

JULY / AUG / SEPT 2013

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**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
July 1st & 15th
August 5th & 19th
September 5th & 16th

**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

www.perrytwp.org

**RUMPKE WINS SOLID
WASTE CONTRACT**

Beginning July 1st, Rumpke will provide trash, recycling and yard waste services throughout the township. The contract with Waste Management expires on June 30th of this year. As such, the Board of Trustees elected to request bids from local waste providers.

Rumpke was awarded the contract as the lowest and best bidder. The average family will see a **23%** reduction in the cost of service (\$12.84 per quarter).

Each resident will receive a 96 gallon trash tote similar to what is used today. The open recycling bins will be replaced by a 65 gallon wheeled recycling tote. This more efficiently supports our residents' recycling goals and resolve the issue of recyclables falling out of the open bins resulting in litter on our streets.

Friday will continue to be the regular trash, yard waste and recycling collection day. However, during a holiday week Rumpke will provide collection on Saturdays. **The first collection day will be Saturday, July 6th.**

As in the past, the township will make available to each resident a service calendar which will include Rumpke's schedule as well as the Road Department's brush chipping and leaf collection dates.

There will be a short period of time during the transition when residents will have to store Rumpke and Waste Management containers. It is important to note that the Zoning Department will refrain from issuing warnings during this period of time.

Questions? Contact Rumpke by calling 1-800-828-8171.

**NOISE ORDINANCE
CONSIDERED BY BOARD**

The summer months are ideal for graduation celebrations, cookouts, and other outdoor activities. Occasionally, however, the noise levels get out-of-hand.

Over the years, the township's offices have received numerous noise complaints. Now that the township is governed under limited home rule, the Board is working to address the problem.

On June 17th, the Board of Trustees held the first reading of the resolution to adopt a noise control regulation. The goal - to prohibit noise that is excessive, prolonged, and unnecessary.

A few of the noises that may be considered a violation are:

- ◆ Horns
- ◆ Loud music
- ◆ Yelling, shouting, etc
- ◆ Barking dogs
- ◆ Power Equipment

This resolution will restrict the use of power equipment (i.e. lawn mowers, tiller, chain saws, etc) between the hours of 11:00PM - 7:00AM. It also addresses one of the most frequent of complaints - barking dogs.

The police department will have the ability to cite anyone who violates the noise resolution. The noise or sound must be plainly audible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet or more from the property from which the noise emanates. The first complaint will result in a warning. Subsequent violations may result in fines that range from \$50-\$250.

The Board anticipates that the resolution will take affect later this summer.

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Rumpke 1-800-828-8171
Road Department (614) 889-8781
Trash ● Recycling ● Yard Waste
For more information please go to www.perrytwp.org

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Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste

Trash & Recycling Only

RUMPKE CONTRACT Q & A (Continued)

Q: When will I receive my first invoice?

The first quarterly invoice will be mailed in mid-July to all residents in Rumpke's database. You will receive an introductory mailer from Rumpke with instructions for verifying your information in the database.

Q: If I am 65 years of age or older will I receive a discount?

Absolutely! Seniors will save **10%** on their monthly charge. You may be asked to submit verification of age through the township office or, if you prefer, directly to Rumpke.

Q: When will Rumpke collect my trash, yard waste, and recyclables?

The new contract takes effect on July 1, 2013 and will run through June 30, 2016. The first collection day will take place on Saturday, July 6th (trash and recycling only for the first week). Collection is scheduled for each Friday throughout the year (excluding designated holidays and inclement weather). Trash and recycling collection is on a weekly basis. Yard waste is picked up bi-weekly (April – November)

Q: Will an annual service calendar be provided?

YES! All Perry Township residents will receive service guidelines and a collection calendar from Rumpke in the mail. It will include trash, recycling, and yard waste collection dates

Q: How do I obtain Rumpke totes and turn in those from Waste Management?

On June 28th, Waste Management will collect trash, recycling and yard waste for the final time. Even if you aren't using them, please leave all Waste Management trash and recycling containers at the curb for their crew to pick up later that day.

Rumpke will begin distributing the new carts the week of June 24th. **Do not begin to use these containers until July 6th.**

Q: Is there anything else I need to know?

It is the goal of the Board of Trustees and Rumpke to facilitate a smooth transition. Please notify Rumpke **(1-800-828-8171)** if you do not receive your new trash and recycling carts by Monday, July 1 or your invoice by the beginning of August. The township's administrative office will also assist with any concerns or questions **(614) 889-2669**.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE? THIS.... NOT THAT!

