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**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
April 4th & 18th
May 2nd & 16th
June 6th & 20th

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
@ 6:30 p.m.
2nd Tuesday of each month

**Architectural Review
Board Meeting**
@ 6:30 p.m.
4th Tuesday of each month

Zoning Commission Meeting
@ 6:30 p.m.
3rd Wednesday of each month

Check our website for
schedule changes

www.perrytwp.org

**SHIFT CHANGE
CHIEF OPPY RETIRES**



Chief Oppy with grandson, Lincoln

Perry's Chief of Police, Robert Oppenheimer retired on February 29, 2016. "As I close out 46 years of police service, I know that I made a profoundly rewarding decision in dedicating my life to serving others. It has

been an immense honor..." said Chief Robert Oppenheimer.

Chief Oppenheimer served his country during the Vietnam War as a U. S. Marine. He climbed the ranks as an officer with the City of Worthington Police Department for 31-years; and, Chief of Police of Perry Township for more than 12 years. Chief "Oppy" is looking forward to spending time with his family and gardening.

Thank you, sir, for your many years of service!



**CHIEF PETROZZI TAKES
THE OATH OF OFFICE**

The Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator and staff welcomes Chief of Police, John Petrozzi.

Chief Petrozzi began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the City of Westerville's Police Department. Since that time, he has served as a Detective; Operations and Service Bureau Commander; and, most recently as the Deputy Chief of Police for Otterbein University.

As his wife Deborah, children, and grandchildren looked on, Chief Petrozzi was sworn in as the Chief of Police of Perry Township by Trustee James Roper. Over the next two weeks, he worked closely with Chief Oppenheimer to ensure a smooth transition.

Chief Petrozzi will oversee all Police Department operations and administration. Among his many responsibilities, Chief Petrozzi will work with area municipalities and government agencies; schools and civics; and administer mutual aid contracts. The Perry Township Police Department is comprised of 10 full and 12 part time officers; and, an Administrative Assistant.



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Dublin, OH 43016

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

SMALL GOVERNMENT
PERRY TOWNSHIP
BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Administrative Offices
614.889.2669

Police House Checks
614.339.0240

Rumpke
1.800.828.8171

**For Additional
Information Visit:**
www.perrytwp.org

2015-2016 Service Calendar

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Dead or dying trees on residential and commercial properties; and, in the easements are the responsibility of the property owner. When these trees become a hazard, the property owner assumes the financial responsibility of having the trees removed.



Door-to-door sales people (except for non-profits such as scouts, church groups, and schools) must be able to produce a valid Transient Vendor Permit upon request. These permits are issued through the Perry Township Police Department. To view whether a company is on the list of approved vendors, go to www.perrytwp.org,

click on **Public Safety > Police > Approved Transient Vendors.**

Garage sale permits are required. To apply, contact our Zoning office by calling (614) 889-1211 or apply and pay electronically by going to www.perrytwp.org, click on the **Zoning tab > Permits > Garage Sale Permit.**



SUMMER INTERN!

Perry Township offers high school students who are entering their Junior or Senior year this Fall the opportunity to participate in an internship program during the summer months. Applications and information will be posted on www.perrytwp.org beginning April 15th.

"GRAVEYARD A SHAMBLES" by Bryan Shonkwiler

I remember July 3rd, 2007 like it was yesterday. The phones at the Township Administrative Office were ringing non-stop. It didn't take long to figure out that an article in the Columbus Dispatch, Metro & State section, was the cause of the excitement. "Graveyard a Shambles" was the title of the article, which went on to describe the terrible condition of the "historic" cemetery located in PERRY TOWNSHIP. Pictures of high weeds and dirty headstones accompanied the article. We didn't even know there was a cemetery in the township!

To make a long story short, the Perry Township Trustees immediately contacted the Franklin County Auditor's office and began the process of acquiring the abandoned property. Two months later, a small article appeared in the Dispatch announcing "Township to keep up historical cemetery".

Since then, the grass has never been tall. The Township has created a safe parking area and walkway; and, has made repairs to the stone wall and even repaired some of the fallen and damaged gravestones.

Last September I received an e-mail from a friend, who is a member of the Ann Simpson Davis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She mentioned that one of their members was cleaning gravestones in the Davis Cemetery. I eventually caught up with her as she was kneeling in front of a dirty gravestone with a scrub brush and spray bottle in hand. Her name is Kim Starr. Her bright smile and radiant personality fit perfectly with the name of her new company; Shine On With Love. I asked her why she was doing this kind of work.

