

Jackson Township: HOMETOWN NEWS

WINTER 2023



JACKSON TOWNSHIP RECEIVES BUTLER COUNTY MIP GRANT

Jackson Township is pleased to announce the receipt of \$1,102,948.35, awarded from the Butler County Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP), utilizing the County's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF).

"We would therefore like to thank the County Commissioners for a great start to 2023," stated Township Manager Chris Rearick. "The funds will be used for stormwater projects throughout the Township and are an outgrowth of mutually beneficial plans and projects that have grown out of our dialogue with our neighboring communities in the Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Group."

These funds will be used for the Northgate Stormwater Improvements, Swampoodle Stormwater Mitigation and Wetland Enhancement, German Street Flooding Mitigation, and the Tollgate Basin Retrofits projects.

The Northgate Stormwater Improvements will include better management of water from SR 19 in the area of the Northgate Plaza, just north of Zelienople, as well as stormwater from the road infrastructure built from a signalized intersection to be completed at the Northgate Plaza entrance to the Township's Sippel Reservoir Park,



where the remaining reservoir will be utilized as a stormwater feature and fishing pond (pictured above).

The German Street project will include an upgrade of stormwater pipes, catch basins and outfalls to lessen the impact of flooding events in German Street affecting property in Jackson Township and Harmony Borough that result in frequent closures of German Street for localized flooding events.

The Swampoodle Project funding offers the opportunity to enhance existing wetlands to better manage uncontrolled runoff from I-79 which impacts properties in Jackson Township and Harmony Borough and complements work planned in Harmony Borough.

He continued, "The Tollgate Basin project will offer the opportunity, with the cooperation of Township Homeowners' Associations, to improve the capacity of

and make improvements to flood control and water quality from the new developments and surrounding land. This action, in turn, will aid in minimizing local flooding events and lessens downstream impacts on the Glade Run corridor and our neighbors in Zelienople Borough."

The balance of \$193,500 in anticipated matching costs will be budgeted from the Township's Capital Reserve Funds which are funded through a variety of sources, including Act 13 Impact Fees (gas well impact fees) received from the Commonwealth.

The Township will begin reaching out to property owners and homeowners' associations in the project areas shortly and will move the projects forward with anticipated completion in 2024 and 2025. ■

Board of Supervisors

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140 Magill Road
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724-452-5581

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(Non-emergency calls)
724-452-5600

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 1	Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 13	Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Board of Supervisors Voting Meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 20	Holiday, office is closed
March 1	Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
March 13	Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
March 16	Board of Supervisors Voting Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 5	Planning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 7	Holiday, office is closed
April 17	Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
April 20	Board of Supervisors Voting Meeting, 7 p.m.

BUDGET APPROVED

The 2023 Township Budget was approved at the Dec. 15 Board of Supervisors Meeting. To view the full document, [visit here](#).

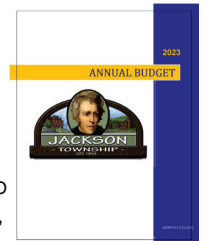


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CLOSING THE CASE

Ethylene Oxide threat mitigated

Due to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) findings in August 2022, Jackson Township re-evaluated the facility's light industrial use classification. Subsequently, American Contract System (ACS) was sent a notice of violation that their use does not fit the light industrial definition as defined within the flexible use definition in Township's Zoning Ordinance.

ACS appealed the determination and went before Jackson Township's Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB), in a public hearing, on Oct. 6, 2022, and offered expert testimony that showed that the size of the operation which uses under 1,000 tons of ethylene oxide a year, under the current threshold for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to regulate. The dry bed scrubber that was voluntarily installed reduced the emissions to 0.0077 PPM, a nominal number within the margin of error of the equipment used as stated by Daniel Kremer, president of Kremer Environmental Services/ECSi, Inc., a recognized expert by the EPA and other regulatory agencies, who performed the emissions testing at the facility on Oct. 5-6 2022, on the behalf of ACS.

Mr. Kremer stated, "It (EtO) was nondetect. There were no detected levels of Ethylene Oxide. It [dry bed scrubber] is effective at removing the Ethylene Oxide from air streams."

