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**Brush Chipping: April 29th - May 6th**

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**Board of Trustee Regular Meetings**  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
April 1st & 15th  
May 6th & 20th  
June 3rd & 17th

**Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting**  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
2nd Tuesday of each month

**Zoning Commission Meeting**  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
3rd Wednesday of each month

Check our website for schedule changes

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**TOWNSHIP TACKLES WATER PROBLEMS**

Aqua purchased the water system from Ohio American in the Spring of 2012. Soon after, the Trustees engaged the company in discussions to resolve ongoing complaints from residents. The most common complaints were mineral deposits on sinks/faucets, undesirable odors, less than satisfactory taste, and a reduction in the usable life of appliances and fixtures.

Aqua agreed to meet with residents to discuss concerns. Based on the complaints received, the company initiated a water quality study to determine the cause. The independent engineering firm conducting the study found that the culprit was Total Dissolve Solids (TSD). The wells in Worthington Hills averaged 552ppm in TDS; while the recommended average for is 340ppm.

On February 20th, the Board of Trustees hosted a second town hall style meeting for Worthington Hills' residents. Representatives from Aqua Water were on hand to discuss the results of the recent water study. Although there is no known health issues derived from higher levels of TDS, the increased levels do create aesthetic issues.

The solution? Installation of a Nano-Filtration system which will trap materials and contaminants. Once installed, mineral deposits will diminish; odor and taste complaints will be resolved.

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**ZONING INSPECTOR PASSES THE TORCH**

A retirement party was held for Zoning Inspector, John Hewitt, celebrating his 10 years of service to Perry Township. John and his wife, Carol, are long time residents of the Columbus area. Chief Zoning Officer, Robin Fellure, describes John as being a valuable and dedicated staff member throughout his tenure. We will all miss his humor and friendship. The Perry Township Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator and staff wish him well.



Kim Cellar stepped into the Zoning Inspector position on February 4th. Prior to accepting the position at Perry Township, he taught in the Dublin City school district for 31 years; served as a township trustee and a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Liberty Township. Most recently he was the Zoning Inspector for the Village of Ostrander. Kim will be the eyes of the zoning department and the enforcer of the exterior property maintenance code.

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**Drive Carefully**

**Brush Collection**

**April 29th - May 6th**

## OHIO DRAINAGE LAWS & RESOURCES

**Q:** My neighbor is sending muddy water into my backyard. Is this permissible?

**A:** Theoretically, all sediment must remain on the site in which it originated. However, water typically picks up sediment as it travels along its natural course. If you believe the amount of muddy water entering your property is excessive, please call Franklin Soil and Water to arrange a site visit.

**Q:** I bought the land that my house was built on late last summer. No one informed me that the ground is wet for a large portion of the year. My basement floods often and smells musty.

**A:** Unfortunately, this brings up the adage "buyer beware". When you are considering buying property, it is necessary to do your homework. Your underlying soil type will give you the best indication of whether or not you will have water problems. Soil information can be obtained by requesting a copy of the *Soil Survey* from Franklin Soil and Water. This information is also available on-line at <http://ebsoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>. The *Soil Survey* is free. Doing this research before buying a home may save a lot of money and future headaches.

**Q:** Can Franklin Soil and Water serve as the enforcement agency for drainage complaints?

**A:** No. This is a common misconception. We cannot order a landowner to stop the flow of their surface water onto your land. We can, however, provide you technical assistance in dealing with the flow of water on your property and help create the best possible drainage situation for all land owners involved.

### Resources and References:

For more information about Ohio Drainage Law, reference the Ohio Revised Code, Chapters 1515, 6131, 6133, 6135, 6137.

The above information is found in Bulletin 822, "Ohio Drainage Laws: A Brief Overview", Brown, Larry C. and Stearns, Jodi L. published by OSU Extension Office. To get a copy and more information check their website at [www.ohioline.ag.ohio-state.edu](http://www.ohioline.ag.ohio-state.edu)

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## 2013 HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Perry Township of Franklin County offers an internship program that allows high school students with an interest and/or background in government administration, local government law, or law enforcement to participate in projects and programs designed to broaden an understanding of Local Government.

Interns work for a total of 6 full weeks, Monday through Friday, during the months of June, July and August. An application process is required. **The 2013 program is open to students who have not previously participated in a Perry Township Internship program.** Interns participating in this program will receive a stipend of \$9.00 per hour. Please note that space in this program is limited.

