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**Board of Trustee  
Regular Meetings**  
@ 7:00 p.m.

January 13th & 22nd  
February 3rd & 19th  
March 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

[www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org)

**AQUA OHIO SCHEDULES  
2014 OPEN HOUSE**

**January 25, 2014**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**  
Water Treatment Plant  
7878 Olentangy River Rd

Since taking ownership of the water system in May of 2012, Aqua has partnered with the Perry Township Trustees to find a solution to the water quality issues experienced by Aqua Ohio's 1,100 customers in Worthington Hills.

The most common issues reported to the Board of Trustees are:

- ♦ Mineral deposits on sinks, faucets
- ♦ Reduced usable life of appliances and fixtures
- ♦ Undesirable musty/earthy odors and associated taste

Aqua performed extensive water analysis and evaluated possible solutions. The company determined that the softening system in place at the Worthington Hills water treatment plant was actually increasing the total dissolved solids in the water. It was also increasing the mineral deposits above what would have been experienced with un-softened water

Membrane technology is similar to Reverse Osmosis where pressurized water is forced through a semi-permeable membrane that traps unwanted materials and contaminants. Unlike Reverse Osmosis, the new technology has membranes that can target specific ions within the water.

Now that the \$1.6 million conversion to membrane technology is complete, total dissolved solids in the water will drop from above 770 ppm to a value around

**VOTER'S SAY "YES" TO  
1.5 MILL ROAD LEVY**

On November 5th, Perry Township

voters overwhelmingly passed a 1.5 mill road levy renewal. With 80% of the voters saying yes, monies from the 5-year levy will fund everything from snow removal and the paving of streets to leaf collection and brush chipping.

Road improvements, projects and operations are funded by two voter approved road levies. The annual appropriation budget for the road department in 2013 was just over a half million dollars. The 2013 annual road work alone totaled over \$230,000. Without the passage of both levies, it would be a challenge to maintain services such as leaf collection and brush chipping.

Superintendent Bryan Shonkwiler; Nate McCardle and Ian Warren are responsible for 16.2 miles of township roadway. Unlike other municipalities, the road crew maintains and often repairs township equipment and vehicles. The Department also responds to water main breaks and readily assists residents with a variety of issues. Collectively, the crew has 40 years of experience serving Perry Township.

The Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Road Superintendent wish to thank you for your continued support.



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## TIDBITS FROM THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

Is your deck, fence or shed project completed? If so make sure you have called the Zoning Department to let them know so a final inspection can be done. Call John or Robin at 614-889-1211.

Please remember that for the safety of you and your family the Fire Department and Police Department request that 4" house numbers be located on the front of your home in an easily seen location.

It is time to renew those Home Occupation Permits that you applied for in 2011. Please contact Robin at **614-889-1211** to verify your information. There is no fee for a renewal. However, if you have not applied for a home occupation permit please complete the application on pages 5 and 6; and return it to the Zoning Department.

Don't forget! Utility trailers are not to be stored in the township unless you were grandfathered in.



**John Canty** accepted the inspector position with the Perry Township Zoning Department. His responsibilities include identifying and investigating zoning violations. He is available to assist residents with exterior maintenance issues and questions Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 8:30 pm - 12:30pm.

**Ginny Shimrock** submitted her resignation as a member of the Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. She served as secretary on both boards since January 2004. We thank Ginny for her service to our community and wish her well.



## JOINT ECONOMIC PLAN UNDER REVIEW

JEDZs (Joint Economic Development Zones) are designated commercial areas jointly managed and created by municipal corporations and townships. The purpose is to facilitate economic development, create or preserve jobs, and improve economic welfare within the region. In short, a JEDZ is an arrangement between the legislative authorities of communities to develop specific areas of concern or parcels of land for future commercial use and benefit.

The JEDZ planning tool is a vital economic development measure. By sharing the costs and benefits of infrastructure improvements, municipalities and townships will have the potential to attract more private investment into the area. This unique, multi-party and multi-incentive development approach is a visionary way to facilitate development that enriches our economy.

