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**DAVIS CEMETERY  
GROUND BREAKING**

On Saturday, October 31st members of the Davis Cemetery Advisory Board, the Perry Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Anne Davis Simpson) and guests gathered at the historic site.



John O'Keeffe (far right) welcomes guests

After receiving word in 2007 that the cemetery was no longer being maintained, Perry Township assumed responsibility of the grounds. The first order of business was to address safety concerns. The advisory board comprised of local residents is largely credited for the recent construction of safe parking area and walkway leading to the cemetery.

Advisory Board President, John O'Keeffe, opened the ceremony by acknowledging the contributions of several attendees. ***"This ground breaking occasion is an aspiring event, especially for those who have been involved in shaping the cemetery master***

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**TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS:  
EVALUATE, PLAN, REPAIR**

There are 16.2 miles of roadway in Perry Township that are the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. Each year, the Road Superintendent inspects and evaluates the condition of the roads and reports his findings to the Board of Trustees. Together, they have prepared a long range plan for future road improvements and reevaluate the plan on a regular basis.

During the winter months, the Superintendent inspects the roads again, to make sure that there are no unexpected changes to the plan. He makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the next construction season's projects. The



2010 Road Work Completed

Board of Trustees discusses the recommendations and makes a determination for the upcoming season.

The plan is then forwarded to

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**Board of Trustee  
Regular Meetings**  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
January 5 & 19th  
February 7th & 23rd  
March 7th & 21st

**Board of Zoning Appeals  
Meeting**  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
2nd Tuesday of each month

**Zoning Commission  
Meeting**  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
3rd Wednesday of each month

Check our website for  
schedule changes

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Trash & Recycling Pick Up

## POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES A BITE OUT OF CRIME

During the month of September, Worthington Hills residents and neighboring communities experienced a rash of home burglaries.

Involvement through a special community awareness meeting hosted by the Worthington Hills Civic Association and tips from residents assisted the Department in the ongoing investigation.

A joint effort between the Perry Township and City of Columbus Police Departments resulted in the arrest of Benjamin Rike and Monika Settles. The two suspects were indicted by the Franklin County Grand Jury.

The male suspect is currently in custody and the female is out on bond. A February 2011 bond trial date is scheduled.

Residents should remove valuables from their cars, close garage doors and ensure that windows and doors are secured throughout the day. As in this case, it only takes a few seconds for a thief to enter your home.

Vacationing residents may request "House Checks" by either calling 614-339-0240 or via the township's website - [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org) - and clicking on the Police tab.

If you notice suspicious activity in your area, call **911**.

## LAST CHANCE FOR OTA 2011 SCHOLARSHIP MONIES

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) offers three \$1,500 scholarships each year to high school seniors. In 2011, two Local Government Achievement scholarships will be awarded and one Academic Achievement. Application forms are available online at [www.ohiotownships.org](http://www.ohiotownships.org).

The deadline for submission is Friday, Jan. 28, 2011.

Questions? Contact Kaitlin Hall at [hall@ohiotownships.org](mailto:hall@ohiotownships.org) or **614-863-0045**.

## GET CONNECTED

If you would like to receive township E-Broadcasts, the quarterly newsletter and other alerts directly from the Perry Township government offices, please contact Beth Beatty via email [bbeatty@perrytwp.org](mailto:bbeatty@perrytwp.org). You may unsubscribe from this service at any time by logging into the Perry Township website - [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org).

E-Broadcasts are sent out periodically as a courtesy to township residents. The information you will receive is related to public safety, road and service schedules, inclement weather updates, as well as other important information associated with your particular area.

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*plan..." said Mr. O'Keefe.*



*Davis Cemetery board member, Barb Miller, and family.*

Trustees James Roper, Chet Chaney, Andy English and Fiscal Officer Michele Elliott were also in attendance. The trustees each spoke to the dedication of volunteers, the historic significance of the site, as well as improvements completed and future projects.

The Board will provide funding for safety related projects. Grant writers are now being sought after to search for monies to not only repair masonry; but, signage, landscaping and other maintenance and restorative projects.

