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# JACKSON TOWNSHIP

FALL 2014

## NEWS AND UPDATES

Cover photo taken off Zuber Road

### White Road reopens in October

Area residents will be enjoying new pavement and sidewalks, and a waterline as part of the completion of the western phase of the White Road reconstruction project which will end in October 2014. The \$1.9 million project began March 31, 2014 and was funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission, Jackson Township, City of Grove City and Franklin County.



**Jackson Township Cleanup**  
Oct. 11, 2014 — Details on Page 2.

### American Legion holds 9/11 ceremony at Station 204

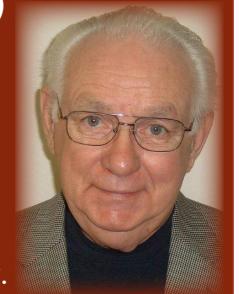
Firefighter/paramedics, police officers and public officials attended a 9/11 remembrance ceremony held by American Legion Post 164 Sept. 11, 2014 at Jackson Township Fire Division Station 204 off Buckeye Parkway in Grove City, Ohio.

“Every year, September 11 reminds us that evil still exists,” said Fire Chief Rick Dawson. “In the wake of unspeakable human tragedy that day and the days that followed, we were reminded of the goodness of humanity. Let us never forget their bravery and



### In memory of Ralph Perdeu (1933-2014)

Jackson Township extends its sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of Ralph Perdeu. Perdeu worked for Jackson Township Fire Division for 33 years before retiring as a captain in 1992. He served as the division's chaplain following his retirement. He will be remembered for his love for the fire department, firefighters and the community.



## Fall cleanup set for Oct. 11, 2014

Bring bulk trash, up to four tires, e-waste and documents for shredding to the Jackson Township Fall Cleanup from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 11, 2014 at the Jackson Township Administration Building, 3756 Hoover Road in Grove City, Ohio.

The City of Grove City will partner with the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the township fall cleanup to offer household hazardous waste collection at 3262 Ventura Blvd.

Go to <http://bit.ly/JaxCleanup> to see a flier.



## LOCAL WASTE SERVICES



## Tom Gale serves as volunteer fire chaplain

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees at a recent meeting formally introduced Pastor Tom Gale of Southwest Grace Brethren Church as the new volunteer chaplain of the Jackson Township Division of Fire.

“Our fire department personnel have jobs that are demanding physically and emotionally,” said Lynn Bruno, Jackson Township human resources director.

“Pastor Gale brings maturity and an approachable disposition I believe will tremendously help our firefighter/paramedics during the aftermath of critical incidents.”

Gale will complement the work of 23-year firefighter/paramedic Morgan Gierman who serves as an unordained chaplain.

“I enjoy being a part of this great community and look forward to an opportunity to contribute in any way I can to the effectiveness of those who faithfully serve,” Gale said.

Throughout his 34-year ministry, Gale has had opportunity to spend time with and minister to many firefighters and law enforcement officers, and has a strong appreciation for their commitment and challenges.



**Chaplain Tom Gale**

## Jackson Township Bicentennial: 1815-2015 *History, facts and notes*

When Jackson Township was created in 1815, the state of Ohio was just 12 years old, and Franklin County was 3 years old. At that time, the Ohio capital was located in Chillicothe and would not move to Columbus until 1816 when the population of Columbus was just 700 people.

Just one year earlier in 1814, British forces invaded and burned Washington, D.C. including the White House. Columbus would not obtain “city” status until 1834 when the population reached 4,000.

Jackson Township was a quaint, rural agricultural area that brought families to the frontier as well as many immigrants, especially from Germany, and soldiers from the Revolutionary War given land grants for their service. The earliest recorded settler to the area is Hugh Grant who migrated from Maryland to Pittsburgh before moving into Ohio around 1804.

The building of toll roads to develop commerce in the new state saw the construction of Harrisburg Pike (originally the Highland Pike) and Jackson Pike linking Columbus with other communities and eventually to the Ohio-Erie canal system which did not become operational until 1828.

Today, the names of local roads come from the names of the earliest families that were the pioneer settler and farmers, Orders, Seeds, Gantz, Borrer and Hoover; named for John Hoover a Revolutionary War soldier who moved into the area around 1807 and died here in 1840 at age 85.

The oldest known tombstone is thought to be that of Robert Seeds who died Jan. 18, 1835 at age 52 whose tombstone is located in Jackson Township’s Seeds Cemetery off south Hoover Road.

Jackson Township Trustees and employees invite area residents to join them in celebrating the township’s bicentennial in May 2015. More information will be included in the spring 2015 issue of *Jackson Township News and Updates*, and on the township website and social media pages.

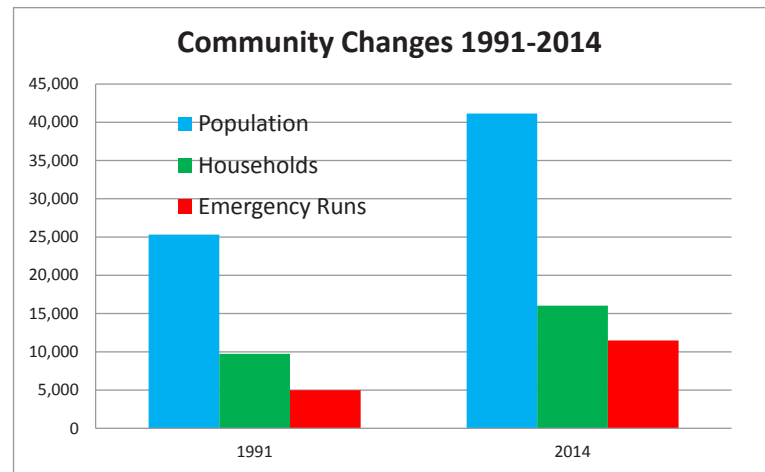




I have the greatest job in the world. I work with the best firefighters and paramedics who are world-class, highly trained and caring professionals, and serve the community I have called home my entire life. Every day, your Jackson Township Fire Division comes to work ready to answer any call for service.

