

2017 BRUSH CHIPPING RULES & REGULATIONS WINTER WEATHER

The Road Department will bring the chipper machine through the Township beginning **April 24th** through **May 1st, 2017** and remove tree trimmings subject to the following established regulations:

- > 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. We are not a tree removal service.
- > Township employees cannot leave mulch at residences.



TREE & PLANT SALE ORDER BY APRIL 10TH

Shop the categories via www.franklinswcd.org and order early as there may be limited quantities of some plants. **Last day to order will be April 10th.**

Pick up your order at Ohio Division of Wildlife (1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, 43215)

- ✓ Friday, April 28 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Saturday, April 29 8 a.m. to noon.



- ◆ Arrange for someone to pick up your tree-sale items for you if you are unavailable. **Items from the tree sale that are not picked up during pick-up hours will be donated to local nonprofits at noon on May 4th.**
- ◆ It is important to plant bare root seedlings immediately. Do not leave them in your car or hot garage. Please read about proper tree planting on our Web site: www.franklinswcd.org
- ◆ Conservation-grade, bare root seedlings are generally small, so a large-capacity vehicle is not necessary.
- ◆ **There are no refunds (unless a plant you ordered is unavailable)**
- ◆ The species we sell (except for edible landscaping) will be native to Ohio and/or our neighboring states and may include native cultivars, but are not always native to Franklin County. We do include native range maps (obtained from the NRCS PLANT Database) for all of our plant selections.

Call **614-486-9613** for more information.

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blacktop left over from a “job down the road”, and they say the company will blacktop your driveway for a reduced price. Another popular scam is the individual who “just happened to be driving down your street and noticed you have serious roof or gutter problems or trees that need to be trimmed”. The work is almost always of inferior quality, unnecessary, and the victim is usually presented with a bill much higher than the original estimate.

Victims, particularly the elderly, are often intimidated into paying this inflated bill. ***If you have an elderly neighbor or relative, be observant and help educate them about crimes of this nature as they often fall prey to these unethical and illegal operations.***

Before you can legally stop solicitation at your home, the solicitors must be informed that they are doing something wrong. Posting signs that simply say 'No Solicitation' is usually sufficient; but, make sure notices aren't obscured by landscaping. Transient vendors and home solicitation sales are regulated by both State law and Perry Township.



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pesticides is using truck-mounted ultra-low volume spray units driven on public roadways. Adulticiding is one of the tools we have in order to control and manage mosquito populations. When done properly, adulticiding is an effective way to reduce the numbers of mosquitoes and reduce people's risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases.



When Do We Decide to Adulticide?

The decision to adulticide is based on multiple factors. They consider the following information:

1. Is there a significant increase in the number of mosquitoes that can carry disease in our weekly trap locations?
2. Is there a lab-confirmed or RAMP tested presence of West Nile virus (WNV) in the mosquitoes they trapped?
3. Is there a history of WNV in an area?
4. Are weather events or weather patterns contributing to an increase in mosquito populations?
5. Has there been a confirmed human case of WNV or other mosquito-borne diseases?
6. Are attempts to control mosquito populations through larviciding not been effective? Or, there is a public health emergency as determined by the Board of Health and/or Health Commissioner.

Once they consider these factors, they provide recommendations to the officials of the local jurisdiction for which we intend to spray. These local jurisdictions determine if and when to spray.

Go to <http://www.myfcph.org> for information, to view spray schedules; or, complete a Do Not Spray form. Or, call **(614) 525-BITE** for assistance.

Upcoming EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE
DRUG TAKE BACK
 APRIL 29, 2017
 10am - 2pm
 7125 SAWMILL ROAD

Garage Sale

Brookside Civic Association
Saturday, April 22, 2017
 9AM to 3PM

Worthington Hills Civic Association
Saturday, May 6th
 9AM to 2PM

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 15th @ 10AM
Brookside Elementary School



