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Board of Trustee Regular Meetings
@ 7:00 p.m.
January 7th & 23rd
February 4th & 20th
March 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.perrytwp.org



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Dublin, OH 43016

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

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■ Trash & Recycling Only

AQUA WATER MEETING & REPORT

A second Aqua Ohio Town Hall Meeting will be hosted by Perry Township. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Worthington Hills Country Club on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, starting at 6:30 pm. The purpose is to release the results and recommendations of the 2012 Worthington Hills Water Study. More details will follow as we promote the importance of this meeting to the community.

2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Trustees has released their 2013 public meeting schedule.

Regular meetings are held at the Township Hall @ 7:00 p.m. the first and third Monday of every month except:

- Wednesday, January 23rd
- Wednesday, February 20th
- Wednesday, September 4th

The Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Exterior Maintenance Appeals Board meet as necessary. Meeting dates and times are posted at the Administrative Office and the township website www.perrytwp.org.

The Administrative Office, Road and Zoning Department will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King Day, January 21st; and Presidents' Day, February 18th.

BECOME A BONE MARROW DONOR

Match4Kim.com is a campaign dedicated to finding a bone marrow donor for Kim Roper. Kim is a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer patient, a long time Perry Township residents, and wife of township trustee, Jim Roper. Finding a donor



who is a match to Kim is essential in her recovery process as she has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of this cancer.

Remember:

- 1) Donors between the 18-44 years of age provide the greatest chance for transplant success.
- 2) Donors NEVER pay to donate marrow.
- 3) Donors have the right to change their mind about being a donor at any time.

Please visit www.match4kim.com for more information on becoming a donor. You could be the match!

2012 TOWNSHIP SERVICE AWARDS

Several employees were recognized during the township's annual awards ceremony held on December 20th.

Robin Fellure, received the 2012 Employee of the Year award. Robin has served as Chief Zoning Officer since the summer of 2006. She has overseen a complete overhaul of the zoning code and most recently implemented an electronic payment system as a convenience to residents and business owners in the township.

On September 1, 2012 at approximately 4:16 a.m. while on routine patrol in Worthington Hills, **Sergeant Anthony Ashley** noticed a truck on fire. He immediately notified the communication center and requested assistance from the fire department. He woke the homeowners and then used a garden hose to spray the home and vehicles, preventing the fire from spreading. For his outstanding performance, Sgt. Ashley received the Award of Merit.

For his outstanding performance and dedication to getting drunk drivers off Perry Township's roads, **Officer Mark Rice** was issued the Chief's Distinguished Service Award. On average, every 53 minutes in the United States someone is killed in a drunk driving crash. In 2011, 9,878 people were killed and every 90-seconds a person was injured. Officer Rice arrested 105 drivers who were found to be either under the influence of alcohol or drug. A high percentage of these suspects were convicted.

Other award recipients were:

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Edward Kontul Jr.

Officer of the Year

Officer Paul Grundei

Part-Time Officer of the Year

Officer Charles Mills



We would like to congratulate our fellow staff member for a job well done throughout the 2012 year!

SEASONAL INFLUENZA 2012-2013

The 2012 seasonal flu vaccine protects against three separate influenza viruses that scientists predict will be the most common during the upcoming season (H3N2, H1N1 and influenza B). This season's flu vaccine does NOT protect against the influenza A H3N2v. However, the last H3N2v case in Ohio was reported on September 14, 2012. Almost all H3N2v cases resulted from close contact with swine. At this time, H3N2v does not appear to spread easily from person to person, and ODH does not anticipate many cases during flu season.

Who Should Get a Flu Shot?

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) vaccine experts are again this year recommending that everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.

While everyone should get a flu vaccine each flu season, the CDC notes it's especially important that the following groups get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications:

- ♦ Pregnant women
- ♦ Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- ♦ People 65 years of age and older
- ♦ People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- ♦ People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities



People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:

- ♦ Caregivers of children younger than 5 years of age with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children younger than 6 months of age (children younger than 6 months are at highest risk of flu-related complications but are too young to get vaccinated)
- ♦ Health care workers

Go to <http://www.odh.ohio.gov> for more information.

BROOKSIDE CHRISTMAS WRAP UP

The Brookside Civic Association hosted two Christmas events. We held a Christmas party at Brookside School where Santa visited with the children while parents took pictures and helped the kids do a variety of crafts. We had cookies and refreshments for all. Parents and kids alike rode on horse drawn wagons to view some of the decorated houses in our neighborhood. The night was cool but pleasant and much fun was had by all. Each person who attended brought a non perishable food item which was donated to the Worthington Food Panty for those less fortunate.

Our second event was the annual judging of Christmas decorations. Winners were chosen in two categories: best decorated houses and best decorated entry ways. First, second and third place winners received Anderson's gift certificates and a beautiful yard sign denoting that they won.

WINTER REMINDERS

When the snow isn't flying and the weather permits, the Road Department will be out crack sealing the roads.

