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 Trash • Recycling • Yard Waste
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Trash & Recycling

July / Aug / Sept 2012

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**Board of Trustee
 Regular Meetings**
 @ 7:00 p.m.
 July 2nd & 16th
 August 6th & 20th
 September 5th @ 17th

**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

**LONG TIME TOWNSHIP
 EMPLOYEES RETIRE**

Trustee, Andy English and Fiscal Officer, Michele Elliott congratulate Cheryl DeMatteo during a joint retirement ceremony on June 18th.



Ms. DeMatteo retires after 30 years as the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Cheryl is also the co-owner of Simply R's and Simply Baby & Me where she will assume a more prominent role in business operations.

Mr. David Pickney began his service as a reserve police officer in 1974. Dave owned and managed a business serving Worthington Hills for several years before retiring. He was then hired as a full time officer in 1990. Dave was joined by his wife, Marlene, Elected Officials, Chief Oppenheimer, fellow officers and staff in honor of his 38 years with the township.



David is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Arizona and teeing off on the Arrow Head Golf Course where he will work on a part time basis.

**CHIEF OPPENHEIMER
 RECEIVES AWARD**

This award is presented to an Active OACP Member Police Chief to recognize extraordinary volunteer service during the current OACP membership year in unselfishly offering time, talent, and leadership to the members, mission, and programs of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

It is a great honor to announce, Chief Robert L. Oppenheimer, Perry Township (Franklin County) Police Department, as the 2012 Recipient of the William E. Crosier Distinguished Service Award. Chief Paul S. Denton, CLEE, with The Ohio State University PD writes this about Chief Oppenheimer's service:



(l) Chief Robert L. Oppenheimer, CLEE
 (r) Chief Kenneth Hinkle, CLEE

"The year 2011 provided many challenges for Ohio law enforcement not seen for over 30 years. The legislative issues presented to the OACP Legislative Committee were - and - continue to be works in progress. There were many bills in both houses that required the attention of the OACP. Chief Oppenheimer responded to the calls with an informed position of our organization. Bob handled these opportunities with our elected officials in order to develop a long and lasting relationship for the future.

The political landscape is ever changing and having Chief Oppenheimer as the face of the OACP presenting our mission of Ohio Law Enforcement as Chair of the Legislative Committee continues to be a driving force for success."

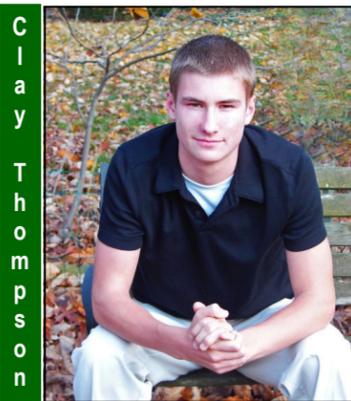
MOSQUITO PROBLEMS?

Are you having problems with mosquitoes in your neighborhood?

Visit www.myfcph.org or call Franklin County Public Health's bite line to report problems.

(614) 525-BITE (2483)

2010-11 HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS GRADUATE



Clay Thompson, of Worthington Hills, participated in the Township's 2010-2011 internship program. During the 6-week program, the students worked with staff members, participated in trustee meetings, and rode with police officers during patrols. The township staff was so impressed with their work ethic and abilities that each student was asked to return periodically throughout the year to assist with various projects.

Clay and Max are 2012 graduates of Worthington Kilbourne High School. Max will enter the School of Health Sciences pre-med program at Boston's Northeastern University. Clay, will pursue a degree in business through the ROTC program at Virginia Tech beginning in the fall.

It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with these students. The Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator, and staff wish them the very best and brightest of futures.



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STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: PERRY TEAMS WITH CIVICS

Several months ago, the township was made aware of a proposed development project at the corner of Snouffer and Smokey Row roads. The developers planned to build a three story apartment complex which neighboring residents did not consider to be a good fit for the quiet area. Increased traffic accidents on Snouffer was a concern as well as the increase in traffic flow through Brookside Estates.

The Perry Township Board of Trustees reached out to numerous civic leaders in the area. Several meetings were held to discuss the pros and cons of such a development. In a packed room at the Northwest Library, developers answered questions and concerns. After much discussion, they were unable to convince the group that the complex would benefit the community. Despite the lack of support, the developer was determined to move forward with the project.

