



2016 SPRING & NEWS UPDATES



Spring Environmental Day: May 7, 2016

Residents of Jackson Township, the City of Grove City and Village of Urbancrest are encouraged to do spring cleaning to keep the area beautiful.

Jackson Township partners with Keep Grove City Beautiful and Local Waste Services for Spring Environmental Day scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7, 2016 at the Jackson Township Administration Building — 3756 Hoover Road in Grove City, Ohio.

Items accepted for free disposal include bulk trash, appliances, construction and landscape materials, yard waste, documents for shredding and e-waste. There will be a nominal charge for the safe disposal of old-style cathode-ray tube monitors and televisions. Tires will be accepted for recycling, but there is a limit of four per household. Habitat for Humanity will collect building materials, furniture, household items and appliances for reuse.

More than 450 residents brought 176 tires for recycling, 20,000 pounds of paper for shredding all at no cost to the 2015 Spring Environmental Day.

Note there will not be household hazardous waste collection during Spring Environmental Day. Go to www.swaco.org/residents/householdhazardouswaste.aspx for drop-off dates and locations.

For more information, go to www.jacksontwp.org.



Schmidt's Food Truck will be at Spring Environmental Day serving lunch and refreshments.



Pictured is Mike Espoito, a 25-year member of the Keep Grove City Beautiful Board, who does not miss an opportunity to volunteer for Jackson Township cleanup days.

OPERATION MEDICINE DROP

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

Jackson Township Fire Station

3650 Hoover Road, Grove City, OH 43123

Bring in unwanted and expired medications for safe, legal and environmentally conscious disposal - no questions asked.

Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications in pill or powder form are accepted. Remove all pills from blister packs. Empty containers are shredded.

For more information:
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Jackson Township receives \$500 grant



The Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority awarded \$500 as part of its Managing Ohio Risk Exposures Risk Management Grant Program to Jackson Township for removal of rotten Emerald Ash trees alongside township roadways. Pictured (from left) are Ed Barber from OTARMA; Grove City Tree Service employees John Sprague, James Kellison and Jeremy Larrick; Jackson Township Road Superintendent Bob Snyder; Service Technicians Tony Mowery and Pat Stage; and Caroline Shroyer, president of Grove City Tree Service.

Tips to decrease property water pollutants

The next time it rains, imagine what happens after the water hits the ground. Where does it go? Water flowing along streets and parking lots collects dirt, trash, oil, grease, bits of rubber from tires, animal waste and other pollutants left behind by motor vehicles, people and animals. Water, and the pollutants it carries, makes its way to storm drains along streets, eventually emptying into rivers without ever filtering through a water treatment plant.

Storm water pollution can affect both aquatic and land-dwelling wildlife, as well as contaminate drinking water supplies. Here are simple tips and tricks that can be done around homes to keep area waterways clean and healthy.

- Pick up trash (including pet and yard waste).
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly. Oil, paint, yard chemicals and other hazardous materials need to follow a protocol to ensure they do not pollute water sources.

For more information, go to www.swaco.org/residents/householdhazardouswaste.aspx.

The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District has numerous helpful tips.

Link to newsletters at www.franklinswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Frankly-Speaking-2016-FINAL.pdf and www.franklinswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Web-Update-March.pdf.



Elected officials commit to fiscal transparency

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees is committed to a transparent and open government, and voted unanimously at its Jan. 26, 2016 meeting to partner with the Treasurer of Ohio's office to provide the Jackson Township financial data on OhioCheckbook.com. OhioCheckbook.com is a first-of-its-kind government transparency website that shows taxpayers exactly how their tax money is being spent.

"The Jackson Township Board of Trustees is committed to its residents and to fiscal responsibility," said Trustee Stephen Bowshier. "We believe that our OhioCheckbook.com partnership with the Treasurer of Ohio will allow our residents an opportunity to see where every tax dollar is being spent in a user-friendly and transparent format."

As of mid-March, Jackson Township was one of two townships in Franklin County that became partners with the Treasurer of Ohio and is one of 240 Ohio governments.