Single Stream Recycling
Acceptable Materials List

<p>PAPER</p>  <p>Office paper, junk mail, folders</p>	<p>MAGAZINES</p>  <p>Magazines, catalogs and telephone books</p>	<p>PAPERBOARD</p>  <p>Paperboard</p>	<p>NEWSPAPER</p>  <p>Newspaper, including inserts</p>	<p>CARDBOARD</p>  <p>Cardboard (flattened to fit in your bin or cart)</p>						
<p>PLASTIC BOTTLES</p> 	<p>CARTONS</p> 		<p>GLASS</p>  <p>Bottles & jars (any color)</p>							
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FRANKLIN COUNTY'S DOG FINDER

This is the time of year when families enjoy the beautiful parks, bike rides, and leisurely walks with pets.

Occasionally, our pets meander away from their homes or slip the leash. The Franklin County Public Health Department has an easy way to unite pets with its owners.

- ♦ Go to: <http://www.mycfph.org/lostpet.php>
- ♦ Click on Lost Pet Lookup
- ♦ Enter the dog tag number

We highly recommend that residents walk their dogs on a leash. This is as much for their protection as the protection of the other pedestrians, motorists, and bike riders. And, as a courtesy to your neighbors make sure you clean up any messes along the way.

CHIEF'S REPORT (Continued)

Mail Theft in Progress

If you see a theft of mail in progress, be a good witness. Get the best description of the person(s) as you can. Get descriptions of any vehicle being used, including the license plate number and state, the make, model, and color? Call 9-1-1 right away. Police officers in the area will try to find and apprehend the suspect(s).

Identity Theft Prevention

- Do not recycle paper that contains personal information. Paper recycling centers and garbage bins are sources of information for identity thieves.
 - Use a shredder to destroy checks, credit offers, convenience checks and other documents containing your name, bank account numbers and other personal information. Thoroughly destroy expired credit cards.
 - Use a locking mailbox for incoming mail. Take outgoing mail to the post office or drop it in a mail collection box.
 - Regularly review your credit and bank account statements for any transactions you did not make.
 - Request copies of your credit report at least once a year, more frequently if you suspect someone else may be using your identity. Look for any accounts you did not open. Contact the three major credit reporting bureaus.
 - Don't leave wallets, checks, or purses unsecured - especially in a vehicle or unlocked gym locker. These are common targets for identity thieves.
 - Carry only the credit cards you need. Don't keep your credit card or ATM card PIN number with your card. Don't use numbers for your PIN such as your birth date, etc.
 - Don't give personal information to phone solicitors such as your date of birth, mother's maiden name, etc.
- If You are a Victim of Mail Theft**
- If you discover after the fact that you are a victim of mail theft call the Perry Township Police non-emergency dispatch number at (614) 889-1231.
 - If your case involves a large dollar loss and crosses state lines in some way, your case might be investigated by a federal agency. Make a report to the local U.S. Postmaster or U.S. Postal Inspector.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Quarterly Newsletter

Beginning January 2014, the township will begin to post the quarterly newsletter on its website.

If you wish to continue receiving a copy through the U.S. mail service, contact the Administrative Office by calling (614) 889-2669.

2013 Road Work

Road Superintendent, Bryan Shonkwiler, anticipates that this year's road work will begin after the Independence Day celebrations.

Dead or Hazardous Trees

Residents who are found to have dead trees in the yards will be notified to remove the hazard at their expense.

Zoning Permits:

Remember to check with the Zoning Department to see if you will need a permit **(614) 889-1211**.

A few of the more common permits are:

- ♦ P.O.D. / Dumpster/Contractor signs
- ♦ Garage Sales
- ♦ Play structures
- ♦ Driveway replacement / repair

Transient Vendors:

Door-to-door sales peoples are required to obtain a transient vendor permit from the Perry Township Police Department. Contact the police by calling **(614) 889-1231** with questions.

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

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campbes9@yahoo.com
www.brooksidecivic.com

Henderson Heights

President: Helen Ware
(614) 207-7036

Worthington Hills

President: Michele Bair
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WORTHINGTON HILLS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 28th

Firecracker Trot 5K -6 PM at Worthington Hills Elementary School

Sunday, June 30th

Fun Fest 4 to 7 PM at Worthington Hills Elementary School

Wednesday, July 3rd

Stars & Stripes Softball (Kids 5 PM, Adults 7 PM) at Worthington Hills Elementary School

Thursday, July 4th

Parade at Noon -Fireworks at Dusk at Worthington Hills Country Club

NO PARKING ZONES:

Candlewood Dr.

- ◆ Candlewood Dr. from Clubview Blvd. S to the property line of the Worthington Hills Elementary School will be posted as no parking, on both sides of the street, from Friday, June 28, 2013 @ 12:00 p.m. until Sunday, June 30, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Candlewood Dr. from the property line of the school to Beechlake Dr. will be posted as no parking, on both sides of the street, from Friday, June 28, 2013 @ 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Clubview Blvd. N

- ◆ Clubview Blvd. N from Highview Dr., northbound to Blindbrook Dr., on both sides of the street, will be posted as no parking.