The Board of Trustees teamed up with local civic leaders and took their concerns to the Columbus City Council. Under pressure from Perry's elected officials and civic leaders, the developers withdrew their offer to purchase the property.

We were later notified by one of our consultants that another development group was interested in the same property. This new development group is proposing to purchase the property for the purpose of constructing a senior citizen and assisted living care facility. After reviewing the development plans, civic leaders and Perry Township's elected officials were pleased to find that the development met the needs and expectations of the community.

Recently, the City of Columbus presented a preliminary design of a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists in the area of the north side of State Rt. 161, between Linworth and Sawmill Roads. (<http://bit.ly/ColumbusBike>. Click on "Current Bike Projects.")

The Perry Township Board of Trustees are once again coordinating a collaborative effort to determine if this plan is of benefit to surrounding communities of if, perhaps, there is a better route to take. The relationships between residents, business owners, and government officials in and around Perry Township keep property values high and protect the interests of the communities.

HOME PROJECTS: GET THAT PERMIT!

So that your project goes smoothly and finishes on time, make sure you contact the zoning office to determine whether or not a permit is required.

Whether you have hired a contractor to pave your driveway, build a new deck, or put in a patio it's the responsibility of the home owner to ensure that the proper permits have been obtained and paid for.

Contact the Zoning Inspector by calling (614) 889-1211 for information.

GET CONNECTED VIA FB, THE WEB, & NEWSLETTER

Our website, www.perrytwp.org, will be getting a new look over the next few months. The Board of Trustees have hired a development firm to streamline the site. Perry's website will include an interactive calendar and search bar. Keep up to date with our Facebook page and look for important alerts through the township's E-Broadcast system.

Signing up is easy! Go to www.perrytwp.org.

A PORTION OF LINWORTH ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

Linworth Road over Interstate 270 (North Side) Linworth Road will close between Bluffway Drive and Linworth Road East for approximately 2 ½ months so the contractor can replace the bridge over I-270.

Linworth Road traffic will be detoured to Hard Road to Smokey Row Road to Snouffer Road to Linworth Road.

The road is expected to open August 13 just after midnight.

For up-to-date traffic information, construction information and road conditions, 24-hours a day, visit www.BuckeyeTraffic.org.

THINGS TO DO IN THE COLUMBUS AREA

After the fireworks, parades, candy, and firecracker trots, what is there to do? Many folks are choosing to stay close to home this summer. Here's a few ideas for family fun:

Ohio Historical Village
www.ohiohistory.org

Anthony Thomas Factory Tour
www.Anthony-Thomas.com

COSI (Center of Science and Industry)
<http://cosi.org/>

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
www.colszoo.org/

Zoombezi Bay Waterpark
www.zoombezibay.com/

Olentangy Indian Caverns
<http://www.olentangyindiancaverns.com/>

Santa Maria Tour
<http://www.santamaria.org>

Of course, there are several beautiful Metro Parks throughout the area. Check out the things to do via <http://www.metroparks.net/>

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

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

Henderson Heights
President: Helen Ware
(614) 207-7036

Worthington Hills
President: Michele Bair
michele.bair@worthingtonhills.org
www.worthingtonhills.org

NEW SERVICE PROVIDER FOR WORTHINGTON HILLS

Aqua America is now the water service provider for Worthington Hills residents. According to the company's website www.aquaamerica.com the company services approximately 264,000 residents in nine counties across Ohio.

The customer service number for Aqua is **877.WTR.AQUA** or **877.987.2782**.

WM & ROAD SERVICE CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The 2012-13 service calendar for Waste Management and the Road Department is now posted on the township's website - www.perrytwp.org.

Magnetic calendars will be available within the next two weeks. Contact Beth Beatty by calling **(614) 889-2669** or via email bbeatty@perrytwp.org if you would like one.