Perry Township and the City of Worthington are currently considering such a contractual agreement. Why partner with the City of Worthington? The two entities are neighbors, sharing common borders and interests. As Trustee Chet Chaney recently stated "We are natural partners." A JEDZ is initiated by the municipality or township; however, the day-to-day operations are directed by a JEDZ Board of Directors. Board members are appointed with each entity being equally represented.

Although a JEDZ's primary function is to create new opportunities for economic development and growth. It is also a vehicle to increase township revenue without shifting the tax burden to our residents. Monies collected from a JEDZ agreement are derived from an income tax levied on workers within a JEDZ. State law prohibits townships from collecting income tax. However, the partnering city is well within its rights to do just that. By forming a JEDZ, Perry is able to receive a percentage of the income tax revenue collected through this joint agreement.

A public hearing to discuss a Joint Economic Development Zone between Perry Township and the City of Worthington is scheduled for:

**Monday, January 13, 2014  
7:00 PM  
7125 Sawmill Road; Bldg No. 1**

## MORPC STATUS REPORT STATE 161 TRAFFIC STUDY

The governments of the City of Columbus, the City of Worthington, and Perry Township have partnered with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to conduct a traffic study of State Rt. 161 from State Rt. 315 to the east and Sawmill Road to the west. The effort kicked off in October 2013 and is expected to be completed Spring 2014. The study partners have formed a committee that also includes representatives from Franklin County and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to oversee the study.

### Study Purpose

The purpose of this study is to provide the Study Committee the up-to-date data they need to better understand the existing and projected traffic conditions in the State Rt. 161 corridor. This will provide a starting point for discussions within the Committee regarding whether to further study and fund multi-modal transportation improvements in the State Rt. 161 corridor.

### Status

MORPC has been meeting with land use planners in each jurisdiction to review the land use and update population and employment forecasts within the study area. New traffic counts were collected and are being analyzed to quantify congestion levels.

The Study Committee will meet in January to review the congestion analysis and develop infrastructure scenarios to test.

## CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

### Brookside

President: Shawn Pereira  
campbes9@yahoo.com  
www.brooksidecivic.com

### Henderson Heights

President: Helen Ware  
(614) 207-7036

### Worthington Hills

President: Michele Bair  
michele.bair@worthingtonhills.org



## WHY DO WE CRACK SEAL TOWNSHIP ROADS?

I have heard it said, "I don't like the way the street looks with all of those squiggly black lines." Well, let me explain what is going on and why.

First of all, a brand new asphalt road is beginning to deteriorate before the crew has finished putting it down. Let me explain. Asphalt is made by mixing aggregate, sand, emulsions and resins. The manufacturing process requires high heat to dry the stone and sand to ensure bonding of the emulsions and resins. High temperatures is one of the enemies of the tars and resins in asphalt. So, even before the asphalt is placed on the road, it is beginning to break down. Then mother nature and traffic begin their assault. Before you know it, cracks begin to form in the roadway.

That's where crack sealing comes in. If a crack forms in asphalt and nothing is done, water can go in the crack and down into the base material. When cold weather arrives, the moisture freezes and expands. This is what causes pot holes. If a crack is sealed, water can't get under the asphalt to cause a pot hole.

We, at Perry Township, are very fortunate to have our own crack sealing machine and a full time Road Crew to deal with cracks on a regular basis. The life of a road is greatly extended, saving tax dollars. And when was the last time you saw a pot hole in Perry Township?

So, while those "squiggly black lines" aren't the prettiest things in our Township, they make our roads last longer, keep the roads safer and save taxpayer dollars.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION SNOUFFER / SMOKEY ROW

Residents in the Brookside area may have noticed construction at the corner of Snouffer and Smokey Row. A local developer has broken ground for an assisted and independent living facility. The site plans will consist of 101 assisted living units and 56 independent living apartments housed in 2 story buildings. It is anticipated that the facility will open by the end of March, 2015.