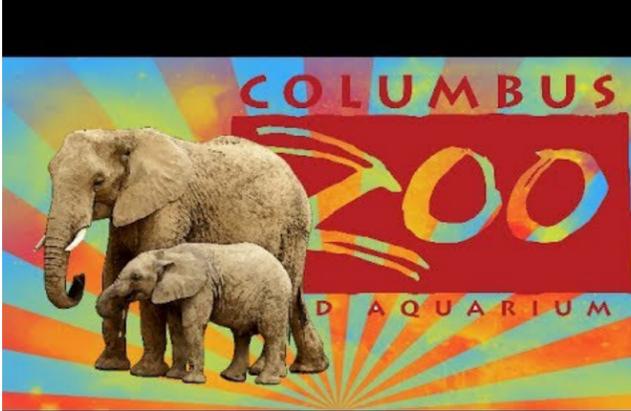

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
 Creating Conservation Solutions for Over 60 Years

<http://www.franklinswcd.org>



<http://myfcph.org/>

- > Wellness
- > Food Safety
- > Environment



<https://columbuszoo.org>



COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY

<http://www.columbuslibrary.org>

GET GRASSY! Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

1) What is Get Grassy?

Launched in 2015 by the City of Columbus and Franklin Soil and Water, Get Grassy! encourages central Ohio residents to take good care of their lawns. Well-maintained lawns have deeper root systems, drought and disease tolerance, and are better for water quality.

2) Is this a pro-lawn campaign?

No. Lawns are an important part of most home and commercial landscapes. Taking better care of existing turfgrass so that it's healthy enhances its environmental services by absorbing more stormwater and preventing soil erosion (soil is Ohio's #1 water pollutant!) This is not contradictory to backyard conservation techniques that can include adding biodiversity with native plants, or decreasing polluted runoff by installing rain gardens and rain barrels.

3) What are its goals?

Our primary goal is to increase our reach to residents in promoting good stormwater practices: proper disposal of yard waste; mowing high; watering at the right time; keeping product off of hard surfaces and applying it correctly; and keeping rainwater on property to prevent polluted runoff.

4) How is GetGrassy! measuring success?

Franklin Soil and Water will measure participation and program effectiveness through pledge forms, website counts and participant surveys.

5) How can I help or learn more?

Take the pledge at www.getgrassy.org.

Contact Sara Ernst for more information:
sernst@franklinswcd.org or 614-486-9613.



FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH: MOSQUITO PROGRAM

It All Starts With Surveillance

A good adult mosquito surveillance program is perhaps the cornerstone of mosquito management and control. Surveillance involves trapping and counting mosquitoes, identifying the species, and performing disease testing on the mosquitoes. Franklin County Public Health takes a proactive approach to mosquito management by performing weekly adult mosquito surveillance. We do this by setting approximately 50 mosquito traps in various locations throughout the county. The traps include **gravid traps**, which are used to collect mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus (WNV), **CDC light traps** and BG sentinel traps are used to find other disease carrying mosquitoes; specifically those that carry La Crosse encephalitis and Chikungunya. These traps are set from mid-May through late September. The gravid traps remain in the same locations throughout the year but the CDC light traps and BG sentinel traps are moved throughout the season. The species of mosquitoes collected in the traps are counted and identified by our staff.

What are Larvicides and What Do They Do?

Larvicides are both chemical and biological products applied to water that either kill or inhibit the development of immature mosquitoes. Larviciding is an integral part of our mosquito control program. Our staff spends much of each day looking for and treating mosquito breeding areas throughout the county. Mosquitoes are easiest to control in the earlier stages of their life because **they remain in water until they become adults**. These EPA registered larvicides are applied by licensed and trained staff to areas of water where the mosquitoes are growing. They are able to eliminate great numbers of mosquitoes before they become flying adults by using the appropriate larvicides. Franklin County Public Health makes it a priority to use the most effective larvicides with the least environmental impact.

What is Adulterating?

Spraying or adulterating is the application or treatment of pesticides to exterminate adult mosquitoes. The most common way to apply these

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ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

Perry Township has grown! Forty-one acres of Sawmill Road property was annexed from Dublin into Perry Township. Now it's time to roll up our sleeves to ensure the property is developed appropriately. Trustee, Chet Chaney and Administrator, Robert Myers have already met with Dublin's City manager and others in the planning and development department. The hope is to create a partnership with the City of Dublin in order to provide water and sewer to the area.