Given the testimony, the ZHB continued the public hearing and reconvened on Nov. 3, 2022, where the ZHB found the use of ACS license area is secondary to the permitted principal use of the Subject Property as medical distribution center in consideration of the following conditions:

1. Hours of gas injection operations will be limited from 5 a.m.-11 p.m.
2. The use shall not result in unreasonable noise, dust, odor, glare, light or other disturbances at the property line or on adjacent properties;
3. No ethylene oxide shall be stored outside of the buildings on the Subject Property;

4. Areas where ethylene oxide is used (EO storage closets, injection rooms, and aeration chambers) will not exceed 6,359 SF. This calculation does not include areas where EO is not used (breakdown rooms, assembly rooms or the remainder of the warehouse);
5. Agree to provide the Township with all test results furnished to PA DEP or EPA;
6. Shall not increase emissions of ethylene oxide from scrubbers above 0.0077 PPM;
7. Maximum usage of one ton of ethylene oxide annually;
8. Shall not release emissions of ethylene oxide from the facility except through the installed dry scrubbing system or an equivalent emission control systems approved by the PA DEP or EPA which would not increase the emissions of ethylene oxide above .0077 PPM or the maximum amount allowed by applicable state or federal law or regulation, whichever is less;
9. The Applicants will provide the Township biennially (every two years) with documentation from a qualified trained professional that the dry scrubbers are properly functioning; and
10. Shall comply with all federal and state laws and regulations with respect to use of and emissions of ethylene oxide.

In September 2022, ACS voluntarily installed dry scrubbers that effectively eliminate the emissions of Ethylene Oxide (EtO) from its facility located at 4050 Jackson Pointe Court. The medical sterilization operation uses a diffusion sterilization method that involves small amounts of EtO in a licensed area of approximately 12,000 square feet to sterilize consumable medical surgical supplies received and shipped by PDL Distribution Services, LLC (PDL), who occupies the remaining 151,000 square feet of the building as a medical distribution center for regional hospitals and surgical centers.

The EPA released a report on Aug. 3, 2022, naming ACS as one of several



sterilization facilities across the country whose emissions of ethylene oxide were identified as being at potentially concerning levels for their communities. They published a map that estimated lifetime cancer risks of a 100 in a million or greater from breathing air containing EtO emitted from the facility over a 70-year period with daily exposure. Jackson Township, along with the general public, became aware of the identified elevated long-term cancer risks associated with the use of ethylene oxide within a facility identified within the Township at this time and was originally not aware of any known hazards or emissions of hazards stemming from the facility. The occupancy was reviewed and found to be in compliance with the International Fire and Building Codes of the Commonwealth at the time of occupancy.

"With the health and safety of our residents as a priority, the Township is pleased with the outcome of the Zoning Hearing Board decision as well as the action initially taken by ACS in response to the EPA's report," stated Township manager Chris Rearick. "We will continue our due diligence to ensure that the agreed upon inspections and reports are provided by ACS in the future and hope that the EPA will furnish the details of the updated scrubber installation at the upcoming webinar."

The EPA's webinar will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 2. To register, click here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#) ■

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Township office at 724-452-5581.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

It's official. Winter is here. Fortunately, the Jackson Township Road Department (RD) is ready.

Earlier this year, the Jackson Township RD completed winter maintenance training. In addition, they performed dry runs, prepped trucks and purchased salt in the preparation for snow removal this winter. A big thank you to the road crew for their hard work, especially over the December holidays.

Here are a few reminders for residents as we head deeper into the winter season:

- To avoid interference with the plow trucks, do not park on the streets in housing developments or on any roadways. Also, please remove all basketball hoops from roads and cul de sacs.
- When removing snow from your driveway, please do not throw it in the street. Instead, shovel snow on the opposite side of the snowplow's approach. (On a standard street, this would be on the right side of your driveway as you face the road).
- On days with lots of snowfall, if you are able, please stay home and off the main roadways.