**PERRY TOWNSHIP ZONING DEPARTMENT  
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT APPLICATION**

7125 Sawmill Rd. Dublin, Ohio 43016-9018

(614) 889-1211 Fax (614) 791-7894

**511.01 HOME OCCUPATION PERMITTED - GUIDELINES**

- 1) Can't occupy more than twenty percent (20%) of the gross floor area of the dwelling unit or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is larger.
- 2) The initial permit shall be valid for a period of two (2) years after the date of issuance. A renewal permit must be secured for each subsequent two (2) year period thereafter.
- 3) "Home occupation" is an accessory use of a dwelling unit except as provided in Section 508, Temporary Uses, Sales, for a legitimate business, profession, trade, service or vocation, whether or not for profit, carried on within an enclosed dwelling.
- 4) The occupation is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential occupancy and there shall be no substantial indication of the non-residential use of the premises, which is visible or apparent as viewed from off the premises.
- 5) No person, other than those residing on the premises, shall own or operate such occupation.
- 6) Not more than one (1) non-resident employee shall be employed at any one time in such occupation.
- 7) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises.
- 8) No home occupation shall be conducted in any accessory building or structure.
- 9) The exterior access to the space devoted to the home occupation shall not be used exclusively for such use.
- 10) No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation, which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot, if the occupation is conducted in a single-family residence, or outside of the dwelling unit if conducted in other than a single-family residence. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment and/or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.
- 11) No "commercial vehicles", having dual axles, designed for the transportation of cargo including tractor-trailers shall be used for the delivery of materials to or from the premises in conjunction with the conduct of a home occupation.
- 12) No traffic shall be generated by such Home Occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
- 13) Signs for Home Occupations shall be placed in accordance with Section 541.061, Article V of the Perry Township Zoning Resolution.
- 14) There shall be no outdoor storage of equipment or materials used in the home occupation.

**Statement of Acknowledgement:**

To be completed by the Applicant

I \_\_\_\_\_ have been provided with, understand, and agree to the standards that govern home occupations in Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio. I also have been informed of and agree to all other conditions that are attached to the approval of my application. Furthermore I understand that this permit may be revoked for any violation of section 511 Home Occupation.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Submit The Following**

- One original signed application
- Attached check or money order for \$5.00 made payable to: Perry Township Zoning Department for Home Occupation fee to be paid at the time application is obtained.

## BROOKSIDE CIVIC NAMES WINNERS

Each season, the Brookside Civic Association hosts a Christmas Decorating Contest. This year's winners are:



### *Best Houses 2013*

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 2600 Darwin  
Tom & Lisa Stahl

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 6641 Merwin  
Jerry & Vera Greene

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 2490 Darwin  
Terry Ackerman

### *Best Entranceway 2013*

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 2509 Darwin  
Sarah Selby

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 6832 Merwood  
Dave & Linda Jones

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 6477 Brookbend  
Patrick & Melissa DeMary



*Congratulation to All!*

## AQUA OPEN HOUSE (Continued)

340 ppm. Over time, the appearance of new mineral deposits on fixtures and appliances will diminish. Odor and taste issues should be resolved.

The new system became operational on Monday, December 16th. Water softened with the new membranes is being distributed throughout the system.

Aqua recommends that homeowners disconnect from their water softeners. Extremely soft water can have negative results such as corrosion of pipes and can even lead to leaching minerals from your body. Besides, there's no need to soften the water twice!

## SPREAD THE WORD... STOP THE FLU

The flu is a respiratory illness that can be serious.

### **Common flu symptoms include:**

- Fever
  - Cough
  - Sore throat
  - Runny/stuffy nose
  - Sometimes diarrhea and vomiting
- Complications from the flu can be:
- Pneumonia
  - Sinus and ear infections
  - Dehydration
  - Worsening of chronic medical problems (like heart problems, asthma, and diabetes)

### **Are flu vaccinations safe?**

Seasonal flu vaccines have a very good safety track record. Over the years, hundreds of millions of Americans have received seasonal flu vaccines. The most common side effects are mild, such as soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was given.

