

JAN / FEB / MAR 2015

Board of Trustees

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(614) 889-2669

**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
January 5th & 21st
February 2nd & 18th
March 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.perrytpw.org

**TRUSTEES CONSIDER
NEW POLICE LEVY**

On December 1st, the Board of Trustees met in regular session and discussed the possibility of placing a Police levy on the May 2015 ballot. The Board agreed that additional revenue is needed in order to fully fund all current police services and has placed the matter on the **January 5, 2015** agenda for further discussion.

It has been 8 years since Perry Township voters approved a township-wide 9.1 mill Police levy. Immediately thereafter, the Board terminated the collection of revenue generated from police levies passed in May 2003 (9.4 mill) and in November 2006 levy (2.8 mills). This resulted in a savings of \$48.00 per \$100k home for residents living within the unincorporated areas of the township.

The Perry Township Police Department is well known for its high visibility, rapid response time and personal attention to residents and business owners. The Police Department has taken the initiative to apply for several training and equipment grants; and their efforts have paid off. Since 2003, the Department has been awarded \$420,000 in public safety monies. Perry Township has consistently been the recipient of the Safest Community Award due to the effectiveness of its police force.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the Township Hall (7125 Sawmill Road; Bldg 1) and is scheduled to begin at **7PM**.

**ANNUAL TOWNSHIP
AWARDS CEREMONY**

Each year, the Board of Trustees host an awards ceremony during which staff members are recognized for their achievements.

Employees were awarded the following accommodations:

Employee of the Year
Road Superintendent
Bryan Shonkwiler

Full Time Officer of the Year
Officer Emmanuel Munoz

Part Time Officer of the Year
Officer Christopher Ruh

Life Saving Award
Officer Michael Conkle



Officers Munoz & Conkle

The Life Saver accommodation was awarded to Officer Conkle who responded to a resident who was not breathing and exhibited no pulse. The officer initiated CPR and continued until EMS units were able to arrive. Because of Officer Conkle's quick action, the resident survived the incident.



7125 Sawmill Road
Dublin, OH 43016

Rumpke 1-800-828-8171
Road Department (614) 889-8781
Trash • Recycling • Yard Waste
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SMALL GOVERNMENT	Chet Chaney TRUSTEE	Andrew English TRUSTEE	James Roper TRUSTEE	Michele Elliott FISCAL OFFICER	Robert Myers ADMINISTRATOR																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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2014-2015 Service Calendar

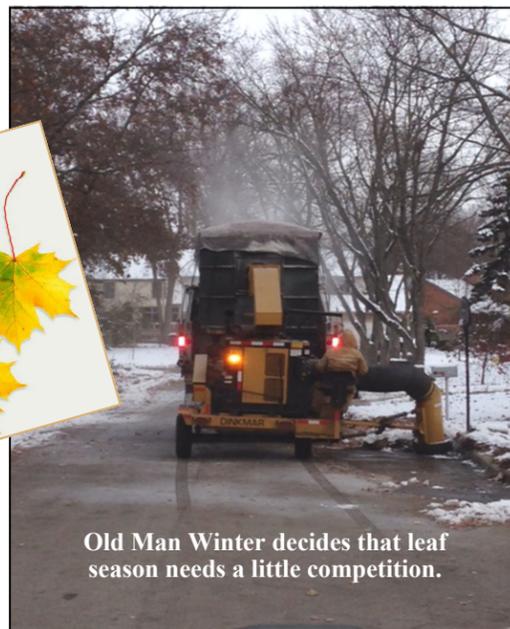
ODOT WORK ON SR 315 & I-270 TO BEGIN TO BEGIN IN 2015

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin working on the 315 and I-270 interchange in 2015.

The new ramp from SR 315 south to I-270 east and U.S. 23 ODOT will eliminate the "loop ramp" from SR 315 south to I-270 east and build a new "flyover ramp." There will also be a new bridge built for SR 315 north traffic going toward I-270 east and U.S. 23. The new ramp from SR 315 north and south will be two lanes – one for traffic exiting at U.S. 23 and one for traffic staying on I-270 east. The combination of these new travel lanes means there will be less weaving and merging for drivers.

About 1,000 feet of the Olentangy Trail will be reconstructed underneath the new interstate ramps at I-270 and SR 315. It is not safe for cyclists and pedestrians to use the trail during heavy highway construction. As a result, a portion of the trail will be closed up to a year.

All questions regarding this construction should be directed to the Ohio Department of Transportation **(614) 466-7170**.



Old Man Winter decides that leaf season needs a little competition.

