

# Jackson Township: HOMETOWN NEWS

SPRING 2023



## GROWING A BETTER COMMUNITY, TOGETHER

Jackson Township had 100 students on the Cougars team from Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) volunteer their time and even better, strengthen connections through a new “Community Grown” initiative that was held on May 22.

“The Township and our staff appreciated the outreach and enthusiasm shown by RGMS teachers and students who participated in ‘Community Grown Day’ here in Jackson Township,” stated Jackson Township Manager Chris Rearick. “We were excited to work with students on various projects including trail development, mapping, painting, landscaping, washing police vehicles and participating in a planning exercise to discuss the future of the Township.”

There was a lot of hard work but also some fun - including a balloon toss and



popsicles! They ended their time at the new Sippel Reservoir Park for lunch and team-building activities.

RGMS Principal Anthony Babusci added, “Our goal was to create relationships with each municipality and give students the opportunity to connect to the community and experience the benefits of volunteering. Thanks to the collected efforts of everyone,

we were able to achieve those goals and lay a great foundation for future partnerships. It takes a lot of effort from a lot of people to get approximately 1,100 students out into our communities volunteering. I am grateful for the efforts of our municipalities, as well as our school nurses, transportation, cafeteria, staff, and of course students that made year one a success.”

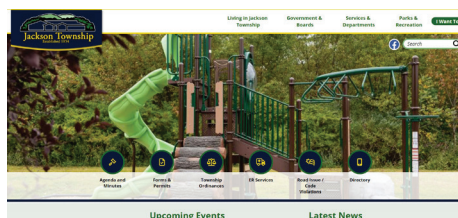
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## WE’VE GOT A BRAND NEW LOOK

Check out our redesigned website at [www.jackson-township.com](http://www.jackson-township.com)!

This new, customized design makes it easier for you to find the information you are looking for - from agendas to upcoming events, and the latest news.

The mobile friendly site makes it easy to access information wherever you are, and you have the ability to subscribe to information you care about.



As always, the Township will continue to add and adjust content according to the needs of our community. ■

## Board of Supervisors

Jay Grinnell – Chairman  
Allan Osterwise – Vice Chairman  
Marianne Hall – Supervisor

Township Offices:  
140 Magill Road  
Zelienople PA 16063  
724-452-5581

Police Department:  
(Non-emergency calls)  
724-452-5600

## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 7	Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 12	Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 4:30 p.m.; Jackson Municipal Authority Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
June 15	Board of Supervisors Voting Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 19-23	Jackson Township Clean Up Week, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
June 24	Jackson Township Clean Up Week, 8 a.m. – Noon
June 22	CDC Meeting, 6 p.m.
July 4	Independence Day, Township Office is Closed
July 5	Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

July 17	Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 4:30 p.m.; Jackson Municipal Authority Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
July 20	Board of Supervisors Voting Meeting, 7 p.m.
July 27	CDC Meeting, 6 p.m.
August 2	Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
August 14	Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 4:30 p.m.; Jackson Municipal Authority Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
August 17	Board of Supervisors Voting Meeting, 7 p.m.
August 24	CDC Meeting, 6 p.m.

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## NORTHGATE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

As of the publication of this newsletter, the final steps in the completion of the Northgate Light Project and associated development in Sippel Reservoir Park are underway, specifically the following improvements:

Pouring of the bridge abutments and installation of the precast steel pedestrian bridge over Scholar's Run is underway. The link will connect the park with the Harmony Trail and nearby neighborhoods. Trails and sidewalks extending to SR 19 from the park will provide a further connection with businesses in Jackson Township and Zelienople's Main Street to the south.

Upon the movement of a main water line on the east side of SR 19, construction of turning lanes on SR 19 will be completed, as will the construction of connector roads to use on both sides of SR 19. The arrangement will allow access to the signal most uses on the west side, including the Creekside Plaza, all uses on the east side, including Sippel Reservoir Park. The

project was funded through the County's Infrastructure Bank, grants from the Commonwealth Financing Authority and County Municipal Infrastructure Program, and a contribution from the owners of the Northgate Plaza. The project's goal is to maximize safety where excessive curb cuts and increased traffic have posed increased concerns in an area where several accidents have occurred.

At Sippel Reservoir Park, crews are completing the paving and striping of the parking lot within the park and the two-acre fishing pond within the area of the remaining former reservoir basin.

