



**JAN / FEB / MAR 2017**

**TRUSTEES APPROVE ZONING CODE CHANGES**

**COMING SOON: NEW WEBSITE & MUCH MORE!**

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**Board of Trustee Regular Meetings @ 7:00 p.m.**  
January 3rd & 18th  
February 6th & 22nd  
March 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.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org)

On November 7th, members of the Board of Trustees voted to approve Resolution 178-16, Case No. 143-RZ-16, which amended the Zoning Code with modifications:

**Section: Appendix XX**  
Added: Bamboo as an invasive plant species

**Sections: 705.015, 705.02**  
Added: Gives the zoning inspector the authority to issue a stop work order.

**Section: 502.032 (2)**  
Added: Allows chain link fences in commercial districts

**Section: 531.092**  
Removed: "or other trailers" from the title. Added: RV, motor home, boat, camping trailer, travel trailer or trailer can't be parked for personal use in a Commercial Zoning district unless enclosed within a permitted principal structure or accessory structure.

**Section: 512.011**  
Added: Detached or free standing solar panel arrays

**Section: 512.012 (1)**  
Added: Allows swimming pools, hot tubs, gazebos or other detached open aired structures but NO accessory structure to be closer than 20 feet to the principal structure.

**Section: 512.019**  
Removed: Satellite earth stations, dish antennas and solar collectors

**Section: 512**  
Added: New section about satellite dishes

No changes were made to Sections related to "parties of interest" or notifications."



As mentioned in last quarter's newsletter, the Township is in the developing stages of a new website. We are VERY excited to be able to offer a mobile application and instant notifications! The anticipated launch date is near the beginning of the second quarter of 2017.

Once the new website is up and running, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM and a Reverse 911 notification system will soon follow.

Meanwhile, we encourage residents to sign up for E-Broadcasts and the Township's E-News through the [www.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org) homepage. Just click on the "Subscribe" icon and complete the form!



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

**2016-2017 Service Calendar**

**Administrative Offices**  
614.889.2669

**Police House Checks**  
614.339.0240

**Rumpke**  
1.800.828.8171

**For Additional Information Visit:**  
[www.perrytp.org](http://www.perrytp.org)

**2016**

**RECEIVED \$26,630 Police Grants**

**SAVED \$35,000 Emergency Dispatching Fees**

## PREPAREDNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS IN WINTER WEATHER

Ohio Department of Aging Press Release [Excerpt] 12/16/2016

All Ohioans should have a winter preparedness plan that enables them to remain in place for three days if they become unable to leave their homes due to weather conditions. Each household should have an emergency kit that contains, at a minimum, a battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a loud whistle or bell, food you can open and prepare easily, water (one gallon per person per day), extra blankets and a first aid kit.

Older adults may have a few additional considerations:

- ♦ A backup supply of daily medicines and the means to store them properly;
- ♦ Ready access to medical equipment and assistive devices (e.g., canes, walkers, wheelchairs, lifts, oxygen tanks, etc.) as well as spare batteries and non-powered options.
- ♦ A safe place to go if it becomes unsafe to stay in your home (e.g., public shelter, friend's or neighbor's house) and a plan for getting there.
- ♦ Instructions for rescue personnel to help you relocate safely and quickly in an emergency.

Your preparation should also include a plan for safely keeping the temperature in your home comfortable. Use only space heaters that have been tested and certified to the latest safety standards, and do not leave a space heater unattended. Never use a kitchen stove or any other appliance not designed to heat your home for that purpose.

Wintry precipitation, such as snow and freezing rain, also increases the risk of a potentially life-changing fall for older Ohioans. If you must go out in wintry conditions, wear boots or shoes that fit properly and have good traction. Bundle up to stay warm, but make sure you can see and move freely. Slow down and give yourself extra time to get where you're going. Try to walk only on surfaces that have been cleared and treated for ice and snow.



Use handrails whenever possible. When in doubt, ask for help.

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## TRUSTEE JIM ROPER SWEARS IN NEW DETECTIVE

Trustee Roper swore in Mr. Rick Amweg as a part-time detective for the Perry Township Police Department. Detective Amweg replaced Mr. Michael Mauger who recently retired.

