



DEADLINE EXTENDED
Applications for the 2012 High School
Internship Program will be accepted
through April 30th.
Questions: Call (614) 889-2669

«PERRY TOWNSHIP RESIDENT»
 «1010» «BETHEL RD.»
 «COLUMBUS», «OH» «43214»



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

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Brush Chipping	Trash & Recycling Only	Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste
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April / May / June 2012

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Board of Trustee Regular Meetings
 @ 7:00 p.m.
 April 2nd & 16th
 May 7th & 21st
 June 4th & 18th

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.perrytp.org

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Your home and wallet may take a serious beating when a big storm hits. Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to be wary of fly-by-night "storm chasers," as well as fraudulent charities promising to provide relief.

Storm chasers and other door-to-door salespeople often peddle dubious deals that may cost homeowners thousands of dollars and create serious headaches. BBB recommends doing your research to avoid getting taken advantage of by untrustworthy home contractors and the like.

"Not only do Americans need to be concerned about avoiding fraud, they need to know that their home contractors and charity relief efforts are legitimate and honorable," said Kip Morse President and CEO of the Central Ohio Better Business Bureau. "It's imperative to find a home contractor and charity that you can trust."

When looking for a contractor you can trust and when seeking to aid to relief efforts, the BBB has great tips and recommendations.

For more advice on hiring home professionals and for finding a charity you can trust, visit us online at www.bbb.org/us/consumer-tips-home.

THE BENEFITS OF REPLACING TREES



We are all aware by now that the Emerald Ash Borer, an insect from Asia, has been attacking ash trees in the Midwest.

The Emerald Ash Borer is believed to have been transported from Asia to the U.S. approximately 10 years ago.

Homeowners in Perry Township and neighboring areas have found success using new products to save these trees. Many others have been forced to remove their Ash trees from the property.

When trees must be taken down, we encourage you to replace them. Trees are planted in neighborhoods to provide beauty and shade. Families and friends gather under trees to socialize and watch their children at play.

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NEW STREET SIGNS FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP

Due to a change in Federal Highway Administration (FHA) regulations requiring that signage and lettering be of a certain size, almost all of the street name signs and posts in the Township must be replaced. Although our primary goal is to meet the new FHA requirements in the most cost effective manner as it relates to both the initial signage cost and ongoing maintenance, we felt it would also be a good opportunity to give the Township a fresh, new look.

After considering multiple options, we selected a brown sign with black post and brackets. An additional benefit of these signs is the opportunity to combine multiple signs on one post. This means that where we've had stop signs and street signs on separate posts, we can combine them reducing the clutter and number of poles needed. We've installed a sample of the proposed new signs at Clubview Boulevard S. at Candlewood Drive; and McVey Boulevard at Millbrae Road. We think it has a nice clean look but, we want to know what you think!

Please take a look and let us know. Call: 614.889.8781 or email bshonkwiler@perrytwp.org

The following message is from the Worthington Hills Country Club General Manager:

The WHCC Board of Trustees would like to inform the residents of Worthington Hills of an updated policy for the use of the club property. WHCC grounds are for the use of members only. Walking on our cart paths is for members only and may only be used by the membership before 7:30 a.m.

We want the community to know that we are not a park or green space for the Hill's residents. WHCC is private property and may only be used by our membership. We ask that you please obey the signs that are posted at all of our entrances.

Thank you.

Questions should be directed to:

Greg Stellar
Manager, Worthington Hills Country Club
(614) 885-9516 or gsteller@worthingtonhills.com

TREES

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Trees provide economic value. They increase the value of your home and reduce the cost of heating and electrical bills. Air quality is improved. Their leaves filter the air by removing dust and the rain washes it all away.

Trees also provide a home for nature. Birds and other wildlife are attracted to areas in and near a urban environment.

Perry Township is laced with a number of beautiful trees and greenery which is a welcoming sight. Residents are highly encouraged to plant new trees in place of those which have died or been removed.