**The deadline for application is  
April 15, 2013.**

The High School Internship Program provides a work-based learning experience for high school students. Participating students are part of a career pathway program that is organized around the disciplines of government administration, law enforcement, and the practice of law. This program integrates the development of professional skills so that students are provided with practical work experience.

Interested students may contact Beth Beatty by calling **(614) 889-2669** or via email [bbeatty@perrytp.org](mailto:bbeatty@perrytp.org).

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 5TH

Waste Management will begin to collect yard waste on April 5th. This service will continue every other week through November.

To ensure that your yard waste is picked on the scheduled date, set the bags/cans on the opposite side of driveway away from trash and recyclables.

If you have any questions, contact Waste Management by calling **(614) 833-9111** or go to their website [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com).

## SPRING CLEAN UP CHIPPER REGULATIONS

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 29th through May 6th, 2013.

Removal of tree trimmings is 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 yard waste bag and put out for Yard Waste collection with Waste Management.
- ♦ Residents with excessive amounts of trimmings should make other arrangements. We are not a tree removal service.
- ♦ Township employees cannot leave mulch at residences.

**Questions?** Call (614) 889-8781.



**Lay branches in the same direction.  
Don't put brush in the street.**

## FRANKLIN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION IDEAS

When it rains, water from roofs, driveways, sidewalks, and roads is directed to storm drain inlets and travels, unfiltered and untreated, directly to the nearest stream or river. This "runoff" often contains pesticides, excess nutrients from fertilizers and pet waste, litter, and fluids from leaking cars. The runoff itself is a problem because all that extra water being directed to waterways not naturally formed to carry it causes bank erosion.

Erosion causes muddiness or "sedimentation" in the stream which harms wildlife and can cause homeowners to lose land along an eroded stream.

Homeowners, renters, and land managers can promote "infiltration" - rain water soaking into the ground where it doesn't cause erosion and can restore groundwater supplies - by installing rain gardens and rain barrels. Rain barrels store water that runs off your roof that would normally be directed to the street and storm drain inlet. The stored rainwater can then be used to water the lawn or a garden.

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## CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

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President: Helen Ware  
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### Worthington Hills

President: Michele Bair  
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## STATE REPRESENTATIVE DUFFY SEEKS INPUT

COLUMBUS - Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) has set up an online survey for constituents to provide their opinions about Governor John R. Kasich's state budget proposal. Opinions are being collected in an online survey at: [tinyurl.com/DuffeyBudgetSurvey](http://tinyurl.com/DuffeyBudgetSurvey)

Recently, Governor Kasich released his proposed state budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal years. As a member of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, Representative Duffey has begun reviewing Governor Kasich's reform package that includes changes to Ohio's school funding model, lowering the state income and sales taxes, and broadening the sales tax for services, among other reforms.

Representative Duffey is requesting resident feedback on these proposals before the Ohio House takes a vote on the bill.

"At least you can say this: Governor Kasich is not boring," said State Rep. Mike Duffey. "As we have become accustomed, he has offered a series of major proposals for job creation that Ohioans need to consider carefully before deciding if they make sense. I hope our residents will speak up. Now is the time to be heard."

Representative Duffey's office has emailed the link to this survey to constituents who have contacted his office. In addition, he maintains an official Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StateRepMikeDuffey](http://www.facebook.com/StateRepMikeDuffey) where he has posted live updates from the Ohio House Finance committee.

Residents in Dublin, Worthington and northwest Franklin County can provide their opinion to Representative Duffey by visiting the survey at: [tinyurl.com/DuffeyBudgetSurvey](http://tinyurl.com/DuffeyBudgetSurvey)



Proceed  
with  
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## BROOKSIDE ESTATE'S NEWS & EVENTS

Brookside will once again host their Annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday May 4th. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues through 3:00 p.m. Individuals do not have to obtain a garage sale permit for this event.

The Brookside Civic Association Board of Trustees announced that a new BCA website will be launched in the new future. Once available, the website's name will be posted on the Snouffer Road entrance way sign.

The Brookside Bulletin is now available via email. To sign up email your request to [newsletter@brookside-estates.us](mailto:newsletter@brookside-estates.us).

