

# Jackson Township: HOMETOWN NEWS



FALL 2023

## YOUR VOTE MATTERS

### Voting Information Updates

The Butler County Bureau of Elections approved a second polling location for Jackson Township in August.

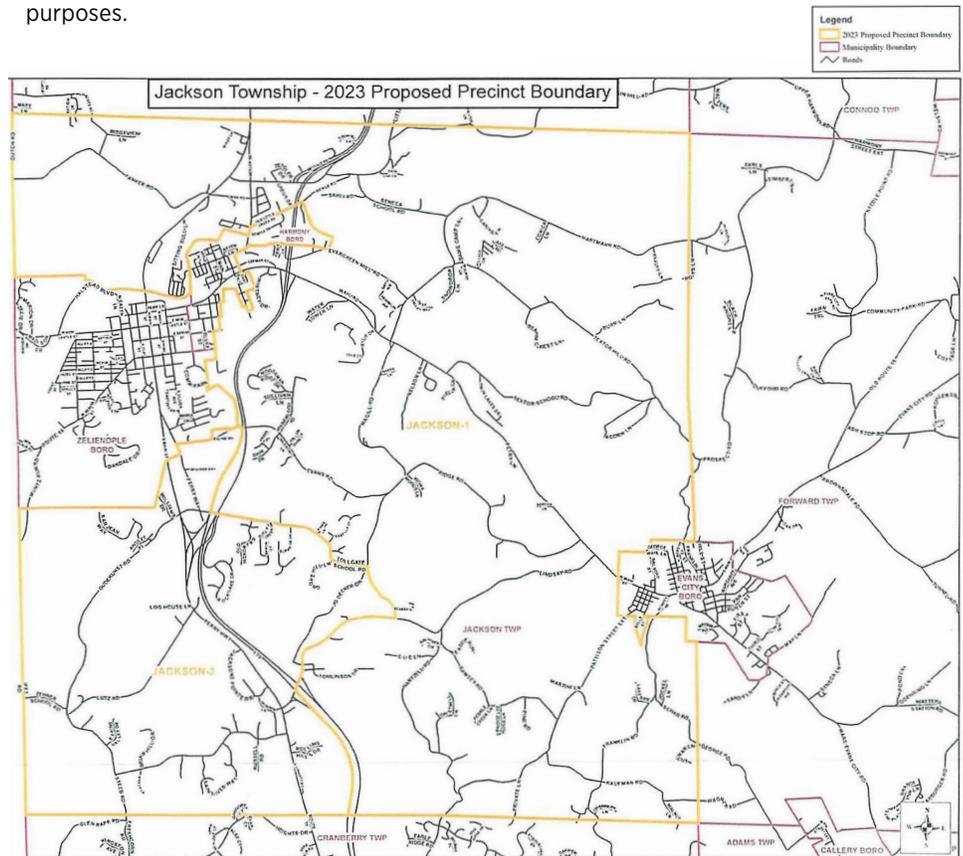
- Jackson Township 1 is located at Jackson Township Building, 140 Magill Road, Zelenople, PA 16063
- Jackson Township 2 is located at Rock Lake Community Center, 113 Rock Lake Drive, Zelenople, PA 16063

The Butler County Bureau of Elections mailed out updated polling locations for residents, and they should have received them by the end of September 2023. There was also a public notice in the *Butler Eagle*.



If the polling location is different, residents will get a new voting ID card. Please see map below that shows how the Township is divided for polling purposes.

Finally, for more information on polling locations, please visit: <https://www.butlercountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7243/Jackson-Notice?bidId=> ■



## Board of Supervisors

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

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

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 19 Board of Supervisors Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 21 Touch-A-Truck Event, 1-5 p.m.; see more on page 2
- Oct. 31 Trick or Treat, 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 16 Board of Supervisors Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 23-24 Holiday, office is closed
- Dec. 21 Board of Supervisors Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Holiday, office is closed

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# TAKE THE WHEEL AND JOIN US

at Jackson Township's  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TOUCH-A-TRUCK Event**

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!

