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**TRUSTEES SIGN NEW DISPATCH CONTRACT**

**TOWNSHIPS DISCUSS SHARED SERVICES**

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**Board of Trustee Regular Meetings**  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
October 5th & 19th  
November 2nd & 16th  
December 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

www.perrytp.org

Effective December 16, 2015, the Township's radio dispatching services will be provided by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. The action taken by the Board of Trustees on September 9, 2015 will result in an estimated annual savings of \$26,000.

"As elected officials, we are entrusted to manage the taxpayer's money wisely which is a responsibility we carry out with great seriousness," says James Roper, Trustee and Liaison to the Police Department. "Maintaining the ability to respond to an emergency quickly and efficiently is vital. I have every confidence that the dispatching service through the Sheriff's office will exceed expectations."

Perry Township has contracted with the City of Worthington for dispatching services since 2005. Chief Oppenheimer emphasized that the township has had an excellent partnership with Chief Jim Mosaic and his staff at the Worthington Police Department. "This decision, however, is based upon the essentials of saving tax dollars, as well as a concern regarding the sustainability of the Worthington Police Communication Center. We must continue to be proactive and not

A joint public meeting between Perry and Sharon Townships was held on August 25th. Perry Township's Chairman, Chet Chaney opened the meeting by stating the goals of the meeting:

- 1) Identify opportunities for process improvement
- 2) Improve upon the current township services
- 3) Reduce the cost to taxpayers
- 4) Share knowledge, services, and equipment
- 5) Identify potential partnerships

Mr. Chaney emphasized that the joint meeting was not scheduled with the intent of merging the townships, departments, or negatively impacting employees' employment status.

He stated that throughout this process, both entities will be transparent and share information with all interested parties. He reminded attendees that governments provide services to residents and business owners.

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**Administrative Offices**  
614.889.2669  
**Police House Checks**  
614.339.0240  
Rumpke  
1.800.828.8171  
For Additional Information Visit:  
www.perrytp.org

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

**2015-2016 Service Calendar**

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reactive in terms of our response," stated the Perry Township Police Chief.

Residents will notice no difference in response times to 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls. **The Perry Township Police Department will respond to all calls for assistance.** The Cities of Worthington and Upper Arlington will continue to provide Fire and EMS services to township residents.



Franklin County Sheriff, Zach Scott, concluded by saying, "We value the relationship we have established with the Perry Township Police as we have worked together on a daily basis. I am looking forward to continuing our partnership with Perry Township Police by extending our professional communications services to its residents. This serves as a great example of Franklin County's local law enforcement agencies working together to provide the best service possible to the community we serve."

### SHRED-IT SATURDAY

Bring your documents to be shredded  
safely & securely.

**October 24, 2015**

*Brookside  
Elementary School*  
6700 McVey Blvd.  
9AM - 11AM

*Worthington Hills  
Elementary School*  
1221 Candlewood Dr.  
11:30AM - 1:30PM

## HALLOWEEN 2015 SAFETY TIPS

### 1. Plan a route in advance

Trick-or-treating could take you several streets away from your house which can cause sore legs and a bit of frustration. Avoid long paths by mapping out a route before leaving the house. Stick to paths that you and your child are familiar with to avoid getting lost.

### 2. Wear comfy shoes

Make sure you and your children are in comfortable, well-fitting shoes. Girls in dresses should avoid heels, and all shoelaces should be double-tied to avoid tripping in the dark.

### 3. Stay well - lit

Apply reflective tape to your child's costume to ensure they are seen by drivers on the road. Also, carry a flashlight with you to keep your child's path lit at all times.

### 4. Make sure costumes are short

Long costumes that drag on the ground can be dangerous, especially at night. After purchasing your child's costume, make sure it's an appropriate length, and hem anything that's too long to avoid tripping.

### 5. Avoid masks

Masks can make it difficult for your child to see or breathe. If possible, skip the mask altogether and use non-toxic make-up to complete the costume instead.

### 6. Use flexible props

Try to avoid costumes that have weapons as accessories. But if your child's costume won't be complete without a weapon, make sure it is rubber or plastic. Choose a prop that won't cause injury to your child or their friends.

### 7. Check your child's candy

Be sure to throw away any candy that is not in its original wrapper, or looks as though it has been opened.

Source: Readers Digest [www.rd.com](http://www.rd.com)

## CHIEF'S REPORT Continued from page 5

Perry Township always conscious of the "Taxpayers Money" has made the informed decision to replace the current police vehicles over time with the Ford Sports Utility Vehicle that was designed to be a police vehicle with input by police professionals.

This will be the police vehicle of choice until a better alternative is on the market. The SUV vehicles will save money, offer more protection and give a better working conditions for the officers who serve you.

**Protect** your home and property while you are on vacation.

Contact the Perry Township Police to set up a house check!