Thank you in advance for your help! ■



COMING SOON TO THE TOWNSHIP...DOLLAR GENERAL

Dollar General is in the final process of approval to build of a 10,784 square foot store just south of the Northgate Plaza. The construction done by the developer will connect the access from SR 19 to the new ring road that leads to Sippel Park to the east and a traffic light at the entrance to the plaza, a project that has been in the works for several years as a result of cooperation from private property owners, the Township, and low interest loans from the Commonwealth and the County. The new Dollar General will be utilizing the Township right-of-way that was negotiated to bring a more attractive building and increased landscaping as it is located at the gateway to the recently constructed Sippel Park. Once final approvals are received, the construction is slated to begin in the spring/early summer. ■



2023 ZELIENOPLE PARKS AND RECREATION POOL RATES

It may be cold outside, but here at Jackson Township, we are already thinking about summer! See below for 2023 park and pool rates. For more information, visit <https://www.myzelienoplepark.org>.

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 two 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/ Lancaster Township

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

Non-Zelienople Area Residents

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

Daily Admission (Night Swim)	
Zelienople Area Resident	\$7.00
Non-Resident	\$9.00
Members	Free

After-Hours Pool Facility Rental	
Zelienople Area Resident or Member	\$575 – 2 hours of swim time
Non-Resident/Non-Member	\$695 – 2 hours of swim time

Zelienople Community Park Facility Rental Fees 2023

Facility	Week Day Monday Through Thursday		Weekend Friday Through Sunday		Occupancy	Alc/Tobacco	Grill	Lighting
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident				
Shelter 1 Ward Clark	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$75.00	35	Permit only	Yes	Yes
Shelter 2 Large Rotary	\$180.00	\$195.00	\$235.00	\$260.00	160	Permit only	Yes	Yes
Shelter 3	\$80.00	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00	70	Permit only	Yes	Yes
Shelter 4	\$80.00	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00	70	Permit only	Yes	Yes
Mussig Shelter	\$66.00	\$75.00	\$88.00	\$100.00	50	No	Yes	No
Gazebo	\$66.00	\$75.00	\$88.00	\$100.00	40	No	No	No
Amphitheater James A. Ayers Sr.	\$360.00	\$400.00	\$360.00	\$400.00				
Alcohol/Tobacco Permit (No Glass Containers)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00				

Amphitheater in Conjunction with Shelter #2 (Rotary Shelter)

Facility	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident
Baseball Fields	\$55.00 Hour	\$65.00 Per Hour	Per Field
Baseball Fields Day Rate (Over 6 Hours)	Day Rate \$355.00	Day Rate \$410.00	Per Field
Courts (Tennis, Basketball, Pickleball)	\$25.00 Per Hour	\$35.00 Per Hour	Per Court
Tennis (Court Both)	\$45.00 Per Hour	\$65.00 Per Hour	
Skate Park	\$65.00 Per Hour	\$75.00 Per Hour	
Pool Facility Rental 2Hours	\$575.00	\$695.00	
Park Parking Lot Available April, May, Sept, October	1/2 of lot \$188.00	1/2 of lot \$198.00	
Parking Lot Not Available end of May, June, July, August	Full lot \$375.00	Full lot \$385.00	



2023 IS OFF TO A GREAT START AT THE LIBRARY

It's a new year and there are lots of new things to discover at the Zelienople Area Public Library (ZAPL). But don't worry, your favorite books and programs are still here too. The library's new director, Nicole Sloka, is eager to meet members of the community. Ms. Sloka and her family reside in Zelienople and enjoy exploring the local shops, restaurants and outdoor spaces. Please feel free to stop in and introduce yourself.

ZAPL continues to offer a great lineup of children's programs from lap sit for babies, to Wacky Wednesday Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities for grades K-6.

New this year is Sensory Storytime on the fourth Saturday of the month. This program is designed for children, who are neurodiverse, have sensory needs or have a disability. Families are invited to attend together.

In addition to the Anime Club and Teen Leadership Council, the ZAPL's Teen

Librarian has also begun a monthly Teen Book Club. Interested teens can email lryan@bcfls.org to find out the next book and have a copy reserved for them.

Also, in the works for this year is a Mahjong group. The library will be setting aside time in the schedule for Mahjong, card players and board game nights.

For crafters, ZAPL has Coloring Night, Needlework Night and Junk Journal Night on the calendar. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates.

Attention users of OverDrive! The OverDrive app for downloading free eBooks and audiobooks is expiring soon. Make sure to switch to the Libby app by April, when OverDrive will be discontinued.