### **The flu virus changes every year.**

That's why you need a new shot each year. It's best to get the flu shot in the fall to ensure it's working during flu season (generally October through March in the U.S.), but getting the shot late is better than not at all.

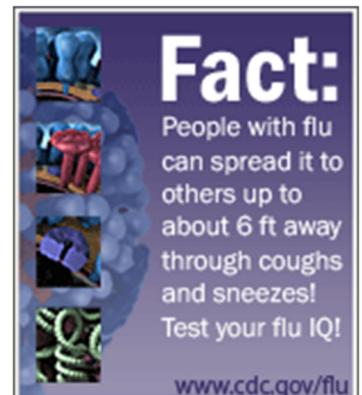
### **Find information online...**

Columbus Public Health  
Immunization Clinic  
[www.publichealth.columbus.gov](http://www.publichealth.columbus.gov)

Adult Immunization  
Coalition of  
Central Ohio  
[www.vaccine4me.com](http://www.vaccine4me.com)

Project L.O.V.E.  
(*infant, child & teen  
immunizations*)  
[www.project-love.org](http://www.project-love.org)

Source: City of Columbus  
Department of Public Health



## ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

Our focus in 2013 has been to develop partnerships which will help sustain and improve our township in the years to come. A safe walking and biking path for Brookside school children is now underway. And, the Board of Trustees spearheaded an effort to address traffic concerns in the Linworth/161 area. The traffic and land use study proposed by the Trustees has garnered the support and financial backing of the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission and the Cities of Columbus and Worthington.

As we enter 2014, we would like to thank community members for their continued support. We wish everyone a very safe and Happy New Year!

## CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

*By Robin Fellure*

A new zoning assistant has been hired and coincidentally, his name is John! John Canty resides in Worthington with his wife and two sons. He was previously employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and retired from there after 23 years. "New John" as we call him has been a great asset to the department already. So next time you see him driving by give him a welcoming wave.

Often, we receive phone calls asking why a notification of a project such as a fence, addition or shed that is being built by their neighbor was not sent. Notification is not required for zoning permits unless a variance or conditional use is needed. These special situations occur when the zoning code cannot be met. A notification would be mailed to adjoining property owners within 200 feet of the property informing them of a public hearing about the variance or conditional use.

## ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*By Bryan Shonkwiler*

It looks like it's going to be one of those winters. We have already had some snow events and winter is just getting started. I am asking for your help to make our snow fighting efforts as safe and efficient as possible. Here are a few things that you can do. During snow events, please park your vehicles in your driveway so that we don't have to plow around them. Also, when you shovel the snow from your driveway, please don't push it into the street. We try very hard to clear the streets edge to edge so that we don't have to worry about refreeze after the storm. If you put snow in the street after we have finished, it will melt during the daytime and refreeze at night. Finally, basketball hoops that are protruding into the roadway should be moved.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

*By Chief Robert Oppenheimer*

The recent news reports regarding Target's database breach is a reminder of the need to be proactive when using credit and debit cards. Don't leave cards and receipts laying around. Carry only the cards you need and draw a line through blank spaces on charge slips. Get a card with extra security features such as a photo ID. Match purchase receipts against your online activity and/or monthly statements. Consumers should keep a close watch on their accounts and report any fraudulent activity to their bank and local law enforcement office.

Questions: **Call (614) 889-8386**

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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT APPLICATION

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For Office Use Only:			
Date Approved:	Amount Received:	Receipt No:	Permit No.
_____			
Date Issued: _____	Date Expires: _____		
Approved By: _____	Date: _____		

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any employees? Yes No If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Ownership Information:**

Please complete if you are leasing the property of the proposed Home Occupation

Current Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_