



PERRY TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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Beggars Night will be on Thursday, October 31, Halloween night! Trick-or-treat will begin at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM. The date and time of trick-or-treat will not change in the event of inclement weather. We encourage parents and guardians to exercised good judgement in allowing children to participate. Please note that the Courtyards on Riverside's grandchildren's Trick-or-Treat will be on Saturday, October 26, from 4 PM to 6 PM.

Perry Township police officers will patrol all neighborhoods for the duration of trick-or-treat. While on patrol, cruisers will have their lights in a steady burn mode to increase their visibility. The cruiser's lights will remain lit with a steady blue glow and not flashing. The Mounted and Bike Patrol units will also be on patrol during trick-or-treat. If you witness any suspicious or criminal activity, please flag down a patrol officer or call 911. Our officers will be ready to assist.



Parents and guardians should take extra precautions to ensure that children are safe while trick-or-treating. Follow these tips to keep youngsters safe:

- Kids should carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colors to help them be seen by drivers.
- Remind kids to cross the street at corners or crosswalks.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls. Choose face paint over masks when possible; masks can limit children's vision.

For drivers and motorists who plan to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- Slow down and be alert! Kids are excited on Halloween and may dart into the street. Turn on headlights early in the day to spot kids from further away.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Halloween night!

2024 PERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS



Regularly scheduled Trustee meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 PM. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays when Monday is a legal holiday.

Regular meeting recordings are available on the official Perry Township YouTube Channel at

[www.youtube.com/
@PerryTownshipFranklinCounty/
streams](https://www.youtube.com/@PerryTownshipFranklinCounty/streams)

Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the official Perry Township website at

www.perrytwp.org/agendacenter

Notices of regular meetings are sent out via the Perry Township Facebook Page along with a link to the meeting agenda. Visit our FaceBook page at

[www.facebook.com/
PerryTownshipFranklinCounty](https://www.facebook.com/PerryTownshipFranklinCounty)

Residents who wish to speak at public hearings and those with inquiries about public meetings should contact Township Administrator Beth Beatty at

bbeatty@perrytwp.org or (614) 889-2669.

PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE LEVY 2024

On July 15, 2024, the Perry Township Board of Trustees announced their intention to include a 7.57-mill, \$2.4 million Police Levy on the November 5, 2024, ballot for voter consideration. This Levy is for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, buildings, the payment of salaries of permanent and part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel, and the payment of other equipment and related costs.

The Police Department currently receives funding from two separate levies. The first levy was passed by voters in 2008 and the second levy was approved in 2015. Once a levy is approved, the amount of money the Township receives is capped at a specified dollar amount. This means that the revenue does not increase over time except in instances of the construction of a new home or an addition to a current home.

The Board of Trustees originally placed an 8.51-mill, \$2.7 million Police Levy on the March 2024 ballot. However, the Board voted to remove the levy from the March 2024 ballot in favor of revising and reducing the amount it needs to ask from voters. The levy on the ballot this November is 0.94-mills and \$300,000 lower than the previously proposed levy.

The Franklin County Auditor has certified that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated annually by the proposed 7.57 mill levy is \$2,403,000. The annual cost to homeowners amounts to \$265.00 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value. For example, on a home with a value of \$484,000, the cost would be \$1283.42 annually, or \$106.95 monthly.

The Board will host three public informational sessions regarding the levy:

October 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM – Worthington Hills Elementary School, 1221 Candlewood Dr

October 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM – Brookside Elementary School, 6700 McVey Blvd

October 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM – Courtyards on Riverside clubhouse, 3321 Courtyard Landing



Fall has returned to Central Ohio! The Road Department's annual leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 21. The Road Department will begin making their weekly rounds starting in Brookside and working their way around the Township.

The Road Department asks residents to observe the following guidelines for a smooth and safe leaf season:

- **Leaf piles must be less than six feet wide and placed at the edge of the road.** Please do not place leaves in the road or curb and gutters.
- **Leaves should not obstruct the roadway or any sewer drains or catch basins.**
- **All piles must be free of branches, dirt, flowers, and mulch.** Piles with excessive branches and debris will not be picked up.
- **Do not pile your leaves around trash bins, mailboxes, behind vehicles, fire hydrants, etc.** Leaf piles must be six feet away from all obstructions in order for the machine to pick them up. Leaves piled too close to obstructions will not be picked up.
- **Do not bag your leaves if you want them picked up by the Road Department.** Bagged waste should be marked as yard waste for Rumpke to collect.

Leaf collection will end on Friday, December 5. If you have any questions, please contact Road Superintendent Ian Warren at 614-889-8781, or iwarren@perrytwp.org.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Perry Township's annual Community Shred Day is on Saturday, October 19. The shred event will first be at Brookside Elementary from 9 AM to 11 AM. The truck will then move to Worthington Hills Elementary from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.



Community Shred Day is available to all Perry Township residents at no charge. Perry Township staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist you with unloading boxes from your vehicles. Shredding is provided on site by Vital Records Control. Residents have the option to watch their documents be shredded for extra comfort and security.