We have seen calls increase year after year because the community trusts us. In last year's community satisfaction survey, residents gave the fire division the highest ranking of all services in our community, and we thank you for your continued confidence and trust.

It has been 23 years since the township has asked for a fire levy. The year was 1991, and my chart illustrates how much has changed since then. Our population has increased more than 60 percent to more than 41,000 residents. Our calls for emergency services have increased 110 percent from 4,900 in 1991 to more than 11,000 emergency runs every year. Today, we average 30 emergency calls, up from 25 calls per day just a decade ago. The trend is expected to continue.



Our funding, however, has not kept up with increased demand. In fact, changes in state tax laws during the past several years have reduced funding we used to receive from the state of Ohio. After assessing our reduced funding and rising costs for supplies, equipment and deferred maintenance to our fire stations, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees made the decision to place a 3.75-mill tax levy on the November 2014 ballot.

*“On behalf of all the men and women of the Jackson Township Fire Division, thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve you.”*

On behalf of all the men and women of the Jackson Township Fire Division, thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve you. We will continue to do so with the pride and professionalism you have come to expect.

— Jackson Township Fire Chief Rick Dawson

## Get smoke detector smart

There is no better time to learn about smoke detectors than with National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5-11, 2014 and Daylight Savings Time Nov. 2, 2014 on the horizon. The 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme is “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month”.

Three of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Test your smoke alarms once a month, and change their batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. Read these five safety tips.

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom or sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of a home including basements.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

### Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

**Test Yours Every Month!**

Fire Prevention Week • October 5-11, 2014 • Go to [FPW.org](http://FPW.org)

- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Be sure to have a home fire escape plan.

Take the National Fire Protection Association's online, interactive quiz at [www.nfpa.org/fpwquiz](http://www.nfpa.org/fpwquiz) to test fire safety smarts, and watch a home smoke alarm basics video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LQ6uhXAzvk>.

Jackson Township Division of Fire's Fire Prevention Bureau officers are ready to assist and answer questions. Call (614) 875-5588.

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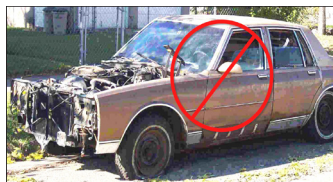
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Visit [www.jacksontwp.org](http://www.jacksontwp.org) for important phone numbers and meeting schedules.

Zoning Code: Junk car rules



Jackson Township Zoning Code Section 305.07 PROHIBITS parking or storing junk vehicles.

Any style or type of motor vehicle without current Ohio license plates, missing parts, or in such a condition to be inoperable shall not be parked or stored outdoors.

Typical Junk Car Violations

- Vehicles without License Plates
- Vehicles missing parts
- Vehicles parked in grass
- Vehicles from recent accident
- Older vehicles buried to the axle

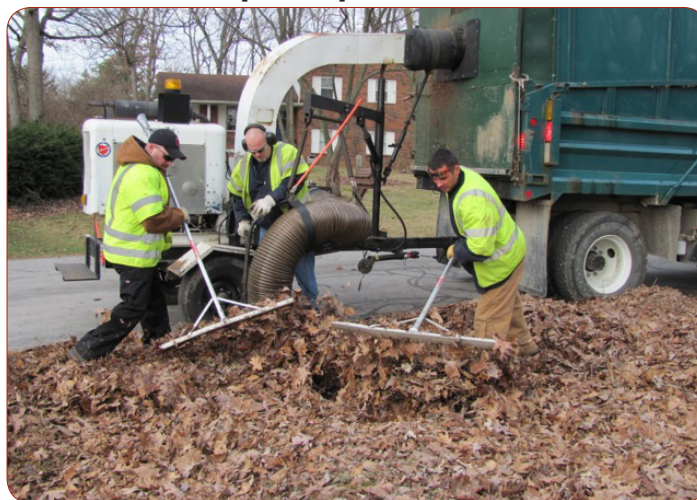
Bottom line: if you can't legally drive it, it is a junk car and must be removed.

Township has right to tow, or proceed to court with fines to \$100/day until removed by owner.



Contact Jackson Township Zoning Office at 875-0100 for assistance or any questions about zoning issues in Jackson Township.

2014 fall leaf pickup schedule



Jackson Township service department crews will provide free residential leaf pickup throughout November. Please rake all leaves to the edge of the roadway, preferably on the berm, and try to avoid leaves blocking drainage pipes and catch basins. Branches will not be accepted.

Residential subdivision areas

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|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Anglebrook         | Emersonia   | Mayfair Park   |
| Briarwood Hills    | Geyerwood   | Robin Estates  |
| Casa Farms         | Grubb Farms | Rocky Creek    |
| Deer Trail Estates | Lynnbrook   | Southern Grove |

Pickup schedules may change depending on when leaves fall and weather permitting. Call the Jackson Township Service Department with questions at (614) 679-3036.



Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Read Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District leaf tips at <http://bit.ly/Jaxleaf>. Learn more about the 4Rs of lawn fertilizing at <http://bit.ly/fswcd>.

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