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7125 Sawmill Road
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ROAD LEVY RENEWAL ISSUE #40 ON BALLOT

The Board of Trustees voted to place a renewal levy request on the upcoming **November 4, 2014** ballot. As such, there will be **no tax increase** should the issue be approved. The current 1.5 mill levy will expire at the end of this year.



The Franklin County Auditor's office certified that the property tax revenue produced, should the levy pass, will be approximately \$220,654 annually.

Revenue derived from this renewal levy will be dedicated to expenses related to road improvements and maintenance; snow, leaf, and brush removal.

The Road Department is comprised of the Superintendent, Bryan Shonkwiler, and crew members Ian Warren and Nathan McCardle. The Department is responsible for 16.2 miles of township roadway throughout the year.

The Franklin County Board of Elections has designated the renewal levy as **Issue 40**.

Contact the Franklin County Board of Elections for voter information and to register by calling **(614) 525-3100** or visit their website:

<https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/voters/>



COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT COMING SOON



The Perry Township Board of Trustees has teamed up with Rumpke to provide free shredding services to all township residents.

The event will be held on **October 11th** at the following times and locations:

Worthington Hills Elementary School
9:00AM - 12:00PM

Brookside Elementary School
12:30PM - 3:30PM

A Shred-It truck will be located at each school to shred all personal paper documents on site. No need to remove staples or paper clips.

The Perry Township Police Department will also be available to finger print children through the age of 18. Parents will receive their child's ID card at no cost.

Elementary school principals Dan Girard (Brookside) and Joseph Jude (Worthington Hills) have graciously agreed to have the events held on school grounds for the convenience of residents.



The **2014 Community Survey** will be available on October 1st.

Go to www.perrytpw.org and click on the link! We hope that you will take a few minutes to tell us what you think.

No computer? No problem. Request a hard copy by calling **(614) 889-2669**.

Rumpke 1-800-828-8171
Road Department (614) 889-8781
Trash • Recycling • Yard Waste
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2014-2015 Service Calendar

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER DISTRICT'S BEST PRACTICES FOR LEAF DISPOSAL



Autumn will soon be here - the equinox is September 22 this year. And while we participate in many pleasant activities during its bright, crisp days, autumn also brings a less pleasant chore, dealing with leaves. Whether you pile, compost or bag them, there are some best practices to keep in mind to protect water quality and your local infrastructure.

- ◆ Keep leaves out of the street and away from storm drain inlets. Leaves left in streets get blown by wind and carried by rainwater to the nearest street drain. They form thick mats both inside and on the grate of the storm water inlet and cause street flooding. Township employees must then vacuum the storm drain before its scheduled cleaning, causing unneeded expense.
- ◆ If you use a professional landscaper to maintain your yard, request that when he or she uses the leaf-blower to clean the sidewalks or driveway, it is directed back into the yard and not into the street.
- ◆ If your township has curbside leaf collection, rake leaves to the grassy area between the street and the sidewalk or to the edge of your lawn, if there are no sidewalks. Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. "Leaf piles will not kill grass, although they may cause it to temporarily discolor. The grass will grow back, rich and green, in the spring.
- ◆ If your township has curbside yard waste recycling, remember to put the leaves in the trash case marked "yard waste" or in the large paper bags sold for this purpose at grocery, hardware and home stores. Leaves will not be collected

if they are in plastic bags.

- ◆ If you live along a ravine or stream, do not dump your leaves "over the edge." The leaf piles will form thick mats that won't decompose over the winter. The vegetation under the leaf piles will then die, leading to erosion on the stream bank or ravine. Erosion leads to water quality problems and loss of property as the bank slides, slumps or becomes undercut by high water.
- ◆ The other water quality problem with leaves being introduced into streams, either through the storm water system from street drains or through dumping over stream banks, is the depletion of oxygen that can kill fish and other stream organisms. When organic matter decomposes in streams, bacteria use up the dissolved oxygen that is needed for aquatic organisms to live. This process is what causes the "dead zones" in the Gulf of Mexico and Lake Erie.

- ◆ Composters can add leaves to their bins, but the high C/N ratio requires mixing with high-nitrogen ingredients for best results. If you cover your vegetable garden with leaves, it will likely require added nitrogen in the spring. Either way, leaves will decompose much faster if you run over them first with a mulching lawn mower. Those planning to compost kitchen scraps during the winter should save dried leaves in plastic bags in the garage so they will have a "brown" material to cover the food scraps over the winter. This will also provide a handy "brown" in the spring, when there are lots of "greens" but fewer "browns" to mix.