### Call:

(614) 339-0240 to set up  
(614) 339-0241 to cancel

### Or send your request electronically:

- > [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org)
- > Public Safety
- > Police
- > House Checks



## BROOKSIDE'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOG ROAST

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**2475 Darwin Dr.**

Starts @ 5:00PM  
Dinner @ 6:00PM

Bring Drinks, Chairs, & Blankets

Last Name: A-P bring a side dish  
Last Name: Q-Z bring a dessert.



## NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK OPENS



Snouffer Road can be a busy street and for parents whose children want to walk to school or enjoy the park, a scary one.

Since 2013, the Perry Township Board of Trustees and Brookside Elementary school leaders have worked to make the crossing safe for families. That year, a \$95,000 grant was awarded as part of the Safe Path to School initiative.

In September, part of the project was completed. A cross walk with flashing lights was installed at the corner of Bridewater & Snouffer Road.

Although there's more work to be done, children and their parents have a place to cross safely.



Road Superintendent, Bryan Shonkwiler participates in a final walkthrough with County and City officials.

## SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS & E-BROADCASTS

Go to [www.perrytwp.org](http://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!

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Taxpayers have the option of voting elected officials in or out of office as well as deciding whether or not to approve levies. Mr. Chaney concluded by saying that the two townships have an opportunity to work together as neighbors.



Mr. English indicated that he is a proponent of shared services. "By working together, efficiencies can be identified which will improve upon the services the townships currently offer." Trustee, Jim Roper reminded the audience that as the boundaries of townships get smaller due to annexation, townships like Perry and Sharon continue to offer extraordinary services. He went on to say that the two "entities are in a unique position to work closely together."

Chief Oppenheimer, Chief Zoning Officer Fellure and Road Superintendent Shonkwiler provided several examples of how Perry and Sharon already work together for the betterment of both communities.

Fiscal Officer, Michele Elliott, explained that Perry Township's current waste and recycling collection contract includes a clause which would allow another entity to join. In comparison to their counterparts at Sharon Township, Perry Township residents have additional services available at a lower rate per household.

## 5K RACE FOR THE TURF HOSTED BY BOOSTERS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE TURF PROJECT

**When:** October 3rd  
**Where:** Worthington Hills  
Elementary School  
1221 Candlewood Dr.



**Time:**  
7:30 AM – Registration  
8:30 AM – 5K Run / Walk Begins

**Fees:**  
\$20.00 Advance Online Registration  
\$25.00 Day of the Race

Register and/or donate online: [www.Greenswell.com](http://www.Greenswell.com)

Race for the Turf Organized by:  
The Committee for the Wolves, Inc. Athletic Booster Club

**2015  
LEAF COLLEC-**

Leaf collection will begin on **October 19th** and end on **November 30th**.

Leaves should be raked to the edge of the roadway and must be free of tree limbs, vines, grass and other debris or the leaf machine **will not** pick them up.

Leaves should **not** be piled in such a way that they obstruct the roadway.

Do **not** bag your leaves if you want them picked up by the Township.

If, due to circumstances beyond our control, (weather, etc.) leaves are not picked up within the scheduled time, they will be picked up as soon as possible.

Questions and comments should be directed to the Road Department at **(614) 889-8781**.

## KOREAN CHURCH VARIANCE HEARING DATE

On July 14, 2015, the Board of Zoning Appeals met to hear testimony related to a variance request submitted by the Korean Church of Columbus. Representatives from the church explained plans for a new multipurpose building to be erected at the corner of McVey Blvd and Snouffer Road. The meeting concluded after 2 hours of testimony.

The Korean Church's request for a continuance, was approved. BZA Chairman, Glenn Karr set the date of the next hearing for **Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30PM** in the Township Hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.



Over 80 Brookside residents attended the Korean Church variance hearing.

**Remember!**

*No parking on the streets during snow fighting events.*

## GET YOUR FLU SHOT BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS

**Why should people get vaccinated against the flu?**

Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. During recent flu seasons, between 80% and 90% of flu related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older. "Flu season" in the United States can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

During this time, flu viruses are circulating at higher levels in the U.S. population. An annual seasonal flu vaccine (either the flu shot or the nasal spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.

For more information visit the Center for Disease Control by going to: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm>

The Franklin County Public Health Department is also a great resource and offers flu shot clinic around the city. Call **(614) 525-3160** or visit their website for clinic hours and locations - <http://myfcph.org/>.



## ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

County, state, city and Perry Township officials met on September 14th to discuss the traffic issues in the area of SR 161 and Linworth Road. The group agreed that the next logical step is to initiate a preliminary engineering study. We will share updates as information becomes available.

Administrator, Robert Myers, will represent Perry Township as a member of the OSU Airport Council. The meetings are anticipated to take place 3 times a year. The group will review and discuss expansion and long term plans affecting the area.

