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**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
July 6th & 20th
August 3rd & 17th
September 7th & 21st

**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*

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Trash • Recycling • Yard Waste
For more information please go to www.perrytp.org

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Trash & Recycling Collection Only (Each Friday unless noted)
Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste Collection (April - November)

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
SCAM ALERTS**

Each year, consumers around the United States are subjected to scammers attempting to snatch their hard earned money. Mike DeWine, Ohio's Attorney General lists the top 5 scams in Ohio.

1: The Microsoft Scam: A caller claims your PC has a virus and requests your credit card number. There is no virus.

2: The IRS Agent Scam: A caller threatens you with arrest if you don't pay a tax bill immediately.

3: The Sweepstakes Scam: A caller claims you won thousands of dollars; but, first you must wire money.

4: The Grandparent Scam (or the Grandma Scam): "Grandma, I'm in trouble and need money urgently."

5: The Federal Grant Scam: A caller claims that there's several thousand dollars in your name if you just wire a fee.

Several of our community members here in Perry Township have lost hundreds of dollars to fly-by-night companies which charge an upfront fee for their services; but, do not start or complete the project. Door-to-door sales representatives must be able to produce a permit issued by the Perry Township Police Department. A list of approved vendors can be found on the **Police Link**, www.perrytp.org. Scammers are very good at their jobs; so, don't be embarrassed if it happens to you. Contact the police right away!

Call **(614) 889-1231** if there is a concern whether a salesperson or company is legitimate; or, if you have been the victim of a scam.

**NEW POLICE LEVY
APPROVED BY VOTERS**



On May 5th, the voters of Perry Township approved a 3.5 mill Police operating levy. The new levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$10.21 per month. This levy is the first tax increase dedicated to law enforcement in 10 years.

Survey results indicate that residents appreciate and rely on the current level of law enforcement services. In an article written by Andrew King of THISWEEK News, Chief of Police, Robert Oppenheimer was quoted as saying: "It's just like you're running your household." We've got expenses; we've got salaries; we have to pay for gas, police equipment, health care. We have the same expenses as our residents have. But I can assure you we will spend our money very carefully."

The Elected Officials, Chief of Police, his officers and staff are grateful for the support of the Perry Township community. **"We recognize the strain new tax levies place on the family budget,"** stated police liaison and Trustee, James Roper. **"However, it is important that our police officers are well equipped and trained in order to provide the level of protective and emergency services our community expects."**

FRANKLIN COUNTY MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Perry Township has elected to participate in the Franklin County Management Program again this year.

Benefits include:

- ✓ Cost effective management plan
- ✓ Onsite assistance
- ✓ Educational services



Go to <http://myfcph.org/mosq.php> for information.



BROOKSIDE INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES, JULY 11TH

Due to anticipated rainstorms, the Brookside Civic Association Independence Day celebration will be held on **July 11, 2015**, beginning at **1PM - 4PM**. The activities will be held at the Brookside Elementary school.

Join your neighbors and pay tribute to our Police, Fire, and military members; and BCA Scholarship winners!

Treats include Kona Shaved Ice, Al's Famous Popcorn. Fun activities such as water Balloon Toss, Sack Races, Tug-of-War, Hula-Hoops, Corn Hole, Fish Pond.

Decorate your bikes and wagons for the patriotic parade contest. Bring your favorite dessert to enter into our Brookside Bake-Off and bring your "Pet Rock" to take home for a yard art decoration.

Door prizes provided by local shop owners.

PROTECT OHIO WATERWAYS & YOUR BACK YARD

While the current nutrient-related water pollution incidents in the news leave challenges for policy makers, there are things we can do at home to reduce nutrient pollution in our streams. We know nutrients can be beneficial to plant growth; elevated nutrients that wash off the land and in our streams can pose a threat to human health. Elevated concentrations of nitrates present a health risk to both infants and women who are pregnant. This spring nitrate levels were identified in drinking water coming from the Columbus Dublin Road water plant, resulting in a water advisory.

Elevated levels of soluble phosphorus can also pose a risk. Harmful algae blooms caused by elevated phosphorus levels produce toxins that can be harmful to humans and pets. As families take to the beaches for summer break, there continues to be concerns about toxic algae in lakes across Ohio. Fertilizers, animal waste, and sewage are major sources of nutrient pollution in our streams. Other sources include atmospheric deposition of automobile exhaust, soil erosion, yard waste, and detergents.

Below are steps homeowners can take to reduce nutrient pollution in our local streams:

- ♦ Make sure that you septic system or aerator is functioning properly.
- ♦ Read the labels to ensure proper fertilizer application and timing. Sweep up any fertilizer from sidewalks, driveways, streets and other hard surfaces, so that it doesn't wash into storm drains.
- ♦ Keep lawn and yard waste (raked leaves, yard clippings, etc.) out of the street and backyard streams. Remember, storm drains discharge directly to our streams.
- ♦ Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- ♦ Wash your car in an area where the wash and rinse water drains to a grassy area and not the street, or wash it at a commercial car wash.
- ♦ Maintain your vehicles' pollution control devices.