Contact your local certified nurseryman to determine which type of tree or evergreen would be best for your property. Keep in mind during your search that the Perry Township Zoning Code lists a variety of trees that have been designated as unacceptable for planting. The list can be accessed via www.perrytwp.org; Zoning Tab, Zoning Code (521.015 Prohibited Plant Material.)

Other resources available are:

ODNR Division of Forestry Service

Urban Forester

1-877-247-8733

Ohio Department of Agriculture Phone:

EAB Hotline (888) OHIO-EAB

Plant Pest Control Section (614) 728-6400

Plant Industry Division (614) 728-6270

Ohio Department of Agriculture (614) 728-6200

**Waste Management
Yard Waste Collection
Begins April 6th**



GREEN SPOT RAIN BARREL PROGRAM TO BEGIN

WHY WOULD YOU WANT A RAIN BARREL?

- Reduce flooding, stream bank erosion and water quality problems in your neighborhood.
- Save money by not using city water for watering vegetables, flowers and trees.
- Conserve both water and energy by not using potable water for watering vegetables, flowers and trees.
- Provide delicate houseplants and your prize horticultural specimens natural rainwater with no additives.

TO REGISTER:

- Live in your home located in Columbus, unincorporated Franklin County, Canal Winchester, Gahanna, Upper Arlington or Worthington.
- Attend a workshop by mailing the [registration form](#) with a check for \$50.00, attend the workshop and take your rain barrel home with you (Sharon Township will host on April 28th), OR
- Visit our online storm water education page, pass the quiz, use PayPal to purchase one rain barrel for \$50.00 and pick it up at our office.

WHEN CAN YOU GET YOUR RAINBARREL?

The online program opens Monday April 2, 2012. The [workshops](#) begin on Saturday April 7, 2012.

WHERE CAN YOU GET YOUR RAINBARREL?

If you passed the quiz and ordered online, and have received an e-mail from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (in addition to your PayPal confirmation), pick up your rain barrel at 1328 Dublin Road, Suite 101, Columbus 43215 (map here) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for county holidays.

WHAT DOES THE RAIN BARREL LOOK LIKE?

- It is terracotta colored; holds 45 gallons of rainwater that comes off your roof.
- It is easily installed into your downspout. The instructions are very easy to follow, but for extra help, here is an installation video.

Go to the Franklin County Soil and Water website www.franklinswcd.org to register and view workshop dates.

POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT MONIES

The Perry Township Police Department was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Office of Criminal and Justice Services. The monies will be used to upgrade the National Incident Reporting System which will meet the Department's needs for the next 5-7 years.

During a recent Board of Trustee meeting, Chief Robert Oppenheimer reported that the Department was also awarded an MPH radar valued at \$2,390.00 due to their participation in the Click It or Ticket program.

Since June 2003, the Police Department has received approximately \$308,185 of grant monies through local, state, and federal government agencies and several thousand more from participation in various law enforcement programs.



Get your permit!

Download an application via www.perrytwp.org

Or, contact our Zoning Department
(614) 889-1211

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

TOWNSHIP SERVICES & TAXES

The last census shows that Perry Township has over 4,000 residents. We've grown!

The township employs approximately 28 fulltime and part time staff members to take good care of our residents and business owners. Most visible are Perry Township's police officers patrolling the streets 24/7. Taking care of roadways is our 3-man road crew. The zoning officer and inspector routinely make their rounds throughout the township as well. Behind the scenes is an administrator and 3 administrative assistants. And, of course, 3 trustees and a fiscal officer all of whom were elected by township residents.

From crack sealing and brush chipping to ensuring the safety of the community, Perry Township is well know for the services it provides. The services we are able to make available are due in large part to the generosity of you as taxpayers.

Your annual tax bill includes distributions to Children's Services, ADMHS, Senior Options, Metro Parks, Columbus' Zoo, with the lion's share typically going to the schools. Within your total tax bill are levy amounts which go directly to the township.

According to the Franklin County auditor's office, the owner of a \$100,000 home in Perry pays the following levy amounts for these township services (annually):

Road: \$107.00

Police: \$278.68

Fire: \$49.60

While local governments funding is reduced due to state budget cuts, your elected officials and fiscal officer at Perry go to great lengths to ensure taxes remain as low as possible by tightening the belt. Efforts are also being made to reduce the number of annexations. And, the Board is working diligently to encourage development within our community which will add to the township's revenue base.

