



**Voting Location Change!**  
Brookside's Precinct "B" has been moved  
from the Brookside Elementary School to:  
Smokey Row Brethren Church  
7260 Smoky Row Road



7125 Sawmill Road  
Dublin, OH 43016

**Rumpke 1-800-828-8171**  
**Road Department (614) 889-8781**  
Trash • Recycling • Yard Waste  
For more information please go to [www.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org)

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste

Brush Chipping

Trash & Recycling Only

# PERRY TOWNSHIP

Franklin County

7125 Sawmill Road  
Dublin OH, 43016

614.889.2669  
Fax : 614.889.5071

APRIL / MAY / JUNE 2014

## Board of Trustees

**James Roper**  
Chairman  
Jroper@perrytp.org

**Chet Chaney**  
Vice Chairman  
Cchaney@perrytp.org

**Andy English**  
Trustee  
Aenglish@perrytp.org

**Fiscal Officer**  
Michele Elliott  
Melliott@perrytp.org

**Administrator**  
Robert Myers  
Rmyers@perrytp.org

**Police Chief**  
Robert Oppenheimer  
(614) 889-8386

**Chief Zoning Officer**  
Robin Fellure  
(614) 889-1211

**Road Superintendent**  
Bryan Shonkwiler  
(614) 889-8781

**Administrative Office**  
Beth Beatty / Carleen Harper  
(614) 889-2669

**Board of Trustee  
Regular Meetings**  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
April 7th & 21st  
May 5th & 19th  
June 2nd & 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.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org)

## PERRY TOWNSHIP: JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE

**M**any of Franklin County residents live in a city or village, almost all of which collect income tax revenue. Currently, these residents - who work in Perry Township - pay income taxes to those cities and villages. **The Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) would redirect income tax revenue back to Perry Township.**

The redirected income tax revenue will fund economic development projects to help businesses and residents. The JEDZ will provide revenue for infrastructure and commercial redevelopment projects, **without raising Perry Township residents' property taxes.**

**A Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) does not impact any residential areas of Perry Township.** The proposed JEDZ is mostly comprised of developed commercial and service properties in the Bethel Road, SR 161, and Sawmill Road areas.

Information related to the JEDZ can be found on the township's website - [www.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org). Or, feel free to contact the Administrative Office by calling **(614) 889-2669**.

**If you are a resident of Perry Township and you do not work in this area, then you will not be affected.**

### Who will not be affected by the JEDZ tax?

- ♦ Township residents who **do not** work in the JEDZ (refer to the table below).
- ♦ Township residents who operate home businesses in Perry Township.
- ♦ Township residents who are retired from the workforce.

### Who will be affected by the JEDZ tax?

- ♦ Persons who work in the JEDZ.
- ♦ Businesses located within the JEDZ.

### Will passage of the JEDZ grant the Board of Trustees additional taxing authority?

- ♦ **NO!** (O.R.C. § 715.691)

### The following establishments will be part of the JEDZ.

Ahlul-Bayt Society	LEPD Property
Brookside Country Club	Lincoln Construction
Capitol Copy	Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Everhart & McDonald Medicine	Management Plus LLC
Highland Presbyterian Church	Savko Construction
JDMB Properties LLC	Worthington Hills & Brookside Elementary Schools
Korean Church of Columbus	Worthington Hills Country Club

### When will the JEDZ appear on the ballot?

- ♦ **May 6, 2014**

## 2014 HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Perry Township of Franklin County offers an internship program that allows high school students entering their junior or senior year 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 4 full weeks, Monday through Friday for a total of 15 hours a week, during the months of June, July and August. An application process is required. **The 2014 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, 2014.**

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@perrytwp.org](mailto:bbeatty@perrytwp.org).

## BRUSH CHIPPING SERVICES BEGINS APRIL 28th



**APRIL 28**  
THROUGH  
**MAY 5TH**

## RUMPKE'S YARD WASTE PICK UP BEGINS APRIL 4th

**Branches:** Cut to 4 ft. or shorter. Tie into bundles w./ string or twine (no wider than 2 ft.)

**Loose Material:** Place in biodegradable bags or rigid containers marked "Yard Waste".  
Do not line with plastic bags.

