Jackson Township: HOMETOWN NEWS



FALL 2022

BLAZING NEW TRAILS

Throughout the past year, the Township's Public Works Department has worked to improve a series of planned trail connections and to upgrade existing trail surfaces in the Township. The Township aims to secure and improve connections that promote both recreation and safety by providing pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods, to parks, the adjoining Boroughs, the SR 528 Park and Ride facility and businesses in the Township. *continued on page 3*



Board of Supervisors

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Oct. 20	Board of Supervisors Meeting, 7 p.m.
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- Oct. 22 Touch-A-Truck Event, 1-5 p.m.;
- see more on page 2 Oct. 31 Trick or Treat, 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 2 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 8 Election Day, office is closed
- Nov. 17 Board of Supervisors Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 24 Holiday, office is closed
- Dec. 7 Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Board of Supervisors Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 26 Holiday, office is closed





COMING SOON!

Jackson Township's website is getting a refresh! Stay tuned for updates in the new year.

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TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT

Sponsored by Jackson Township Community Development Corporation

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This interactive outdoor family activity allows children (and adults) to climb, discover and explore their favorite big trucks and vehicles and meet the people who build, protect and serve our community!

> <u>Sippel Reservoir Park</u> <u>131 Perry Highway,</u> <u>Harmony, PA 16037</u>

SATURDAY, OCT. 22* 1-5 P.M.

TAKE THE WHEEL & JOIN US!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

BIG TRUCKS & VEHICLES TO EXPLORE

FOOD TRUCKS TO ENJOY

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Free \$5 off ticket (one per family with purchase of \$20) for Food Trucks for anyone who registers prior to the event. To register visit:

www.jackson-township.com

Overflow parking available at Steamfitters 230 Wise Road, Harmony, PA 16037 *RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, OCT. 29

NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Woodland Reserve: received tentative approval for a Rural Corridor Mixed Housing Planned Residential Development, located along Pattison Street Extension, comprising of 24 single-family dwellings, 30 duplex building (60 units), 10 quadraplexes (40 units), a clubhouse and related infrastructure.

Creekside Manor: received final approval

for Phase 3 for a Village Traditional

Neighborhood, located along Mercer

Road, to build four apartment buildings

comprising of 240 units, a recreational

swimming pool, clubhouse and related

WELCOME TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP

The Township welcomes the following new businesses:

Debbie's Delicious

Desserts, located at 2430 Evans City Road, offering an assortment of pies and pastries, fresh daily.



Werner Enterprises, located at 108 Tomlinson Drive, a last mile distribution center.



Woodland Reserve

Creekside Manor

infrastructure.

BLAZING NEW TRAILS continued from page 1

Trails have been primarily financed through grants, developer contributions and the time and equipment of the Township's Public Works Department.

The following connections have or will be completed soon:

Murphy Tractor - A trail connecting the Harmony Trail through the Murphy Tractor Property to the northern portion of Sippel Reservoir Park. Installation of a pedestrian/ bicycle bridge will occur later this year or early next year with a precast steel structure spanning 40 feet over Scholar's Run to the park. The connection provides reciprocal access from Harmony Borough and neighborhoods in the Jackson Manor Area of the Township to Sippel Reservoir Park, businesses within the Northgate Plaza and Zelienople Borough.

Tollgate School Road Trails – The Township extended, improved and paved the trail network along Tollgate School Road. Plans include an extension of sidewalks or trails to the Jackson Crossings Plan.

Park and Ride Connector – The Township completed pavement of the switchback as well as an accompanying parking area at the Woodside Drive (Brookview Farms)



entrance to the one-mile Park and Ride Connector Trail.

Sippel Reservoir Park

The Township completed installation of a playground, base paving of the parking lot and construction of a pavilion in Sippel Reservoir Park. Reconstruction of the remaining reservoir basin as a two-acre fishing pond is commencing this fall. The Township was recently informed of grant funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to fund the construction of a concession stand and restrooms at the park (pictured above). Construction is anticipated in 2023.

Porter Cove

The Township is beginning improvements to Porter Cove, adding a pavilion and parking area.

Evergreen Mill Road

The Township plans to institute a combination of trails, lanes and sidewalks along Evergreen Mill Road to safely connect the Harmony Trail area to Porter Cove.