WINTER BACK YARD BIRD WATCHING

Winter is here. Most of the birds have already left us behind as they seek out warmer places. However we are lucky enough to have a good number of year-round resident birds to keep us company during the winter doldrums. When the cold temperatures take hold, I like to bring a little spring into my life by bringing the birds to my back yard!



We are fortunate to have several species of birds that remain in Franklin County during the winter. Species such as the northern cardinal, American robin, Carolina chickadee, several woodpecker species and many others call this region home throughout the year.

There are many ways to attract these birds to your property. Feeding is perhaps the easiest way to bring the birds to you. There are many different types of feeders such as seed feeders, suet feeders and squirrel-proof feeders to choose from. Birds have it rough during the winter, scarce food, not much shelter and a shortage of unfrozen water. By placing a heated bird bath in your yard, you are providing birds with a source of drinking water and a place to bathe. Lastly, you can also help our feathered friends by creating shelter for them during the winter months. Planting evergreen trees and shrubs is probably the best way to do so, but there are bird houses that serve as shelter as well.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
<http://ohiodnr.gov>

WINTER DRIVING: CHALLENGES & TIPS



Winter driving can be a challenge! Make sure your car is in good working order. Keep your gas tank sufficiently full – at least half a tank is recommended. Check your tire pressures frequently during cold weather adding enough air to keep them properly inflated. Always clear your windshield and car windows of snow before driving to increase visibility.

Winter driving conditions such as rain, snow and ice dramatically effect the braking distance of a vehicle. The keys to driving safely on slippery roads are:

1. Slower speeds
2. Gentler stops and turns
3. Increased following distances

Drive Safely!

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Worthington Hills

President (Interim): Mike Sloma
mike.sloma@worthingtonhills.org

Brookside

President: Shawn Pereira
Campbes9@yahoo.com
www.brooksidecivic.com



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM 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.

SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS & E-BROADCASTS

We encourage residents to sign up for our electronic quarterly newsletter & E-Broadcast.

Just go to www.perrytwp.org and click on the "sign up" icon. You can unsubscribe at any time! So, to receive road, police and other important alerts and news, sign up now!

COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT A HIT!

Cars were lined up before the Shred-It truck pulled into the Worthington Hills parking lot. On October 11th, boxes and boxes of personal documents were shredded over the course of the next several hours. Township staff estimated over 175 families took advantage of the free community Shred-It program hosted by Perry Township and Rumpke. The event was held at the Brookside and Worthington Elementary Schools. Plans are in the works to make this an annual community event.



WASHINGTON & PERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE HISTORY



In 1945, the Washington and Perry Township Fire Department opened its doors. The original building, which is still standing, was located at 37 West Bridge Street in

Dublin. Pictured are firefighters and trustees from that year.

In late 1982, the trustees who comprised the Washington and Perry Township Fire Board made the decision to create two separate fire departments. Washington moved its operations to Shier-Rings Road while Perry Township fire moved to 7125 Sawmill Road where it served residents until 1999. The township now contracts Fire and EMS services through the Cities of Worthington and Upper Arlington.

OTA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) was established in 1928 for the purpose of preserving and promoting Ohio's townships.

Today, there are 1,308 townships in Ohio. As part of its promotion efforts, the OTA began offering scholarships to high school seniors in 2005. Three \$1,500 scholarships are being offered in 2015. See below for eligibility requirements.

Eligibility

Student must be a U.S. citizen; reside in an Ohio township; and plan to attend a two or four-year **Ohio** college or university in the fall of 2015. Students who are awarded the Ohio Township Association 4-H Local Government Scholarship are not eligible for these scholarships.

Type

Two types of scholarships are offered. One Academic Achievement Scholarship will be awarded and two Local Government Achievement Scholarships. Applicants are eligible for both, but may only be awarded one scholarship. If applying for both scholarships, materials must be submitted in separate envelopes.



To be eligible for an Academic Achievement Scholarship, you must have at least a B average (cumulative) and attain a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT score. To be eligible for the Local Government Achievement Scholarship, you must be able to demonstrate outstanding citizenship through service and participation in community activities.

Go to <http://www.ohiotownships.org/scholarships> for more information and to download the application.

Deadline to apply: Jan. 30, 2015.

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.

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

Questions? City of Worthington Division of Fire and EMS, at **614-885-7640**.

HOG ROAST, BUCKEYE FOOTBALL & WINTER FUN

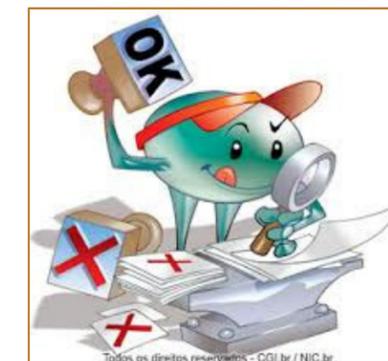
The Brookside Civic Association has been busy hosting a variety of events starting with their annual hog roast. Residents enjoyed great food and football.