We all contribute to water pollution and we can reduce this pollution by practicing good stewardship at home.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S TOP 5 SUMMER HITS

High Grass: All grass and weeds shall be cut routinely and in no case shall exceed a height of six (6) inches. Shrubs and bushes shall be trimmed and maintained in good condition.

Driveways, walkways, and exterior steps: Must be well maintained and free from cracks, breaks, obstructions, grass and weeds.

Trash Containers: All storage of trash and garbage containers and/or dumpsters shall be effectively screened from view.

Boats, RV's, and Trailers: Must be stored within a permitted structure. (Exception: an RV may be temporarily parked in a Residential Zoning District outside of an enclosed structure for a total period not to exceed 7 calendar days during any one (1) calendar year; and shall not be parked outside of an enclosed structure for a period exceeding seventy-two (72) consecutive hours.

No Permit: Prior to starting any project, contact the Zoning Department to determine whether a permit is required. A few of the more common permits are for decks, driveways, garage sales, contractor signs, sheds, dumpsters and POD's.

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

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Brookside

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WORTHINGTON HILLS 4TH OF JULY EVENTS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 28th

Firecracker Trot 5K - 8:30 a.m. @ Worthington Hills E.S.
Fun Fest - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. @ Worthington Hills E.S.

Thursday, July 2nd

Stars & Stripes Softball Games - 5:00 p.m. Kids Game/7:00 p.m. Adults Game @Worthington Hills E.S. (There is NO pre-registration for these games. Just show up with your glove and you will get placed on a team based on where in the neighborhood you live.)

Saturday, July 4th

Parade at Noon
Fireworks at Dusk @ Worthington Hills Country Club

See all event details and important information at www.worthingtonhills.org

Follow WH on Facebook for important events and weather updates, as well as pictures via : <https://www.facebook.com/WH4th>



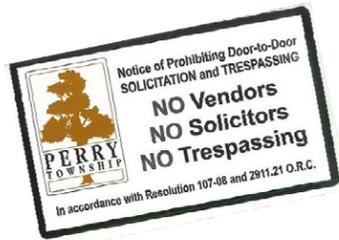
SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS & E-BROADCASTS

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

FREE STUFF! MAGNETS & STICKERS

Each year, Perry Township provides a waste collection service magnet free to all township residents. This includes the RUMPKE trash, yard waste & recycling schedule as well as the Road Department's Leaf and Brush Chipping calendar.

We also have refrigerator magnets which is a quick reference listing of important Township phone numbers.



This year, we also have NO SOLICITING stickers provided by the Perry Township Police Department.

Simply contact our office by calling (614)

889-2669 or via email bbeatty@perrytwp.org to receive yours!

(1 per household)

CHIEF'S REPORT Continued from page 5

- When you ride in streets, always ride with traffic and stay close to the curb.
- Be alert! Watch out for potholes, parked cars, sewer grates and anything else that might get in your way.
- Always obey traffic signals and signs.
- Keep both hands on the handle bar so you don't lose control.
- Stay alert of changing weather conditions
- Wear reflective gear so others can see you.
- At night, you must have a light on both the front and rear of your bike
- Wear sunglasses/safety glasses for eye protection if you or a car whips up dirt, pebbles, rocks or anything else that might get in your eyes.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE? RUMPKE FAQ'S

An average American generates nearly 1 ton of trash a year, but all that waste doesn't have to go to the landfill. Rumpke has made significant investments in recycling technology to make recycling easy and convenient at your home.

Rumpke's program, called single stream recycling, allows all recyclables to be mixed together, and it is sorted at one of Rumpke's advanced recycling facilities. Single stream programs focus on all recyclable materials generated by residents – not just individual items. This comprehensive approach helps divert the greatest volume of recyclable materials from landfills.

Below is a list of acceptable items.

Source: Rumpke.com



QUESTIONS????

Contact RUMPKE by calling (800) 828-8171



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS?

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) consist of 5 members which includes a Chairman, Vice Chairman, 3 members; and 2 alternates. All members are township residents and are appointed by the Board of Trustees.

In Perry Township, the BZA is primarily responsible for authorizing variances and hearing appeals. A variance authorizes a land owner to establish or maintain a use which is prohibited by the zoning regulations. An appeal is heard when a resident is not in agreement with the decision of the Chief Zoning Officer. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hear and issue a decision based on the facts and testimony presented by both sides.

For example, a resident recently requested a variance which allowed for additional setback footage in order to preserve large trees. Another appealed a decision which prevented him from building a structure in his front yard.

Ultimately, the goal of the Board of Zoning Appeals is to make decisions which will protect and increase the value of township homes and businesses.