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE TAX

When registering your vehicle, make sure your taxing district (i.e. Perry Township) is listed correctly on your vehicle registration renewal.

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the taxing district determines the amount of permissive tax you pay. This tax is then distributed to the municipality you have indicated on your registration form.



Five dollars per motor vehicle goes directly to plan, construct, maintain and repair township roads, highways and streets, according to ORC 4504.02.

So, next time you register your vehicle, take a moment to make sure those tax dollars are going directly to the maintenance and repairs of Perry Township roads.

BROOKSIDE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

It's that time of year! So get ready to make a little extra cash or find that perfect treasure. Residents stroll the streets checking out each others bargains. This has been an annual event since we have lived here - about 35 years.

Brookside's garage sale will be held Saturday **April 28th** from **9 AM to 3 PM** rain or shine.

Residents who wish to participate should place a GARAGE SALE sign on their mail box. It is a fun day here in Brookside as some of the kids sell baked goods, hot dogs, etc.

For the those of you who prefer to shop, please be respectful of residents' property by not parking on the grass or blocking driveways.

BRUSH CHIPPING BEGINS APRIL 23rd - 30th

The Perry Township Road Department is providing a one-time spring clean up of tree trimmings from winter's pruning. The chipper machine will be scheduled throughout the Township during the week of **April 23rd through April 30, 2012.**

The Road Department will bring the chipper machine through the Township and remove tree trimmings subject to the following established regulations:

- ♦ Tree trimmings only. **No Vines, lumber, wire or other debris.** Trimmings, which include vines, will not be picked up.
- ♦ Trees and bushes with roots cannot go through the chipper machine. Roots must be removed and processed through other composting programs.
- ♦ All trimmings should be piled, in an organized manner, next to the curb or at the end of the driveway. Township equipment and employees will not come on private property to remove trimmings.
- ♦ Trimmings should not be piled near parked cars, as they may scratch the cars. Trimmings deemed too close to parked cars **will not** be picked up.
- ♦ The machine will accept branches with a **maximum** diameter of 8 inches. Trimmings should be a **minimum** of 4 feet in length. There is no maximum length.
- ♦ Trimmings less than 4 feet in length must be bundled or put in a container such as a trashcan or garbage bag and put out for Yard Waste collection with Waste Management.
- ♦ Residents with excessive amounts of trimmings should make other arrangements.
- ♦ Township employees can not leave mulch at residences.

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

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Have you started making summer plans for your family and children? How about having your children attend an "ABCs of Nature" camp through Worthington Parks and Recreation? Two teachers from Brookside, Miss Thomas and Mrs. Hegerty, will be teaching three, week long, half day classes here at school that will focus on children learning about nature outside on our school grounds. Pond classes, garden exploration, and shelter building are all activities of this class. To register please contact Parks and Rec at **614-436-2743** or visit www.worthington.org and click on Recreation Registration.

Camp Invention is an all day long, one week class from **June 25-29**. The class is centered around 5 modules that the students are taught and work through over the week's time. One of the real world challenges in the camp is Magnetropolis! Children will set sail for the island of Magnetropolis and explore the power of magnetism! For registration information and answers to questions, please call **614-607-2986** or visit Camp Invention website at www.campinvention.org.

We will soon be planting our Community Vegetable Garden! This year we are asking for families to volunteer to assist in planning the planting and maintaining their own plot within the garden. Families can help decide what we will plant and then must share the crop with children in school and make donations of fresh produce to the Smokey Row Brethren Church Food Pantry. For more information, schedule a visit, and confirm your interest and participation, please call Mr. Monroe at **614-450-5300**.



Call
Franklin County Board of Health to report problems in your area:
(614) 525-BITE

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

At the beginning of 2012, the Board of Trustees formally adopted the Limited Home Rule form of government. The Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals have been working to revise the current zoning codes. Public meetings will be held to discuss proposed changes. We continue to stay involved with matters related to proposed water rate increases and potential development opportunities within the township.