Summer Safety Checklist

- Driving**
 - Buckle up... properly! Bottom strap across hips and shoulder strap across chest.
 - Do not be distracted by other passengers, motorists, cell phones, radio, etc. Stay focused!
 - Obey car and booster seat guidelines.
- Swimming and diving**
 - Do not dive in less than nine feet of water.
 - No board, no diving!
- Personal watercrafts**
 - Be watchful, defensive, obey speeds, and keep your distance.
- Body boarding**
 - Hold board so it extends past head.
- General Water Safety**
 - No re-dos; do not combine alcohol and water-related activities!
 - Be aware of sandbars.
 - Feet-first entry.
- Bicycle Riding**
 - Wear a helmet... properly! A helmet should be worn snug, fitted, and level.
 - Replace helmet after three to five years and/or if cracked.

www.christopherreeve.org CHRISTOPHER & DANA REEVE FOUNDATION TODAY'S CARE. TOMORROW'S CURE.

PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE NAB POT GROWERS

During the month of May, the Perry Township Police Department received information regarding an alleged marijuana growing operation in the area of Snouffer Road.

A search warrant was obtained and officers recovered several plants from the basement of a local resident. The Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) are in the process of testing and weighing the illegal substance.

Currently, the investigation is ongoing and arrests are pending. However, the Department is confident that the suspects will be formally charged.

Residents and business owners are the eyes and ears of the police force. Often crimes occur because witnesses are not comfortable reporting an issue. Help keep your neighborhood safe by calling the police if you notice unusual activity in your area.

HOUSE CHECKS AVAILABLE VIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Whether you and your family are leaving town for a couple days or a couple weeks, contact the Perry Township Police Department to set up a free house check.

Dial: **614-339-0240** (set up); **614-339-0241** (cancel)

or visit our website at www.perrytwp.org, click on the Police tab and choose "House Checks."

A few tips:

- Don't forget to lock your doors and windows.
- Be careful about who you tell of your vacation plans.
- Remember, burglars find house keys easily when they are hidden in potted plants, under doormats, or above the door ledge.
- Stop all postal and newspaper deliveries.
- Maintain a "lived in" look while away.

FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS & PARKING

BROOKSIDE

Saturday, June 30th

Brookside Elementary School

5:00-8:30 p.m.

Flag Raising: 5:15PM

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. (Please bring one side dish)

There will be a small parade around the school (not in the street), KidPrint Van, Bingo, Inflatable play area, bike decorating contest, and a Worthington Fire Truck.

WORTHINGTON HILLS

Friday, June 29th

Firecracker Trot

It will begin and end at the school

Registration will be from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. with the race starting at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 1st

Family Fun Night.

The event will be from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the school

Monday, July 2nd

Softball games will be held on the baseball diamond at the school

Kids game will be at 5:00 p.m.

Adults game will be at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4th

Parade will begin to line up at 11:00 a.m.

Parade will start at 12:00 p.m.

Fireworks will be at dusk at the Country Club

PARKING RESTRICTIONS (WH ONLY)

Candlewood Dr. from Clubview Blvd. S to the property line of the school, on both sides of the street, will have restricted parking from Friday, June 29, 2012 @ 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, July 1, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. Restricted parking from the school property line to Beechlake & Candlewood Dr. (both sides of the street.) Friday, June 29, 2012 @ 12:00 p.m. through Friday, June 29, 2012 @ 8:00. Clubview Blvd. N will posted as no parking from Highview Dr., running northbound to just after Blindbrook Dr. Blindbrook Dr. will be posted as no parking from Clubview Blvd. N to the curve (both side of the streets). In affect Wednesday, July 4 from 5:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Circle on the Green no parking on the inside part of the circle. This will be in effect all day long on July 4.

DEAD TREES IN EASEMENTS

Everyone will agree that a dead tree is an ugly tree. A dead tree also poses a danger to walkers, joggers, bikers and motorists. A situation that the Board of Trustees and Road Superintendent by law cannot allow.

As we all know, the Emerald Ash Borer has wreaked havoc on hundreds of Ash trees throughout the township. We have a situation where several of those trees are in the right-of-way and residents are unsure if removal is their responsibility or the township's. So, who foots the bill?



In short, the removal of dead trees is the responsibility of the property owner. Pursuant to O.R.C. §5571.1. if an object interferes with snow or ice removal, drainage, or in any way obstructs or endangers the public travel of the road, the Board of Trustees may declare the object to be a public nuisance. The Board will then ask the property owner to remove the object within thirty (30) days. If that person refuses or neglects to comply with the order, the expense incurred in that removal will result in a lien being placed upon the property.

The Road Superintendent is in the process of creating an inventory of trees which are of concern. The Zoning Department will begin issuing notices to residents who are affected and will work with you to resolve the problem.