2023 ZELIENOPLE PARKS AND RECREATION POOL RATES

Zelienople Pool Family Membership Requirements

A family is identified as parent(s) or guardian(s) and any unmarried children, ages 22 and under who reside in the same household. Age 22+ living at home, and other relatives or individuals in the household, may be subject to proof of residency. Passes are Non-Transferable. No refunds on Membership Passes after May 25. Children ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult age 18 and over. Children 2 and under are free with adult admission and must always be accompanied by an adult.

Zelienople Pool Members will receive the Early Entry Advantage from 11-11:30 a.m.

Non-members will be able to enter the pool area at 11:30 a.m. weather permitting.

Zelienople Area Residents Zelienople Borough/ Jackson Township Residents

	Purchased Now to 1/31/23	Purchased by 2/1/23 to 3/31/23	Full Price 4/1/23
Individual	\$88.00	\$108.00	\$130.00
Family of 2	\$139.00	\$160.00	\$200.00
Family of 3	\$180.00	\$205.00	\$255.00
Family of 4	\$210.00	\$247.00	\$300.00
Family of 5 or more	\$255.00	\$290.00	\$360.00
Nanny	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$88.00
Seniors age 60+			
Individual	\$44.00	\$54.00	\$64.00
Couple	\$69.00	\$85.00	\$100.00

Daily Admission			
Zelienople Area Resident	\$10.00		
Resident Children ages 3-12	\$8.00		
Children age 2 and Under	Free		
Non-Resident	\$14.00		
Non-Resident Children 3-12	\$12.00		
Children age 2 and Under	Free		
Senior 60+ Daily Admission	\$8.00		

Punch Passes For Members

For Members Only. Discounted Daily Admission For Members. This will enable member to bring a guest. 10 Card Punch \$60.00 5 Card Punch \$35.00

Photo credit: Zelienople Community Park



Non-Zelienople Area Residents

	Purchased Now to 1/31/23	Purchased by 2/1/23 to 3/31/23	Full Price 4/1/23
Individual	\$105.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Family of 2	\$160.00	\$185.00	\$230.00
Family of 3	\$210.00	\$240.00	\$300.00
Family of 4	\$255.00	\$290.00	\$365.00
Family of 5 or more	\$295.00	\$336.00	\$420.00
Nanny	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$88.00
Seniors age 60+			
Individual	\$52.00	\$62.00	\$75.00
Couple	\$77.00	\$95.00	\$116.00

Daily Admission (Night Swim)		
\$7.00		
\$9.00		
Free		

After-Hours Pool Facility Rental		
Zelienople Area Resident or Member	\$575 – Two hours of swim time	
Non-Resident/Non-Member	\$695 – Two hours of swim time	



FALL FUN FOR AGES 12 & UNDER!

MOODY'S MONSTER MASH

OCTOBER 29 | 12-3 PM ZELIENOPLE COMMUNITY PARK

SPONSORED BY MOODY SALES & ALLEGHENY PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

FACE PAINTING HAY MAZE GAMES & PRIZES

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PUMPKIN DECORATING FOOD TRUCKS ...AND MORE!

POLICE BLOTTER

SLOWER SPEEDS

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



WELCOME, OFFICER PIPKIN

Jackson Township Police Department (JTPD) Officer Chris Pipkin might be new to the Township and the school resource officer (SRO) role at Seneca Valley, but he's certainly not new to law enforcement. That's because this 12-year veteran of various police departments including Lancaster Township Police Department, Evans City/ Seven Fields Regional Police Department, Point Park University Police Department and the Beaver County Sheriff's Office brings with him a wealth of police experience.

Officer Pipkin joins JTPD SRO Chris Miller and JTPD SRO



Chris McGee on the secondary campus in Jackson Township. We welcome him to Jackson Township!

CONGRATULATIONS, CORPORAL

Officer Zeke Reed was recently promoted to Corporal. This prestigious achievement is one that is based on specific criteria, a minimum of five years' experience, as well as a rigorous interview process. The interviews for the applicants consisted of 20 questions that were asked in front of a three-person panel and answers were scored on a five-point scale. Corporal Reed has 21 years of full-time service with Jackson Township, and we extend our congratulations to him in this new role!

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS STUDENTS, SCHOOL BUSES BACK TO ROADS

The third week of October marks National School Bus Safety week. In honor of that, the Township wants to remind all drivers that school bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Please do your part when driving and abide by Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law:

- When you meet a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you MUST STOP.
- When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you MUST STOP, whether you are on the same street or the cross street.
- You MUST STOP at least 10 feet away from the school bus.
- Drivers do not have to stop on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.
- You MUST WAIT until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- DO NOT MOVE until all the children have reached a place of safety. Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- Five points on your driving record
- \$250 Fine

For more information about the school bus stopping law and to see photo examples, visit **www.dmv.state.pa.us**.