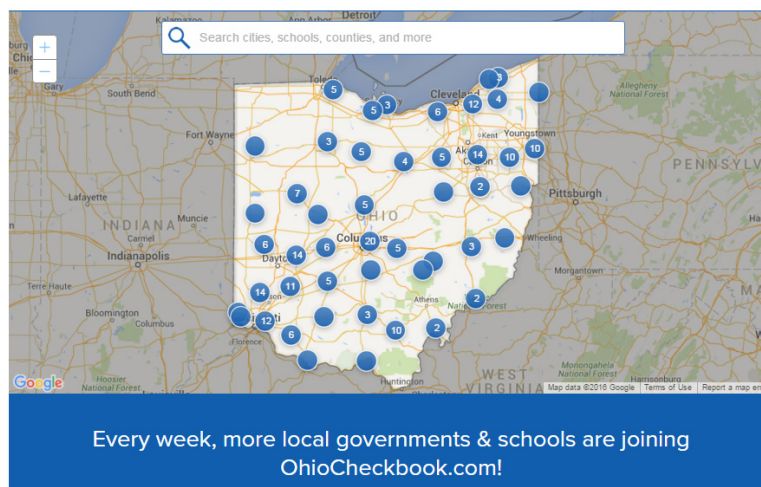
Jackson Township's online checkbook, launched March 31, 2016, included 8,369 individual transactions that represent \$32,441,048.92 in expenditures during a two-year period.



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2016 Safety Town dates set

Safety Town will be held June 9-10, 2016 and June 13-17, 2016 at JC Sommer Elementary School. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, and every pre-kindergarten child registered will be guaranteed a spot.

Safety Town is a free program of the Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local 2672, and is presented in cooperation with the Jackson Township Division of Fire, Grove City Division of Police and South-Western City Schools.

The most up-to-date information including location and registration will be posted to the Safety Town website: www.gcsafetytown.org and www.jacksontownp.org.



Fire Chief's corner

By Fire Chief Randy Little who was sworn in Dec. 1, 2015

It is truly an honor to serve this great community as Jackson Township's eighth fire chief. I began my career with Jackson Township 23 years ago after graduating from Grove City High School in 1991. I have been happily married to my wife Amy for 20 years and have four children.

It was a privilege to be appointed fire chief Dec. 1, 2015 by the Jackson Township Board of Trustees. Throughout my career, I have served as a firefighter/paramedic, lieutenant, captain and deputy fire chief. I look forward to leading the Jackson Township Fire Department into the future. With a focus on training and career development, we work tirelessly to meet the challenges of today's fire service.

The Jackson Township Fire Department responds to more than 9,100 emergency calls annually and is equipped to respond to water emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, fires, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents and many aspects of technical rescue.

We offer many educational programs for members of our community, and our citizens can be confident they are receiving excellent service utilizing the most cost-effective means available.

Our firefighter/paramedics are dedicated to serving



Pictured (from left) are newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Quincel and Fire Chief Randy Little.

you with teamwork, integrity, honor and excellence.

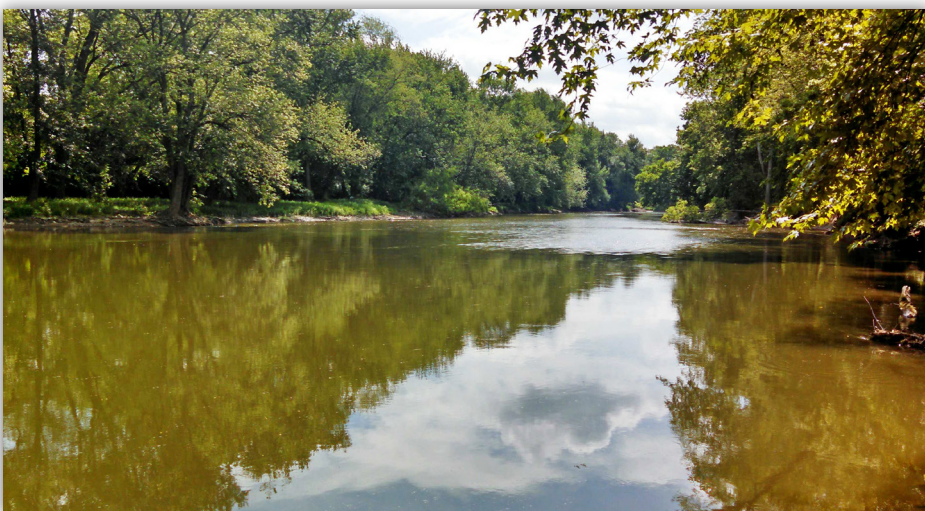
Please let us know how we can be of assistance. Residents may contact me anytime at LittleR@jacksontwp.org or (614) 945-5049.

