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Board of Trustee Regular Meetings
@ 7:00 p.m.
October 3rd & 17th
November 7th & 21st
December 5th & 19th

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

www.perrytpw.org

TRUSTEE MEETINGS ON THE MOVE

On the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, the Perry Township Board of Trustees hold public meetings to discuss a variety of issues affecting our township.

In an effort to accommodate residents and business owners throughout the township, regular meetings are scheduled to be held at local elementary schools.

The September 19th meeting took place at Daniel Wright Elementary school on West Case Road.

The next two meetings will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

- ◆ October 3, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
Brookside Elementary School
6700 McVey Boulevard
- ◆ October 17, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
Worthington Hills Elementary
1221 Candlewood Dr.

Watch for schedule changes via our website: www.perrytpw.org

LIMITED HOME RULE ON THE BALLOT

The issue of whether to adopt Limited Home Rule as a form of government - **Issue 8** - will be on the November 8th ballot for voter consideration.

At a recent trustee meeting, Perry Township Home Rule Committee Chairman, Larry Belskis, stated that while Limited Home Rule does not increase the Board's taxing authority, it does provide for greater legal authority.

According to the Home Rule committee:

- ◆ The township would have greater flexibility and control over township operations, economic development.
- ◆ Water and sewer districts can be established
- ◆ There would be no change in basic police, fire and road maintenance
- ◆ There will be greater flexibility in how future township issues are handled

Mr. Belskis explained that currently the Board must operate within the boundaries of the Ohio Revised Code. However, under Limited Home Rule the Board has the ability to act on issues that affect our particular community.

A member of the home rule committee will attend the next two Board of Trustee Meetings to answer any questions. (See notice of election on page 3.

Waste Management (614) 833-9111
Road Department (614) 889-8781
Trash ● Recycling ● Yard Waste
For more information please go to www.perrytpw.org

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Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste

Trash & Recycling Only

Leaf Collection (Oct. 17 - Dec 1)



WASTE MANAGEMENT: AN EASY GUIDE TO RECYCLING

PLASTIC

- ◆ Soft plastic household bottles or jars and other plastic containers such as:
- ◆ Soda bottles
- ◆ Salad dressing bottles
- ◆ Milk / water jugs
- ◆ Laundry / cleaning products & containers
- ◆ Shampoo bottles

How to prepare:

- ◆ Remove & discard lids in trash; quickly rinse

Do not recycle:

- ◆ Plastic Bags
- ◆ Plastic containers used for motor oil, automotive products, paint, solvents, lawn care products, and chemicals.

GLASS

- ◆ Juice, pop, and soda bottles
- ◆ Water bottles
- ◆ Beer and wine bottles
- ◆ Food jars

How to prepare:

- ◆ Remove & discard lids in trash; rinse well to remove food residue

Do not recycle:

- ◆ Drinking glasses or dishes
- ◆ Mirrors or window glass
- ◆ Light bulbs
- ◆ Broken glass



BROOKSIDE'S ANNUAL HOG ROAST

The annual Brookside Hog Roast will be held Saturday, October 8th @ the home of Brad & Kelley Rinehart at **2562 Darwin Drive** (corner of Darwin and Merwin Roads).

Festivities begin at **4:30 PM** with dinner at **5:30 PM**.

Please bring your own plates, utensils, drinks, chairs, or blankets to sit on and a side dish to share!

METAL

- ◆ Tin food cans
- ◆ Aluminum & steel beverages cans
- ◆ Aluminum foil and pie pans

How to prepare:

Remove and discard lids. Rinse cans to remove all food residue. Remove labels from tin cans.

Do not recycle:

- ◆ Cans used for chemicals or paints
- ◆ Appliances, power tools
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Hangars
- ◆ Aerosol spray cans

NEWSPAPER & CARDBOARD

- ◆ All newspapers, including color inserts (glossy ok)
- ◆ Corrugated cardboard
- ◆ Drink boxes, milk & juice cartons
- ◆ Food boxes (remove liners)
- ◆ Junk mail or other papers and magazines

How to prepare:

- ◆ Place papers in paper bag or in the bottom of your recycling container to prevent papers from blowing out.