**Sippel Reservoir Park**  
400 Reservoir Park Drive  
(formerly 131 Perry Highway)  
Harmony, PA 16037

**Saturday**  
**Oct. 21, 2023**

1-5 p.m.



For more information or to RSVP, visit  
<https://www.jackson-township.com/parks-and-recreation/page/touch-truck>



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION, REVIEW

The following projects are newly under construction in the Township.

### Residential:

- Seneca Hills, 70 townhomes, located off of Metcalf Road.
- Woodland Reserve, 124 single-family units with a mix of quads, duplexes, and single-family homes, on Pattison Street Extension.
- Seneca Trails Phase 2B, with 43 single-family homes; is a continuation of an existing plan on Gudekunst Road.

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors have reviewed and approved the following projects:

### Commercial:

- Jackson Village, a planned shopping center on Rt. 19 and Little Creek Road received preliminary approval for nine commercial establishments including a grocery store, auto-parts store, convenience store/gas station, bank, and drive-thru restaurants to be built in seven phases. Phase 1 and Phase 2 are in the process of getting final approvals

and wish to start construction as soon as possible.

- Cooper Property, a planned shopping center on Rt. 19, will combine existing retail and services into a planned shopping center with access to the new light at SR. 19. The new building will include offices/retail with residential dwelling units on the second floor. ■

## PLANS FOR THE PARK

The Township has received a third round of Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant funding for the construction of a concession stand with restrooms and outdoor dining area at Sippel Reservoir Park. The building's design is actively underway with bidding

to occur late this year and construction in the Spring of 2024. Located along a regional trail network, the facility will serve as a center for activity for Sippel Reservoir Park and the Township's broader parks and trails system. ■



## WINTER WEATHER, LINDSAY ROAD MAINTENANCE



SR 528, Lindsay Road, within Jackson Township is and continues to be a State Road, maintained by PennDOT. With the assistance and support of PennDOT Butler County Maintenance and our municipal services representative from PennDOT District 10, the Township has formalized an agreement by which we are paid for and assume winter maintenance responsibilities. Given PennDOT's need to focus on main roads and stretched resources, the Township looks forward to providing local winter maintenance on Lindsay Road, beginning this season. The hope is for the Jackson Township's Road Crew to provide a more timely response and level of service, given the active local winter maintenance of the surrounding road network. ■

## AS A REMINDER

In our efforts to provide more reliable communications with Residents and Businesses in the Township, we have contracted with Rave Mobile Safety/Smart 911 (formerly SwiftReach Networks, Inc.) as our Emergency Notification service provider.

Rave Mobile Safety/Smart911 is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. These messages may include information on fires, road closures, evacuation orders and weather emergencies. All the calls you receive will have the Caller ID of "Jackson Township." In addition to phone calls



this system can also send text messages and emails.

In order to have the system fully functional and to make sure you are going to receive the alerts please take a moment to visit the portal and add or update your contact information, the system currently only includes listed numbers. Your information will not be provided to any outside agencies or companies. You may also remove yourself from our lists.

**Click here** to join or visit <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=jacksonpa>. ■

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**MEET CANYON**

There is a new dog in town!

Jackson Township Police Department welcomed Canyon, their new K-9 Officer, who started his first day at the Township on Tuesday, Sept. 5, after getting sworn in at the Magistrate's office.

Canyon, a Belgian Malinois, is one year and two months old.



He had four weeks of training before partnering with his handler, Jackson Township Police Officer Vaughn Pulgini. The two then trained together for the next nine weeks at DSG Training in Monaca.

Canyon is now certified in Canine patrol,

tracking and narcotics detection.

With the welcome of Canyon, we wish former K-9, Aron who was in service for eight years with this department, a happy retirement! ■

**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](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us). ■

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Jackson Township's Trick or Treat will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Jackson Township Police will be patrolling the area to ensure everyone is safe, however, see tips below from The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Safety Council to keep your children and yourself safe this Halloween.