She said that she has been involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution for 40 years, which has driven her interest in history. And from her youth, she found cemeteries to be

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GRAVEYARD A. SHAMBLES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

interesting and peaceful places to be. In 2014 she moved to Arkansas. She was appalled at how dirty the gravestones were. She immediately began inquiring about and researching proper methods and products for cleaning various types of gravestones. Once she had educated herself, she began cleaning the gravestones at McFadden cemetery. For two months - while the grandkids were at school - she cleaned gravestones for about two hours a day. (That was all she could stand in the high heat and humidity). People began to notice and come by to visit and thank Kim for cleaning the stones. They told her that all of her work made the cemetery "shine" which gave Kim the idea for her company name.

Kim eventually returned to Upper Arlington, where she continued her "hobby" at the Legg-Walcott Historic Cemetery located off of Reed Rd. She worked there cleaning stones for 2½ months. She has taken several classes through the Ohio Historical Society and Graveside Restoration Association on cleaning and restoration of headstones. She also began interviewing people and researching the history of Upper Arlington for a book she and a friend are working on.

She is currently planning a six month hike of the 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mt. Katahdin in Maine. Once she checks this off of her bucket list, she plans on getting her company going in earnest. To contact Kim for gravestone cleaning services, you can e-mail her at starrsmile9997@aol.com.

Stop by the Davis Historical Cemetery, located on Riverside Drive just south of Cranston Drive, and check out Kim's great work!



before



after

CHIEF'S REPORT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Be sure to report all crimes: If you are the victim of a crime, regardless of how minor or how serious, report it to the Police. No crime is too small. The Perry Township Police Department uses information from crime reports to track trends and patterns of criminal activity. If you have been a victim of a crime, let us let us know. We are here to serve and protect you and your family. **When you report a crime you help make Perry Township a safer place for all of our residents.**



COMMUNITY & SCHOOL EVENTS

April 7th & 8th @ 7PM
Brookside Elementary School's Musical
Lion King Jr.

April 23rd @ 9AM - 3PM (Rain or Shine)
Brookside Annual Community Garage Sale
(no permit required for this event)

April 30th @ 10AM - 2PM
Drug Take Back Program
Perry Township - 7125 Sawmill Road

May 7th @ 8AM - 2PM
Worthington Hills Annual Community Garage Sale
(no permit required for this event)

BRUSH CHIPPING 2016 REGULATIONS

The Perry Township Road Department is providing a one-time spring clean up of tree trimmings from winter's pruning.

The chipper machine will be scheduled throughout the Township during the week of **April 25th** through **May 2nd**, 2016.

The Road Department will bring the chipper machine through the Township and remove tree and shrub trimmings subject to the following established regulations:

- ✓ Tree and shrub trimmings only
- ✓ No Vines
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ No lumber, boards, wire or other debris.
- ✓ All trimmings must be piled 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 6 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 garbage bag.

Residents with excessive amounts of trimmings should make other arrangements. Township employees will not leave mulch at residences.

Any questions regarding the chipper service should be directed to the Road Department at **(614) 889- 8781**.

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS ... A LITTLE BIT OF THAT

In just the first 2 months of 2016, the Township has saved approximately 64% of taxpayer dollars by transferring the Dispatching services to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

The Board of Trustees appointed 3 members and 2 alternates to the Architectural Review Board. The Organizational Meeting is scheduled to be held on April 26th.

The solid waste and recycling contract with Rumpke will expire on June 30, 2016. The Board of Trustees initiated the bidding process on March 28th. It is anticipated that the 2016 - 2019 contract will be awarded in May 2016.

The Perry Township Board of Trustees continue to work on several projects including connecting the Snouffer bike path to the multiuse path; and, the preliminary engineering study in the area of S.R. 161 and Linworth Road.

PUBLIC RECORDS & INFORMATION REQUESTS

We are able to disseminate information quickly and efficiently via several mediums such as this newsletter, the township website, email, Facebook, and E-Broadcasts.

Keep in mind that information shared with township offices is often a matter of public record.

According to the Ohio Revised Code; 149.43, a public record is a record kept by any public office and while there are exceptions - medical records, for instance - many of the records on file in our offices are available to the public upon request. This includes, but is not limited to, email addresses, names, and phone numbers.

CALL DISPATCH! BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

Perry Township residents tell us all the time **"We don't want to bother your officers but...."**

Remember! Our police officers are here for you! When you call Dispatch directly you are helping our officers respond quickly. You also allow the Department to maintain a log of problems and concerns affecting our community.

NEVER hesitate to contact the Perry Police Department for assistance. Our Police Officers just **LOVE** to catch bad-guys and protect folks from someone who may be there to take advantage of you or a neighbor.



Officer Manny Munoz

Call Dispatch if you believe a door-to-door sales person is not on our list of approved vendors. You may be protecting your neighbors from a potential scam.