Do not recycle:

- ◆ Books, phone books
- ◆ Beverage cartons (soft drink & beer cases)
- ◆ Paper products contaminated with food

STATE BUDGET AFFECTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Reductions in the state budget will impact all municipalities throughout Ohio. Townships are now being asked to share, exchange and merge services in order to offset lost or reduced tax revenue. Our township has reaped the rewards of teaming up with other entities; however, a Wall Street Journal article suggests that mergers do not always pay off.

Go to the 'Links' section of our website to access "When Civic Mergers Don't Save Money" by Connor Dougherty. (Article Submitted by Glenn Karr)

COMMUNICATION A process of exchanging information

One of the most successful initiatives launched over the past 3 years has been increased communication between your elected officials, residents, civics, and business owners. We began with a simple newsletter and have since progressed to electronic modes of communication.

It's important for us to learn the best way to pass on information to the township community. In a recent township survey, 89.7% of folks preferred email communications; 69.7 percents relied on the U.S. postal service for their township information.

Our e-broadcasts send need-to-know information directly to your home computer or smart phone. The newsletter provides a glimpse into what we have done and upcoming events. Facebook opens up another door where we can post emergency and non emergency information quickly.

So get connected! Go to www.perrytpw.org to sign up for the quarterly newsletter, E-broadcast, and Facebook.

If you don't have a computer just call our Administrative Office at **(614) 889-2669** to request our newsletter.

TOWNSHIP STAFF

The Police Department welcomes Michael Mauger who has assumed the role as a detective for the township. Michael previously served as the Chief of Police for the City of Worthington. Officer Julia Brown has been promoted to the position of a full time officer. She is a graduate of the Eastland Police Academy and began her career with the township as a reserve officer in 2008.

The Zoning Commission appointed Mac Ware (Henderson Heights) as its newest member with Lucy Plahey (Briarbank) and Gary Collins (Brookside) serving as alternates. Rachael Schultz (Brookside) will continue her involvement with zoning as an alternate with Board of Zoning Appeals.

LEAF COLLECTION TO BEGIN

2011 Leaf Collection will run through the months of October through December.

As a reminder:

- ◆ Leaves should be raked to the edge of the roadway and must be free of tree limbs, vines, grass and other debris or the leaf machine will not pick them up.
- ◆ Leaves should not be piled in such a way that they obstruct the roadway.
- ◆ Do not bag your leaves if you want them picked up by the Township.



If, due to circumstances beyond our control, (weather, etc.) leaves are not picked up within the scheduled time, they will be picked up as soon as possible.

Leaf collection will start October 17th and end on December 1st (weather permitting).

Questions? Contact the Road Department at **(614) 889-8781**.

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Brookside

President: Tom Francis
(614) 659-9324
<http://brookside-estates.uc>

Henderson Heights

President: Helen Ware
(614) 207-7036

Worthington Hills

President: Jim Hilz
(614) 614-854-9258
www.worthingtonhills.org

BEGGAR'S NIGHT SAFETY TIPS

BEGGAR'S NIGHT: October 31, 2011 6:00PM - 8:00PM

We want everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween this year and using safety tips and some common sense can help you make the most of this Halloween season, keeping it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you! There are lots of simple ways to keep your child safe at Halloween.

The excitement of children and adults at this time of year can sometimes make them not as careful as they would normally be. Simple common sense ideas can do a lot to stop tragedies from happening.

KNOW THE RULES...

- ◆ Do not go inside anyone's house. Remain on the stoop or porch at all times.
- ◆ Do not go into a stranger's automobile.
- ◆ Do not take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- ◆ Walks don't run.
- ◆ When crossing the street look both ways. Do not cross in between cars.
- ◆ Always use the sidewalk.
- ◆ Trick-or-treat on well-lit streets within your neighborhood.
- ◆ Children should always travel in a group.
- ◆ Use the buddy system, and make sure you have at least one buddy with you the entire evening.
- ◆ When you return home, have an adult examine and discard all candies that are not factory sealed or wrapped by the candy manufacturer. Never eat homemade or unwrapped treats.
- ◆ Never accept candy from strangers you meet on the street.