Despite delays in permitting associated with the pandemic as well as supply chain issues, the Township in partnership with the cooperation of several private landowners, looks forward to bringing this project to a successful completion. While taking additional time, the good faith efforts made by local business and property owners throughout the negotiations necessary for land



acquisition as well as the donation of fill for completion of the pond have saved costs and greatly aided in the long-term development of a safer corridor, a more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community, and ongoing development of parks and recreational amenities within the Township and region. ■

## ROAD REFRESH

In 2023, the Township's Roads Program has focused on maintaining and extending the life of the Township's roads. The following roads are slated to be seal coated in the near future:

- Edren Close Road
- Evans Road
- Evergreen Mill Road
- Jo Deener Drive
- Magill Road
- Nickle Road
- Perry Way
- Shaffer Drive

Seal coating or tar and chip helps to extend the life of roads and thus saves dollars by protecting road surfaces and minimizing cracking and deterioration of roads until such time as they are resurfaced or repaved. This year, the Township's contractor will apply a "fog seal" approximately two weeks in lieu of a double seal coat. This approach allows for a cost-effective means of protecting



the road surface while providing a more attractive finish on local residential streets.

As the recipient of over one million dollars in funding through Butler County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Municipal Infrastructure Program, the Township is proceeding to secure easements, permits and contracts necessary to enhance stormwater retention in various areas of the Township in an effort to reduce localized flooding impacting Jackson Township and its neighbors. These projects are actively pursued in cooperation with our neighbors in Zelienople, Harmony and Evans City, and in accordance with projects identified in planning efforts of the Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Group in which the Township continues to participate. ■

## WELCOME TO THE TOWNSHIP



Join us in welcoming Burn Boot Camp to the Township, located at 22095 Perry Highway, Suite 201. Find your strength. Unlimited camps, focus meetings, nutritional support, complimentary childcare are available as well as the support from the Burn community. To learn more, visit <https://burnbootcamp.com/locations/zelienople-pa/>. ■

Photo credit: Burn Boot Camp Website



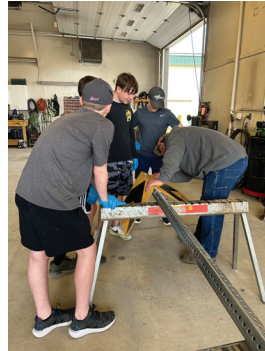


## GROWING A BETTER COMMUNITY, TOGETHER

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According to the District, this new program is a building-wide service-learning initiative where each RGMS team made up of seventh and eighth-grade students, works with one of the nine communities – including Jackson Township. The goal of the program is to facilitate and empower students to serve others, develop connections to the community, and become more experienced individuals.

Mr. Rearick continued, “We hope the students learned something about how local government works and had fun in the process.” ■





# ZELIENOPLE PARKS AND RECREATION

SUMMER 2023

## MAD SCIENCE AT THE PARK

**Fizz, Boom, Bang!**

**June 19-23**

9am-12pm

Ages 6-11



Shake up a flash of fun as a junior chemist! This hands-on and interactive program of chemistry for elementary schoolers is packed solid with cool reactions. Students put on goggles and change liquid to solid and back again. They get to handle laboratory tools, build and break molecules, and pick up some tricks on chemical changes.

Resident Fee: \$170.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$175.00

## Secret Agent Lab

**July 17-21**

9am-12pm

Ages 6-11

Develop your special agent and detective skills in this super hands-on program! Uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Sharpen your secret agent skills and discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence from fingerprints to tracks to trash! Secret agents-in-training will use science and awesome technological tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects in this investigation into the science of sleuthing.

Resident Fee: \$170.00

Non-Resident Fee: \$175.00

**Register for swim lessons,  
rent a pavillion, purchase a  
pool membership, and more  
at [www.myzeliepark.com](http://www.myzeliepark.com).**

## COMMUNITY POOL NEWS



**Open 7 Days a Week!**

Open to Members: 11:00am-7:00pm

Open to Public: 11:30am-7:00pm

Hours are subject to change at any time due to inclement weather or low attendance. Check our Facebook page for updates!

### Zelienople Borough/Jackson Twp./Lancaster Twp. Resident Pool Membership Rates

Individual	\$130
Family of 2	\$200
Family of 3	\$255
Family of 4	\$300
Family of 5 or more	\$360
Nanny	\$88
Individual (Age 60+)	\$64
Couple (Age 60+)	\$100

### Zelienople Borough/Jackson Twp./Lancaster Twp. Resident Pool Daily Admission Rates

Residents	\$10
Resident Children Ages 3-12	\$8
Children Under 2	Free

## PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Lessons are available for children and adults. Private swim lessons offer individual instruction and will help gain confidence in the water. Basic swimming strokes and safety precautions will be covered in four half-hour lessons from 10:15-10:45am during one of the following sessions.

