

2016 FALL

NEWS & UPDATES



Paintballs fly at LVL UP grand opening

More than 200 paintball players from the metro Columbus area traveled to Jackson Township for the grand opening of LVL UP Sports Paintball Park Aug. 21, 2016 all aimed at playing for the first time on six new playing fields at 5390 Harrisburg Pike.

Green signs and construction equipment visible for months from the road led up to opening day, and now owners Dave Pando and John Wicks are thrilled to invite local residents to play paintball games.

“We’re making youth and moms happy one phone call at a time,” said Founder Dave Pando. “Parents are mostly

excited to have a top-tier paintball park so close to home, but youth and parents alike all seem to be blown away by how huge our playing fields are.”

LVL UP unveiled several themed playing fields on opening day, including a 250,000-plus-square-foot arena with four, 60-foot-long playable classroom trailers, parts from a World War 2 Navy Destroyer and more.

“You have to try our humongous trailer field; my kids say it is like their video games in real life,” Wicks said.

Pando and Wicks invite moms, dads, church groups, sports teams, businesses, and children and youth of all ages to have the paintball party/team-building event of a lifetime seven days a week by reservation or every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for open play. Group and individual pricing, directions and details are available at www.LVLUPsports.com, or call (614) 313-1382.



Jackson Township home to first dedicated footgolf course in country

Jackson Township’s Zoning Commission approved an exceptional use rezoning for business partners Deborah Guzzo and Bob Clanin for property off Dyer Road to be used as a footgolf course. The new Kickmaster facility’s tentative grand opening is November 2016. Footgolf combines elements of soccer and golf on a modified course. Learn more at <http://kickmasterfootgolf.com>.

License-plate fees fund rehabilitation, repair of Borrer Road bridges



Franklin County Engineer Dean Ringle contracted with The Righter Co. for two bridge-improvement projects along Borrer Road in Jackson Township with a price tag of \$731,580 paid for with Franklin County license-plate fees.

- First improvement project: rehabilitation and deck replacement of the bridge over Young Ditch that began June 13, 2016 and was completed Aug. 1, 2016
- Second improvement project: rehabilitation and deck replacement of the bridge over Plum Run that began Aug. 1, 2016 with an expected completion, weather-permitting, in October 2016.

Go to <http://bit.ly/Borrer16> for information and updates.

Rake leaves to roadway edge for pickup

Jackson Township service crews will provide fall leaf pickup service for residents in these subdivisions: Anglebrook, Briarwood Hills, Casa Farms, Deer Trail Estates, Emersonia, Geyerwood, Grubb Farms, Lynnbrook, Mayfair Park, Robin Estates, Rocky Creek and Southern Grove.

Leaves should be raked to the edge of roadways, preferably on the berm, and not blocking drainage pipes and catch basins. Branches will not be accepted.



Pickup schedules may vary depending on when leaves drop and weather-permitting.

Contact Service Director Rex Blair at (614) 565-6148 with questions.

Report township zoning nuisances

Know a resident who is violating township zoning laws? If so, there are three ways to report township nuisance issues or zoning violations: online at www.jacksontownship.org/report-a-complaint; by e-mail: zoning@jacksontownship.org; or phone: (614) 875-0100.



Pictured is an actual violation.

Residents to receive 65-gallon recycling containers as part of new consortium contract

Lowest-bidder Local Waste Services was awarded a new five-year residential waste contract effective Jan. 1, 2017 by a consortium that includes Jackson Township, the City of Grove City and village of Urbancrest.

The residential waste contract includes pricing of \$14.45/month for weekly collection of household trash, recycling and yard waste with Local Waste Services replacing 18-gallon green recycling bins by the end of 2016 with new 65-gallon wheeled red recycling carts.

“We want to thank the Jackson Township Board of Trustees for giving residents 65-gallon carts because they dramatically will improve recycling efforts,” said Albert Iosue, SWACO programs administrator.

Service guidelines and additional information including new rates and holiday schedules are posted on the Jackson Township website at <http://bit.ly/LW2017>.

Fall great time to plant trees, perennials

In the heat of summer is the best time to plan ahead for the fall. With regard to your yard, fall is a great time for getting perennials and trees planted. In fact, fall is probably the best time to plant trees. The cool weather reduces heat stress on the new trees, and this is the season where a tree’s energy goes into its roots and not its leaves to help it get established before next summer’s heat.

If you fertilize your lawn, fall is the best time to do so. Remember that leaves can help add nutrients to turf as well. Use a lawn mower to chop up leaves and leave them on the grass to break down. Leaves will add

organic matter to the soil in addition to the nutrients. As with anything that could wash off sidewalks, driveways and streets, please keep leaves and fertilizer off of hard surfaces where they can be washed into creeks, streams or rivers.

Rebates are available for most residents of Franklin County for purchasing approved rain barrels, compost bins, or native plants and trees.