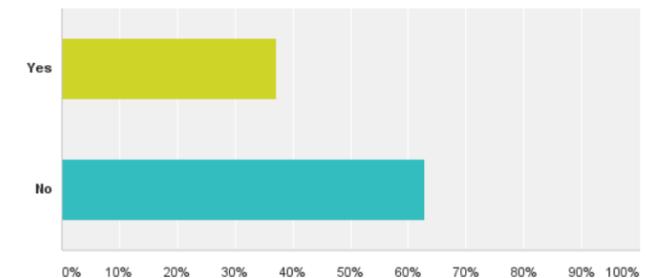
**Trash & Recycling
Friday, July 3rd**

YARD WASTE SURVEY RESULTS

Over 145 residents took the latest Perry Township survey. Although, several home owners would like to see weekly collection of yard waste, the majority are not willing to assume the additional cost for the service. We will continue to look for ways to improve this and other township services. We thank all who participated!

Q1 As a resident of Perry Township, would you be willing to pay an additional \$3.75 (approximately) per month in order to have weekly collection of yard waste during the months of April - November? Thank you.

Answered: 148 Skipped: 0



BEAT THE HEAT: CDC SAFETY TIPS

Heat-related illness happens when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. Stay safe by following a few simple tips:

- ✓ Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- ✓ Schedule outdoor activities carefully, for morning and evening hours.
- ✓ Dress infants and children in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- ✓ Seek medical care immediately for symptoms of heat-related illness.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

We would like to begin by thanking the voters of Perry Township for approving the new 3.5 mill Police levy. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Our Police Department is committed to providing residents with the same high level of safety services they have come to expect.

There are ongoing projects in the Worthington Hills area. AEP and AQUA are upgrading distribution lines in an effort to improve the quality of service being provided. The Road Department's micro surfacing and paving projects are moving forward in Brookside and Henderson Heights. We ask for your patience as the crews work to complete much needed improvements.

Plans are in the works to host another community shredding event during the month of October. We will post information as soon as dates, times, and locations have been confirmed. Meanwhile, we hope that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the many community get-togethers and events during the summer months. We ask that motorists keep a watchful eye out for bicyclists, children, and families on evening walks. Pet owners, please keep control of your animals and as a courtesy to others, clean up any messes your pets may leave on lawns and walkways.

We also thank those who continue to participate in township surveys throughout the year. The feedback is invaluable when making decisions for our township.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

The welcome of summer also means the onslaught of projects around the house. Many residents of Perry Township have been very busy working on interior and exterior projects. The Zoning Department would like you to know that if you have questions about zoning or building permits please call us and we will be more than willing to help answer your questions. It is important to make sure that you are in compliance with any project that you are doing.

Also remember that zoning permits are required for Garage Sales, POD's, Dumpsters, Contractor Signs, Driveway Replacements or Expansions, Sheds and fences to name a few. Many of the required permits can be downloaded and paid for via the Zoning tab on the www.perrytwp.org website.

The Perry Township Exterior Maintenance and Zoning Codes are also accessible via the township's website. Key word searches make the process of finding the information you need quick and easy! The Zoning map of Perry Township is just another document available on our site.

If you need to speak with either me or John in person, please call **(614) 889-1211** to set an appointment. Often times we are off-site inspecting properties.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and we hope that all of your projects get completed!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

The Perry Township Police Department, now proud owners of a *golf cart* to be used for special events and to patrol residential areas of the township, extend our thanks to the Worthington Hills Country Club for this gracious and generous gift. In addition, funds donated from Doctor Robin Hunter will allow us to have police graphics applied and to make the vehicle street legal. We are very excited to get this vehicle on patrol and are indebted to our two benevolent benefactors.

Also added to the Perry Township Police Department resources to better serve the community are *two fully equipped police bikes*. For several years, having a bike unit in Perry Township was cost prohibitive. Thanks to the Canfield Police Department and a bit of networking between departments, this vision has become a reality. We acknowledge and appreciate the generosity of our neighboring police department and the partnership we have established.

Speaking of bikes and now that we are into the warm weather of spring and summer, I would like to remind our bike riders in the township that in Ohio, bicycle riders are required to follow the same rules of the road as drivers. 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.

Remember a bicycle is a vehicle. Bicyclists share a complex traffic environment with other larger forms of transportation. One thing is for certain, in a clash between a bicycle and a motor vehicle, the bicycle rider will lose every time.

Go to page 6 for a few safety tips.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

Another hectic Spring has passed. The Road Department has completed quite a lot of crack sealing of the roadways. This process will help reduce the frequency of paving the streets which is a cost savings to our tax payers. We collected over 250 cubic yards of wood chips this brush chipping season. As with every season, there were pot holes to patch, trees in the right of ways to trim; and several storm drains to repair. The rainy weather has kept our crew busy mowing the Complex, Cemetery and several right-of-ways.

This year's contracted road work has begun. A new micro surface was applied on Danbury Place, Greenvale Drive and Brookdown Drive. There will be a little curb and gutter replacement on Charlbury Drive along with a mill and pave. The streets of Woodview Place, Henderson Heights and Merwin Road will also be paved with work starting in a few more weeks.

We have a few storm tile installations scheduled as well as other storm system repairs. Please remember that our ditches and catch basins eventually run to the river, so don't put anything in the storm system that would harm the streams.

Mosquito season has already begun. I encourage residents to check their properties for standing water which is a breeding ground for the insects.

Be safe and have a great summer!