Source: Franklin County Soil and Water District www.franklinswcd.org/

**Zoning Board
Position
Vacant**

The Perry Township Board of Trustees is accepting letters of interest from residents wishing to serve on the Zoning Commission Board.

Remit Letters of Interests to:
Robin Fellure, Perry Township Zoning Department
7125 Sawmill Rd. Dublin, Ohio 43016; or via email
rfellure@perrytpw.org.

The deadline to reply is October 9th.

HELP FOR YARDS WITH DRAINAGE ISSUES!

Do you have standing water in your yard? Are you thinking of adding fish or installing a diving board? Before you do, consider contacting the Franklin Soil and Water department. They can analyze your yard and provide recommendations for reducing standing water.



Drainage issues can be caused by a multitude of factors. Check gutters and downspouts along with grading around problem areas. Many times downspout extensions are needed to move rooftop runoff a distance away from a structure. Basement

sump pumps can lower the groundwater table around a foundation and maintain dry conditions below grade. Some areas can benefit from soil re-grading or by adding certain plants.

Essentially each situation is unique and if you would like advice on reducing standing water, contact **Kyle Wilson** at **614.486.9617** extension 128 at the **Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District** or visit their website: www.franklinswcd.org/

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS



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Jeannette.oxender@worthingtonhills.org

Brookside
President: Shawn Pereira
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PUBLIC UTILITIES APPROVES WH RATE INCREASE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has approved an Aqua Ohio water- rate increase. Aqua's Area Manager, Greg O'Dell, informed the Perry Township Board of Trustees that the rate increase for Worthington Hills residents "represents a \$0.13 increase on a 4,000 gallon bill."

To illustrate, please refer to the chart below which was posted in the Columbus Dispatch. (September 11, 2014):

Aqua Ohio rate changes

The for-profit water company serves five neighborhoods in central Ohio. Here are the rate changes for each.

Total bill after rate change for each neighborhood (4,000 gallons per month): \$49.65

NEIGHBORHOOD	NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS	DIFFERENCE FROM PRIOR RATES	PERCENT DIFFERENCE
Blacklick Estates	3,100	\$4.41	10%
Huber Ridge	2,300	-\$3.17	-6%
Lake Darby	1,400	\$0.13	0.3%
Timberbrook	280	\$4.41	10%
Worthington Hills	1,000	\$0.13	0.3%

Source: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

To read more about the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's decision, please visit their website www.PUCO.ohio.gov. Click on the PUCO Docketing Information System under case number **13-2124-WW-AIR**.

NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS OK'D BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On August 4, 2014, the Perry Township Board of Trustees adopted two separate parking regulations:

 1) A 24-hour on-street parking restriction that provides that no one shall park on the streets or in rights of ways in the same location in excess of 24 consecutive hours.

2) A resolution prohibiting on-street parking in designation areas of Perry Township.

These restrictions have been put in place to ensure safe, unobstructed passage of all township, emergency, and personal vehicles on township roads.

BRINGING LOVED ONES HOME: PROJECT LIFESAVER



The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the beginning of a new program known as Project Lifesaver. This program was started by Project Lifesaver International as a method to bring home safely, family members who are afflicted with illnesses such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism, Down Syndrome and others who are prone to wander off and become lost.

Project Lifesaver uses a radio frequency transmitter that resembles a wrist watch without a face. The transmitter is placed on the at-risk individual who has been diagnosed with one of the qualifying conditions. Deputies assess whether all conditions required to place the at risk individual into the program are met. Once a new client has been accepted and placed into the program, if the person were to become missing, deputies trained as electronic search specialists would respond to the area and begin the search. A typical search relying on foot officers, volunteers, helicopters and other resources can take from a few hours to 72 hours or more. Using Project Lifesaver and the equipment provided, the average search has been shown to take 20 minutes to 1-1/2 hours. This is critical, especially when you consider the possibility of injury and adverse weather such as extreme heat or cold.

Project Lifesaver has over 1,300 participating agencies throughout 47 states in the U.S., Canada, and Australia, and has performed 2,885 searches over the last 15 years with no serious injuries or fatalities ever reported. The Perry Township Police Department highly recommends this program.