The township is not able to recommend tree services. When collecting bids for tree removal keep in mind that this is time of year when tree services prey on unsuspecting customers. The Better Business Bureau is an excellent source of information and of course Angie's list is another option to ensure you hire a reputable company.



ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

The Police Department continues to receive calls about door-to-door salesmen. Only vendors with a Transient Vendor permit are allowed in township neighborhoods. With the exception of non – profit groups (ex. Girl & Boy Scouts), all vendors should be able to produce their permit. If this isn't the case, residents are encouraged to contact the Perry Township Police Department.

Feedback related to the new street signs has been positive and we appreciate hearing from you. The Road Department is out every day maintaining and repairing the streets. Motorists should be extremely careful and slow down when driving through a designated work zone.

Residents have expressed safety concerns regarding bicyclists in the area. Cyclists should remember that they must follow the same rules and laws as motorists. Those who don't will be ticketed by the police department and are subject to the same fines. We want everyone to enjoy the summer months; but, do so safely.

Bradley Polivka of Worthington Hills chose the Davis Cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. So far he has refurbished the cemetery sign, planted trees, and cleared brush. As you can see, the cemetery is looking better every day because of his efforts.

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CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

The Zoning Commission along with the Board of Zoning Appeals, Zoning Department Staff, Township Administrator and Trustee Chaney have been busy these last 5 months working on some zoning code changes. Most changes are minor tweaks to the existing code. We held two public meetings in May for township residents to come and review changes and ask questions. If approved by the Trustees on July 2nd then the changes will go into affect. To view changes contact Robin or John at **614-889-1211**.

Zoning Permits are required for many different projects such as: Portable Storage Units (PODS), Dumpsters, driveway repairs (excluding resealing), fences, patios and play structures. You may access the Zoning Code at www.perrytwp.org, click on the "Zoning Tab" and then click on "Zoning Code".

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 Garage Sales do require a permit!

If you need to meet to discuss a zoning question or concern, please contact our office to set up an appointment **(614) 889-1211**.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

Vandalism is defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement, or defacement of any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or persons having custody or control.

If you damage property, it makes little difference whether it was a car, home, school, or business. And it doesn't matter whether the act was intentional or not. The issue becomes one of accountability and restitution. If the act is intentional or malicious, it's called vandalism, which is a misdemeanor or a felony, depending on the amount of damage. Otherwise, it's called criminal damage

Why do a few individuals think its fun to vandalize a mail box? Or to kick over flower pots and patio furniture? Or to ruin playground equipment and spoil the fun for little kids? Or to spray paint somebody's house, or car? What went wrong in the upbringing of these people? Why do they have so little respect for others? These questions and more come to mind as Perry Township Police ponder what to do about recurring vandalism in the Township. We are not alone in our frustration. Public and private property all too often is damaged or destroyed just because somebody gets a kick from doing it.

THERE ARE NO easy answers, because property cannot be guarded at all times. The closest option is to train surveillance cameras on potential targets, and that approach has its own drawbacks. The answer, if there is one, is in changing hearts and minds. The first line of defense is mom and dad, who need to pay a lot more attention to where their kids are and what they're doing. Yes, mom and dad, you should be responsible for your kids. A second defense is for neighbors to be more aware, to keep their eyes open, and report suspicious behavior to the police.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

Another Spring is coming to an end. We have been busy with storm drainage repairs, patching pot holes and mowing the complex, cemetery and right of ways. The curbed streets were swept and the brush chipping yielded over 215 cubic yards (40 tons) of chips. So far, we have installed storm tile at four locations.

Now we all look forward to a busy and exciting summer. The Road Department will continue to make repairs to the storm sewer system, install and repair ditch tiles, maintain our equipment and buildings, and make small repairs to the roads. We will also continue to mow the Complex, cemetery and right of ways.

The big construction project for the Township, this year, will be the continued removal and replacement of a large section of curb and gutter on Clubview Blvds North and South. We will also be applying a new surface to Larkstone Dr., Banbury Dr. and Haven Hill Dr. The bids for the 2012 County/Township road construction have just been opened and awarded. The preconstruction meeting will take place within the next couple of weeks. At that time, we will have a better idea of when construction will begin. I do not expect anything to start before mid July. We will pass on information as soon as we have it.

Please be safe and enjoy the summer.