If you would like to volunteer call: **(614) 889-2669** or email [bbeatty@perrytwp.org](mailto:bbeatty@perrytwp.org)

## WHOOPIING COUGH Continued from previous page

5 doses of the DTaP vaccine at 2, 4, and 6 months, at 15 through 18 months, and at 4 through 6 years. All 5 doses are needed for maximum protection.

**Adolescents** are recommended to receive the Tdap vaccine at their regular check-up at age 11 or 12. If teenagers (13 through 18 years) missed getting the Tdap vaccine, parents should ask the doctor about getting it for them now.

**Adults** who are 19 through 64 years old are recommended to get a 1-time dose of Tdap in place of the Td booster they're recommended to receive every 10 years. No need to wait until you are due for your Td booster—the dose of Tdap can be given earlier than the 10-year mark since the last Td booster. It's a good idea for adults to talk to a healthcare provider.

**Pregnant women** should ideally receive Tdap before pregnancy. Otherwise, it is recommended that Tdap be given after delivery, before leaving the hospital or birthing center. If a pregnant woman is at increased risk for getting whooping cough, such as during a community outbreak, her doctor may consider giving Tdap during pregnancy. Although pregnancy is not a contraindication for receiving Tdap, a pregnant woman and her doctor should discuss the risks and benefits before choosing to receive Tdap during pregnancy.

**People 65 years and older** do not currently have a whooping cough booster vaccine licensed for their age group. However, people in this age group can talk to their healthcare provider to see if getting Tdap is a good decision for them. This discussion can include weighing the risks and benefits of receiving

Tdap. Receiving Tdap may be especially important during a community outbreak and/or if caring for an infant.



## YOUR TOWNSHIP ROAD Continued from page 1

the Franklin County Engineer's office and they survey and measure the proposed area. They then prepare an estimated cost of the projects for the Board of Trustees for final approval.

This same process is used in other Townships and for County road projects. All of the projects are bundled together and specifications are written by the County. Bids for the County wide project are received and the contract is awarded to the lowest/best bid.



## CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

### Brookside

President: Tom Francis  
(614) 659-9324  
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### Henderson Heights

President: Helen Ware  
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President: Jim Hilz  
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## CHIEF'S REPORT Continued from page 5

### **Chief Oppenheimer offers these guidelines:**

- ◆ The numbers on residences should be at least 4 inches high and the numbers on businesses should be at least 4 inches high.
- ◆ Numbers should be a contrasting color to the background.
- ◆ Numbers should be placed on, above, or at the side of the main entrance, so that they can be easily detected from the street.
- ◆ If the entrance is more than 25 feet from the street, or cannot be seen from the street, a second set of numbers should also be displayed on the mailbox, curb or on a post at the street or end of the drive.

*"Reflective numbers or one of the new light-up signs are recommended."*

Police cars and fire trucks may come from any direction. Be sure to mark both sides of your mailbox or mark your house number in such a way that it may be easily seen, no matter which direction they are approaching.

We are concerned for the safety of all the residents of Perry Township. You never know when you may be the next one to call 911 for an emergency. Be sure your house number is posted and visible from the road so you can be found as quickly as possible as every minute counts.



**No Street Parking During Snow  
& Ice Events**

## WHOOPING COUGH OUTBREAK

According to an article in the Worthington News (12.8.10), the Franklin County Health Commissioner stated that there have been 864 cases reported by the close of November of this year compared to the 350 reported cases in 2009.

Below is helpful information which can be found on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)):

### **Q: How common is whooping cough?**

A: Even with the success of whooping cough vaccines, the disease is still common in the United States. Many cases are not diagnosed and so are not reported. Yet over the past 5 years, between 8,000 and 25,000 cases have been reported each year. Institutional outbreaks of whooping cough, such as those in a daycare center, school or hospital, are common, taking place each year in many states.

### **Q: Why is there more whooping cough in some years than others?**

A: Reported cases of whooping cough vary from year to year and tend to peak every 3-5 years. Our last peak year nationally was in 2005 when more than 25,000 cases were reported. This pattern is not completely understood, but that's why it's important that everyone get vaccinated. If it weren't for vaccines, we'd see many more cases of whooping cough. It is too early to know if 2010 will be a peak year nationally.