COSTUME TIPS

- ◆ Only purchase and use flame retardant costumes.
- ◆ Children should wear white, reflective clothing, or use reflective tape and carry either a flashlight or glow stick.
- ◆ Costumes should fit properly avoid loose or baggy costumes.
- ◆ Avoid any type of open flame while wearing costume.
- ◆ Encourage children to wear face paint as oppose to a mask. Face paint should be non-toxic and meet FDA standards. If mask is worn, make sure that the eye, mouth and nose openings are large enough to ensure adequate breathing and full range of vision. Children should never carry sharp objects. Ensure that all props are made of material that is flexible and nonrealistic looking.

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- ◆ Be aware of children darting out between parked automobiles.
- ◆ Use caution while entering and exiting driveways.
- ◆ During twilight and evening hours be mindful of children in dark costumes.
- ◆ Drive slower and be prepared in case a child darts out in front of you.



NOTICE OF ELECTION ON QUESTION OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP LIMITED HOME RULE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Resolution No.141-11 of the Board of Trustees of Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio, adopted on July 6, 2011, after receipt and certification of a petition signed by at least ten percent of the electors of the unincorporated area of Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio, there will be submitted to a vote of the people of the unincorporated area of Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio at the general election to be held November 8, 2011, the question of whether to adopt the limited home rule form of government in Perry Township. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in the affirmative, the limited home rule form of government will be adopted in Perry Township, effective January 1, 2012 immediately following the election. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 504.02(B)(2), the Board of Trustees is required to provide this Notice and the following description of the proposed limited home rule form of government:

Description of Township Limited Home Rule

Under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504, a township that has adopted the limited home rule form of government is permitted to exercise all powers of local self-government within the unincorporated area of the township. Such powers are exercised by means of resolutions of the board of township trustees, which are enforceable by means of civil fines. No civil fine may exceed \$1,000 dollars. The resolutions must comply with all requirements and restrictions in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504. Resolutions to exercise township powers of local self-government may not: (1) conflict with general law; (2) enact taxes other than those authorized by general law; (3) encroach on powers, duties and privileges of elected township officers; (4) change, alter, combine, eliminate or otherwise modify the form or structure of township government unless the change is required by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504; (5) create a criminal offense or impose criminal penalties; (6) impose civil fines other than as authorized by Chapter 504; (7) establish or revise subdivision regulations, road construction standards, urban sediment rules, or storm water and drainage regulations, except as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 504.21; (8) establish or revise building standards, building codes, and other standard codes, except as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 504.13; (9) increase, decrease, or alter the powers and duties of a township under any provision of the Ohio Revised Code relating to agriculture or the conservation or development of natural resources; (10) establish regulations affecting hunting, trapping, fishing, or the possession, use, or sale of firearms; (11) establish or revise water or sewer regulations, except in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 504.18, 504.19, or 504.21. In case of conflict between a township resolution and a municipal ordinance, the ordinance prevails. In case of conflict between a township resolution and a county resolution, the township measure prevails. Under a limited home rule form of government, all officers shall have the qualifications, and be nominated, or appointed, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 505, except that the board of township trustees are required to appoint a qualified attorney as full-time or part-time law director, to act as the township's legal advisor in place of the county prosecutor. Also, the township must either establish a police district that includes all the unincorporated area of the township (but no other territory), or establish a joint township police district, or contract to obtain police services, including the enforcement of township regulations or appoint police constables to provide police protection. Other limited home rule provisions may be found in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 504.

PERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Michele Elliott, Township Fiscal Officer

To learn more about Limited Home Rule in the State of Ohio go to:
<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/504>

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

A community initiative to change how the township is governed has led to Issue 8 - The Adoption of Township Limited Home Rule. The Board of Elections has certified that there are a sufficient number of petition signatures and have placed this matter on the November 8th ballot for voter consideration.

