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■ = Trash & Recycling Only (Every Friday Unless Noted)
 ■ = Leaf Collection
■ = Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste (April - November)
 ■ = Brush Chipping

2014-2015 Service Calendar

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Franklin County

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APR / MAY / JUNE 2015

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**Board of Trustee
 Regular Meetings**
 @ 7:00 p.m.
 April 6th & 20th
 May 4th & 18th
 June 1st & 15th

**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

ISSUE 3: POLICE LEVY ON MAY 5TH BALLOT

After careful consideration, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place an additional 3.5 mill police levy on the **May 5th** ballot. If the levy is approved by township voters, it will be the first tax increase related to police operations in **10 years**. Additionally, the cost to a person owning a \$100,000 home will be approximately \$10.21 per month.

Chief of Police, Robert Oppenheimer explains: "Every effort has been made to reduce costs by streamlining our processes, taking advantage of cooperative procurement programs, delaying vehicle purchases; and aggressively pursuing grant opportunities whenever possible. The bottom line is that operational and equipment costs continue to rise which we have no control over."

Community surveys have made it clear that the safety services provided by the Police Department are well received, appreciated, and expected. **Trustee, James Roper stated, "People in Perry Township are well protected. Our officers maintain a high profile throughout the community 24/7. Residents and their families know our officers by name and our officers know them."**

Fiscal Officer, Michele Elliott points out that past and present elected officials have not hesitated to terminate levies when it was determined additional funding was no longer required. In 2008, a total of 12.2 mills was terminated and replaced with a 9.1 mill levy. As a result, residents living in the unincorporated areas of Perry Township saved approximately \$48 per \$100,000 home.

OFFICER JOHN THOMAS RETIRES FROM PERRY

Officer John Thomas retired from the police force on February 1, 2015. John joined the Perry Township Police Department in August 1988 as a reserve officer and was advanced to full time constable in December 1989.

John had a number of duties in his years here at Perry Township. He served as the Civic Liaison Officer for the Worthington Hills and Brookside Civic Associations. Officer Thomas was appointed to oversee the township's Records Retention and Destruction program and was acting Court Liaison. In 2013, John was named the Employee of the Year.



Officer Thomas with Senator Jim Hughes

John was joined by his wife, Pat, and his daughter as staff, family, and friends commemorated his 25+ years of service to Perry Township and its residents. We thank John for his dedication and commitment; and wish him the very best in future endeavors.

Officer Chris Ruh, a part time officer since the Fall of 2012 has been chosen to replace Officer Thomas. Officer Ruh was sworn in by Chairman Chaney as a full time officer on February 2nd.

OLENTANGY TRAIL CLOSING UPDATE

Approximately 1,000 feet of the Olentangy Trail will be reconstructed underneath the new interstate ramps at I-270 and SR 315. For the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, the trail will be closed during heavy highway construction.

ODOT's communications department explained that the 270/315 project will start this summer (likely late July). The phasing of construction is such that the instream work for the bridges will start in Fall 2015. ODOT anticipates that the trail will be closed in August or September and will not be accessible for a period of 9-12 months.

Contact the ODOT Public Information office by calling **740-833-8062** with questions or concerns.



UTILITY AGGREGATE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Recently, the Board of Trustees turned its attention to utility aggregation as a potential cost savings program for local residents.

According to the Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO), "in Ohio, local communities are allowed, by law, to join their citizens together to buy natural gas and/or electricity as a group and thereby gain 'buying power' to solicit the lowest price for the group's natural gas and/or electricity needs. This is called Governmental Aggregation."

A research committee comprised of township staff and community members is now forming. If you would like to participate, please contact Geoff Hatcher by calling **(614) 785-6743** or via email ghatcher@hatcherappraisal.com.

MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT EDUCATION & RESOURCES

Perry Township will participate in the Franklin County Public Health Department's Mosquito Management program again this season. Protect your family by following the Department's recommendations.

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.

If you notice mosquito's on your property, call **(614) 525-BITE** for assistance.



CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS HOST ANNUAL EVENTS

Brookside Easter Egg Hunt

Children up to age 12, parents and grandparents are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt taking place at Brookside Elementary School on April 4th at 10 AM, rain or shine. There will be games, activities, refreshments, and of course, the hunt for those 1,000 Easter eggs. Guess the number of jelly beans in our jar and win a prize! Our very own Easter Bunny will be there to help. Special prizes will be awarded to lucky children who find " Prize Notes" in an egg.