### **Q: What should I do if I live in an outbreak area?**

A: You can make sure you and your loved ones are up to date with recommended whooping cough vaccines. There are two types of whooping cough vaccines – DTaP for infants and children and Tdap for adolescents and adults. Getting vaccinated with Tdap is especially important for family members with and caregivers of new infants. Also, if caring for an infant, keep him or her away from anyone with cough or cold symptoms.

### **Vaccination recommendations:**

Infants and children are recommended to receive

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## BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY APPLIES FOR GRANT

Brookside Elementary has written and submitted a grant to the Pepsi Refresh Program for \$50,000! This grant is to fund the construction of an Educational Center/Community Shelter House on school grounds next to our Vegetable Garden!

To receive the grant we have to receive enough votes, from anyone nationwide or worldwide(!), to put us in the top 10 out of 1,024 entries. So forward this message to relatives, friends, churches, soldiers, anyone you can think of! Information and a drawing of the Center/Shelter is on our school website, <http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/schools/index.php?school=27>.

We are currently 206th out of 1,024 entries and need to be in the top 10 to be funded! SO NOW WE NEED TO VOTE, AND VOTE, AND VOTE!!!! YOU CAN VOTE ONCE A DAY THROUGH **DECEMBER 31ST!!!** HERE'S HOW:

Go to [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com) Click on the Education Button. At the Education Screen Click on the \$50,000 and just above the dollar categories, pull down at the Vote For "Shuffled Ideas" to the "Near You" category. Then scroll down to "Build and Education/Cmty Center at our School/Cmty Vegetable Garden", (you may have to click "Load More") and VOTE FOR THIS IDEA!!!

The first time you vote you'll have to create an account by entering an email address and creating a password. Its all very straight forward. THEN GO BACK EVERYDAY AND VOTE AND VOTE AND VOTE!!!!!!

I'll keep everyone updated via these email blasts and on our website as to our standing. **LET'S GO BROOKSIDE!! VOTE!! VOTE!! VOTE!!**

Sincerely,

Fritz Monroe  
Principal  
Brookside Elementary School  
[fmonroe@worthington.k12.oh.us](mailto:fmonroe@worthington.k12.oh.us)

## SAVE TIME & MONEY IN A HOME EMERGENCY

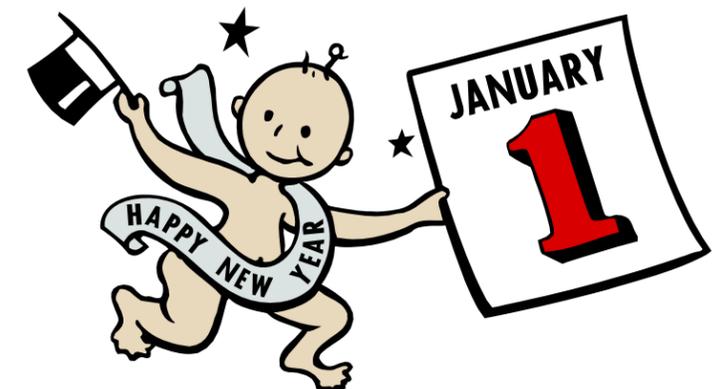
Many homeowners are unaware of some very important devices and structures located outside their home that, in an emergency, could save time, money and unnecessary hardship.

If you have water or gas service provided by a utility company, there is a valve located between the main line and your service line. You should be able to see a stem cap, about three inches in diameter, located at ground level. The gas valve should have a yellow cap and the water valve cap will be blue. In the event of a gas or water leak, the utility company will close this valve so repairs can be made.

If you have sanitary sewer service, it is a good idea to know where the nearest service port, "manhole", is located. This one might not be in your yard, but in the yard of one of your close neighbors. They may be in the front, rear or side yard, depending on where the main sewer line runs. These are large, heavy, round lids set at or near ground level.

Some people find these things a bit unsightly in their lawn and try to hide them with flowers, shrubs or even bury them in dirt. This could be a costly mistake. Just imagine..... it's midnight, the sewer is backing up into your basement, and the sanitary sewer crew can't find the manhole located under the big rock in the flower bed. It has happened.

Everyone should take a few minutes to locate these things so that they can be found quickly, when needed.



## ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

*By Trustees Chet Chaney, James Roper, Andy English  
And Fiscal Officer Michele Elliott*

This fall the Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator and Department Heads met with a local strategic planning firm to identify development opportunities, establish financial goals, increase communications, and improve services throughout the township.