Also new to the police force is part time officer, Charlie Reed. Officer Reed was hired soon after community liaison officer, John Thomas accepted a full time position with the State of Ohio.



## RUMPKE'S RECYCLING NICE & NAUGHTY LIST

### Nice List: Recycle These Items

- Wrapping paper (not foil); rolls (cardboard)
- Gift boxes; gift bags (paper, not foil)
- Cardboard boxes, newspapers and sales ads
- Cards, envelopes, and junk mail
- Clean pizza boxes
- Plastic bottles and jugs; glass bottles and jars
- Steel food and drink cans
- Aluminum drink cans; cartons/juice boxes

### Naughty List: Do Not Recycle These Items

- Christmas lights and extension cords
- Plastic bags and tissue paper
- Ribbons, bows and tinsel
- Foil wrapping paper and plastic packaging
- Plastic toys
- Whipped topping and butter tubs
- Aluminum pie pans and roasting pans
- VHS tapes
- Packing peanuts and bubble wrap
- Ceramics

## CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING: KNOW THE SIGNS!

### Be Alert to Carbon Monoxide:

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, natural gas, propane or oil) burn incompletely.

### Know the symptoms:

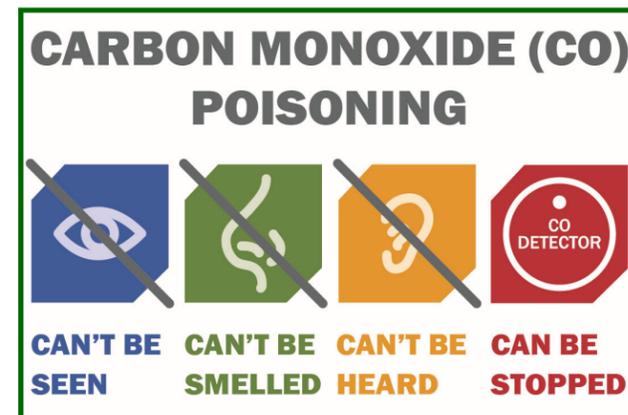
- ✓ Carbon monoxide may cause:
- ✓ Headaches
- ✓ Dizziness
- ✓ Nausea
- ✓ Vomiting
- ✓ Irregular breathing
- ✓ Feeling ill or tired at home but fine when away from home, and other symptoms.

You may smell exhaust fumes or see a yellow/orange flame on gas burners, or see soot around the outside of the chimneys, vents or fireplaces. If you think you may have symptoms, leave the area immediately and call **911**.

### Stay safe

- ✓ Install carbon monoxide detectors. Some models double as smoke detectors.
- ✓ Have all appliances serviced by a professional.
- ✓ Provide adequate ventilation in the house when using stoves, fireplaces or unvented space heaters.
- ✓ Never burn charcoal or run a generator indoors or in an enclosed space.
- ✓ Clean chimney and check for blockage, especially with wood-burning fireplaces and stoves.
- ✓ Open the garage door before starting your vehicle.

Learn more at [cdc.gov/co](http://cdc.gov/co)



## PREPAREDNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS *Continued from page 2*

### Check on your neighbors

Before, during and after severe winter conditions, check in on older loved ones, friends and neighbors to ensure that they are okay and have the resources they need to remain safe and healthy.

- Do they need medical attention? Have they fallen? Are they staying warm enough? Are they taking their medicines as prescribed?
- Do they have safe food and water? Are they eating and drinking regularly?
- Is the temperature in their home comfortable? Do they have safe means to heat the home if temperatures continue to fall?
- Whom will they call if they need help? Do they have access to a phone that will work without power or landline service?

Be aware that confusion, disorientation and irritability can be symptoms of conditions such as dehydration, stress and fatigue. If someone appears ill or is injured, call 9-1-1 immediately.

### Get Help Now!

If you have an immediate need, please contact your Area Agency on Aging at **1-866-243-5678** (Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.). Callers are automatically connected to the area agency on aging serving the county from which they call.

You also may contact the Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman at **1-800-282-1206** (Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.).

Call our office toll-free at **1-800-266-4346** (Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.). TTY - Relay Ohio: Dial **711** and use **614-466-5500** for general information.