Annual Civic Community Garage Sales

Brookside: April 18th • 8AM - 3PM

Worthington Hills: May 2nd • 9AM - 2PM

(Zoning permits are not required on these 2 dates)

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Worthington Hills

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

Brookside

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

SPRING BRUSH CHIPPING BEGINS APRIL 27TH

Spring brush chipping runs **April 27 - May 4, 2015**. The following regulations apply:

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Township employees cannot leave mulch at residences.

SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS & E-BROADCASTS

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!

YARD SALE CHECK LIST

2-3 weeks before:

- ✓ Gather your things
- ✓ Pick a date / times
- ✓ Get your permit!

1 week before:

- ✓ Categorize, price, and label your items

2 days before:

- ✓ Post your sale on social media
- ✓ Pick up change from your bank

The morning of:

- ✓ Post your signs
- ✓ Set up your sales items
- ✓ Sell, sell, sell!

The morning after:

- ✓ Donate unsold items to charity
- ✓ Remove signs
- ✓ Relax!



ELECTRIC AND WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

Aqua Ohio will continue its efforts to upgrade failing water lines. A community meeting will be held on **April 1st** at the Worthington Hills Country Club beginning at **6PM** to discuss the upcoming construction in the area.



In an effort to reduce power outages, AEP is replacing aging distribution lines. Phase 1 of the project began in the area of Circle on the Green. The electric company will install new cables at each transformer location.

STREET SMART PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS

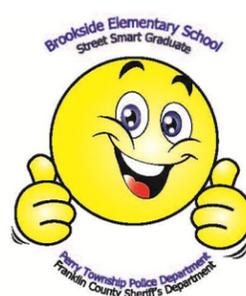
In January, 2015, the Board of Trustees of Perry Township (Franklin County) initiated a partnership with Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott's office for the purpose of conducting the township's first ever school safety program. Trainers from the Perry Township Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department provide awareness and prevention training on drugs, alcohol as well as the impact of social media and interaction between students.

"The Perry Township Board of Trustees strongly supports these types of safety programs in our local elementary schools," stated Chet J. Chaney, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Perry Township. "It is clear that our young citizens can encounter any number of potentially dangerous situations in today's society and it is important that we equip them with the knowledge and awareness to keep them safe."

It is the program's primary goal to contribute to safe school environments that are conducive to teaching and learning. In addition, the program helps to prepare students for responsible citizenship by promoting the development of those characteristics that lead to healthy behavior.

"The Perry Township Police Department has always placed a high emphasis on maintaining a visible presence in and around our school facilities", stated Perry Township Police Chief Robert Oppenheimer. "We believe this presence helps to deter delinquent and violent behaviors; serve as an available resource to the school community; and provide students and staff with a sense of security."

Graduation ceremonies took place in March.



BACKYARD CONSERVATION IDEAS FOR YOUR HOME

The Franklin County Soil & Water District (FCSWD) encourages landowners to practice backyard conservation to minimize storm water runoff and runoff pollution, provide wildlife habitat, and improve soil health and landscaping aesthetics. Runoff from rainwater and snowmelt enter storm drains, carrying pollutants from lawn fertilizers, pesticides and vehicle fluids directly to ditches, streams and rivers. With the amount of impervious surfaces (roads, rooftops, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots) increasing, storm water can cause serious property damage and flooding.

Common backyard conservation practices include: rain gardens, rain barrels or cisterns, native plantings, mulching, drip irrigation, pervious surfaces, dry streambeds, appropriate use of landscaping chemicals, soil testing, integrated pest management, streamside buffers, composting and green roofs.

The department offers backyard conservation workshops throughout the year in locations throughout Franklin County.

Visit: <http://www.franklinswcd.org/>

Or call **(614) 486-9613**



RUMPKE YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS

Rumpke will collect yard waste beginning April 3rd through the end of November 2015.



Please place your bagged grass clippings and bundled limbs at the curb on your regularly scheduled yard waste collection day. Do not set the yard waste in the street!

WHEN DO I CALL THE PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE?

Call **911** if you have just seen or experienced a crime, or if one is in progress, or for any life threatening emergency.