**June 12-15**

**June 19-22**

**June 26-29**

**July 10-13**

**July 17-20**

**July 24-27**

Members: \$95/4 lessons

Non-members: \$105/4 lessons





## SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

**JUNE 29**

Puss in Boots

**JULY 20**

Encanto

**AUGUST 25**

The Super Mario Bros. Movie



## SOCCER SHOTS

Soccer Shots will be returning to the Park for soccer programming, character building, and fun on Thursdays from August 24 to October 5 from 5-6:50pm. Register online by visiting [www.soccershots.com/Pittsburgh](http://www.soccershots.com/Pittsburgh).

## SCUBA CERTIFICATION COURSES

Zelienople Community Pool will be hosting three PADI Scuba certification classes this summer! Mars Scuba will be holding classes from 6-9pm during the following sessions:

**July 10, 12, 17, and 19**

**August 7, 9, 14, and 16**

**September 11, 13, 18, and 20**

For more information or to register, visit [www.MarsScuba.com](http://www.MarsScuba.com).

## POOL NIGHT SWIMS

### MEMBERS ONLY APPRECIATION NIGHTS

7:30-9:30pm

**June 19th**

**July 11th**

**August 15th**

### PUBLIC NIGHT SWIMS

7:30-9:30pm

**June 26th**

**July 24th**

**August 8th**

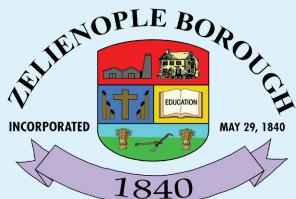
Residents: \$7

Non-Residents: \$9

Open to Members

## POOL PARTIES

Make a splash! Book your party at the pool. Party packages and after hours options available. For more details, call 724-473-0921 ext. 245.



FREE

## CONCERTS AT THE PARK



**JULY 11**

**The Eldorado Band**  
Rockin' Country  
7pm

**THE MAZEROSKIS**



**JULY 18**

**The Mazeroskis**  
60s and 70s Rock  
7pm



**JULY 25**

**Totally 80s**  
1980s Tribute Band  
7pm



**AUGUST 1**

**Water View Band**  
Classic Rock & Blues  
7pm



## 4TH OF JULY AT THE PARK

Join us for an evening with the Pittsburgh Philharmonic followed by fireworks! Check our Facebook page for more details.

## SHELTER RENTALS

Book your next event at the Park! Reserve one of our facilities by visiting [www.myzeliepark.org](http://www.myzeliepark.org).

*Get Connected!*

Stay up-to-date on pool closings, events, and news!



[www.myzeliepark.org](http://www.myzeliepark.org)



## SUMMER READING LIST

Zelienople Area Public Library (ZAPL) is celebrating reading and learning with all kinds of adventures this summer, as they explore the theme “All Together Now: Kindness/Friendship/Unity.”



Summer Reading kicks off June 12, and registration is free and open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded to kids, teens and adults as they work toward their individual reading goals.

The first big event of summer is a Kid’s Concert with Tom Sieling on the Library lawn at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21.

July’s big event is a “Dog Man Party” from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, July 17. Kids ages six and older can register to attend this crime-fighting, fur-covered, superhero party inspired by the graphic novels.

ZAPL will also welcome the Zoo-mobile with “Wonder of Wildlife.” Join them at the Zelienople Community Park’s Ayers Amphitheater at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 27 for a wild time!

The Summer Finale will be a “Popsicle Party” from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, at the Library. Finish off an activity packed summer with yard games, popcorn and popsicles!

Teen Leadership Council, Teen Book Club, Adventure Night and Tabletop Game Nights will extend throughout the summer, with each group meeting monthly. Check out the Library’s Facebook and website for dates or ask at the circulation desk.



For those 21 years of age and older, join ZAPL on Saturday, June 10, for the Summer Wine Walk in Historic Harmony. Sip, shop and support your Library as you enjoy tastings from local wineries, distilleries and cideries. This popular event always sells out, so get your tickets at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). It is \$60 for VIP Early Entry (4-9 p.m.) and \$40 for General Admission (5-9 p.m.). Questions? Call 724-452-9330 or visit the [Eventbrite site for FAQs](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Also in the works for summer is a Care Kit Assembly Night for Foster Care Children and a puzzle building competition for families.

