 29 through Oct. 4 | Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road

- **Available** to all Jackson Township, Grove City and Urbancrest residents weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Check in** at the Jackson Township Administration office prior to unloading.

ACCEPTED

- Residential bulk trash
- Tires (limit of 4)
- Scrap metal
- Automobile parts
- Drywall and shingles

NOT ACCEPTED

- Batteries
- Motors
- Light bulbs
- Hazardous waste* (chemicals, oils, paints)
- TVs and monitors

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BRUSH PICKUP

For residents in the unincorporated areas of Jackson Township only.

May 27-31 • June 24-28 • July 22-26 • Aug. 26-30 • Sept. 23-27

- Place brush along the front of the property, crews cannot drive onto private property.
- Limbs should be no larger than six inches in diameter.

Drop off yard waste at Com-Til, 7000 Jackson Pike. Call 614-645-3153 for additional information.

Grove City and Urbancrest residents enjoy curbside pickup,
follow Local Waste Services yard waste collection guidelines.

KEEP GROVE CITY BEAUTIFUL EVENTS

OPERATION MEDICINE DROP | Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jackson Township Fire Station, 3650 Hoover Road

GROVE CITY SHREDDING DAYS

Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. | Kingston Center, 3226 Kingston Ave.
Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. | Park Street Intermediate School, 3205 Park St.

***SWACO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL** | Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Kingston Center, 3226 Kingston Ave.

GREAT PUMPKIN DISPOSAL | Friday, Nov. 1 to Monday, Dec. 2
Fryer Park, 3899 Orders Road

CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPOSAL | Monday, Nov. 18 to Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025
Various locations; watch for details.



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3756 Hoover Road • 614-875-2742
www.jacksontwpfranklinoh.gov

City of Grove City
4035 Broadway • 614-277-3058
www.GroveCityOhio.gov



E-WASTE DISPOSAL

Drop off electronics or e-waste during office hours:
weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., except holidays.
Jackson Township Administration Building
3756 Hoover Road.
Learn more bit.ly/gcRecycleTyw

FOOD WASTE

SWACO's "Save More Than Food" program.

Help fight food waste to prevent, recover and recycle food waste.

Learn more bit.ly/SMTFgc



RECYCLE RIGHT

SWACO's "Recycle Right" campaign makes proper recycling easy.

Learn more bit.ly/recycleGC



FOOD-WASTE COMPOSTING

Dispose of food waste at the compost location, 2803 Southwest Blvd.

Learn more bit.ly/GCComposting



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2566 Jackson Pike • Columbus, OH 43223
Monday - Friday 10:30am - 6pm & Saturday 9am - 4:30pm



THE RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER WILL ACCEPT:

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| Appliances | Food Waste | Paper & Cardboard |
| Batteries—Household & Car | Fluorescent Lightbulbs | Plastic Bottles, Tubs, Jugs & Cups |
| Bicycles | Gently Used Books | Styrofoam |
| Carton Containers & Metal Cans | Glass Bottles & Jars | Tires* |
| Clothing | Household Electronics* | Used Oil, Antifreeze & Oil Filters |

*FEES: There are fees associated with the drop-off of tires and CRT and LCD TVs. Please visit SWACO.org/ConvenienceCenter for a complete list of fees. SWACO accepts credit, debit or check payments only.

RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER

Drive-up, self-service center recovers recyclables and hard-to-recycle materials such as clothing, batteries, electronics, food waste and more, primarily free of charge.

Learn more bit.ly/SWACORecycleCtr





Fire Chief's Corner

As your Fire Chief, it is my duty to shed light on the critical role our Fire Department plays in safeguarding our community's well-being through the enforcement of the Ohio Fire Code. The Ohio Fire Code serves as a cornerstone in our efforts to prevent fires, protect property, and most importantly, save lives.



Fire Chief Randy Little

At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to proactive measures aimed at reducing fire hazards and ensuring compliance with safety standards. Through rigorous inspections, education, and enforcement, we strive to create a safer environment for all residents and visitors.

One of the primary responsibilities of our department is conducting regular inspections of commercial and limited residential properties to identify potential fire hazards and ensure compliance with the Ohio Fire Code. These inspections cover a wide range of areas, including fire suppression systems, emergency

exits, electrical systems, and storage of hazardous materials. By identifying and addressing issues promptly, we mitigate the risk of fires and other emergencies.

Education also plays a pivotal role in our approach to fire prevention. We offer various outreach programs and training sessions to educate the public on fire safety practices, emergency preparedness, and the importance of compliance with the Ohio Fire Code. By empowering individuals with knowledge and resources, we aim to foster a culture of safety within our community.

Enforcement of the Ohio Fire Code is not just about issuing citations; it's about fostering accountability and promoting a shared responsibility for public safety. We work collaboratively with property owners, businesses, and residents to address compliance issues and implement corrective measures. Our goal is not only to ensure adherence to regulations but also to cultivate a culture of proactive risk management.

In conclusion, the Fire Department's role in enforcing the Ohio Fire Code is paramount to the well-being of our community. By prioritizing prevention, education, and enforcement, we remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting lives and property.

*Randy J. Little
Jackson Township Fire Chief*

Discover the Benefits of Smart911: Enhancing Emergency Response

Are you looking for a way to ensure that crucial information reaches emergency responders swiftly during times of crisis? Look no further than Smart911 – a service highly recommended by the Jackson Township Fire Department and the Grove City Police Department Dispatchers.



Smart911[®]

Here is why you should consider signing up:

- **Endorsed by Experts:** The Jackson Township Fire Department, Grove City Police Department, and the Grove City Police Department Dispatchers advocate for Smart911, recognizing its effectiveness in providing vital details to emergency crews.
- **Streamlined Communication:** By registering with Smart911, you provide essential information upfront that can be relayed to responders when you call 911. This means no time is wasted in critical moments, as responders are equipped with the necessary details to address the situation swiftly and effectively.
- **Efficiency in Emergencies:** Smart911 saves precious time by ensuring that responders have access to key information, enabling them to make informed decisions and promptly take appropriate action.
- **Proven Results:** Smart911 has been credited with saving lives and reducing emergency response times nationwide, making it a trusted tool for enhancing public safety.

If you are interested in learning more about Smart911 or need assistance with registration, don't hesitate to reach out to the Grove City Police Department at (614) 277-1713. www.smart911.com

Stay informed and stay prepared – with Smart911.

*Article by Firefighter Jason Adams
Credit: Grove City Police Department*

2024 Safety Town Registration

Dates for 2024 Safety Town are set for June 6-7 and June 10-14, with the tentative location being determined. Register pre-kindergarten children online at gcsafetytown.org from April 1st to May 24, 2024.

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What's in YOUR medicine cabinet?



SATURDAY, APRIL 27

10am to 2pm

**Jackson Township Fire Station 202
3650 Hoover Road, Grove City**

Dispose of unwanted and expired medications for safe, legal and environmentally conscious disposal.

Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications in pill or patch form are accepted. All medications should be placed in a clear, sealed bag. Empty containers are shredded.

NOT ACCEPTED

Needles, lancets, syringes, inhalers, aerosols,
liquids, creams or pastes.

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Fiscal Officer

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