Call Dispatch if you see a suspicious person in your neighborhood. You may be preventing a resident from filing a burglary report or saving a life.

Call 911 if you need help in the event of a medical or other type of emergency!

Call (614) 889-1231 for non-emergency assistance.



FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL & WATER PROGRAM

We encourage landowners to practice backyard conservation to minimize stormwater 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.

We offer backyard conservation workshops spring through fall at our office and in various locations throughout Franklin County. Visit **www.greenspotbackyards.org** for the latest workshop details.

Visit FSWCD's website:
http://www.franklinswcd.org

Sign up for E-broadcasts & E-News!

www.perrytwp.org

Garage Sale
Permits available
for \$3.00
through the
Zoning Department

Need Zoning Advice?
Call to set an
appointment!

(614) 889-1211

General Info
(614) 889-2669

Police
House Check
(614) 339-0240

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

Each year, we strive to make Perry Township a better place for its community members. That may mean implementing more efficient processes, cutting costs, or creating a safer environment. For example, transferring the dispatching services to the Franklin County Sheriff's office has already resulted in a significant savings (64% in January and February). This was done without diminishing the quality of emergency services our residents depend upon.

Jerome Scott, Stacy Niemantsverdriet, Rich Fiddler; and, alternates Kathy Ward and Marsha Martin were recently appointed to the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The Board has been established to assist residential applicants with preparing for variance hearings. The ARB will also set guidelines for commercial properties; and, will work closely with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Additionally, there's a new face in the Township Administrative office. Mary Geiss joined the staff in February of this year.

As hard as it was, we accepted Chief Oppenheimer's request to retire. Chief "Oppy," as he was affectionately known, was instrumental in obtaining almost a 1/2 million dollars in grants during his time with the Township. There are not enough pages in this newsletter to list the police department's accomplishments under his direction. Every decision he made was with the best interest of the Perry Township community in mind. We wish him and his family well. Chief John Petrozzi has now taken the reigns. The Chief was sworn in on February 15th by Trustee James Roper. We welcome him to our staff.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

Welcome Spring!

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 projects that require permits are:

- ✓ Pods
- ✓ Dumpsters
- ✓ Contractor Signs
- ✓ Garage Sales (except the community garage sale)

As a reminder don't forget to keep those trash cans concealed. The containers should not be visible from the street.

Please contact our office if you need assistance or have questions by calling **614-889-1211**.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief John Petrozzi

Spring has arrived and so has our desire to be outside while leaving our house open and vulnerable to uninvited visitors. When working in the back yard, be sure to leave your garage and front doors closed and locked. Burglars look for opportunities like these to make a quick entrance into your home or garage to steal anything that is of value and can be easily carried off. Be sure to secure your purse in an area of your home that is not immediately accessible to any who may walk into your house.

- ✓ Do not leave valuable electronics or jewelry out in the open.
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs so windows and doors are in full view from the street.
- ✓ Do not hide a spare key, give one to a neighbor you trust.
- ✓ Do not leave ladders and tools lying around outside where burglars can use them to enter your home.
- ✓ Give a "you're home look" by leaving a car in the driveway or setting radio's and TV's on timers when on vacation
- ✓ Utilize our vacation House Check service. To request a house check call : **614-339-0240**. Or, you may enter your House Check on our secure web site at **www.perrytwp.org** by clicking on **Public Safety > Police > House Checks**.

Secure your car: Be sure to lock your car if it is parked outside for the night. Secure all valuables in the trunk or in the house and out of site. As the weather gets warmer, criminals tend to be out late at night and into the early morning breaking into cars. Sometimes the only thing they will take is your garage door opener so they can return later in the day and burglarize your home. Leaving your car unlocked and the garage door opener inside is like giving the criminals a key to your home.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

We had a pretty mild winter during 2015- 2016. We were only called to fight snow after hours 7 times.

We treated the roads less than a dozen times all season and used around 100 tons of salt. We spent the winter working on equipment and buildings, patching roads and trimming tree branches encroaching on the roadways. We were unable to do any crack sealing; but, plan to do so when we have dry intervals this Spring.

This year's Brush Chipping Program will take place from **April 25th** thru **May 2nd**. Place all branches at the edge of your yard in an organized manner (preferably with the cut ends facing the roadway). We will be by to chip them up. Remember that this service is for large branches only.

Woody debris less than 4 feet long should be bundled, bagged or placed in yard waste cans for collection by Rumpke on yard waste days. To see complete brush chipping regulations, click on the Road tab on the Township web site. Rumpke will collect yard waste every-other-week beginning April 1st - the end of November 2016.

Remember: 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**.