**Weight Restrictions:** Each container, bag or bundle must weigh less than 50 lbs. Containers meeting this requirement will likely have a 30-35 gallon capacity.

**Unacceptable Items:** Examples include plastic bags, plastic pots, food waste, rocks and dirt.

If you have any questions, contact Rumpke by calling (800) 828-8171 or go to their website, [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com).

## PROJECTS? GARAGE SALES? 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)

Did you know you can go online and print off your permits and also pay online by Paypal?

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

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY EVENTS

**B**rookside Estates Civic  
[www.brooksidecivic.com](http://www.brooksidecivic.com)

### Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> (10AM)

Children up to age 12 and parents/grandparents are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Brookside Elementary School rain or shine.

There will be games, activities, refreshments, and 1000 Easter eggs to hunt for! Call Mary Reynolds at 614-766-5175 or Shawn Pereira at 614-316-5185 if you would like to volunteer to help.

### Community Garage Sale, Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 9AM - 3PM Rain or Shine!

The BCA will advertise the sale in the Columbus Dispatch, Worthington This Week Community News, and Craig's List. Each family will need to provide their own garage sale sign. Please do not place items for sale in the street. A Perry Township Garage sale permit is not required for this special event. Contact Tom Francis at 614-659-9324 or 614-975-3504 with questions.

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic (TBD)

The Brookside Civic Association will once again sponsor the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic. This event is open to all Brookside residents and is traditionally held the Saturday prior to Independence Day. Please visit [www.brooksidecivic.com](http://www.brooksidecivic.com) for more details as they become available.

**W**orthington Hills  
[www.worthingtonhills.org](http://www.worthingtonhills.org)

### Community Garage Sale, Saturday May 3rd 8AM- 2PM

To register, visit the civic website. Maps identifying garage sale location will be provided the day of the sale. A Perry Township Garage sale permit is not required for this special event.

### Service Day, Saturday May 3rd

Community volunteers join together to help senior citizen and others in need with projects around their homes and property. To seek more information, volunteer, or request help please go to <http://www.leadershipworthington.org/community-impact/service-day/>

## GYPSY MOTH TREATMENTS TO BEGIN

The Gypsy moth is a non-native, invasive species that has been advancing into Ohio from Pennsylvania and Michigan over the past decade. In its caterpillar stage, it feeds on the leaves of over 300 different tree and shrub species and is especially fond of oak. A healthy tree can usually withstand only two years of defoliation before it is permanently damaged or dies. To date, 51 of Ohio's 88 counties have established gypsy moth populations.

In light of ongoing appeals to use Gypchek for gypsy moth treatments this spring, the Ohio Department of Agriculture was able to secure an amount of the Gypchek product from the U.S. Forest Service for three gypsy moth treatment blocks located in Franklin County, including 106 acres in the Worthington Hills area. Gypchek treatments will occur in mid-May, with mating disruption treatments occurring in mid-June.

For more information about the gypsy moth program including treatment maps please visit: <http://agri.ohio.gov/divs/plant/gypsy/gypsy-index.aspx>.



**Source: Ohio Department of Agriculture.**

## CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

### Brookside

President: Shawn Pereira  
[campbes9@yahoo.com](mailto:campbes9@yahoo.com)  
[www.brooksidecivic.com](http://www.brooksidecivic.com)

### Henderson Heights

President: Helen Ware  
(614) 207-7036

### Worthington Hills

President: Michele Bair  
[michele.bair@worthingtonhills.org](mailto:michele.bair@worthingtonhills.org)

## 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 28th through May 5th, 2014.

The Road Department will bring the chipper machine through the Township and remove tree trimmings 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 Rumpke.**
- 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 the Road Department at (614) 889-8781.