On March 14th, the Advisory Committee met to review several concept plans related to the S.R. 161 and Linworth Road preliminary engineering study. The group was asked to identify which concept plans were practical and make recommendations as to which plans could be discarded. Because of the amount of information available, a second Advisory meeting will be scheduled prior to the upcoming Public Meeting. Dates and times of the public presentation will be made available to all area residents.

The Township recently installed a new telephone system; however, we've experienced a few programming issues. We appreciate your patience during this transition and apologize for any inconvenience. Should you need to report a problem with the communication system please email bbeatty@perrytwp.org or call (614) 889-2669. We are also nearing the launch of the Township's new website! As mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter, we look forward to being able to offer a user friendly site with several new options including a mobile application.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

This quarter I want to focus on Home Occupations and Trailers. A Home Occupation is a business that you own that you operate out of your home. It would not include, for example someone who might work for JP Morgan Chase and work from home. If you operate a Home Occupation then you need to register it with the Township. The application to register your home occupation is enclosed and the fee is \$5.00. If you have a question, just give us a call and ask.

Next we would like to remind you about trailers. Although you may see a few utility trailers around that may have been grandfathered, trailers are not allowed to be stored outside. This includes trailers that hold ski dos, golf carts, motorcycles, etc.. Same goes with boats and RV's the season is coming so remember there is a 72 hour window that they can be on your property. If you need to have them there longer just give us a call at 614-889-1211 and it will be no problem to extend the time.

Also, the zoning code requires that every dwelling must have a house or street number posted in a conspicuous place and clearly visible from the road right-of-way. Street or house numerals must not be less than four (4) inches in height so public safety vehicles can easily locate the dwelling in case of an emergency.

Finally, 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, 9AM - 12PM.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief John Petrozzi

Springtime is here and so are the door to door solicitors!

Springtime brings us flowers blooming, trees budding, the grass turning green and the door-to-door solicitors. We have a Township Resolution in place that requires solicitors to obtain a permit to go door-to-door. But, not everyone who comes to your door qualifies as a solicitor.

The United States Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution guarantees religious groups, politicians, Girl and Boy Scouts, charitable groups and others the right to knock on their neighbors' doors without stopping at town hall for permission. The Supreme Court ruled by a vote of 8-1 to strike down an Ohio village ordinance that required anyone going door-to-door to register with authorities and carry a permit. Who is protected under this ruling?

- ♦ *An individual while and to the extent he/she is engaged in protected political speech or activity.
- ♦ *An individual while and to the extent he/she is engaged in protected religious speech or activity.
- ♦ *An individual in the solicitation of funds and /or the sale of cookies candles, paper products, or similar sundries for and on behalf of a not- for -profit organization or associations.

Transient Vendors who do not meet the above requirements must obtain a permit before they sell, offer for sale, or solicit for future delivery of goods. They must receive a permit from the police department. We can also cancel a permit if the solicitors violates our rules set forth in our resolution.

Every year in Central Ohio, residents are victims of home improvement frauds. Driveway blacktopping and roof repair are the most common of these fraudulent schemes. Typically, the vendor will indicate they have

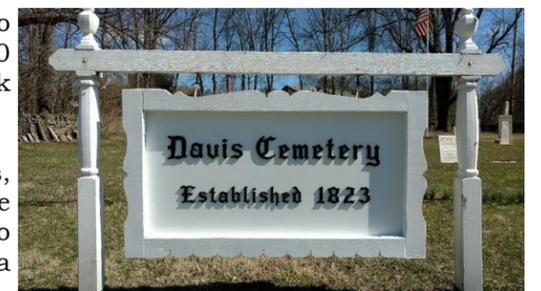
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

The 2016-2017 snow season was even milder than last year! To date, we have only had nine snow/ice events with less than 50 hours of overtime needed. That's two mild years in a row! Look out next year. But let's not worry about that yet.

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. We also built a new sign for the Davis Historical Cemetery!



This year's Brush Chipping Program will take place from **April 24th thru May 1st**. 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 or turn to page 2 of this newsletter. **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**.