Townships throughout the State of Ohio are being asked to do more with less. Perry Township has taken the initiative to cut costs by teaming up with other municipalities. We are also looking into the possibility of expanding the tax base by bringing property back into the township and are working with business owners who wish to set up shop within our borders.

For several months our township stood along side other municipalities and fought against a proposed Ohio American Water rate increase. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio agreed and capped the increase. Research is now being done to determine how we can improve not only the service Worthington Hills residents received; but, also, improve the quality of the water.

During a recent meeting, we were informed that community members who depend on the Linworth substation for their electrical service have routinely experienced disruption in service. During a regular meeting session representatives from AEP and township residents discussed the reoccurring problems and potential remedies.

As part of our strategic planning you will soon be asked to participate in a survey which will help us focus our efforts. Please take a few moments to tell us what you think.

## CHIEF ZONING OFFICE'S REPORT

*By Robin Fellure*

During the next few months we will be busy following up on any open applications for permits from this past year. If you applied for a permit and have completed the project but have not contacted us yet for the final inspection, please call Robin or John at **614-889-1211** so we may stop by, take a picture and complete the final inspection.

We will also be sending out letters to any residents who do not have house numbers on the front of their home. This is a zoning code that is enforced to help protect you by allowing emergency personnel to be able to locate your home quickly.

Please remember that the Exterior Property Maintenance Code prohibits outside storage of items other than patio furniture, grills, etc. This also includes the storage of your trash cans which can't be visible from any property line. We recommend that residents contact Waste Management at **614-833-9111** to schedule a bulk pick up of any holiday trash that won't fit in your tote.

Contact the Zoning Office to set up an appointment if you have any questions or wish to submit an application.

The Zoning Office will be closed on December 21, 23, 24 and 31st for the holidays.

To all of residents of Perry Township, we wish you a Happy New Year.

## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

*By Chief Robert Oppenheimer*

**In a recently published report it was noted that you may have Six Minutes to live or die on the onset of a heart attack without emergency services intervention!**

With our 911 system in place, the importance of having an address number on your home can not be emphasized enough.

Consider this real-life incident that recently happened in Franklin County. A call was placed to 911 reporting that a man was undergoing cardiac-arrest. EMS was dispatched to the address. They were desperately searching for an address number on homes along the street and stopped at three different homes before they were directed to the home with the emergency. None of these homes had a visible address number. **"In life-threatening situations, every minute is critical" according to Chief Scott Highley, Fire Chief for the City of Worthington.**

In an effort to better serve you, the Police and Fire Department is requesting that residents cooperate in posting their street numbers on their homes, mail boxes or curbs. Chief Robert Oppenheimer advises, "When we are called to a home for an emergency, time is always critical. That means finding that residence as quickly as possible. Walk out to the street in front of your home and see if your house numbers can be easily seen. If they can be, then we have a greater chance of possibly saving a life."

Reflective numbers or one of the new light-up signs are recommended. There are times that the police and fire department's receive outside assistance from other agencies that are not familiar with all of our streets.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*By Bryan Shonkwiler*

Happy New Year!!

Another year has come and gone. Once again, the Road Department was very busy in 2010. We responded to 23 snow/ice events as of the first of December. We sealed the cracks on many of the Township's streets.

We collected over 260 cubic yards of wood chips during the spring brush chipping. We completed several storm sewer projects and repaired or replaced many regulatory signs. The contracted road work was completed and went very well this year. At the time of this report, we have collected over 225 loads of leaves.

We are now prepared to battle the snow and ice for another season. We have road salt on hand and a contract for plenty more. Our equipment has been prepped and the crew is ready. We ask that you remove your vehicles and other obstructions (basketball hoops, skateboard ramps, etc.) from the street, during snow events, so our equipment can safely and efficiently clear the roads.

During periods when it's not snowing, we will continue with the crack sealing program and will be trimming trees that are encroaching on the roadway. Our trimming policy is to cut at least a few feet back from the edge of the road and up to 13 feet above the pavement. This will clear the way for our equipment perform without obstruction.

Congratulations to Ian Warren for being chosen to receive the 2010 Employee of the Year award.