We ask residents to follow the below guidelines:

- If asked, residents must present valid ID with your home address. Shred Day is a service reserved for Perry Township residents only.
- There is a five (5) box limit per car.
- Boxes must contain paper only.
- All paper clips and binder clips must be removed.

Shred Day is for personal documents only. Business documents will not be accepted.

Volunteers of America will also be onsite during Shred Day to accept donations of clothing and other household goods. VOA can accept most household items, including clothing, accessories, baby items, books, tools, and more.

If you have any questions, please call the Township at 614-889-2669.

STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK

On September 16, the Board of Trustees joined Franklin County communities in recognizing the week of October 1 through 7 as Stormwater Awareness Week. This is a statewide effort to raise awareness about how rain water moves through infrastructure and into our environment. Along the way, rainwater can pick up pollutants such as bacteria and chemicals from trash, fertilizers, pesticides, and pet waste and deposit them into our local waterways.



Help keep our water clean by:

- Planting native trees and plants.
- Properly disposing of chemicals and hazardous waste.
- Keeping storm drains clear of debris like leaves and litter
- Always picking up and throwing away pet waste.

H2OHIO RIVERS CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT AWARDED TO PERRY TOWNSHIP

Perry Township was awarded \$12,971.00 in the second round of grant funding by the Ohio EPA's new H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant Program. The funding will be used for the purchase of three road salt pretetting tank kits for Road Department vehicles for removing snow and ice.

Pretetting systems have been shown to reduce scatter of road salt and increase its ice melting efficiency. Pretetting systems can reduce the amount of road salt needed by 20-30%, decreasing the amount of chloride runoff entering local waterways. This also benefits the Township by reducing the amount of salt the Road Department needs to purchase annually.

Ohio EPA water quality testing has shown that Ohio's waterways are seeing an increase of salt, primarily due to road salt. Thanks to this grant, Perry Township is joining other Ohio communities in reducing salt usage and improving water quality.

BE SEPTIC SMART

By the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Most of us know that to live a healthy life, it is important to see our doctor for regular checkups. The same can be said for your home sewage treatment system (HSTS) – regular maintenance can help your HSTS have a long, healthy life.

Your HSTS is like a mini-wastewater treatment plant right in your yard. Routine pumping and inspection of your septic tank can help your tank last 20 to 30 years. How often to pump depends on the size of your tank and the number of people using it, but generally speaking, every three years is the minimum recommendation.

There are three excellent reasons for taking care of your HSTS. First, proper attention given to your system will save you money in the long run. Failing systems are expensive to repair or replace, and poor maintenance is a common cause of system failures.

Further, a well-functioning HSTS protects the health of your family and local streams, lakes, and rivers. Inadequately treated household wastewater released into the environment can pose significant health risks to wells, groundwater, drinking water sources, and local waterbodies. Infectious diseases, gastrointestinal illnesses, and hepatitis can be contracted from contact with contaminated water.





PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



DEA TAKE BACK DAY

The next DEA National Prescription Take Back Day is Saturday, October 26. The Perry Township Police Department will host a collection site at the Township offices at 7125 Sawmill Rd, Dublin, OH 43016, from 10 AM to 2 PM on the 26th.

DEA Take Back Days provide a safe and convenient way for individuals to dispose of their unused medications. Proper disposal prevents accidental ingestion, misuse, or accidental exposure to children or pets. DEA Take Back Days are entirely anonymous; no ID is required.

The Police Department can accept both solid and liquid medications. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. Vape pens and other e-cigarette devices can be collected only after the batteries are removed from the devices. The Department cannot accept any needles and syringes.

STOP means STOP **for school buses**

When school is in session, do your part to keep kids safe. Under Ohio law, drivers must stop when a school bus is dropping off or picking up students. School bus drivers who see someone run the stop sign will report the vehicle's license plate number and incident location to law enforcement, which could lead to criminal charges.

Stay alert and know when to stop: On a two or three lane road – drivers on BOTH SIDES of the road must stop when a bus is dropping off or picking up students. On roads with four or more lanes – drivers traveling the opposite direction of the bus DO NOT have to stop.

Yellow Lights on a school bus mean drivers should prepare to stop. If you're driving, slow down, stay alert, and watch out for children. When you see a stop sign: #STOPmeansSTOP for school buses!

TRANSIENT VENDORS

All salespeople who canvass door-to-door in Perry Township to promote their goods and services are required to obtain a transient vendor permit from the Perry Township Police Department. Vendors must provide a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to the Police Department for each person doing business in Perry Township.

If you are approached by a door-to-door salesperson, ask if they have received a permit from the Police Department. Please report vendors operating without permits to the Perry Township Police Department by calling our non-emergency line at 614-889-1231.

No solicitation stickers are available for Perry Township residents on our website:

<https://www.perrytpw.org/2171/Soliciting-Transient-Vendors>

VACATION HOUSE CHECKS



Keep your home and property safe while you're away! We offer daily house checks for residents while you're on vacation. Officers will regularly stop by your home to ensure that it is safe and secure.