Feel free to stop by the library if you need more information on Libby or other online resources like Hoopla streaming service, Consumer Reports online, tutor.com or Ancestry Library Edition or to simply renew your library card.



The Zelienople Area
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finally, if you have a suggestion for a program you would like to see offered or need a meeting spot for a group you belong to, please call 724-452-9330 or email zapldirector@bcfls.org.


The Zelienople Area Public Library is located at 227 S. High Street, Zelienople, PA 16063.

Hours are:

Monday-Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.


Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ■



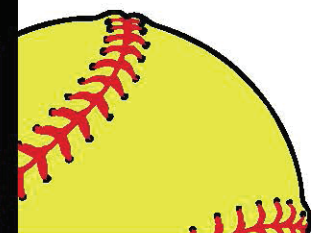
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NORTHGATE LIGHT PROJECT

After several years of planning, design, and property acquisition, the Northgate Light Project is expected to be completed by mid-year of 2023.

The project, funded by grants from the Commonwealth and County, private contributions, and a low interest loan from the Butler County Infrastructure Bank, was designed to address longstanding safety issues associated with access to SR 19 at the Northgate Plaza. However, throughout the course of seeking funding, the project grew to address opportunities provided by the development of the Township's Sippel Reservoir Park (pictured bottom left) and trail system as well as the opportunity to integrate developments on the west side of SR 19 to the planned traffic signal and turning lanes at the Northgate Plaza Entrance.

The project now includes a ring road connecting Sippel Reservoir Park to the light through the Northgate Plaza as well as a pedestrian bridge (pictured top right) providing a trail connection in the northern part of the Park to a trail system that connects to the Harmony Trail. The system effectively provides access from Harmony Borough and Township neighborhoods to the north, to the Park, surrounding businesses and Zelenople's Main Street to the south.

"The Township appreciates the collaboration of property owners and funding sources that were required to bring this important project to completion," stated Township Manager Chris Rearick. "The Township will also work in cooperation with the Jackson Township Community Development Corporation to direct the completion of a two-acre fishing pond from the remaining reservoir."

Construction is expected to be finalized in conjunction with the completion of the overall Northgate Plaza Project. ■



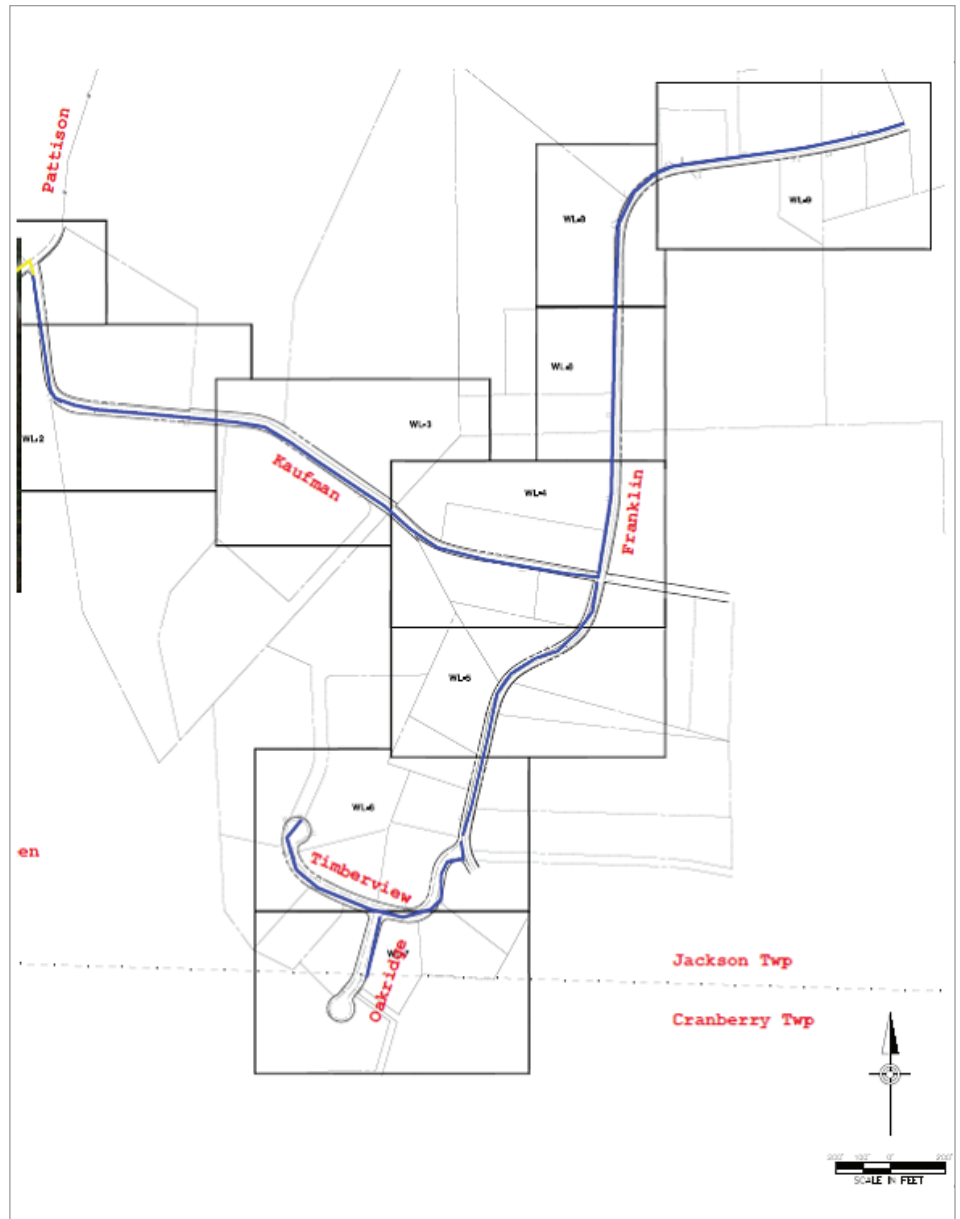
FRANKLIN ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT

The Township continues to seek funding to install waterlines to serve residents on the Franklin Road corridor and Timberview Plan.

Funding of the project has been challenging, as while no clear majority of residents in that project area support paying for public water, a significant number are in desperate need of public water, having experienced ongoing challenges with the reliability of private water wells in the area.

Butler County has generously funded storm water projects throughout the County and Jackson Township (see *Jackson Township receives Butler County MIP Grant* article on page 1) but has understandably referred the Township to Commonwealth funding sources, given the level of request the County received for such projects in its recently announced Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) awards. The Township has therefore made application for an H2O Grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority that could fund of the two thirds of the project.

Township Manager Chris Rearick added, "We hope to receive a decision within the next several months and are continuing to apply for the permits necessary to construct the project. Regardless of the outcome of the most recent application, we will continue to seek funding and low interest financing sources necessary to create a viable and affordable opportunity for residents of the corridor to obtain public water." ■



2023 HOME IMPROVEMENT PLANS

As you think about future projects for your home, depending on the project, a permit may be required.

Adding a deck, shed or pool? A building permit is needed for any structure 1,000 square feet or larger or if it is attached to the house. Residents who are looking for information about permits can locate specifics in the Jackson Township Code of **Ordinances Chapter 27, part 15**. This chapter includes information about fences and swimming pools. For accessory structures like garages, sheds and storage

buildings, see part 4. For decks visit the Code Enforcement Agency's (CEA) procedure list found at <http://www.jackson-township.com/wp-content/uploads/CEA-IRC-Deck-Procedure.pdf>.

The website also has how-tos and the applications for your use and reference at <http://jackson-township.com/permitting-development/permitting/>.

Still have questions? Please contact the Township Building at 724-452-5581, and we will be happy to assist you. ■



2023 ALARM PERMIT FEE

Those who reside in Jackson Township and have alarm permits were recently sent communication that their alarm permit expired on Dec. 31, 2022. As required by Jackson Township Ordinance 92-5-1 (amended); it is required to renew alarm permits annually. The renewal permit fee is \$20 and due no later than Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023. If you no longer have an active alarm system, please call our office at 724-452-5581 and provide your name and address which will be removed from the mailing list. Please remit your payment to:



Jackson Township
Alarm Permit Account
140 Magill Road
Zelienople, PA 16063

Thank you. ■

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. ■



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