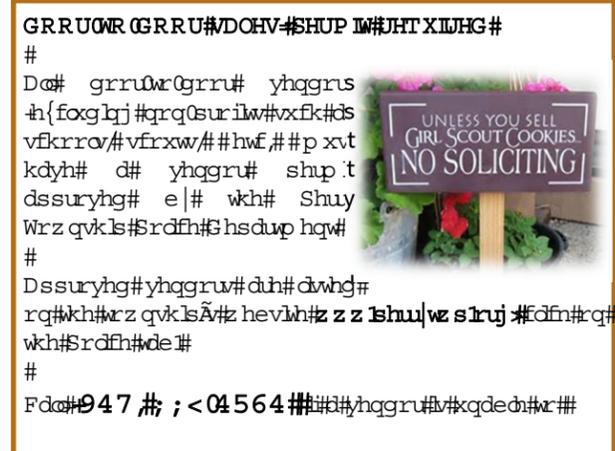
## BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY RECEIVES TOP HONOR

Principal Girard proudly shared news from the Ohio Department of Education that Brookside Elementary was named a High Progress School of Honor, based on the school's 2012-2013 Local Report Card.

According to the letter, to become a High Progress School of Honor a building must first be a Title 1 or Title 1-eligible schools with at least 40 percent of its students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. In addition these schools must rank in the top 10 percent for gains in proficiency, or if high schools, in the top 10 percent in graduation rates. Finally, High Progress Schools of Honor must have an Annual Measurable Objectives grade of C or higher and have met or exceeded Ohio's value-added measure for the last three years.

Dr. Richard A. Ross, Superintendent of Public Instruction, stated, "Clearly your school is doing whatever it takes to make sure that your students from *all* backgrounds have the opportunity to achieve academically. This makes you an outstanding example of what is possible when students, educators, parents and community members work together believing that all students can succeed. Please share my thanks with all of those who contributed to your school's success. I hope you will share your strategies generously with other Ohio schools."

"I know the determination and compassion for students that led to your school's success will continue to make you an asset to your community," Dr Ross concluded.



## MORPC UPDATE 161 Traffic Study

The Mid Ohio Planning Commission (MORPC) study is to provide the committee with the up-to-date data it needs to better understand the existing and projected traffic conditions in the State Rt. 161 corridor between State Rt. 315 and Sawmill Road.

Since the previous Status Report was published in December, MORPC has been analyzing existing conditions and developing future land use assumptions to be used to forecast the future traffic conditions of the corridor.

### Existing Conditions

Using the most current data available, MORPC analyzed the existing conditions of intersections on the study corridor. The effect of a train using the railroad crossing west of Linworth was also examined.

The analysis revealed:

- 4 out of 7 intersections operate at congested levels during peak hours, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 & 6:00 p.m.
- When a train crosses, queue lengths (vehicle back-ups) can become as long as 5,600 ft. during peak hours.
- Current traffic volumes are approaching maximum capacity of the corridor.

The MORPC study, initiated by the Perry Township Board of Trustees, is ongoing. This information will be used to determine whether further studies are needed and if funding for traffic improvements are required.

**F**ranklin Soil and Water, together with the City of Columbus and other local governments, is beginning its 4th Greenspot Rain Barrel program starting **April 1st through October 31st, 2014.**

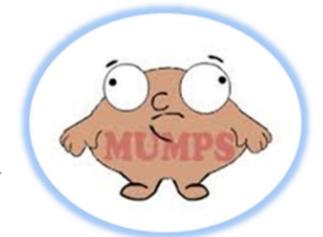


For more information on this and other Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District programs, visit their website - [franklinswcd.org](http://franklinswcd.org) or (614) 486-9613.

## MUMPS OUTBREAK TARGETS OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Health officials monitoring a central Ohio mumps outbreak say the viral illness has now affected more than 100 people.

Eighty-one of the 103 confirmed cases reported Friday are linked to Ohio State University. Those infected range in age from 4 to 58. The cases span from January to this week.



Most of those infected are from Columbus. A few are from elsewhere in surrounding Franklin County.

Individual cases also have been reported involving people from Fairfield, Hamilton, Licking and Union counties. Delaware County says it is investigating seven suspected cases of mumps.