The crew will also trim trees in the right of ways. If you have a tree in the right of way that you **do not** want us to trim, please call the office **(614) 889-8781**. Our policy is to trim at least a few feet back from the edge of the road and up to 13 feet above the pavement.



The road equipment is now ready for snow fighting. Please remove your vehicles from the roadways during snow events so we can safely and efficiently clear the roads.

Waste Management will collect Christmas trees after the holidays. Trees over the height of 8 feet should be cut into two sections. Simply place your tree next to your trash tote for collection.

TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION RELEASES REPORT

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) recently conducted an extensive analysis of local government spending in Ohio and found that smaller governments spend less, tend to borrow less per capita and have lower taxes per capita than larger entities. The analysis was conducted using data from the Auditor of the State and a report was released in late September.

The report also indicates that Ohio's townships are one of the state's most efficient forms of government. Some of the key findings related too townships include:

Ohio's townships provide virtually the same services as cities and villages, and do so in their own exclusive geographic service areas. Further, townships are responsible for the largest share of the state's roadways.

Townships represent only 11 percent off local government spending, yet they have 35 percent of the state's population.

Townships conduct financial affairs responsibly, rarely utilizing Ohio's Local Government Fiscal Distress Program.

This is an excerpt from a recent study. Visit www.ohiotownships.org for the full report.

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
(614) 854-0783
www.worthingtonhills.org

ENERGY ASSISTANCE & SOLUTIONS

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Through Home Performance Solutions from Columbia Gas of Ohio, you will receive a complete Home Energy Audit to find out where your home is wasting energy and money. Then, take advantage of rebates up to 70% off when you make the recommended qualified energy efficiency improvements such as:

- ◆ Insulation upgrades
- ◆ Air sealing
- ◆ Gas furnace or boiler replacement

Home Performance Solutions best serves gas-heated homes that use 1,000 ccf of natural gas or more per year. Check your bill for this information. **(800) 344-4077**

PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio)

Apples-to-Apples: Compare service providers
<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/index.cfm/apples-to-apples/>

HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program)

A federally funded program administered by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). It is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the high costs of home heating. HEAP pays a one-time payment for most PUCO-regulated utility customers reflecting their usage for the current winter heating season.

(800) 282-0880

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER

Want to know where your home is wasting energy? Now you have three energy audit options that can help you identify and implement ways to reduce your home energy use and save money

For additional information about program participation or to check on the status of a rebate, please call **877-856-2454**.

Make the call and save!

CHIEF'S REPORT CONTINUED

Keeping Your Home Safe:

- ◆ At home, do not leave purchases in the car for all to see.
- ◆ Keep the outside of your home well lit, with doors and windows locked.
- ◆ Keep those gifts received at Christmas hidden from view through outside windows of your residence.
- ◆ Do not leave gifts or valuables in plain sight.
- ◆ Lock the car doors!!!

Travel Safety Tips:

- ◆ Do not drink and drive! Have a Designated Driver.
- ◆ Buckle up and make sure all occupants are properly restrained.
- ◆ Be aware of weather and road conditions.
- ◆ Keep all doors locked while riding in your car.
- ◆ Minimize distractions and slow down.
- ◆ Report aggressive or impaired drivers.

HELP WANTED

Perry Township is accepting resumes for a part time Assistant Zoning Officer. This is a 12 hours per week position. The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for the enforcement of the Exterior Property Maintenance Code; however, other duties may be required.

Qualified applicants must have effective communication skills both written and verbally, be able to work independently, Microsoft Office experience, have a current drivers license and good driving record, energetic, friendly, organized and able to create and maintain records and reports, excellent customer service skills used to help educate the residents on the Townships code.

Applicants should send a cover letter and resume by January 13th to: Perry Township Zoning Department, Attention: Robin Fellure, 7125 Sawmill Rd. Dublin, Ohio 43016-9018.

TOWNSHIP UPDATES COMMUNITY WEBSITE

On October 19th, the Township launched a new website.

We have incorporated ideas and suggestions we received from community members over the past few years. Our goal was to streamline information in a user friendly format. We want residents and business owners to find the information they need.

Below are just a few of the changes you will see:

1) Tabs: There are 4 main tabs across the top of the homepage: Admin, Public Safety (Police, Fire, EMS), Road, and Zoning.

2) Search Field: If you can't find what you are looking for, just type in a key word to find the information you need fast!

3) Events Calendar: This is located in the upper right hand corner of the website. Whether it is the garbage schedule or the next Trustee's meeting, click on the date to view times and/or location of the event. Do you want to see the entire month at a glance? Just navigate to that month and click on "**Event Calendar**."

4) Zoning: Residents and contractors now have the ability to download and submit permits electronically. PayPal is also available for those who would rather pay their fees online.

5) Incident reports: The police department's weekly reports is now found under the "**Police Weekly Blotter**" tab. Chief Oppenheimer also has added a section called "**Chief's Corner**" where you will find safety tips and other important information.

6) Community photos: Look for the link on our home page.

We hope to transfer the remainder of the links and other information to the new site by the end of the year.

