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## **Major Upgrades and Improvement Projects Now Underway at Jackson Township Athletic Complexes**

*Township Invests \$2.9 Million in New Turf and Site Improvements; Sports Activities Relocated Until Projects Are Completed*

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP, N.J., August 12th** – Jackson Township officials today announced that \$2.9 million in major upgrades and improvements are now underway at both the Jackson Justice Complex and the Holman Athletic Complex.

“Investments in our recreational facilities are investments in our families and in our kids,” said Jackson Township Mayor Michael Reina. “The Township Council is very pleased to see this work getting underway and we look forward to the completion of all projects over the coming months.”

Removal of existing turf on the various synthetic turf athletic fields at both complexes is now underway and will be completed in August. Site work and the installation of the new synthetic turf will progress into the fall, with all work tentatively scheduled to be completed before Thanksgiving. In an effort to keep residents and all athletic leagues both informed and safe, the township released the following tentative project schedule, which may be impacted by weather and shipment of materials.

### Holman Athletic Complex Multipurpose Field

- Turf Removal: Completed August 3rd
- Site Work: August 8th through 19th
- Turf Install: August 22nd through Sept. 9th

### Justice Complex Soccer Field

- Turf Removal: August 8th through 10th
- Site Work: August 15th through Sept. 9th
- Turf Install: Sept. 12th through 30th

### Justice Complex Baseball Fields

- Turf Removal: August 11th through August 16th
- Site Work: August 19th through Sept. 23rd/30th
- Turf Install: Sept. 26th/October 3rd through October 14th/23rd

### Justice Complex Multipurpose Field

- Turf Removal: August 17th through August 19th
- Site Work: August 22nd through October 21st
- Turf Install: October 24th through November 11th

Residents are advised that both the site work and synthetic turf installation at the various fields may overlap during the construction periods noted above. For safety reasons, the township asks that all residents avoid these work areas throughout the duration of construction.

For any questions regarding the project, please contact the Jackson Township Engineering Department (T&M Associates) at 732-908-4767.

At the Jackson Justice Complex, located at 1 Jackson Drive, new synthetic turf will be installed on two baseball fields, a soccer field and the multipurpose / football field. At the baseball fields located at Justice, new dugout shade canopies will be installed, while protective netting will be installed at both the soccer and football fields.

At the Holman Athletic Complex, located at 133 Manhattan Street, new synthetic turf and a protective netting system behind goal posts will be installed at the multipurpose / football field. Many additional site enhancements – such as repairs or improvements to fencing, field stone regrading, concrete sidewalks, cleaning of the existing drainage infrastructure and the installation of new storage sheds – will also be made at both locations.

The township awarded two separate contracts, totaling \$2,898,413, to complete these major upgrades and additional improvements. The first contract, in the amount of \$2,055,913, was awarded to Shaw Sports Turf of Calhoun, GA. To identify and secure well-qualified turf vendors, the township worked through a state co-op, available to New Jersey municipalities, counties and schools, which consists of state-vetted and state-

approved suppliers. The second contract for associated site work, in the amount of \$842,500, was awarded to LandTek Group, Inc. of Bay Shore, New York.

With the township overseeing the overall effort, the solicitation and bidding process was managed by T&M Associates, the township's engineering firm of record.

### About Jackson Township

Jackson Township is a growing, suburban community that offers an ideal environment for families and businesses to grow and prosper. Covering over 100 square miles, Jackson Township is the fourth largest municipality, as measured by area, in the state of New Jersey, and is home to just 60,000 residents. The township boasts an excellent public school system and first-rate recreational facilities, including newly renovated parks and athletic fields. Situated in beautiful Ocean County, N.J., Jackson is located within a short drive from the Jersey Shore and about an hour's drive to New York City or Philadelphia. The township was incorporated in 1844. Visit Jackson Township's website at [www.jacksontwpnj.net](http://www.jacksontwpnj.net) for more information.