Mumps often starts with fever, fatigue and body aches. Those infected are urged to stay home for a few days, cover their mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing, and frequently wash their hands.

APRIL 19-26

# GRATITUDE

Earth Day 2014

More details coming soon  
[earthdaycolumbus.org](http://earthdaycolumbus.org)

Service Activities: April 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration: April 26<sup>th</sup>

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

In January 2014, the Board of Trustees voted - during an open public meeting session - to place the Joint Economic Development Zone (JEDZ) issue on the ballot for voter consideration. We reached this decision after months of research and lengthy deliberations. Communications will continue to be shared through the township's e-broadcast system, website and U.S. Postal Service. We welcome the opportunity to meet with members of the business community and residents who wish to learn more about this upcoming ballot issue. The JEDZ - Issue 26 - will appear on the May 6, 2014 ballot.

Over the next 3 months, the Brookside and Worthington Civic Associations will host several family events. Each year, children look forward to Easter Egg hunts parades. Residents can locate times and dates via the civics' websites (see page 7 for information).

Congratulations to Brookside Elementary School! Principal Dan Girard and his staff received the High Progress School of Honor from the Ohio Department of Education.

Perry Township will be distributing another survey and we would appreciate your feedback. This time we will focus on communications which has been a priority for this Board over the past 5-years. Communication methods are ever changing and we hope to find out how you prefer to receive information from our township offices.

As always, we encourage community members to attend the Board of Trustees public meetings which are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (excluding holidays). Times and dates can be found on our website ([www.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org)).

## CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

*By Robin Fellure*

Welcome spring! I think it is safe to say we have had enough of winter.

The zoning department has been busy preparing for another season of issuing zoning permits and doing final inspections. Below are a few projects that require a zoning permit before the work begins.

- ◆ Fences & Play structures
- ◆ Patios & Driveway replacement (not sealing)
- ◆ Sheds

Other miscellaneous projects that require permits are:

- ◆ Pods
- ◆ Dumpsters
- ◆ Contractor Signs
- ◆ Garage Sales (except the community garage sale)

All of the zoning applications for these projects are available online at [www.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org) under the "Zoning" tab and a few of them can be applied and paid for online through your pay pal account.

Finally, as always John and I are here to answer your questions about zoning matters. We can be reached via email: [Rfellure@perrytp.org](mailto:Rfellure@perrytp.org) (Robin) or [JCanty@perrytp.org](mailto:JCanty@perrytp.org) (John) or call **614-889-1211**.

## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

*By Chief Robert Oppenheimer*

With the coming of warm weather the bikers will be out and the complaints will be called in on cyclists who flagrantly violate the law and common courtesy.

In Ohio, bicylists are required to follow the rules of the road the same as cars. One-way streets, stop signs, riding on the right side of the road, and yielding to pedestrians are some of the requirements for bicycle operators.

Follow these rules and be safe.

- When you ride in streets always ride with traffic and stay close to the curb.
- Always be alert--watch out for potholes, parked cars, sewer grates and anything else that will get in your way.
- Always obey traffic signals and signs.
- Keep both hands on the handle bar so you don't go out of control.
- Stay alert of the conditions changing because it could rain and you could slip right off your bike.
- At night always wear something reflective so others can see you.
- At night you must have a light on the front and rear of your bike.
- Wear sunglasses so if the sun is in your eyes, you don't go out of control.
- Wear sunglasses / safety glasses for eye protection if you or a car whips up dirt, pebbles, rocks or anything else that will get in your eyes.
- Never carry another person on your bicycle

## ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

*By Bryan Shonkwiler*

It has been a very, very long winter season and we are all looking forward to nicer weather. As a reminder, our annual spring brush chipping program is scheduled to start on April 28<sup>th</sup> and end on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 Rumpke on Yard Waste collection days. Yard waste service is provided by Rumpke 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.

With spring time rains and warmer weather we will start to see mosquitoes. The Franklin County Public Health Department will spray as needed throughout the season. Residents will be notified via township e-broadcasts and will also find this and other important information by going to [myfcph.org](http://myfcph.org).

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