The Civic welcomes a new board of officers:

- ◆ President, Shawn Pereira
- ◆ 1st Vice President, Jana Bender
- ◆ 2nd Vice President, Karen Russelo
- ◆ Secretary, Shirley Myers
- ◆ Treasurer, Marilyn Dodson

## DON'T LET YOUR OUTDOOR FUN GO UP IN SMOKE

Summertime should be a time of fun and making happy memories. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following safety instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

### Residential Grill Fire Facts

- An estimated 5,700 grill fires occur on residential properties each year in the United States.
- Almost half (49 percent) of grill fires on residential properties occur from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Over half (57 percent) of grill fires on residential properties occur in the 4 months of May, June, July, and August. Thirty-two percent of grill fires on residential properties start on patios, terraces, screened-in porches, or courtyards.

Learn how to keep your family safe. Visit the U.S. Fire Administrators site's Focus on Fire Safety: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus/summer.shtm>

## AQUA WATER (Continued)

Aqua is currently requesting bids for the necessary equipment and installation. The project is expected to kick off in early to mid Summer 2013 and should be fully operational by the end of 2013.

Updates and announcements will be made available through the office of Perry Township, in bills and through other local media. It is important to note that once this system is in place, customers should completely disconnect all in-home softeners.

The Board of Trustees and Aqua have established a partnership committed to providing quality service at a reasonable cost. This partnership was instrumental intervening in a pending Ohio American Water rate case which ultimately rolled back operational costs to 2009 levels, a savings passed on to local residents.

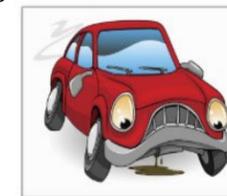
## PROJECTS? GARAGE SALE? DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMIT

The Perry Township zoning code was put in place to protect the value of your home, property and the community you live in. The Chief Zoning Officer and Inspector are tasked with ensuring the code is followed.

Residents of Perry Township have an obligation to maintain their property. Broken down cars, trash, and homes in disrepair are eyesores. And, who wants to tear down a perfectly good fence or deck because it did not comply with the code?

Below is a list of the common permits that township residents must complete:

- ◆ Garage Sale
- ◆ Contractor Signs
- ◆ Driveway Permit
- ◆ Dumpster / POD
- ◆ Zoning (decks, patios, etc)



**Questions?** Contact the Zoning Department by calling (614) 889-1211. The zoning code can be found by clicking on the "Zoning" tab of our website: [www.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org)

## FRANKLIN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION IDEAS

Monarch on milkweed.

Franklin Soil and Water educates and assists homeowners, community organizations, and local governments on the benefits of backyard conservation practices. These common practices are used as solutions to storm water quantity and quality problems.



Runoff from rain water and snowmelt generally enter storm drains on the streets, carrying pollutants from lawn fertilizers, pesticides, and vehicle fluids directly to our creeks, streams, and rivers. These pollutants are not filtered out through our storm water systems before flowing to our creeks and drinking water



reservoirs. With the amount of impervious surfaces (roads, rooftops, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots) increasing, our storm water has no way to be slowed, and it can cause serious property damage and flooding. Backyard

conservation practices can help with water conservation, water quality, water quantity, and backyard habitat.

Common backyard conservation practices include: rain gardens, rain barrels, native plantings, mulching, drip irrigation, pervious surfaces, dry streambeds, reduction of fertilizer and pesticide use, composting, and green roofs.

Another great resource, FLOW'S Backyard Conservation Manual can be accessed via the following link: [http://fsw.inkspeck.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/byard\\_cons\\_hndbk.pdf](http://fsw.inkspeck.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/byard_cons_hndbk.pdf)

**Contact the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Natural Resource Conservation Service via** [www.franklinswcd.org](http://www.franklinswcd.org) or call (614) 486-9613.

## ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

We continue to keep tabs on legislative and state budgetary proposals affecting local governments such as ours. Among the issues are maintaining reasonable rates for water and sewer service. Supplementing lost tax revenue and minimizing the impact to tax payers due to state budget cuts is a high priority as well.

The City of Columbus has proposed a bike path on the north side of 161. There is also a proposal on the table to build an apartment complex in the area. Because both projects potentially impact our Brookside residents, the Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Administrator have actively participated in planning meetings to voice resident's concerns. Additionally, we continue to assist with an effort to obtain grant monies which will be used to provide a safe bike/ walking path for Brookside elementary students.