### Costume Safety

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- Opt for nontoxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision; always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

### Safety Tips for Pedestrians

- Walk on a sidewalk if one is available and use crosswalks.
- Before the Halloween festivities begin, create a "buddy system" to get each other home safely and prevent walking alone.
- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies

### Safety Tips for Drivers

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing



- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween
- Be alert for trick-or-treaters on Halloween. Slow down and continue to scan the road in areas where they are likely to be or where sight distances are limited.
- On Halloween there will likely be more pedestrians on the roads and in places where they are not expected. Slower speeds save lives.
- Stay alert for pedestrians who may come

out from between parked cars or behind shrubbery. Stop, wait for them to pass.

- Don't look at your phone when you're driving. Your attention needs to always be on the road.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact law enforcement.

Articles provided by [The National Safety Council](#) and [The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#). ■

## Jackson Township's Trick or Treat

Tuesday,  
Oct. 31, 2023

6-8 p.m.



# PIZZA AND PLANNING IN THE PARK: NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOPS

Get to know your community leaders and help us set the goals for the Township moving forward with revisions to its 2017 Comprehensive Plan and its Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. Given growth and ongoing changes, both locally and regionally, the Township recognizes the importance of good communication between the Township and our residents. Therefore, we are putting together a series of workshops as a kickoff of the public input phase of plan development.

- ✓ **LISTEN** to a brief presentation about recent, ongoing, and upcoming public parks, road, utility, and service development in the Township as well as private development on the horizon.
- ✓ **MEET** Township Officials.
- ✓ **LEARN** about volunteer opportunities.
- ✓ **PARTICIPATE** in a planning exercise, the results of which will be included in the Township's updated plans.
- ✓ **OFFER** your insights, opinions, and ideas.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Neighborhood	Date	Time	Location
Brookview Farms, Treadstone Lane & Walnut Ridge	Tuesday, Oct. 3	5:00 -6:30 PM	Sippel Park*
Jackson's Crossing, Old Hickory & Dutch Creek	Wednesday, Oct. 4	5:00 -6:30 PM	Sippel Park*
Jackson Ridge, Foxwood Trails	Tuesday, Oct. 10	5:00 -6:30 PM	Sippel Park*
Seneca Trails, Spring Valley, Abbey Woods & Briar Hill	Wednesday, Oct. 18	5:00 -6:30 PM	Sippel Park*
Harmony Junction, Jackson Trails, Jackson Manor, Gristmill and Timberview	Tuesday, Oct. 24	5:00 -6:30 PM	Sippel Park*
Rock Lake	Monday, Oct. 30	5:00 -6:30 PM	Rock Lake Community Center

*\*If the weather is not conducive to an outdoor gathering or due to limited attendance, they will be held at the Township Building at 140 Magill Road.*

**Anyone living near these plans, you are welcome to register  
with the neighborhood closest to you.**

For more information please visit

<https://www.jackson-township.com/parks-and-recreation/page/pizza-planning-park-neighborhood-workshops>

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Colton  
at [ncolton@jackson-township.com](mailto:ncolton@jackson-township.com) or at 724-452-5581.

## HEADING INTO FALL AT ZELIENOPLE LIBRARY

Heading into fall, the Zelienople Area Public Library (ZAPL) has a busy schedule of events for all ages.

Storytimes, Lego Club and Wacky Wednesdays for children have returned.

For teens, ZAPL is offering a Teen Book Club, DND Adventure Night, Tabletop Game Night and Teen Leadership Council.

“Z-Town and Beyond,” the library’s latest scavenger hunt, is now ready to pick up at the Library for teens and others.

For adults, ZAPL is offering Craft Chats, Writers Group, tai chi, Mahjong, chess, Genealogy Club, Spanish Conversation Hour, German Hour and Memory Lane monthly meetings. They will also be welcoming local authors including Christian Shane on Tuesday, Oct. 10. For times and dates for these and other events, please call 724-452-9330, or visit their website at <https://zelienoplelibrary.org/>.