Blindbrook Dr.

- ◆ Blindbrook Dr. from Clubview Blvd. N to the curve, on both sides of the street, will be posted as no parking.
- ◆ Both Clubview Blvd. N and Blindbrook Dr. will be in effect on Thursday, July 4, 2013 from 5:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Circle on the Green

- ◆ Circle on the Green will again be posted as no parking on the inside of the circle, effective Thursday, July 4, 2013 all day.

Questions? Contact the police at **899-8386**.

BROOKSIDE ESTATE'S INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

Date: Saturday, June 29th

Time: 5:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Brookside Elementary School

Flag raising: 5:15 PM by Perry Township Police Honour Guard

Children's Bike Decorating: First, second and third place winners will be chosen for the following age groups: 1 to 5 yrs, 5-8 yrs, 9 yrs on up. Children may decorate bikes, wagons and other riding toys. Pets are welcome. * *There will be a small parade around the circle at the school. No parade into the streets.**

Dinner: Will be served at 6 PM. BCA will supply hamburgers and hotdogs, potato chips, drinks and snow cones along with plates, cups and eating utensils. *** Everyone is asked to please bring one side dish or one dessert to share.

OHIO'S OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

What is open burning?

You are open burning any time you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack.

Other restrictions:

- ◆ Open burning is not allowed when air pollution warnings, alerts or emergencies are in effect.
- ◆ Fires cannot obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks or air fields.
- ◆ No wastes generated off the premises may be burned. For example, a tree trimming contractor may not haul branches and limbs to another site to burn.

The following open fires are allowed in Ohio:

- ◆ Wood stacked no larger than 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide.
- ◆ Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent.

For more information contact:

EPA's Central District Office **(800) 686-2330**

HOUSE NUMBERS & EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

The average response time to an emergency in Perry Township is just 2-3 minutes. However, if your home address is not prominently displayed, delays are inevitable creating a dangerous situation for the person who needs immediate help.

While decorative address signs may enhance the look of your home, they are not at all useful to fire, police or medical units. Addresses can often be stenciled onto the curb with reflective paint or a home owner may purchase vinyl house number which stick on a mailbox.



In Perry Township, many of the older homes have house numbers which are in cursive style of writing rather than numeric. Or, the house number is posted next to the door on a porch. Both are difficult to see, especially at night.

Perry Township's Zoning Code (Section 5:01) states that house numbers must be posted in a conspicuous place and are clearly visible from the road right-of-way. Street or house numbers are to be displayed using numerals not less than four (4) inches in height.

The City of Worthington's Fire Department has the following suggestions:

Stand at the curb in front of your home or business and answer the following questions:

- ◆ Is the numerical address posted on your home or business?
- ◆ Do the numbers contrast to the color of the surface on which they are mounted?
- ◆ Do the numbers have an unobstructed view from the street?

If the answer to any of the questions is "NO", then emergency services may have difficulty finding you when precious seconds count.

Residents are also encouraged to turn on porch lights and lamp posts at dusk. Not only does this illuminate your home address markings, it also provides lighting for residents enjoying an evening walk.



MOSQUITOES: INFORMATION & TIPS

Mosquitoes are attracted to anything they can get a blood meal from. Some mosquitoes, including the ones that carry West Nile virus will readily enter homes when screens are damaged or missing. Avoid being a mosquito meal by taking these simple precautions:

- Avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active;
- Wear light colors, long sleeves, long pants, and socks when spending time outside in mosquito-infested areas;
- Make sure door and window screens are tight fitting and free of holes ;
- Use an EPA registered insect repellent when outside where mosquitoes are present;
- When camping or spending time outdoors, consider Permethrin treated bed-nets, tents, or clothing;
- Avoid perfume, colognes, or other heavy scents that may attract mosquitoes.

Perry Township has once again chosen to participate in the county's mosquito program. Periodically, the health department will spray for the pesky bugs.

Our Administrative Office sends notification of spray schedules via the township's E-Broadcast system. Sign up through our website - **www.perrytwp.org** - or request to be added to our distribution list by calling **(614) 889-2669**

This program is not only a cost savings to taxpayers; but, a representative will also come to your home upon request to help you deal with mosquito issues. The health department's website has a great deal of information as well.

Go to **www.myfcph.org** or call **(614) 525-BITE** for assistance.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

A local government study initiated by the Ohio Township Association (OTA) concluded that “townships spend less, tax less and incur less debt... the report demonstrates townships are more accessible and responsive.” We, your elected officials, believe that these are words to live by.