Source: <http://www.aging.ohio.gov/home/>



## 2017 PERRY TOWNSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY DATES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

Township Hall  
@ 7:00 p.m.

First and third Monday of every month except:

- Tuesday, January 3, 2017
- Wednesday, January 18, 2017
- Wednesday, February 22, 2017
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017



### 2017 TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day:

Monday, January 2, 2017

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 16, 2017

Washington/Lincoln Day

Monday, February 20, 2017

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2017

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Labor Day

Monday, September 4, 2017

Columbus Day

Monday, October 9, 2017

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Veteran's Day (observed)

Friday, November 24, 2017

Christmas (observed)

Monday, December 25, 2017



## CHIEF'S REPORT: *Continued from page 5*

much slower than regular traffic. Passing a snowplow can be extremely dangerous as sight lines and visibility near a working snowplow are severely restricted by blowing snow.

Correctly operating windshield wipers and defrosters are essential to safety while driving in snow and ice conditions. Properly maintained windshield wipers are a must; there are also special blades available that are better equipped to assist in the removal of snow from the windshield. Defroster effectiveness is essential in the initial clearing of snow and ice from the windshield and rear window.

Keep a Survival Kit in Your Vehicle. A winter survival kit in the trunk of your vehicle can help in the event that you become stranded or stuck on the side of the road for an extended period of time. The kit can include items such as a blanket, an extra set of mitts or gloves, booster/jumper cables, a small shovel, windshield wiper fluid, a first aid kit, a flashlight, snow brush, a safety vest, bottled water and food items that won't go bad such as granola bars or energy bars. Pack this kit, place it in the trunk and forget about it unless you become stranded and need it. This type of survival kit can go a long way to helping people who become stuck in a blizzard or other winter hazards while they wait for help to arrive. After all, there is no guarantee that the battery in a car will continue operating and that the engine will stay running to keep heat inside of the vehicle.



## PERRY TOWNSHIP DID YOU KNOW?

Perry Township was established in 1804.

There are 26 different Perry Townships in the State of Ohio.

Our Township's government is comprised of 4 elected officials: 3 Trustees and 1 Fiscal Officer. Each official serves a 4-year term.

Perry Township has 4 Departments:

- > Administration
  - 1 Part Time Administrator
  - 1 Full Time Administrative Assistant
  - 1 Part Time Administrative Assistant
- > Police
  - 1 Full Time Police Chief
  - 1 Full Time Administrative Assistant
  - 10 Full Time Police Officers
  - 2 Part Time Detectives
  - 6 Part Time Officers
  - 1 Part Time IT Systems Administrator
- > Road
  - 1 Full Time Road Superintendent
  - 2 Full Time Road Personnel
- > Zoning
  - 1 Part Time Chief Zoning Officer
  - 1 Part Time Zoning Inspector.

Perry Township has **3,637** residents (2010 Census)



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

**Waste Service Savings:** In 1983, Columbus opened its trash-burning power plant. The 30-year debt to erect the plant was backed by taxpayer funds. SWACO recently announced that the debt was nearly paid off and proposed a **\$3.00** per ton tipping fee reduction. Members of the Board of Trustees voted in support of this decrease during the November 2, 2016 Regular session. In turn, residents will see a slight decrease on their quarterly Rumpke bill, effective date to be announced.

**Winter Street Parking:** When the road crew must navigate around cars parked on the street, it poses a danger to the drivers and increases the potential for your car to be damaged as well. Please do not park on the street during snow and ice events.

**Door-to-Door Permit Revoked:** The Police Department has revoked the transient vendor permit of Greenix Pest Control due to high pressure sales tactics and refusal to leave residential property. To determine whether a vendor has a permit to solicit in Perry Township, go to:

- > [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org)
- > Public Safety
- > Police
- > Approved Transient Vendor Tab

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Non-Emergency  
Dispatch  
Services  
(614) 889-1231

Need Zoning Advice?  
Call for an  
appointment!