Several years ago, the township elected to use the State of Ohio's accounting system. The program was created by the Auditor of State's office as a management tool for all government accounting and financial activities. In 2010, the Auditor's office announced that entities would be required to convert to a more efficient and user friendly version of this program. Our staff attended numerous training conferences in preparation and successfully completed the conversion earlier this year.

We welcome the following new staff members: Mac Ware, Lucy Plahey and Gary Collins (Zoning Commission), Rachael Schultz (Board of Zoning Appeals); Detective Michael Mauger (Police Department). Congratulations are in order for Officer Julia Brown who was recently promoted to a full time position with the Police Department.

The Road Department will begin leaf collection on October 17th and Beggar's Night will be held October 31st 6PM - 8PM.

We continue to look for ways to save taxpayer dollars each and every year. Documents for the Board of Trustee meetings are now online as are many of the Police Department's reports and forms. Over the next couple months residents will be able to fill out their Zoning forms online via the township's website - www.perrytp.org.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

The Zoning Department would like to thank everyone for contacting us when their projects have been completed. We are in the process of finishing our final inspections and you will receive a notice when they have been done.

This quarter we would like to focus on several issues:

First, please remind your contractors to avoid blocking the streets when they are working at your property and not to dump any materials such as gravel in the streets.

Second one of the biggest eyesores for many residents are trashcans. Remember, trash should always be placed in appropriate containers and stored in an area that is not visible from any property line.

Finally, remember that Zoning permits are often required for projects such as driveway repairs (excluding resealing), fences, and patios. These permits can be downloaded via www.perrytp.org by clicking on the Zoning tab.

If you need assistance with completing your permit and would like to meet with us, be sure to contact our office to schedule an appointment at (614) 889-1211.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

Crime is like a chair with three legs - it takes all four legs for a chair to stand, but if you take away one of the legs, the chair isn't supported.

Desire, Ability, and Opportunity. All three of these conditions must exist before a Crime can be committed. The Perry Township Police Department knows that while we cannot stop someone from having a desire to commit crime, we can certainly remove their ability and opportunity.

Crime Prevention is a community effort. With your help, the Perry Township Police Department can empower neighborhoods and citizens to do their part to recognize and help prevent crime.

Top Reasons to Be Aware & Get Involved

- ◆ Your vehicle windows are not broken
- ◆ You avoid costly repairs to your door locks and there's no broken glass to clean up
- ◆ You don't have to rent a car
- ◆ You get to keep your most valued possessions
- ◆ You don't have to take time to make a police report
- ◆ You don't have to pay an insurance deductible and your insurance rates do not go up
- ◆ You do not have to replace your driver's license, credit cards or your wallet or purse
- ◆ You reduce the risk of identity theft
- ◆ Your Township has a lower crime rate



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

The pools have closed, summer has come to an end, and another school year has started. This year's major road projects are nearly complete and look great. Thanks to all of you for your patience and cooperation during the construction process.

Fall is the time when we all are trying to finish up outdoor projects before winter arrives. As you know, the largest fall project for the Road Department is leaf collection, which is scheduled to begin on October 17th and end December 1st. Just rake your leaves to the edge of your yard so our leaf machine can reach them.

Remember that our equipment is very large, so don't pile leaves around mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. Also, if vehicles are parked on the street, we will not be able to reach the leaves behind them. We have guidelines for leaf collection posted on the Township Web site under the Road Department tab and on page 7 of this newsletter.

It won't be long until the snow is flying (usually before leaf season is over) and we will be out salting and plowing the streets. Please try to park all vehicles in your driveways during these events so that we can safely and effectively clear the roadways.

But let's not think about winter just yet. Instead, I hope you all enjoy another beautiful fall in central Ohio and enjoy the upcoming holidays.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact our Department by calling **(614) 889-8781**.