In the works include special events like the Statue of Liberty Art Night which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Curio Art Gallery and Studio. This program was made possible with a grant from PBS as part of “Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories” with David Rubenstein.

Other fun happenings include an Autumn Gathering at the Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, a Gingerbread Fair at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, and Grinch Night on Wednesday,



Dec. 13 with Stories and Santa. Life-size Candyland returns and will run from Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024.

Finally, don’t forget about the excellent online resources available with a library card! Stream movies, download eBooks, search Consumer Reports, get help from Tutor.com, along with a wide variety of other resources that you can access from home.

If you need a Library card or need to replace a lost one, please visit the library at 227 South High Street, Zelienople, PA 16063. Library cards are free to all residents of Butler County with proof of address. ■



## ZELIENOPLE PARKS AND RECREATION

We’ve had a wonderful summer at Zelienople Community Park!

In addition to our usual programs, such as swim lessons and our summer concert series, we were excited to launch new events like Soccer Shots and Mad Science at the Park.

“It’s been a great summer with our additional programming,” Parks and Recreation Director Jason Mentel said, “and we are looking forward to continuing to expand our events and programs.”

Thank you to the outstanding volunteers and organizations that have dedicated time and resources this season to keep the park beautiful and well-maintained. Volunteers helped with landscaping, cleanup, and restoration of the gaga pit.

“Thank you to everyone who made this summer amazing,” Mentel said, “and we can’t wait to see you again!”

Pool memberships for the 2024 season will open this fall. Make sure to follow the Zelienople Community Park Facebook and Instagram pages to stay up-to-date.



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



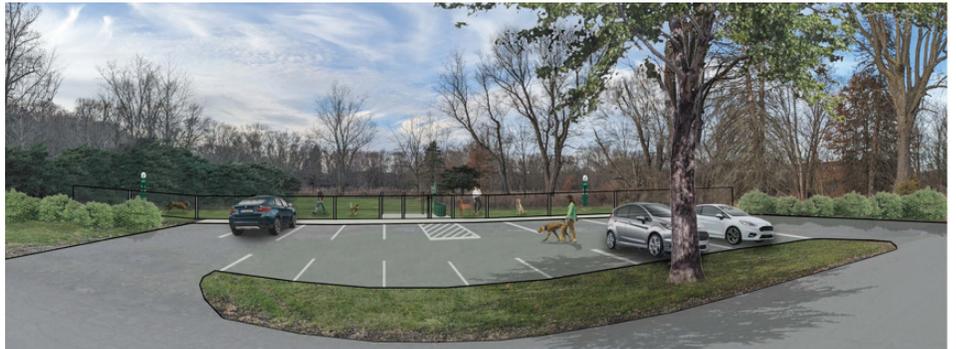
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## CDC IS SEEKING FUNDS FOR DOG PARK

The Jackson Township Community Development Corporation (CDC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization that routinely partners with the Township, Township property owners, and neighboring communities to facilitate recreational and infrastructure improvements.

The CDC helps to organize and support volunteers and particular causes. As a private organization, the CDC can complement and expedite Township efforts by facilitating public private partnerships and helping with fundraising.

Recently, area residents began raising funds for a dog park. The Township and the CDC have identified an area near Porter Cove, off of Evergreen Mill Road, as a possible location that could tie into the Township



planned trail network and overall park system. Estimated costs range upwards of \$40,000 with in-kind contributions by the Township Public Works Department helping to reduce costs.

The CDC is seeking donations, sponsorships, and memorials for the dog park. Approximately ten percent of

needed funding has been raised thus by a committed group of volunteers who have teamed up with the CDC to develop the project.

If you would like to volunteer or donate, please visit <https://www.mightycause.com/organization/Jackson-Township-Community-Development-Corporation>. ■

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



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