We encourage to you to forward suggestions to our office. Comments can be made via email to bbeatty@perrytwp.org, charper@perrytwp.org or by calling **(614) 889-2669**.

PERRY POLICE GET A NEW LOOK



The recent events in Newtown, CN serves as a reminder to all of us of the need to routinely speak to our kids about personal safety.

Children who are lost or are in distress need to know who they can trust. Help your children recognize the officers who patrol their neighborhood.

The Perry Township police force has purchased two new cars which have already hit the streets. The entire fleet is in the process of being restriped with the black and white look.



All Perry Township police men and women have this emblem on their uniform. Each officer carries a badge which identifies them as a township law enforcement officer.

Practice makes perfect:

Make sure that your child knows how and when to use the 9-1-1 emergency system.

Talk to your children about possible emergency situations. If you or a family member has a condition (heart problems, high blood pressure, diabetes, etc), teach your kids about the signs to look for and when to call for help.

Be sure that your kids know their full name, address; and their parents' name and phone numbers.

Many children are home alone after school. Frequently remind them of the safety rules you have established in your household.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

As we enter into our second year as a Limited Home Rule township, we pursue opportunities which we believe will prove beneficial to our community. We continue to work with surrounding communities to provide safe walking paths for Brookside students as well as a shared bike path. A proactive approach has been taken to look for development opportunities within the township's borders. A top priority for the Board of Trustees is to resolve water and sewer issues that often lead to forced annexations. The Police Department recently entered into an mutual aid agreement that will enhance its ability to provide efficient police protection in emergency situations.

The township hosted a town hall meeting between representatives of Aqua Water and Worthington Hills residents. Residents were given the opportunity to work out billing issues and express concerns. A second meeting will be held on February 20th beginning at 6:30pm at the Worthington Hills Country Club to review results from the completed water study. We spearheaded a successful effort to ensure that the property at the corner of Smokey Row and Snouffer Roads was developed in such a way that area residents would not see increased traffic through their neighborhood. We are happy to report that the new developers have received approval from the City of Columbus to build a 2-story assisted living care center on that property.

Over 250 residents responded to the 2012 Township Satisfaction Survey. The Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator and Department Heads reviewed the data and comments. We were pleased to find that the majority of the feedback was positive. The group is now developing a plan-of-action to address concerns.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'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 please contact us for your final inspection. Call our office so that we may stop by, take a picture and complete the final inspection.

As a property owner you need to be informed and make sure you that your contractors are following the zoning and building codes. So, if you ever have a question about Zoning codes and permits please call us. We would be happy to speak with you.

Our zoning code and map, meeting dates and times, and several of our forms can be found on the township's website www.perrytwp.org, under the zoning tab. We also can now accept payments via PayPal.

Finally, I would like to announce the retirement of my assistant, John Hewitt. He has worked for Perry Township for 10 years. Perry Township and myself will deeply miss John when he departs on March 1. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication and help these past years.

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.

To all of the residents of Perry Township John and I wish you a Happy New Year!

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

Even though the shopping is complete and the presents have been unwrapped, many folks are still making the rounds to visit family and friends or are returning gifts to the local stores. The Perry Township Police urge post-holiday shoppers, home owners, and travelers to exercise vigilance and caution. Your first line of defense is to reduce your own vulnerability and do what you can to minimize the possibility that you could be a victim of crime. The Police would like to offer you the following safety tips to help you during this busy holiday season:

How to be safe while shopping for those after Christmas deals

- * Park in high visibility and well lit areas.
- * Lock your car and take your keys.
- * Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- * Shop with a friend, there is safety in numbers.
- * Use credit/debit cards and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- * Ladies, keep purse close to your body at all times.
- * Gentleman, keep your wallet in your front pocket.
- * Be careful using ATM machines.
- * Use them in populated places and pay attention to what is around you.
- * Do not leave purchased items visible in the car-leave them in the trunk.
- * Report suspicious people or activity immediately.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

Even though we only responded to 9 snow/ice events, 2012 was another busy year for the Road Department. We crack sealed several roads and patched a lot of gutters. We collected 215 cubic yards of chips during the spring brush chipping and completed several tile and drainage jobs.

The first 2 weeks of July was spent cleaning up damage caused by the June 29th wind storm. We collected 15 ½ loads (207 cubic yards) with the brush chipper and another 46 truck loads (450 cubic yards) with the loader and grapple. We collected 191 loads of leaves (3,185 cubic yards) this year and ran the entire Township 10 times.

The 2012 Road Construction went really well. Another 6,000 feet of curb & gutter and under drain was replaced on Clubview Blvd. and a new micro surface was applied to Larkstone Dr., Banbury Dr. and Havenhill Dr.

After much discussion and planning, we replaced all of the old street name and stop signs in the Township. We saved a lot of money by doing the assembly and installation ourselves. I think you all will agree that the signs are a great improvement to the looks of our neighborhoods. We will continue with the replacement of other signs this year.

We hope that everyone has a safe and Happy New Year!