A HARVEST OF FALL ACTIVITIES

The Zelienople Area Public Library (ZAPL) has a variety of fun fall activities for all ages. Read more below.

ZAPL's children's programs are in full swing. Story times for children birthfive years old; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs for children ages 5-12; and the reading club for struggling readers ages 5-12 is offered weekly and on a drop-in basis. There will be a special story time at 11 a.m. on Halloween (Oct.31), and a Superhero Showdown event for kids ages three and up on Thursday, Nov. 17, which requires registration to attend.

Join the ZAPL in a celebration of Halloween throughout the month of October. For this young adult program, patrons ages 13 and up are invited to enjoy the changing leaves and cooler temperatures with spooky stories and classic films. Each week ZAPL will be pairing one night of stories with a connected movie night later in the week. "Six Nights of Halloween" will start on Tuesday, Oct. 4, and end on Friday, Oct. 28. Story nights and the last movie night will be held at the Library (Oct. 4, 18, 25 and 28), and the first two movie nights will be at the Zelienople Community Park Amphitheater (Oct. 7 and 21).

The "Memory Lane" reminisce group for ages 55+ starts at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 21. ZAPL is excited to be able to again offer senior programming.

Zelienople amateur photographer Andrew Barclay will be a guest for all ages at the Local Showcase Series at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22. He will be doing a presentation on his photography and will be offering some tips for fellow photographers. Andrew's work is often seen on local online forums. ZAPL's next author visit is with Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt who will talk about her book "The Mount Washington Transit Tunnel Disaster" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10. The Local Showcase Series wraps up at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 with certified professional organizer Vickie Dellaguila presenting "Organizing for Kids." Vickie will be sharing organizing tips and talking about her children's book, "Ophelia." Both author events will include the chance to purchase the book and a book signing to conclude the event.

Come out to a fun night for a good cause at the Casino Cash Blast Fundraiser at Steamfitters Event Center from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$150 for a couple. Enjoy casino games, reverse raffle, food and



drink. Sponsorship opportunities are also still available. For more information, visit www.zelienoplelibrary.org.

Local artist, Diane Smith has prints in her Harmony/Zelienople series that can be ordered through the Library. All prints are signed and available in two sizes: 8 x 10 for \$100 (plus tax) or 11 x 14 for \$125 (plus tax). A portion of the sale benefits the Library.

Current Library hours are:

Monday-Thursdays: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Call 724-452-9330 with any questions about ZAPL's programming and services. ■

AS A REMINDER

In our effort to provide more reliable communications with residents and businesses



in the Township, we contracted with SwiftReach Networks, Inc. as our Emergency Notification service provider. Swift911™ is a system that makes phone calls, sends text messages and emails to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. These messages may include information on road closures and weather emergencies. All the calls you receive will have the Caller ID of 'Jackson Township.'

The current system only includes listed numbers, to make the portal and add or update your contact information please use the following link: http://portalv4.swiftreach.com/portal.aspx?c=201729. You can customize how you receive your alerts by including your email address and cell phone number. Your information will not be provided to any outside companies.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jackson Township Community Development Corporation (CDC) partners with Jackson Township and its neighborhoods and acts as a sponsor and friend of the Township's Park



system. This committee of volunteers helps build and bolster community amenities and is seeking additional volunteers to join them.

If interested, please contact Katie Huttinger at khuttinger@jackson-township.com.

Also, be sure to keep an eye out for sponsorship and memorial opportunities that will be published on the Township's website in the near future.

COMING THIS SPRING...

The Township is proceeding with the completion of the Northgate Plaza Project, funded by the Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Fund, a low interest loan from the County and private contributions. The Project involves installation of a traffic light and turning lanes at the current entrance to the Northgate Plaza on SR 19, the installation of a connecting ring road to Sippel Reservoir Park, property acquisition and improvements that will link the Creekside Plaza and adjoining businesses on the west side to the intersection, and installation of a pedestrian bridge over Scholar's Run in the northern part of the park to provide a crucial link within the Township's Trail System.

The project recently began construction with completion and signal activation anticipated in the spring of 2023. The project will provide much-needed safety improvements along the corridor and will provide regional bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between commercial, recreational and residential areas of the Township and Zelienople and Harmony Boroughs.





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