We have several upcoming events of note. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on **October 20th at 6:30PM** to hear additional testimony related to the variance request submitted by the Korean Church of Columbus. Leaf Collection will begin on **October 19th** and will run through **November 30th**. The Brookside Civic Association will host their annual Hog Roast in October. Details will be posted on the Civic's website just prior to the event - [www.brooksidecivic.com](http://www.brooksidecivic.com). Beggar's Night will take place on **Thursday, October 29th between 6PM - 8PM**.

AEP projects continue throughout the Worthington Hills residential area. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Project Manager, Brian J. Allmaras P.E. with New River Electrical Corporation [ballmaras@nrec.net](mailto:ballmaras@nrec.net) or Ronnie Rifle, General Foreman with American Boring Inc, [abironnie@americanboringinc.com](mailto:abironnie@americanboringinc.com).

As always, we encourage you to sign up for news alerts through our website [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org) and attend the Board of Trustee meetings scheduled twice each month.

## CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

*By Robin Fellure*

This is the time of year when residents are trying to get those last few projects out of the way. Remember that driveway repairs (excluding resealing), fences, patios, contractor signs, dumpsters, and Bagsters all require permits. These permits can be downloaded via [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org) by clicking on the Zoning tab. For those of you who have contacted us after project completion, we thank you. You will receive official notification when we have wrapped up our final inspections.

One of the more common complaints we receive year round is related to trash containers. All totes should be stored in an area that is not visible from any property line. We notice basketball hoops in or near the street especially during the summer months. It is very important to have these moved away from the roadway. Not only is it a violation of the zoning code; but, the sports equipment makes it difficult for the road crews to collect leaves and plow snow safely.

Finally, if you are installing a furnace or hot water heater, the Perry Township Zoning Department does not require a permit. However, you should check with the Franklin County Public Health Department for permits and inspections related to water heaters. For information about HVAC units, contact the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department.

Thank you for your help in preserving property values by taking care for your home. As always, if you need assistance or have questions, please contact our office by calling **(614) 889-1211**. Appointments are necessary if you wish to meet with a member of the zoning staff.

## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

*By Chief Robert Oppenheimer*

I have been asked how we decide which type of cars to purchase for our marked police fleet. Some think we just pick the one that looks the most intimidating, but if that were the case, we would be driving armored personnel carriers. In reality, the decision involves a great deal of research and conversations with other police agencies on their experience.

When Ford stopped producing the Crown Victoria - the work horse for police for more than twenty years - law enforcement agencies across the nation had to make a choice when the time came to replace their aging fleets. A growing number of U.S. police agencies, including many in Franklin County, are opting to buy sport utility vehicles.

The other choices for Police vehicles are the Ford Taurus, Dodge Charger, and the Chevy Caprice. The Ford Taurus Police Interceptor has been plagued with problems and complaints from officers. The Dodge Charger is not built to take the abuse of today's policing and has a higher cost of maintenance. Officers across the country are saying that the newer sedans are too small for all the equipment that is needed in today's police vehicles. After all, the police cruiser is the officer's office for 8 hours a day!

Some might question if police agencies are wasting taxpayer dollars by investing in "gas-guzzling" SUVs. But a press release from Ford touts savings for taxpayers, especially considering police cars spend much of their road time idling. The engine in the SUV uses 32 percent less fuel than the Crown Victoria when idling. In fact "Fuel consumption on the Explorers is much better than the Caprices and Chargers; and, is overall better than the older Ford Crown Victorias as a result of newer technology engines." With Perry Township utilizing State Bid pricing the cost between the SUVs and a Sedan is made up by saving in gasoline.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*By Bryan Shonkwiler*

It doesn't even seem like we had a summer this year. But the calendar says that Fall is now here nonetheless. The leaves are already turning and the days are getting shorter.

We had a very successful construction season in 2015. Contractors milled and paved Merwin Rd., Merwin Pl., Henderson Hgts., Charlbury Dr., and Woodview Pl. We also micro surfaced Brookdown Dr., Danbury Pl. and Greenvale Dr. as well as some curb and gutter replacement. We also applied rejuvenator to all of the new asphalt areas.

The Road Department has been busy mowing and working on catch basins and drainage tiles as well as patching the gutter pans and other maintenance issues. Soon we will start the big fall project of leaf collection. This year's schedule will be from **October 19th to November 30th**. Residents should rake their leaves to the edge of their yard so that our leaf vacuum can reach them. Leaves should not be placed around mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc., and vehicles should not be parked in front of leaf piles. Please don't put leaves in the roadway as this is hazardous to commuters and clogs our storm sewer system. See our web page for complete guidelines under the "Road" tab.

Soon the snow will be flying (usually before leaf collection is over) and we will be clearing the roads of snow and ice. Please park your vehicles in your driveways during these events so we can safely do our jobs.

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