(614) 889-1211

General Info  
(614) 889-2669

Police  
House Checks  
(614) 339-0240



## ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

We look forward to the many opportunities 2017 has to offer Perry Township. We will continue working on projects which have carried over from the prior year. The second planned Advisory Meeting related to the S.R. 161 / Linworth Road Corridor Study was held in November. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the data collection and analysis that has been completed to date. We will continue to work with our partners such as ODOT, the Cities of Columbus and Worthington, MORPC, and many others throughout this important process. The Board of Trustees are also nearing a decision as to the Korean Church's expansion plans. We have worked closely with neighboring residents throughout this process. A new website is also in the works as well as plans to launch various social media tools in the Spring.

In mid-October Perry Township and Rumpke hosted a community Shred-It Event. Once again it was well received by many area residents. That same month the Perry Police Department participated in a state-wide Drug Take-Back event. And, of course the Brookside and Worthington Hills Civic Association Hog Roasts and sleigh rides were a big hit!

We are pleased to report that by transferring dispatching services to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Township has saved \$35,000 since the beginning of 2016. The Police Department was awarded over \$26,000 in grants last year which provided much needed equipment. The Road Department made a quick transition from leaf collection to fighting snow and ice. The crew collected 241 box loads (4,017 cubic yards) of leaves over a few short weeks.

As always, we encourage residents to attend the Board of Trustees meetings which are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (excluding holidays). Happy New Year!

## 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 the past year. If you applied for a permit and have completed the project please contact us to set up your 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 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 online by going to the Perry Township website [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org), click on the Zoning Tab; and, on the right-hand side you will have several options.

Please remember to schedule an appointment should you need assistance or have questions. Simply call **614-889-1211** to schedule a time to meet. The Zoning office is open Monday - Friday between the hours of 9AM - 12PM.

Finally, John and I would like to take a moment to recognize some of the residents of Perry Township that we have had the privilege to meet and work with this past year. We work in such a great community with such strong ties toward brotherhood and working together to better Perry Township and we are honored to be a part of your township.

We wish all of you in Perry Township a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

*By Chief John Petrozzi*

### **Driving Safe in Snow and Ice: Stay Alert and Slow Down**

It is best to winterize your vehicle before winter strikes. Schedule a maintenance check-up for the vehicle's tires and tire pressure, battery, belts and hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers and ignition system. Keep your gas tank sufficiently full - at least half a tank is recommended.



Winter driving conditions such as rain, snow, and ice dramatically affect the braking distance of a vehicle. The driver's capability to complete a smooth and safe stop is severely limited due to reduced tire traction. In order to stop safely, the vehicle's wheels must maintain traction by remaining on contact with the road surface while rolling, referred to as "rolling traction". When handling slippery winter roads, the keys to safety are slower speeds, gentler stops and turns, and increased following distances.

Tire pressure usually lowers itself in winter and raises itself in summer. Under-inflated tires can cause a car to react more slowly to steering. Every time the outside temperature drops ten degrees, the air pressure inside your tires goes down about one or two PSI. Tires lose air normally through the process of permeation. Drivers should check their tire pressures frequently during cold weather, adding enough air to keep them at recommended levels of inflation at all times.

Caution must be used when snowplows are on the roadways as snowplows and salt and sand trucks travel

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*By Bryan Shonkwiler*

2016 is in the books and another year has begun. We recently finished our leaf collection; collecting 241 box loads of leaves. That's over 4,000 cubic yards of leaves. We were able to run through all of the Township 7 times. While the numbers are average; this season was a little unusual. Some trees held their leaves longer than normal. At the time of this writing, 12/15/16, there are still leaves on some trees. But, the equipment and men used for leaf collection and snow fighting are the same, so we have to move on. We have already had two snow events that required plowing of the roads. We are now set up and ready for snow. Our salt barn is full and the trucks are prepped. Please remember to 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.

Just before leaf season, our 2016 road construction was completed. This year we milled, fiber matted, paved and rejuvenated Clubview Blvd. N. from the Sharon Twp. line to Hickory Ridge Dr. and our portion of Highview Drive We also replaced 400 linear feet of driveway gutters in the area.

This winter, when 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. We can do this because we have a heat lance to blow the cracks clear and dry them out before applying a rubber filler with fiber. Our crack sealing program has been our most effective tool for extending the life of pavement and getting the most for taxpayer dollars.