

Jerusalem Township Accomplishments

- Second Annual ParkFest held August 10-11, 2023 organized by Jerusalem Township Recreation Department
- 2023 Welcome To Jerusalem Township signage on Route 2 at the Eastern and Western boundaries.
- 2023 Ohio Lake Erie Commission Shoreline Resilience grant of \$83,200 for Engineering Assessment of Jerusalem Township Levee System (In Collaboration with Reno Beach/Howard Farms Conservancy District)
- 2023 Clean-up of Henry & Rachel Reno deeded beach access at 11895 Dike (Dyke) Rd on April 8, 2023.
- 2023 Collaborated with OJHS (Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society) to make our local history more accessible to our Residents by holding some OJHS events in Jerusalem Township.
- 2022-2023 Lucas County Land Bank Commercial Property grant of \$38,000 to remove dangerous abandoned building at the corner of Corduroy & Coffee Rd.
- 2023 Implemented live streaming of Board of Trustee meetings using Facebook Live to increase accessibility and transparency for the community.
- 2022-2023 Utilized ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding to purchase and install electronic sign in front of Township Offices as an additional source of local information for Residents. (Note: ARP Funds are available for use for a limited time and are limited to specific uses such as improving communication. If the ARP funds are not fully used by the end of the allotted period, all residual funds must be returned to the Federal Government – use it or lose it.)
- 2022 Utilized ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding to renovate the Township Hall and restrooms.
- 2022 Utilized ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding to update the Township Government phone system. The new phone system allows Township Officials and employees to receive forwarded calls in real-time or receive voicemails as soon as the caller completes the message. This allows the Township officials to respond to our Residents much more rapidly that was possible with the old answering machine system.
- 2022 Created Facebook pages for Jerusalem Township Government, Discover Jerusalem Township, and Explore Jerusalem Township to provide timely, helpful information to Residents and visitors in order to promote the benefits of our township.
- 2022 Organized and sponsored inaugural ParkFest annual celebration event.
- 2022 MetroParks Howard Marsh Phase 2 Spur Dike – As a result of prior Jerusalem Township Trustees efforts with the MetroParks Board and executive team, the MetroParks erected (at their expense) additional “Spur Dikes” to connect our legacy dike sections to the Howard Marsh Phase 2 retention levee to provide an additional safeguard for residents’ life and property in the event of a breach in that section of the legacy dike.
- 2021 – 2023 Lucas County Law Enforcement presence in Jerusalem Township: Following the December 6, 2021 Lucas County Sheriff notification that preventative road patrols would cease 1/1/2023 unless Jerusalem Township agreed to pay \$500,000 per year to cover the cost of Sheriff Deputy presence in our community, Jerusalem Township Trustees worked with Sheriff Navarre and secured his assurance that the Sheriff

department would continue to have a presence in Jerusalem Township without requiring an unaffordable financial burden on our residents.

- 2021-2022 Applied for and received grant to fully fund Wetland Project and partnership with Oregon City School for an outdoor learning center for Career Technologies Curriculum at the John T. Kennedy Memorial Park. Worked with ODNR, Ducks Unlimited, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Ottawa County.
- 2021-2022 Implemented WENS (Wireless Emergency Network System) to provide real-time text civic messaging & e-mail notices to enrolled residents in real time.
- 2021-2022 Preserved and expanded Transient Lodging Tax (Hotel Tax) to provide additional revenues for Jerusalem Township
- 2021 Complete upgrade of Jerusalem Township Government Website to include information on local businesses, activities, restaurants, lodging, events, resources to benefit community members, and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions).
- 2021 Completed Jerusalem Forward 2020 - 2040 Comprehensive Plan through an all-volunteer team incurring no taxpayer expense for consultants. The Comprehensive Plan included the survey input of over 500 residents.
- 2021 Replaced the Township Hall & Office Roof to ensure the Township building asset is properly maintained.
- 2020 Implemented Zoom for Board of Trustee meetings thereby allowing Residents to participate remotely during COVID and beyond in order to improve accessibility and transparency for the community.
- 2020 Created Emergency Operations Plan to accelerate response in the event of levee failure.
- 2020 Implemented Insurance Billing for EMT Transports to help the Fire Department operation costs.
- 2019-2023 Expanded the Oakwood Cemetery to provide space for many decades to come. (Note: Townships are required by law to provide and maintain a Cemetery to serve the needs of the Township Residents. The original Cemetery was established in 1912 and is almost out of space.)
- 2019 & Ongoing – In response to poor cell phone reception issues, Jerusalem Trustees contacted Verizon. Verizon agreed to fund free 4G LTE Network Extenders for residential Verizon customers who are determined to live in an area of poor Verizon coverage.
- 2019 MetroParks Howard Marsh Phase 1 Spur Dike – Jerusalem Township Trustees worked with the MetroParks Board and Executive team to secure their commitment to erect a “Spur Dike” (at their expense) in the Phase 1 development to connect our legacy dike at Route 2 & Howard Road with the Howard Marsh Phase 1 retention levee to provide an additional safeguard for residents’ life and property in the event of a breach in that section of the legacy dike.
- 2019 and ongoing Transient Lodging Tax: Trustees ratified and expanded distribution of the local 3% Transient (Hotel) Tax to augment Township funds. Township efforts to identify and invite additional lodging establishments (Hotel/Motel/Lodges, VRBO, Airbnb, etc.) help to reduce the potential property tax burden on our residents. More lodging in our township means more hotel tax revenue and more people spending money at our grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, bait stores, etc.

Pending Items

- Wards Canal Dredging – ODNR
- Cooley Canal Harbor Dredging - USACE