For example, the Board chose Rumpke as the lowest and best bid resulting in an average savings of 23% for many residents. The police department was awarded a \$5,000 grant which will be applied to the purchase of a finger-print system and the Road Department received grant monies used to purchase traffic cones. The Fiscal Officer is currently reviewing proposed reductions in expenses and a centralized purchasing program was implemented to reduce the cost of operating supplies.

The Board has also been working with residents and our neighboring communities as concerns arise. Over 2 years ago a safe walking path was proposed in the area of Snouffer Road. This path would allow safe passage for students walking to and from the Brookside Elementary School. The Board announced that \$94,000 grant monies were awarded for the project. South of Brookside, concerns were raised about 161 traffic problems and a shared use path proposed by the City of Columbus. The Trustees initiated talks with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Franklin County Engineer's office, City of Columbus and Worthington as a means to begin to address traffic and development concerns.

According to the OTA report, “In the more than 30-year history of the program, only two out of the 1,308 township governments has been in fiscal distress, a fraction of the municipality rate.” It is our goal to protect the interests of our community by being proactive, working together, and by being fiscally responsible. To read more about the OTAs study, visit www.ohiotownships.org.

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CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

The zoning department would like to take a moment to educate you, our residents on how a “nuisance” such as high grass is handled. This is the process that is stipulated in the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.)

- ◆ Once the property reaches over 6” in grass/weeds height a picture is taken to document the nuisance.
- ◆ A title search is then performed by an agency to determine ownership of the property. The actual owner must be notified of any nuisance.
- ◆ A resolution is prepared to present to the Board of Trustees at a regular scheduled meeting. The Trustees must declare the property a nuisance.
- ◆ The next day legal notice is sent via certified mail to all property owners of record giving them 7 days to rectify the nuisance. The legal notice is also posted on the front door of the property.
- ◆ After 7 business days the zoning department will inspect the property again and should the nuisance still exist the road superintendant is notified to mow the property for the township.
- ◆ The actual mowing charges and fees involved with this process are then placed as a lien on the tax duplicate of the property.

This entire process can take up 25 days to complete. But it is imperative that the O.R.C. is followed to the letter so as no legal ramifications can occur from the abatement of the nuisance. The cooperation of the neighbors surrounding the property is appreciated. We understand how frustrating it is to look at high grass and weeds.

If you have any questions about this process or any of our other zoning codes, feel free to call and speak with Kim or Robin during our business hours which are Mon., Wed. and Fri. 8:30 – 12:30 and Tues & Thurs. 9 – noon. Our number is **614-889-1211**.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

Mail and identity theft crimes are being reported more frequently to the Perry Township Police Department mirroring a trend seen throughout Ohio. More and more people are falling victim to thieves who will commonly steal mail and use information contained in the mail to defraud the victim of their good name and money.

Perry officers took a police report earlier this year of mail theft and within an hour the suspect was using the stolen credit cards to charge thousands of dollars. Fortunately for this victim a license plate was obtained and a suspect was arrested. We have provided the following tips for you to review and keep in mind.

Mail Theft Prevention

- Do not put outgoing mail into an unsecured mailbox. Deposit outgoing mail, especially if it contains checks, into the slot inside the post office or into a U.S. postal mail collection box.
- If your mailbox is not a locking one, promptly remove mail after it is delivered. If you won't be home when valuables are delivered, have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up your mail.
- If you are ordering blank checks, consider having the checks delivered to your bank branch where you can pick them up.
- Neighbors need to look out for each other and report any suspicious cars or persons to the police. Have the post office hold your mail if you will be away for an extended time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

Another busy Spring has passed.

The Road Department did quite a lot of crack sealing in Brookside Estates. We collected over 200 cubic yards of wood chips this brush chipping season. We also patched pot holes, trimmed trees in the right of ways and repaired several storm drains. We are also busy mowing the complex, cemetery and right of ways.

This year's contracted road work will begin after the Independence Day holiday. We will complete the curb & gutter project on Clubview Blvd. South and Southview Dr. this year. We will also be doing full depth repair, milling, and paving on Shuster Rd. We will also continue replacing the old regulatory signs and posts throughout the Township as well as some ditch tiling.

We are in the process of inventorying the Storm Sewer System of the entire Township. This is something that we must do to comply with Federal EPA mandates and stay in compliance with our Storm Water Permit. While doing this project, I have found a few issues that I need your help with. First, please remember that the storm drain system eventually leads to a river. If litter or debris is put into the storm system (gutters and roadside ditches) it will eventually pollute our rivers. Also, some of the manholes that allow access to the storm system have been covered up. This can cause unnecessary problems in the event of a blockage or failure of the system. Crews will have to spend valuable time looking for manholes instead of solving the problem. I know that the manholes aren't aesthetically appealing, but they serve an important purpose. Thank you for your help with these matters.