Call **(614) 889-1231** for non-emergencies such as speeders, door-to-door solicitors without permits, loud parties, vandalism, or to speak with a police officer.

Call **(614) 889-9508** with questions for the police administrative office, Monday-Friday; 8AM - 4PM.

Vacation House Checks:

Call **(614) 339-0240** to request
Call **(614) 339-0241** to cancel

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

We begin by congratulating Officer John Thomas for his 25+ years of service as a dedicated and reliable Perry Township Police Officer. John has been an exemplary officer, coworker, and good friend to all who know him. We wish him and his family the very best. Officer Julia Brown will take over his duties as liaison to the Worthington and Brookside Civic Associations. Officer Shawn Bean has been appointed as Records Retention and Destruction officer. Finally, Officer Ruh was advanced to full time status to fill the 3rd shift street patrol vacancy.

The Board of Trustees has chosen to place a 3.5 mill levy (**Issue 3**) on the May 5th ballot for voter consideration. Voter information and polling locations can be accessed via the Franklin County Board of Elections website: <https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/> or by calling **(614) 525.3100**.

The safety and well being of the children of Perry Township is our highest priority. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to work in unison with the Sheriff Zach Scott in implementing the new 'Street Smart' Program in our township. We appreciate the support of Worthington Hills Elementary principal, Joseph Jude and Dan Girard, principal of Brookside Elementary. Congratulations to the 5th graders of both schools who participated in this important learning experience.

Happy Spring!

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

Welcome spring! I think it is safe to say we have had enough of this 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 permits required 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.perrytwp.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. Feel free to call us anytime at **614-889-1211** or email us: rfellure@perrytwp.org (Robin) or jcanty@perrytwp.org (John).

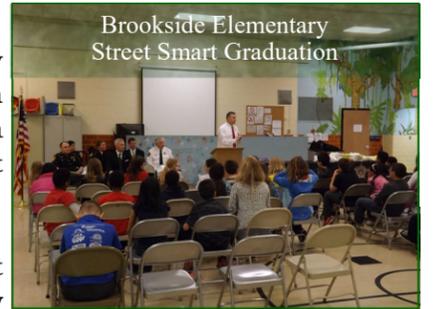
Thank you and have a wonderful spring.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

After weeks of snow and ice, it is refreshing to step outside and enjoy warmer temperatures and sunshine. Our officers are seeing children riding their bikes and families taking long walks with their pets. It's a great time of year after being cooped up inside our homes and offices. It is also a time to talk about safety.

Several years ago, we implemented a Kid-ID program which is offered at the elementary schools, at community events, and here at our law



enforcement office. Parents receive an identification card for each child in their family. In the event a child is lost, the information on this card can quickly be distributed to law enforcement agencies. The card includes a recent picture of the child, height, weight, address, phone number, and age.



The Perry Township Police Department, in conjunction with the Franklin County Sheriff's office, implemented a new Street Smart Safety Program for 5th graders. I was excited to see over 125 youngsters receive their safety certifications during graduation ceremonies held at the Worthington Hills and Brookside Elementary schools. Kids today face so many challenges from bullying, to suicide and drugs and everything in between. By providing educational programs such as this to children and their parents, we take an important first step in preventing needless tragedies.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

The winter of 2014/2015 is nearly over. Our first three snow/ice events occurred during leaf collection season. While this is not unusual, it is a bit inconvenient. We have to remove the leaf boxes and install the tailgates and salt spreaders on the dump trucks to salt the roads. We had no snow/ice events in December but made up for it in January and February. As of March 12th, we had 6 plowable events, three of which were large snowfalls, and a total of 22 snow/ice events; and have used about 250 tons of rock salt.

As usual, we will be crack sealing roads as weather permits and perform our annual Spring Brush Chipping. This year's chipping program starts on April 27th and runs through May 4th. Tree trimmings should be placed at the edge of your yard in an organized manner; preferably with the cut ends of the branches facing the roadway. We will come by and chip them up. Remember that this service is for large branches only. Woody debris less than 4 feet long should be bundled, canned or bagged for pick up by Rumpke on yard waste collection days. To see complete brush chipping regulations, click on the Road tab on the Perry Township web site www.perrytwp.org.

Reminder: Grass clippings should not be swept or blown into the street. They should be bagged, composted or, better yet, left on your lawn.

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