We continue to look for ways to reduce the cost of operations here at the township. Last year, the Board of Trustees elected to view meeting documents electronically. The change saved well over \$2,500 a year in administrative costs alone. Grants are another source of revenue for the township. Since 2003, the Police Department has been awarded over \$300,000 from local, state, and federal government programs. The Road Department is once again out in the township crack sealing the streets. This process extends the life of the roadways and reduces the frequency of paving. Residents can also choose to receive their quarterly newsletter electronically by going to our website - www.perrytp.org - and signing up for the E-Newsletter.

As the weather gets warmer, we will begin to see joggers and bike riders throughout the neighborhoods. Drivers should use extra caution and we ask parents to remind their children about the rules of the road.

We continue to encourage residents to sign up for the E-Broadcasts via our website. We also have a Facebook page available and of course community members can always contact our office directly with questions or concerns by calling **(614) 889-2669**.

Thank you.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

The Perry Township Zoning Department has been busy issuing permits for residential projects and garage sales. We would like to remind you that a permit is necessary for projects such as sheds, decks, patios, and fences. Should you be considering a project, please give us a call and ask if a zoning permit is required. For your convenience, many of our forms are available online and can be downloaded by clicking on the Zoning tab.

This department is also responsible for the Exterior Property Maintenance Code. We ensure that yards and driveways are being maintained according to code. **As a reminder, trash containers should not be visible from the property line or street.** Containers should be stored in accordance with the township's zoning code.

The Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will hold two public meetings to discuss proposed changes to the zoning code:

**May 2, 2012 7PM Worthington Hills Country (920 Clubview Blvd. S)
May 9, 2012 7PM Perry Township Hall (7125 Sawmill Road)**

We invite our residents and business owners to attend.

As always, we are happy to meet with residents whenever help is needed. We ask that you contact the Zoning Office by calling **(614) 889-1211** to set up an appointment.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

In Ohio, bicycles are required to follow the rules of the road the same as cars. One-way streets, stop signs, riding on the right side of the road, and yielding to pedestrians are some of the requirements for bicycle operators.

Follow these rules and be safe.

- ◆ When you ride in streets always ride with traffic and stay close to the curb.
- ◆ Always be alert--watch out for potholes, parked cars, sewer grates and anything else that will get in your way.
- ◆ Always obey traffic signals and signs.
- ◆ Keep both hands on the handle bar so you don't go out of control.
- ◆ Stay alert of the conditions changing because it could rain and you could slip right off your bike.
- ◆ At night always wear something reflective so others can see you.; at night you must have a light on the front and rear of your bike.
- ◆ Wear sunglasses so if the sun is in your eyes, you don't go out of control.
- ◆ Never carry another person on your bicycle

Remember a bicycle is a vehicle. Bicyclists share a complex traffic environment with other larger forms of transportation. In a clash between a bicycle and a motor vehicle the bicycle rider loses every time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

The winter of 2011/2012 almost didn't exist. As of the first week of March, we have only had to salt the roads 9 times. That's less than half the snow events we're accustomed to.

We took advantage of the lack of snow by doing equipment maintenance, patching potholes and building catch basin lids. We also have had a good year of crack sealing. So far, we have crack sealed around 32,000 square yards of roadways and applied around 2 tons of sealer. We will continue the crack sealing program a while longer, as weather permits.

The spring brush chipping program will be here before we know it. This year it is scheduled for **April 23rd through April 30th**. As in years past, residents should place tree trimmings at the edge of the front yard in an organized manner; preferably with the cut end of the branch facing the roadway. We will come by and chip them up. Remember that this service is for large branches only. Debris less than 4 feet long should be bundled, canned or bagged for pick up by Waste Management on Yard Waste collection days. This service is available from April thru November every other week. To see complete chipping regulations, click on the Road tab on the Perry Township web site or go to page 3 of this newsletter.

Remember: Grass clipping should be bagged. Do not sweep debris into the street.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns by calling **(614) 889-8781**.