We invite you to see the Zelienople Area Public Library has to offer this summer! ■



## DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



Jackson Township



Jackson Township Police



## POLICE BLOTTER

## WELCOME OFFICERS LONGDON AND PODOLEC

Scott Longdon is an Air Force Security Police veteran who served in the Gulf War and held the rank of Sergeant and retired Lieutenant/EMT from the Butler City Fire Department. He has 19 years of Law Enforcement experience with Evans City and Evans City Seven Fields Regional Police combined where he held the rank of Corporal.

Michael Podolec has four years of Law Enforcement experience and worked at the Evans City Seven Fields Regional Police Department before coming to Jackson Township. Officer Podolec grew up in Cranberry Township and attended Seneca Valley. He received his bachelor's degree in criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) and attended the police academy at IUP after receiving his Act 120 certification. ■



Officer Longdon



Officer Podolec

## BURNING? BEWARE

Recreational fires\* are allowed in the Township, given the fire is continually attended and is extinguished prior to leaving the area. At all times, the attendant shall have a source close by to extinguish the fire (see below).

All other fires would require a permit from the Township at a fee of \$35, the application is available on the website, [www.jackson-township.com](http://www.jackson-township.com). The Township follows the International Fire Code. Here are a few of the rules pursuant to the code for open burning\*\*:

Permitted hours are between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

**2021 International Fire Code:****307.1.1 Prohibited open burning.**

Open burning shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

**307.4 Location.** The location for open burning shall be not less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

**Exceptions:**

1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

**307.5 Attendance.** Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one portable fire extinguisher complying with **Section 906** with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

*\*Recreational Fire. An outdoor fire burning material other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, BBQ grill or BBQ pit and has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.*

*\*\*Open Burning. The burning of material wherein products of combustion are*



*emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically consider open flames, recreational fires or use of portable outdoor fireplaces. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only aperture, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.* ■

## INCREASED ENFORCEMENT, SLOWER SPEEDS

Jackson Township Police will be increasing speed enforcement and there will be dedicated Traffic Enforcement Officers patrolling the Township throughout the rest of spring and summer. Please be cautious and watch your speed. As a reminder, Township residential roads are 25 mph.





## 2023 JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

**Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 24, 8 a.m. - Noon**

**YOU MUST BRING ORIGINAL COUPON (NO PHOTOCOPIES) & PHOTO ID**

Please use the coupon. Additional copies of the newsletter are available at the Township office during normal business hours. The landfill will strictly enforce the use of one (1) coupon per household.

**Acceptance of E-Waste is limited to this week only for Jackson Township residents.** Electronic waste (E-Waste) must be recycled. Butler County sponsors additional recycling programs for electronics and Household Hazardous Waste. For more information visit [www.recyclebutler.us](http://www.recyclebutler.us) or call Butler County Department of Recycling and Waste Management at 724-284-5305.

All household appliances MUST BE TAGGED that Freon has been properly evacuated. Please contact the Department of Environmental Protection for more information at 814-332-6945. ■

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Furniture
- Tires (off the rim) 2 per family
- Empty (or dried up) paint cans
- Large & small appliances (Must be tagged that Freon has been properly evacuated by a licensed professional.)
- Metals (keep separate)
- Motor Oil (keep separate, do not mix with anything else)
- Batteries (keep separate)

- UNBROKEN E-Waste: Computer towers, keyboards, printers, other peripherals,
- **Television & Computer Monitors - LIMIT 1 PER COUPON**

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Live ammunition/explosives
- Oversized tires, tires on rims
- Liquids
- Propane cylinders

**\*\*JACKSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY – LIMIT ONE (1) TRUCKLOAD PER HOUSEHOLD\*\***

### JACKSON TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS – 2023

June 19 through June 23 8:00 am to 2:00 pm | Saturday, June 24- 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

Seneca Landfill Site – 421 Hartmann Road, Evans City, PA 16033 | Must present this original card and photo ID at site.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

THE NUMBER & TYPE OF ITEMS YOU BROUGHT TO THE LANDFILL:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* For a list of acceptable and prohibited items please refer to our website at [www.jackson-township.com](http://www.jackson-township.com) \*

Thank you in advance for following the outlined guidelines, in doing so you are showing your appreciation to the Seneca Landfill for offering this generous opportunity to the community every year.