If you are interested in Project Lifesaver and whether your loved one may qualify for this free program, please contact Sgt. Samuel Byrd at **614-525-6317** or Deputy Tony Casper at **614-525-4507**.

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & KIDS!

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories, look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
- If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Teach children how to call 911 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

Source: Academy of Pediatrics

Beggars Night
October 30th 6-8 PM

The Perry Township Police will be handing out treats at the following locations:
 Brookside Elementary School 5:45pm - 6:45pm
 Worthington Hills Elementary School 7:00pm - 8:00pm

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY: CARBON MONOXIDE 101

As another heating season begins, the City of Worthington Division of Fire and EMS is reminding local residents about the danger of Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

Carbon Monoxide Sources

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is the by-product of incomplete combustion of fuel. Hundreds of people die in our country each year from Carbon Monoxide poisoning; but most deaths could be prevented through greater awareness and education.

Common sources of Carbon Monoxide are a malfunctioning or incorrectly vented furnace, hot water heater, space heater, fireplace, cooking stove or other type of fuel-burning equipment.

Misusing a charcoal grill or a cooking stove to warm a house or leaving a car, van or truck running in an attached garage are other possible Carbon Monoxide sources.

Prevention

To prevent Carbon Monoxide problems, furnaces and fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected before each heating season. Carbon Monoxide detectors are useful to have in your home, as well, but are not foolproof, and should never be a substitute for regular furnace maintenance.

Symptoms

Carbon Monoxide poisoning may include any of the following symptoms: Headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, rapid heartbeat, loss of hearing, blurry vision, disorientation, loss of consciousness and respiratory failure.

Everyone is at risk, but individuals with health problems such as heart or lung diseases, the elderly, infants, children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable.

Anyone who experiences symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning should leave the premises at once, and call **911**.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Worthington Division of Fire and EMS, at **614-885-7640**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for more information.

A PENNY SAVED... COST SAVING INITIATIVES

Since 2000, Road Superintendent Shonkwiler has implemented several cost saving initiatives, some of which were driven by the higher costs of doing business while others were a result of better technology.

In past years, municipalities resurfaced every 10 years, regardless of the condition of the pavement. With construction and material costs on the increase, the Superintendent evaluates the streets on an annual basis and determines the best process to use when repairs and improvements are needed.



The Department's goal is to get the longest life from the pavement while maintaining structurally sound roadways. In 2001, the Superintendent chose a new resurfacing treatment called micro surfacing. The product extends the life of the pavement up to 10 years. In 2014, the resurfacing product was used on McVey Blvd, Circle on the Green, Blind Brook Drive and five cul-de-sacs. The cost to micro surface these streets was \$138,600. **A savings of \$331,400 over the cost to mill and pave the same streets.**

Other cost saving initiatives include the 2004 procurement of a crack sealing machine which extends the life of the roads as well. By the end of the first year, this piece of equipment paid for itself by allowing the Department to do the work "in house" rather than paying contractors at a much higher rate. In 2005 the Department converted the leaf vacuum from a "walk behind" to a "ride on" hydraulic controlled unit. The purchase eliminated the need for temporary workers. A \$9,000 - \$11,000 annual savings to the township.

Road equipment often comes with a high price tag. The Department maintains its own equipment and is keeping trucks, back hoes, and plows longer than what was originally projected. When purchases are made, Superintendent Shonkwiler utilizes the State of Ohio's contract and/or competitive bidding process.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

It's finally here! Cooler weather, kids are back in school, **BUCKEYE FOOTBALL!** We're moving away from the long days of summer and are heading into one of the busiest times of the year.

The Road Department crew is preparing the trucks for leaf collection and before long the guys will be back out plowing the streets. There's been much in the news about another salt shortage lately; however, steps have been taken to procure the supply needed for the 2014-15 winter season. On November 4th, voters will see **ISSUE 40** on the ballot for consideration. This levy is a renewal request as the current Road levy will expire on December 31, 2014.

Our Police Chief continues to stress the need for exercising caution when hiring contractors. Scammers take advantage of folks of all ages year round. Before handing over that cash, check with organizations such as the local Better Business Bureau. Also, if your door-to-door sales person cannot produce a permit, call the non-emergency number to report: **(614) 889-1231**. With the exception of non-profits such as the Scouts or school children, vendors must have in their possession valid permits issued by the Perry Township Police Department.