Within the next few weeks, you will be asked to participate in a survey which will assist us in creating bid specifications for the next solid waste and recycling contract. For those who do not have ready access to a computer, the administrative office will provide a hard copy of the survey upon request. Included in this newsletter is a survey request from State Representative Michal Duffy (page 6).

The 2013 High School Internship program will be available to township students who have not already participated. This program is geared to students who will enter their Junior or Senior year in the fall and who have an interest in law enforcement or government operations. Interested students should contact our administrative office by calling (614) 889-2669 or email [bbeatty@perrytwp.org](mailto:bbeatty@perrytwp.org).

Finally, we want to thank Zoning Inspector, John Hewitt, for his dedication and service. John recently retired after 10 years with the Department. We welcome Kim Cellar who assumed the Zoning Inspector's duties on February 4th of this year.

## CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

*By Robin Fellure*

This quarter the Zoning Department would like to focus on 3 main violations.

**First:** One of the biggest eyesores for zoning and the residents are trashcans. Remember, trash should always be placed in appropriate containers and stored in an area that is not visible from the property line.

**Second:** Basketball Hoops. There are many out there and they are in the road or within the legal right of way. This becomes a safety issue for those providing services to the residents. Remember they are considered a structure and can only be placed in the driveway a reasonable distance from the street curb. Please insure your basketball hoop is in an approved location.

**Third:** Zoning permits are often required for projects such as driveway repairs (excluding resealing), fences, patios, dumpsters and PODS. All of these permits can be downloaded and in some cases paid for online via Pay Pal at [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org) by clicking on the Zoning tab.

**Fourth:** Ash tree inspections will take place in April. Residents will be notified if it is determined that their tree presents a danger.

Our newest member of the Zoning Department is Kim Cellar. He assumed the Assistant Code Enforcement Officer position that John vacated when he retired on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Please help me welcome Kim to the township.



## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

*By Chief Robert Oppenheimer*

Perry Township Police Department delivers high quality police services through meaningful community partnerships, service excellence and individual integrity. The department has 11 full-time and 13 part time employees, who consists of 24 sworn officers and 1 civilian employee.

The Perry Township Police Department is an organization driven by the needs of the community and its citizens. We are committed to working together for the common good of the community we serve. We protect the constitutional rights of our citizens by fair and strict enforcement of laws. We have respect and compassion for the dignity of human life. We demonstrate standards of integrity, professionalism and honesty. We are talented, open minded, and compassionate as we work diligently to be leaders in the community we serve.



As Chief of Police, I am proud of our State certified police officers and skilled support staff who have demonstrated a personal commitment to providing a professional and effective community oriented law enforcement agency. To succeed in reaching our goal of creating positive partnerships within the community, we must have open lines of communication with all of our citizens and provide them the accessibility to contact us. Your input and support will help make this partnership goal a reality! Without the support of our Trustees, Mister Jim Roper, Mister Andy English and Mister Chet Chaney none of this would be possible.

I welcome your comments and suggestions. If at any time you wish to provide us with information or should you have any questions or concerns please do.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*By Bryan Shonkwiler*

To date, we have had 14 snow/ice events where the Road Department has plowed and/or salted the streets. That is just a little under average for the season. We have kept busy, at other times, with equipment maintenance, road patching, trimming brush in right of ways and will continue to crack seal into the Spring.

Our annual spring brush chipping program is scheduled to start on April 29<sup>th</sup> and end on May 6<sup>th</sup>. As always, tree trimmings should be placed at the edge of your front yard in an organized manner; preferably with the cut end of the branches facing the street. We will chip them up and take the chips to a recycling facility. Please remember that this service is for large branches that have fallen or you have trimmed from your trees. Branches should be at least 4 feet long and no more than 8 inches in diameter to be safely placed in our brush chipper. See complete chipping regulations in this newsletter or on the Perry Township web site. Small twigs and sticks should be bundled, canned or bagged for pickup by Waste Management on Yard Waste collection days. Yard waste service is provided by Waste Management every other week from April through November.

**Reminder:** Grass clippings should not be swept or blown into the street. They should be bagged or, better yet, left on the lawn.

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