Visit www.communitybackyards.org for information on how to claim a reimbursement.

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Residents may request pick up of their old recycling bins or opt out of receiving new carts by contacting Local Waste Services at (614) 409-9375, or by submitting a service request at www.localwasteservices.com/request.



Fire Chief's corner

by Fire Chief Randy Little

For 10 years, the Jackson Township Division of Fire has billed insurance companies for emergency medical services provided to residents and non-residents generating necessary revenue to maintain and enhance the exceptional safety services it provides. However, I realize sometimes questions arise about EMS billing so I will try to address some of those in this column.



- **How does EMS billing change service delivery?**

Your good health is our top priority so the financial details are secondary. We realize those transported may not have insurance or may have high deductibles. Our billing system is designed so residents and nonresidents are not directly billed. Patients will never be denied medical treatment because of their inability to pay.

- **Who can use our emergency medical service?**

Our services are provided to anyone who needs medical attention. It is as simple as dialing 911 to have the appropriate resources sent to your location whether you are a resident or visiting our service district.

- **Can I be taken to the hospital of my choice?**

Our paramedics may transport patients to most hospitals

in Franklin County. There are medical circumstances that may necessitate the need to take patients to the closest hospital or one that specializes in care for a patient's specific medical emergency.

- **I am on a fixed income and can't afford a bill for service.** Residents of Jackson Township, Grove City, and Urbancrest will not be responsible for any direct payment of ambulance fees. Jackson Township bills insurance providers not residents. Nonresidents may receive up to three statements requesting additional information regarding unpaid balances from their insurance providers. Primary or secondary insurance providers may be billed to recover unpaid balances, but if an insurance company does not pay, you will not be held responsible.

- **Will Medicare cover EMS transports?**

Yes. We are required by law to accept Medicare-allowable amounts and cannot bill the difference between allowable and established fees.

- **Will I be charged if I am treated but not transported?**

No. Fees are for transporting patients to hospitals located only in our service area.

I hope my column explains our EMS billing service and gives you better understanding of our process. Please do not delay calling 911 for emergency assistance because you are worried about paying a bill.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at (614) 875-5588, and I will be happy to help.

Fire division names 2 new lieutenants



Pictured (from left) are Jackson Township Division of Fire's two newest lieutenants John Burley with 22 years of service and Robert Schneider with nine years of service. Lts. Burley and Schneider are assigned to Station 201.

Inspector Scott Burris fills fire marshal post



"Scott is someone continually looking for ways to improve service to our community in the areas of fire prevention and public education. His enthusiasm and willingness to lead the fire prevention bureau into the future and meet the demands of our growing community makes him a great choice for fire marshal."

— Chief Randy Little

Trustee



Chairman David Burris

Trustee



Stephen Bowshier

Trustee



Jim Rauck

Fiscal Officer



Ron Grossman

Visit www.jacksontwp.org for important phone numbers and meeting schedules.

Fall Cleanup: Oct. 1, 2016

Jackson Township, the City of Grove City, Keep Grove City Beautiful and Local Waste Services are sponsoring Jackson Township’s Fall Cleanup Oct. 1, 2016 exclusively for residents of Jackson Township, City of Grove City and village of Urbancrest.

Location: Jackson Township Administration Building (3756 Hoover Road) 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 1, 2016

Accepted: major appliances; construction materials; shrubs, bushes and yard waste for chipping; bulk trash; and tires — limit four per household

- Ohio Mobile Shredding will provide safe and secure document shredding.
- Cinco Electronics Recycling will accept computers, printers and cell phones. Note: There is a \$10 charge for cathode-ray-tube monitors and \$20 for televisions — regardless of size.
- Habitat for Humanity MidOhio will collect new and used home goods, home-improvement building materials from residential remodeling projects and construction projects. Visit www.habitatmidohio.org for more donation information.

Yabo’s Tacos food truck will be at the event to provide lunch and refreshments.

SWACO’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Location: Grove City Service Department (3262 Ventura Blvd.) 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1, 2016

Accepted: Flammable fluids including propane tanks



A special thank you to numerous community volunteers like Dylan Schoonover who make cleanup days run smoothly.

less than 20 pounds, non-latex paint and paint products, reactive agents such as pool chemicals, corrosives including drain cleaners, toxins like pesticides, batteries and fluorescent light bulbs

HHW collection is open to all Franklin County residents, and a detailed list of accepted and non-accepted items is at <http://bit.ly/HouseHW>. Latex paint no longer will be accepted as HHW because it can be easily absorbed by adding cat litter, shredded paper or commercial hardening products and disposed of during residential trash collection.

Franklin County residents also may take advantage of SWACO’s ongoing HHW Columbus collection site at 1249 Essex Ave.

Call (614) 875-2742 or (614) 277-3058 with questions.

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