In 2012, a community survey was distributed to residents. On October 1st, a follow up survey will be emailed to all residents for whom we have contact information. Residents can also call our Administrative Office **(614) 889-2669** to request a hard copy. The survey questions remain the same so that we can get an accurate pulse as to how we have improved or where we need to focus more attention.

We encourage you to attend a Board of Trustee meeting which are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Check our website, www.perrytwp.org, for details.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

The Zoning Department has issued 55 permits this year! Many of you have made improvements to your property which keeps the neighborhood looking great and home values high. With that being said, please remember that once your project is completed you need to notify us for a final inspection by calling **614-889-1211**.

I would like to cover our RV, Boat and Trailer code. In 2008, the residents of Perry Township asked the Zoning Commission to review the RV, BOAT and Trailer code which at that time allowed them to be stored on residential properties, However, residents did not want to see them in their neighborhoods. Thus, the Zoning Commission issued a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve a change to the code that **does not** allow RV's, Boats and Trailers to be stored on residential properties for more than 72 hours - unless they are stored in an enclosed structure. So then why do you see RV's, Boats or Trailers parked in driveways or yards year round? These residents are "grandfathered" for that specific RV, Boat or trailer. Should they purchase a different RV, Boat or Trailer then they would have to conform to the new zoning code. In conclusion we do realize that sometimes exceptions are needed on the 72 hour code so please just give us a call to discuss the situation..

Everyone has been doing a great job on keeping their trash cans out of sight! We appreciate your cooperation on this.

Finally, remember Zoning permits are required for projects such as: driveway repairs (excluding resealing), fences, patios, contractor signs and dumpsters (including Bagsters). These permits can be downloaded via www.perrytwp.org by clicking on the Zoning tab.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

In central Ohio, law enforcement is seeing a growing trend in *sexting* among young adults. Sexting is the sending of sexually suggestive text messages or photographs by cell phone or other electronic devices.

Why Is Sexting a Problem?

For generations, juveniles and adults have been exchanging sexually suggestive and explicit letters, messages, and other materials. However, the ease with which such photos and videos can now be shared makes *sexting* a very different issue. A photo shared between two people can quickly become a viral phenomenon. We have seen this happen with victims becoming so distraught that they take their own life. Experts further suggest that *sexting* is going on as young as 9 years old.

What Can Parents Do about Sexting?

No matter how convinced you are that your child could never do anything like this, you have to allow for the possibility that you're wrong. You will want to have a difficult conversation with your teen. The one that starts with, "Have you ever sent or received naked pictures?" Your child will undoubtedly assert that he or she has not, that he or she is insulted at the mere suggestion, that you are crazy, and also totally not with it.

What Can Teens Do To Protect Themselves?

- ◆ Don't allow naked photos of yourself to be taken.
- ◆ They need to think about what that picture can do to them later in life or what effect that picture can have on others.
- ◆ If you receive pictures, notify your parents or the police and do not send them to others!
- ◆ Remember it's a crime to make, send, and/or possess a nude image of a juvenile!

To learn more go to www.perrytwp.org, click on Public Safety, Police, and Links.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

As summer winds down and we prepare for fall, we are busy trying to get projects completed while the weather permits. The Road Department has been mowing, patching roads and berms, working on storm drainage issues and maintaining our equipment and facilities.

Most of the 2014 road work has been completed. A new micro surface was applied to Circle on the Green, Greenside Ln., Golfview Ct., Blind Brook Dr., Snouffer Pl., Merwood St., May Ct., Mac Ct., McVey Ct., and McVey Blvd. The curb & gutter replacement and mill & pave on Blind Brook Ct. is scheduled to begin September 14th. Thank you for your patience during these projects.

As always, the big fall project for us is leaf collection. Each year, we collect an average of 3,800 cubic yards (228 truck loads) of leaves and circle the Township 7 or 8 times. This year's schedule is from October 20th to November 28th. Just rake your leaves to the edge of your yard keeping them away from mail boxes, fire hydrants, etc. Also, keep leaf piles away from parked cars. See other guidelines for leaf collection posted on the Perry Township Web site under the Road Department tab.

Snow will be flying before we know it (usually during leaf season) and we will be out plowing and salting the streets. Please park your vehicles in your driveways during snow events so that we can safely and efficiently clear the roads.

Feel free to contact the Road Department with questions or comments at **(614) 889-8781**.