Scioto Grove Metro Park to open to residents May 6, 2016

All are invited to join Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks officials at 10 a.m. May 6, 2016 for the official grand opening of Scioto Grove Metro Park — 5172 Jackson Pike, Grove City, Ohio. The 620-acre park is located along the Scioto River and features about three miles of trails, two picnic areas with shelters, tables and grills, a kids play area and several overlook decks.

Touting four miles of river frontage, the park will soon be a destination for canoeists, kayakers, anglers and those wanting to see waterfowl and other wildlife. Dogs on leashes are welcome throughout the park.

The park has mature forests along the river and young forests growing on former farm fields. There is a diversity of land forms within the park featuring scenic bluffs overlooking the Scioto River.



Thanks to a generous grant from outdoor retailer REI, Metro Parks built a backpack trail along the river with five campsites. The REI Urban Backpack Trail is a great place for those just getting into the sport as well as those seasoned backpackers who want a quick overnight without having to journey several hours.

The 19th Metro Park, located in Grove City and Jackson Township, became a reality thanks to a generous donation of 193 acres from Grove City in 2010. The park is a true partnership between Metro Parks and the two agencies.

Photo courtesy of Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks

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Ron Grossman

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2016 Zoning Board, Commission appointments

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees expresses its gratitude to the following new volunteer appointees to the Jackson Township Zoning Board of Appeals and Commission for terms ending Dec. 31, 2020.

- **Michael Blakeman:** BZA — Michael is a lifelong resident of Grove City and owner of the RE/MAX in Grove City off Stringtown Road.
- **Bronson Mallett:** Zoning Commission — Bronson, who has lived in Jackson Township 18 years, spent 25 years in the residential valuation and mortgage industry. He enjoys traveling to the beach with his wife, playing golf and spending time with his grandchildren.
- **Brandi Newland:** Zoning Commission — Brandi is the first female to serve on the Zoning Commission. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University and is the broker/owner of RE/MAX Right Now off Stringtown Road.
- **Alan Wright:** BZA — Alan has lived in the area for 68 years, has three sons, pastors an intercity church, and enjoys fishing and old cars.



Pictured (from left) are Michael Blakeman, Bronson Mallett, Brandi Newland and Alan Wright.

Trustee, fiscal officer volunteer for county posts

The Franklin County Township Association appointed two Jackson Township elected officials to fill its vacancies on a Franklin County board and committee. Jackson Township Trustee Stephen Bowshier will fill a vacated, two-year term on the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Board of Trustees expiring June 20, 2016.

Fiscal Officer Ron Grossman was appointed as an alternate to Joe Martin on the State of Ohio District 3 Public Works Commission Integrating Committee. Members of the Public Works Integrating Committee review and help establish policies and criteria to evaluate applications for infrastructure funding. Franklin County receives nearly \$24 million in annual funding to award to infrastructure projects like road reconstruction, waterlines and sanitary sewers.

Both are volunteer positions. Bowshier and Grossman will be considered for reappointment when their respective terms expire.

Rabies immunization clinic at Windsor Park

Franklin County Public Health will provide a low-cost rabies immunization clinic from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. June 24, 2016 at Windsor Park — 4330 Dudley Ave., Grove City, Ohio. Cats and dogs ages three months to one year will receive a one-year rabies tag. Pets older than one year with proof of prior rabies vaccinations will receive three-year rabies tags. Immunizations are \$5, and only cash is accepted. For details, go to www.myfcph.org/rabvac.php.



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