Access the online vacation house check request form at tinyurl.com/wr5wjzmk or call 614-339-0240 to request a house check.

Here are a few tips for while you are away:

- Remember to lock your doors *and* windows.
- Try and maintain a lived in look while you are away, such as by using timers on lights.
- Leave emergency contact numbers with someone you trust.



Energy Choice Ohio powered by choice.

Residential homeowners in Ohio are able to shop for energy options from a diverse group of competitive suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). As more suppliers are offering their services in your area, Energy Choice allows you the opportunity to choose the company that supplies the generation of your electricity and supplies your natural gas.

PUCO's Apples to Apples comparison allows Choice consumers to compare energy rates between different suppliers for both electricity and natural gas. The Apples to Apples chart provides a snapshot comparison of current rates, information about PUCO certified suppliers, and contract terms.

Visit energychoice.ohio.gov to use the Apples to Apples tool and learn more about Energy Choice.



The 2024 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5th. The Franklin County Board of Elections encourages you to register to vote if you have not already. You can register to vote, view or change your registration status and find your polling location for the election on the Franklin County Board of Elections website at the following URL: vote.franklincountyohio.gov/

Notices of election and candidates and issues are available on the Board of Elections website: vote.franklincountyohio.gov/election-info

Want to vote via an absentee ballot? Go to vote.franklincountyohio.gov/Voters/Absentee-Voting and download the Absentee Ballot Application PDF, or call the Franklin County Board at 614-525-3470 to request an absentee ballot application by October 29th.



ALERT Franklin County Emergency Notification System

ALERT Franklin County is a mass notification and warning program used by Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security to inform residents about severe weather and important emergency/disaster alerts in Franklin County. Any Franklin County resident or commuter can register for ALERT Franklin County.

Sign up for ALERT Franklin County on the official website: alertfranklincounty.org/

You can also text FCREADY to 888777 to receive emergency management alerts that do not require an account in ALERT Franklin County.

Follow FCEM&HS on social media for emergency alerts and information: www.facebook.com/FCEMHS. Due to possible delays, do not rely on social media as your primary source of emergency information.



Rumpke has partnered with Hefty to provide the Hefty ReNew Program to central Ohio residents. Hefty ReNew allows residents to recycle normally hard-to-recycle plastics including, plastic packaging, bags, and wraps, foam products, including egg cartons, bubble wrap and other plastic wraps, and much more! Participation is entirely voluntary.

To participate, purchase Hefty ReNew bags from your local grocery store, fill the bag with acceptable, hard-to-recycle plastics, and place it in your curbside recycling cart, NOT your trash bin. Rumpke will collect the Hefty ReNew bag along with your regular recycling.

Free Hefty ReNew starter kits are available: <https://www.hefty.com/hefty-renew-starter-kit>

Learn more about the Hefty ReNew Program online: <https://www.hefty.com/products/hefty-renew>

SMALL GOVERNMENT



BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Administrative Offices

614.889.2669

Police House Checks

614.339.0240

Rumpke

1.800.828.8171

For Additional Information Visit:

www.perrytwp.org

Chet Chaney
TRUSTEE

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Andrew English
TRUSTEE

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James Roper
TRUSTEE

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Michele Elliott
FISCAL OFFICER

The Board of Trustees has approved an addendum to the Rumpke service contract. The standard service rate will remain the same through December 31, 2024. Please visit <https://www.perrytwp.org/2177> or scan the QR code for more details.



2024 Service Calendar

■ = Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste (Year-Round)

■ = Leaf Collection

If you would like a magnetic service calendar for your home or office, please fill out the online sign-up form at <https://www.perrytwp.org/2325/Service-Calendar> or email Luke LaBuhn at llabuhn@perrytwp.org.

COMMUNITY DONATION CENTERS

Red Cross Carriage Place Blood Donation Center

4820 Sawmill Rd, Columbus, OH 43235

1-800-RED-CROSS

www.redcross.org/

Smoky Row Food Pantry

7260 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus, OH 43235

614-889-5224

office@smokyrow.org

smokyrow.org/smoky-row-food-pantry.html

Worthington Resource Pantry

6700 Huntley Rd, Columbus, OH 43229

614-985-1766

www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org

If you have any suggestions for community resources or donation centers to feature in the newsletter, please email Luke LaBuhn at llabuhn@perrytwp.org

PERRY TOWNSHIP E-BLAST SIGN-UP

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE:

- ◆ POLICE & ROAD ADVISORIES
- ◆ CONSTRUCTION NOTICES
- ◆ UPDATES ON SEASONAL BRUSH CHIPPING & LEAF COLLECTION
- ◆ TOWNSHIP NEWS & EVENTS

Visit our sign-up form via the QR code below or by going to <https://www.perrytwp.org/2198/>



You can also call us at 614-889-2669 or mail us your contact information at 7125 Sawmill Rd, Dublin OH 43016 to be signed up for email communications

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