The Civics' Annual Social and Open House took place at Brookside Elementary in December. Kids young and not-so-young spent a little time with Santa Claus. Leisurely horse drawn carriage rides throughout the neighborhood were a big hit too!



Nothing like a warm fire, football and a few good friends.

ANTI-SPAM PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY TOWNSHIP



The Township recently implemented a new anti-spam program called **SENDIO**.

The first time you send a message to a member of our staff, you may receive a verification message request. Simply click **"REPLY"** and you will be permanently added to our contact list.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

Amazingly, we find ourselves closing in on the beginning of a new year. We hope that everyone has enjoyed time with family and friends over the holiday season. The year 2014 was certainly a busy time for many of us. The water line project in Worthington Hills was completed after unforeseen delays. This construction was an important first step in replacing a system which is over 35 years old and provides water to 900 Perry Township homes.

The Board of Trustees teamed up with Rumpke for a community Shred-It event in October. Over 175 cars dropped off hundreds of boxes of documents which were shredded on site. Officers Julia Brown and John Thomas were also on hand to provide Kid-Print ID cards to local children. Our thanks go out to the Brookside and Worthington Hills Elementary schools for allowing us to host the event on school grounds.

An early snow during leaf season provided our road crew with a bit of excitement; but, true-to-form collection was completed on time again this year. Because of our Road Superintendent's strong relationship with County officials, the salt barn is fully stocked and the trucks are ready for another Ohio winter. We are grateful to our voters for renewing the Road Department's 1.5 mill levy which will take effect on January 1st.

Happy New Year to All!

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

During the next few months we will be busy following up on any open applications for permits from this past year. If you applied for a permit and have completed the project please contact us for your final inspection. Call Robin or John at **614-889-1211** so we may stop by, take a picture and complete the final inspection.

As a property owner you need to be informed and make sure that you and your contractors are following the zoning and building codes. So, if you ever have a question about Zoning codes and permits please call us. We would be happy to speak with you. The zoning code and many permits can be found under the Zoning tab of our website, www.perrytwp.org. Finally, please remember that trash cans are not supposed to be visible from the property lines; so try and keep them out of site.

We would like to announce that Craig Burford was appointed to the Zoning Commission with Carolyn Magnas serving as an alternate. Also, Scott Deisler was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Bud Potter will serve as an alternate. Congratulations to all!

As always, feel free to contact our office should you have any questions, **614-889-1211**. Remember, appointments are required! Happy New Year!

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

How is crime like a three-legged chair? The answer is that **desire** plus **ability** plus **opportunity** equal crime. If you remove one of these conditions, then the chair will fail. Similarly, if one of these conditions is missing, then a crime will fail. The Perry Township Police Department knows that while we cannot stop someone from having the **desire** to commit crime, we can certainly remove their ability and opportunity.

Crime prevention is a community effort. With your help, the Perry Township Police Department can empower neighborhoods and citizens to do their part to recognize and help prevent crime. Help keep our community one of the safest places in Ohio to live and work!

Remember to do your part! Lock doors to your car and home, don't leave valuables in view, and keep your garage closed even when you are home.

Is a crime ever too small to report? The answer is **NO!** If you see crime or suspicious activity, call the Perry Township Police Department at **614-889-1231**.

For life threatening emergencies, call **911**.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

First, I would like to say "**Thank You**" for the overwhelming support of the road and bridge renewal levy this fall. Rest assured that we will continue to use these funds as efficiently as possible to provide great service in a timely manner.

Another year has pass by too quickly. We recently finished our leaf collection; collecting 246 box loads of leaves. That's over 4,100 cubic yards of leaves. We were able to run all of the Township 7 times.

We are now set up and ready for snow. Our salt barn is full and the trucks are prepped. Please remove your vehicles and other obstructions (basketball hoops, skateboard ramps, etc.) from the street during snow events, so we can safely and efficiently clear the roads.

When the weather permits, we will continue to clear the right of ways of overgrown brush and trees. Our trimming policy is to cut several feet back from the edge of the road and up to 13 feet above the pavement. We will also crack seal as much as possible. Because we have our own crack sealing machine, we can seal cracks in the winter months, when the cracks are most evident. Our crack sealing program has been our most effective tool for extending the life of pavement and getting the most for taxpayer dollars!

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